HEADQUARTERS 100TH BATTALION 442ND INFANTRY
APO 758, U. S. Army

17 September 1944

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO: CO, Hq 442nd Inf, APO 758, U. S. Army.

Forwarded herewith Unit History and Summary of Events for month ending 31 August 1944 for the 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry.

For the Commanding Officer:

HENRY M. KAWANO
Captain, Infantry
Adjutant

Incl:
Unit History for Month Ending 31 Aug 44
Summary of Events for Month Ending 31 Aug 44
(in quintuplicate)

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UNIT HISTORY

HEADQUARTERS 100TH BATTALION 442ND INFANTRY
APO 464, U. S. ARMY

Month Ending 31 August 1944

A. ORIGINAL UNIT:

1. Designation: 100th Infantry Battalion Separate (See par B below).
2. Date of organization: Previously reported.
3. Place of organization: Previously reported.
4. Authority for organization: Previously reported.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: Previously reported.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION: 100th Infantry Battalion Separate redesignated 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry effective 10 August 1944 per Section V, General Orders No. 132, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 2 August 1944.

C. STRENGTH: Commissioned and Enlisted

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D. STATIONS (PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY) OF UNITS OR PARTS THEREOF:

At the beginning of period the Battalion in rest area with the 34th Infantry Division at QL33253 in the vicinity of Vada, Italy. On 3 August 1944 Company "A" sent to the City of Livorno, Italy, to guard installations throughout the City. On the following day the Battalion, less Company "A", moved approximately 1000 yards West into the Division Rest area for a four day rest period. The Battalion left the Division Rest area on 9 August 1944 at 0800 hours to an area 1000 yards inland. At 1900 hours, 9 August 1944, Company "B" relieved Company "A" as installation guards in the City of Livorno. Effective 10 August 1944, the 100th Infantry Battalion Separate redesignated as the 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry per Section V, General Orders No. 132, Headquarters, Fifth Army, dated 2 August 1944 (incl #1). Company "B" relieved as installations guard in the City of Livorno by Company "E" of the 135th Infantry at 1030 hours, 14 August 1944, joining the Battalion at 1130 hours. On 14 August 1944, Company "C" represented the Battalion in a ceremony held in honor of Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces and Under-Secretary of War Patterson. On 15 August 1944 at 0001 hours, the Battalion detached from the 34th Infantry Division and attached to IV Corps per Operational Instructions No. 40, Hq IV Corps dated 14 August 1944 (Authority: Radio No. 3451, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 13 August 1944). The Battalion attached to Task Force
No. 45 under Operational Instructions No. 40, Headquarters IV Corp effective 15 August 1944. The Battalion placed under direct control of the 107th AAA Group for tactical purposes per Order No. 18, Headquarters Task Force No. 45, dated 12 August 1944. At 1800 hours, 16 August 1944, the Battalion left Vada, Italy, (QL44618) by trucks, over dusty secondary roads, a distance of approximately 30 miles. The Battalion detrucked at QL29588 at 2100 hours, 16 August 1944, and hiked approximately 3 miles to defensive positions, relieving the 536th AAA Provisional Battalion. The relief of 536th AAA Provisional Battalion was completed progressively at 0300 hours, 17 August 1944. The Battalion defensive positions extended from QL30627 to QL70623 with Company "A" on the right, Company "C" in the center, and Company "B" on the left of the Battalion front. The Battalion CP established at QL44618. During the hours of darkness on the nights of 19 and 20 August 1944, the Battalion left boundary was extended to QL20630, the resulting gap being covered by Company "B" extending laterally. Due to the over-extended Battalion front, the Anti-tank Platoon of Headquarters Company was moved into the lines between Company "C" and Company "B" at 2300 hours, 19 August 1944. At 1200 hours, 20 August 1944, a Combat Patrol composed of 2 officers and 31 enlisted men armed with 8 sub-machine guns, 3 Browning Automatic Rifles, and rifles left Company "C" area to QL68629 to wipe out enemy outposts. The Combat Patrol returned at 0145 hours, 21 August 1944, without meeting any resistance. At 0030 hours, 25 August 1944, the 258/47 LAA (British) relieved Company "B". At 0945 hours, 29 August 1944, Company "A" advanced approximately 300 yards toward the Arno River to improve its defensive position without meeting any enemy resistance. At 1100 hours, 29 August 1944, the right flank of the Battalion front located at QL75628. At the end of the period the Battalion position remained the same with defensive positions extending from QL20630 to QL75628.

E. MARCHES:

1. Purpose: To hold defensive positions.
2. Points between which marched with dates: From vicinity of Vada, Italy, (QL33253) to Titignano, Italy, (QL44618), 16 August 1944.
3. Length of daily march: Approximately 30 miles by motor convoy and approximately 3 miles by foot.
4. Condition of road and weather: Dusty secondary roads with many by-passes; weather cool.
5. Remarks: None.

F. CAMPAIGNS:

1. Name of: Italian.
2. Duration: 1 August to 31 August 1944.
3. Purpose: To destroy the German Army.
4. Authority ordering: Commanding General, IV Corps.

G. BATTLES:

1. Name: Vicinuity of Pisa.
2. Place: Vicinuity of Pisa, Italy.
3. Date: 16 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.
4. Campaign of which battle was part: Italian.
5. Forces engaged: Elements of the German Army (7th Co, 147th Regiment, 65th Division).

H. COMMANDING OFFICER IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS:

1. Engagement: Vicinity of Pisa.
2. Name: Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Singles.

I. LOSSES IN ACTION: OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN:

1. Engagement: Vicinity of Pisa.
2. Names:
   a. Killed:
      Saito, Kinji
      Sahara, Atsuo
      Mekata, Thomas T.
      Pfc  30100891  Hq Co
   b. Wounded:
      Fukumoto, Robert T.
      Kawasaki, Terumi S.
      Shimabukuro, Shinsuke
      Tamaru, Hideo
      Ishii, Francis F.
      Nakae, Masato
      Maeda, Yoshiichi
      Kihara, Yuyo
      Kaneshiro, Satoshi
      Kubo, Sadao H.
      Fukuda, Tadanojo
      Nagao, Goichi
      Moriyasu, Seichi
      Nakahashi, Kazue C.
      Toyama, Fred Y.
      Sgt  30100969  Hq Co
      Pfc  30102193  Hq Co
      Pvt  30100627  Hq Co
      Sgt  30106294  Co "A"
      Pvt  30105575  Co "A"
      Pvt  30102331  Co "A"
      Pvt  30101772  Co "A"
      Pfc  30102316  Co "B"
      Pvt  30106204  Co "B"
      Pvt  30105126  Co "C"
      Pfc  30102143  Co "C"
      Pvt  30102693  Co "C"
      Pvt  30104557  Co "D"
      Pfc  30105827  Co "D"
      Pfc  30102550  Co "D".

J. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:

1. Engagement: Italian Campaign.
2. Names: S Sgt Yukio Yokota, 30100987, Co "B"
      Pfc Haruto Kuroda, 30101838, Co "B"
      Pfc Robert K. Yasutake, 30105956, Co "C"
      Pvt Jesse M. Hirata, 30102296, Co "B"
      Pvt Thomas Y. Oto, 30105796, Co "B".

3. Act: See attached General Orders #133, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 8 August 1944 (Incl #2).
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1. Engagement: Italian Campaign.
2. Names: Pfc Satoru Okayama, 30101971, Co "A"
Pfc Takeo Takahashi, 30101948, Co "A"
Pfc Richard M. Otszaki, 30101227, Co "B"
Sgt Paul K. Nara, 30101207, Co "A"
Pvt Kazuo Inara, 30101726, Co "A" (Posthumous)
Pfc Yoshio Ogomoroi, 30104668, Co "A" (Posthumous)
2d Lt Tetsu Ebata, 01702992, Co "A" (Posthumous)
Sgt Charles M. Miysbe, 30102010, Co "A" (Posthumous)

3. Act: See attached General Orders No. 76, Headquarters 34th Infantry Division, dated 12 August 1944 (Incl #3)
4. Reward: Silver Star.

1. Engagements: Italian Campaign.
Pvt Eiichin M. Akamine, 30105583, Co "B"
Pfc Taneyoshi Nakano, 30102347, Co "B"
Pfc Eichin Endo, 30100206, Co "B"
T Sgt Mickey Y. Nakahara, 30101110, Co "B"

3. Act: See attached General Orders No. 82, Headquarters 34th Infantry Division, dated 22 August 1944 (Incl #4)
4. Reward: Silver Star.

1. Engagements: Italian Campaign.
2. Name: Pfc Masahito Miyashiro, 30101635, Co "B"

3. Act: See attached General Orders No. 143, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 24 August 1944 (Incl #5)
4. Reward: Silver Star.

1. Engagements: Italian Campaign.
2. Names: Pfc Tom B. Aoki, 30100913, Co "A"
Pfc Seizoku Yamashiro, 30102418, Co "A"
Pfc Massaru Kadowo, 30102036, Co "A"
Pfc Yasuyuki Kurc Lage, 30100561, Co "B"
Pfc Seichi J. Maeda, 30101447, Co "A"
Pfc Milton K. Nakata, 30102014, Med Det
Pfc Tetsuo Tateshita, 30100401, Co "A"
Tec 5 Genichi Masumoto, 30101979, Med Det
Sgt Shiro Togo, 30100306, Co "A"
S Sgt Jiro Matsui, 30100053, Co "A"
S Sgt Frank J. Yamashita, 30101668, Co "D"
T Sgt Richard M. Oki, 30102131, Co "A"
Capt Sakae Takahashi, 0409160, Co "B"
Major Oscar King, 01289591, Hq Co
Pvt Hiroaki Arita, 30100423, Co "B" (Posthumous)

3. Act: See attached General Orders No. 78, Headquarters 34th Infantry Division, dated 15 August 1944 (Inclus #6 & #7)
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1. Engagements: Italian Campaign.
2. Names: Sgt Makoto Takiguchi, 30102115, Co "D".
   Sgt Kosuke D. Shimabuku, 30101293, Co "D".
3. Act: See attached General Orders No. 80, Headquarters 34th
   Infantry Division, dated 17 August 1944 (Incl #2).
4. Reward: Division Citation.

K. PHOTOGRAPHS OF PERSONNEL, IMPORTANT SCENES OR EVENTS: NONE.

GORDON SINGLES
Lt Col, 100th En 442nd Inf
Commanding

OFFICIAL:

HENRY M. KAWANO
Captain, Infantry
Adjutant
SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR MONTH ENDING 31 AUGUST 1944

From 1 August 1944 to 2 August 1944 the Battalion remained in Division rest area in the vicinity of Vada, Italy, (Q132553).

On 3 August 1944 Company "A" moved into the City of Livorno, Italy, to guard installations throughout the City under verbal orders of Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division.

On 4 August 1944 the Battalion, less Company "A", moved approximately 1000 yards toward the sea to 34th Infantry Division Rest Camp where men were to be given the opportunity of taking full advantage of rest, swimming and recreational facilities provided by the American Red Cross unit of the 34th Infantry Division.

On 5 August 1944, Technical Sergeants Kenneth K. Kaneko, 30102290, and Fred S. Kanemura, 30102379, were commissioned Second Lieutenants, Infantry, Army of the United States.

At 0800 hours, 9 August 1944, the Battalion, less Company "A", left the Division Rest Camp and proceeded to the original Battalion area approximately 1000 yards inland.

At 1900 hours, 9 August 1944, Company "B" relieved Company "A" as installations guard in the City of Livorno, Italy.

On 10 August 1944 the 100th Infantry Battalion Separate redesignated 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry per Section V, General Orders No. 132, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 2 August 1944.

At 1800 hours, 11 August 1944, the Battalion placed on 24 hour alert by the Regimental Commander.

On 12 August 1944 the Battalion, less Company "B", conducted a combat attack problem from 0900 hours to 1130 hours.

At 1030 hours, 14 August 1944, Company "B" having been relieved of installations guard by Company "E" of the 135th Infantry, left Livorno to rejoin the Battalion at Vada, Italy, at 1130 hours, 14 August 1944.

On 14 August 1944 Company "G" represented the Battalion in a ceremony held in the City of Livorno, Italy, in honor of Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces and Under-Secretary of War Patterson.

Effective 15 August 1944 the Battalion with the 442nd Infantry detached from the 34th Infantry Division and attached to the IV Corps. Commanding General IV Corps attached the 100th Battalion to Task Force No. 45, effective 0001 hours, 15 August 1944, per Operations Instruction No.
40, dated 14 August 1944. The Battalion was further attached to the 107th AAA Group effective 0001 hours, 15 August 1944, by Commanding General, Task Force No. 45 per Orders No. 18, dated 14 August 1944.

Orders were received at Headquarters 107th AAA Group on 15 August 1944 that this Battalion will relieve elements of the 536th AAA Battalion, less D Battery, and the 240/39 LAA Battery and will hold forward positions along present line with patrols to be sent out to prevent any enemy infiltrations in our sector; contact to be maintained with elements of the 439th AAA Battalion on the left and the 91st Reconnaissance Squadron Group on the right; and to be prepared to follow up any enemy withdrawals. The Chemical Mortar Detachment of the 536th AAA Battalion to remain in position and attached to the 100th Battalion for operational control, rations, and medical care.

At 1800 hours, 16 August 1944, the Battalion left the bivouac area near Vada, Italy. After stopping enroute twice to await darkness, the Battalion traveled approximately 30 miles on trucks and then marched on foot approximately 3 miles to relieve the 536th AAA Battalion and the 240/39 LAA Battalion. The relief was completed progressively by 0300 hours, 17 August 1944, without encountering enemy opposition.

At 1400 hours, 17 August 1944, Private Sadao H. Kubo, 30105126, was wounded in action by enemy artillery shell. At 1500 hours, Company "A" contacted elements of the 91st Reconnaissance Group on the Battalion right flank. After the relief of the 536th AAA Battalion had been completed, the Battalion was disposed as follows: Company "B" on the left in town of Oratorio, Italy, (Q137627), Company "A" at (Q163621), Company "C" at Q149626, Battalion CP at Q144618, and Company "D" CP at Q144617.

At 0045 hours, 18 August 1944, the three rifle companies were instructed to send out a patrol of one officer and 4 enlisted men from each company to start out at 0200 hours, 19 August 1944, to contact the enemy.

On 19 August 1944, the Battalion Commander received orders to extend the Battalion sector to the left to relieve the 439th AAA Battalion during the hours of darkness of 19 and 20 August 1944. Due to the over-extended Battalion front, the Anti-tank Platoon of Headquarters Company was moved into the lines between Company "C" and Company "B" at 2300 hours, 19 August 1944. During the day the following units were attached to the 100th Battalion for operational control, ration, water, ammunition supply, and medical care: One Platoon of the 91st Reconnaissance Group, one Platoon of the Reconnaissance Company of the 894th TD Battalion, and one Provisional Infantry Platoon of B Battery of the 434th AAA Battalion.

A combat patrol of 31 enlisted men from Company "C", armed with 8 Thompson Sub-machine guns, 3 Browning Automatic Rifles, and Rifles, led by 2d Lt Kazuma Hisanaga, Q1703068, and 2d Lt Saburo Maehara, 0343584,
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left Company "C" area at 1200 hours, 20 August 1944, to the vicinity of the Shoe Factory located at Q16629 with mission of wiping out enemy outposts and to capture prisoners. However, the patrol returned at 0145 hours, 21 August 1944, without having made contact with the enemy.

Cpl Thomas T. Mekata, 30102090, Company "B", was killed in action on 21 August 1944.

Routine patrols to contact the enemy and feel out enemy positions were sent out from 22 August 1944 to 28 August 1944.

On 22 August 1944, S Sgt Atsuo Sahara, 30102274, Company "A", and Pfc Kinji Saito, 30100891, Headquarters Company, were killed in action.

On 24 August 1944, a British Colonel and a Major from the 258/47 LAA (British) arrived at the Battalion CP for necessary instructions preparatory to the 258/47 LAA (British) moving into the Battalion sector to fill-in the gap created by the wide front covered by the Battalion.

Technical Sergeant Mickey Y. Nakahara, 30101110, Company "B", was commissioned Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States, at a ceremony held in the vicinity of Grecciano, Italy, by Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark, Commanding Fifth Army, on 24 August 1944. At the ceremony held in the vicinity of Grecciano, Italy, on 24 August 1944, Private First Class Haruto Kuroda, 30101838, and Private Thomas Y. Ono, 30105796, both of Company "B", were presented the Distinguished-Service Cross by Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark.

At 0030 hours, 25 August 1944, 258/47 LAA (British) relieved Company "B" in its sector on the front-lines.

On 26 August 1944, information was received from Headquarters Fifth Army that Technical Sergeant Wasato Harada, 30102276, now absent sick in hospital, had been appointed Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States and that his appointment would be effective upon his acceptance and submission of Oath of Office.

At 2200 hours, 26 August 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy, the following officer and enlisted men were presented the Bronze Star Medal by Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Singles, Commanding 100th Battalion:

Captain Sakae Takahashi 0363007
S Sgt Frank J. Yamasaki 39016689
Sgt Shiro Togo 30100306
Tec 5 Genichi Masumotoya 30101979
Pfc Tom B. Aoki 30100913
Pfc Seiichiro Hanashiro 30102418
Pfc Masaru Kadomoto 30102036
Pfc Milton K. Nakata 30105214
Pfc Tetsuo Tateishi 30100401.
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A patrol of one officer and 3 enlisted men from Company "A" was sent out at 0125 hours, 27 August 1944, returning at 0250 hours with report that a house located at Q17556270 was not occupied by the enemy. A patrol of the same strength sent out from Company "B" returned after observing enemy activity in the vicinity of Cemetery at Q140630.

A patrol sent out by Company "C" at 0250 hours, 26 August 1944, saw a 6 man enemy patrol advancing South along the Arno River. After allowing the enemy patrol to come within 15 yards, the Company "C" patrol opened fire, killing three. The other three enemy escaped under cover of darkness.

At 0615 hours, 28 August 1944, two Germans were spotted by the 1st Platoon CP of Company "A" near a road junction at Q166628 and were seen proceeding Southward along the road. The Company "A" line of outposts was notified of the presence of enemy soldiers in the Company sector. As the enemy approached our lines, they set off one of our mines, injuring one. The other enemy seeing his wounded comrade and sensing the presence of our troops fled towards his lines. The wounded German was captured and upon interrogation, it was learned that he had been acting as OP for his machine gun position and that he was a member of 7th Company, 147th Regiment, 65th Division of the Luftwaffe Ground Forces. No tactical information was obtained since the prisoner claimed that he had been discharged from the hospital just a few days prior to his capture. The prisoner was evacuated by our Battalion Medics.

From 0945 hours to 1100 hours, 29 August 1944, Company "A" and "C" advanced approximately 300 yards to new and more favorable positions toward the Arno River without meeting any opposition.

At 2000 hours, 29 August 1944, Company "D" 81mm mortars laid a smoke barrage along the entire Battalion front to get enemy reaction and to ascertain the strength and location of the enemy along the Battalion sector. The Germans apparently believing that a surprise attack was being launched, opened up with every weapon available, machine guns, machine pistols, mortars, and artillery, for about 30 minutes, disclosing many heretofore unknown positions.

At 2200 hours, 29 August 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy, Second Lieutenant Mickey Y. Nakahara, 01695664, Private Eishin M. Akamine, 30105583, and Pfc Richard H. Koga, 30105087, were presented Silver Star Medal by the Battalion Commander at the Battalion CP.

At 0330 hours, 30 August 1944, patrol from Company "C" was sent out to reconnoiter the area. The patrol returned at 0150 hours, 30 August 1944 with information that enemy had been seen and heard at Q153631. At 1045 hours, 30 August 1944, Company "A" reported that they were being subjected to mortar fire every 15 to 20 minutes interval at Q172628, Q166626, and Q163625 from the direction of Campo (Q163645). Casualties

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For the day's action were one enlisted man of Company "C" seriously
wounded (later died of wounds at the hospital) and one enlisted man from
Company "D" lightly wounded.

On 31 August 1944, heavy enemy fire from Self-propelled guns,
machine guns, pistols, mortars, artillery, and rifles, in addition to
demolition being heard in the vicinity of Pisa indicating that the
Germans may be preparing to withdraw.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

2 August 1944

EXTRACT

Redesignation and Reorganization of Infantry Units

SECTION V

V. REDESIGNATION AND REORGANIZATION OF INFANTRY UNITS.

1. a. Effective 10 August 1944, the 100th Infantry Battalion Separate, is redesignated as the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry.

b. Concurrently with the above action, the 442d Infantry (- AT Co) is reorganized in accordance with T/0 & E 7-11 (26 Feb 44) w/c 1 and allied tables, as amended by Section IV, Circular 122, and Section V, Circular 201, WD 1944, with an authorized strength of one hundred forty-six (146) officers, five (5) warrant officers, and two thousand eight hundred ninety-seven (2897) enlisted men, in the vicinity of ROSSIGNANO, Italy.

2. a. As reorganized the 442d Infantry (- AT Co) will consist of the following elements:

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2. b. No enlisted man will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Excess grades will be absorbed by normal attrition.

b. Personnel rendered surplus as a result of this action will be transferred to the 8th Replacement Depot, but may be retained on detached service as an advance against replacements to be furnished in the future.
3. a. All equipment not specifically authorized by the new T/0 & E will be turned in to the appropriate Army Supply Service. This will include all equipment which may have been specifically authorized at any time by various headquarters in the United States, United Kingdom, this theater or any other theater of operations.

b. Procedure set forth in Administrative Instructions #33, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 21 February 1944, will be followed.

4. The 442d Infantry remains assigned to Fifth Army and will continue to be serviced by the same MRU as at present.

5. The appropriate data will be entered in the unit morning report in accordance with Section III, AR 345-400 as modified by par 3 g, letter Headquarters NMCUSA, AG 330.33/100-3, dated 29 July 1943, subject: "Adoption of New Morning Report".

6. Authority: 1st Ind, Headquarters NMCUSA AG 322/480-0, 2 August 1944, to War Department letter, AG 322 (14 July 44) OR-I-GENST-M, 17 July 1944, subject: "Redesignation and Reorganization of Infantry Units".

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

A. M. CRUEYNEIDER
Major General, S.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/M. F. Grant,
M. F. GRANT,
Colonel, A.O.D.,
Adjutant General.

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