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HISTORY OF 442D INFANTRY AS PER AR 345-105, PAR 13
FOR MONTH OF 1 - 28 FEBRUARY 1945

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1. Original Unit.
No change.

2. Changes in Organization.
No change.

3. Strength.*

	O's	WO's	EM
a. At beginning of period 1 Feb 45	161	6	3068
b. At end of period 28 Feb 45	162	6	3395
c. Net increase month 1-28 Feb 45	1	0	327

* Figures shown are "Present for Duty" strength.

4. Stations.
1 - 28 Feb 45 442d Infantry in combat in Maritime Alps Sector along the Franco-Italian Border from the Mediterranean coast at Menton to Turini. Regimental CP located in the Hostellerie du Castellino, L'ESCARENE, France.

5. Marches.
Rescinded by par 12, C3, AR 345-105.

6. Campaign.
Name of: GERMANY.
Duration: 442d Infantry in line at beginning of period (1 Feb 45) to end of period (28 Feb 45).
Purpose: Defense of Franco-Italian Border.
Authority: Assigned to Seventh Army; attached to 44th AAA Brigade for operations.

7. Battles.
a. Name and date: MARITIME ALPS SECTOR (Vic Menton, Sospel, Turini).
b. Campaign of which battles were a part: Germany.
c. Forces engaged: German infantry, artillery and marine units; Italian Fascist coastal patrol. Following units identified:
253d Grenadier Regiment (34th Infantry Division)
107th Grenadier Regiment (34th Infantry Division)
Marine Einstaz Kommando (MEK) 80
10th MAS Flotilla (Italian coastal patrol)
1st Sturmbootflotille (German coastal patrol)

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d. Results: Protected right flank of Sixth Army Group along French-Italian Border; continued to hold defensive positions with aggressive combat and reconnaissance patrols daily; maintained security of French coast from Cap Martin to border; maintained security against enemy behind-the-lines activity; obtained intelligence on enemy positions and intentions by capture of prisoners.

8. Commanding Officer.

1 - 20 Feb 45 Colonel C. W. PENCE, 010283, Infantry.
20- 28 Feb 45 Lieutenant Colonel V. R. MILLER, 015847, Infantry.

9. Losses in Action.

See Exhibit "A" attached.

10. Present and Former Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.

See Exhibit "B" attached.

11. Photographs of Personnel, Important Scenes or Events.

None available.

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HISTORY OF 442D INFANTRY AS PER AR 345-105, PAR 13,
FOR MONTH OF 1-31 MARCH 45

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1. Original Unit.
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2. Changes in Organization.

Effective 1 Mar 45, 442d Inf, as an attached unit of the 44th AAA Brigade, became a component part of the Alpine Front Command, Army of the Alps (French), per Order of the Day No. 1, Alpine Army Detachment, 1 Mar 45; and General Orders No. 4, Hq 44th AAA Brigade, 1 Mar 45.

Upon arrival at Marseilles (19 Mar 45) 442d Inf was relieved of attachment to 44th AAA Brigade and assignment to Sixth Army Group, and was assigned to Delta Base Section, per secret letter 370, Hq 44th AAA Brigade, 15 Mar 45.

442d Inf, having been relieved from assignment to Sixth Army Group and assigned to DBS effective 19 Mar 45, effective same date was relieved from assignment to Seventh Army and attachment to 44th AAA Brigade, per par 2, secret letter, AG 370.5/UA C-0, Hq Sixth Army Group, 18 Mar 45, Subj: Unit Asgmt Order 51.

Effective upon arrival at Livorno (25 Mar 45) 442d Inf was relieved of assignment to Deltabase, in accordance with secret letter AG 370 (DBSCG), Hq DBS, 19 Mar 45, Subj: Movement Order (DBS #133).

Effective upon arrival in Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 442d Inf assigned to Fifth Army and concurrently attached to IV Corps, in accordance with par 4, secret letter AG 322.1-Y, Hq Fifth Army, 25 Mar 45.

Effective 251800A Mar 45, 442d Inf attached to 92d Infantry Division, per radio message from Commanding General, IV Corps, dated 262325A Mar 45.

3. Strength.*

	O's	WO's	EM
a. At beginning of period 1 Mar 45	162	6	3395
b. At end of period 31 Mar 45	173	6	3311
c. Net change month 1-31 Mar 45		11 (gain)0	84 (loss)

* Figures shown are "Present for Duty" strength.

4. Stations.

1 - 15 Mar 45 442d Inf in combat in Maritime Alps Sector, France, along the Franco-Italian Border from the Mediterranean coast at Menton to Turini. Regimental CP at L'ESCARENE.

15 - 17 Mar 45 Bivouac in assembly area vic ANTIBES, France.

17 - 21 Mar 45 Bivouac in Staging Area CP 2, vic MARSEILLES, France.

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- 21 - 25 Mar 45 En route from FRANCE to ITALY.
- 25 - 28 Mar 45 Bivouac in PBS Staging Area, vic PISA, Italy.
- 29 - 31 Mar 45 Bivouac at SAN MARTINO (near LUCCA), Italy.

5. Marches.

Rescinded by par 12, C3, AR 345-105.

6. Campaign.

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- b. Campaign of which battles were a part: Germany.
- c. Forces engaged: German and Italian Fascist infantry and artillery.
Following enemy units identified in 442d Inf sector:

34th Infantry Division

- 253d Grenadier Regiment
 - 1st Bn plus 9th Co
 - 2d Bn (plus 5th Co, 2d Sep Bersaglieri Bn)
- 107th Grenadier Regiment
 - 1st Bn
 - 2d Bn plus 9th Co
- 80th Grenadier Regiment (In reserve)

Supporting Units

- 34th Artillery Regiment
- 451st F. A. Bn CHQ.
- 2d Artillery Regiment, Littorio Division
- 1st Sturmbootflotille (German coastal patrol)
- 10th MAS Flotilla (Italian coastal patrol)

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SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES
442D INFANTRY
1-31 March 45

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KILLED IN ACTION

1. Sakamoto, Masa	Sgt	39080474	Co E
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WOUNDED IN ACTION

1. Tadokuma, Hiroshi	Sgt	37345368	Hq Co 3d Bn
2. Horikawa, Tamotsu	Pfc	39166872	Co I
3. Nishi, Masakazu	T Sgt	39089471	Co K
4. Terada, Yoshio H.	Pfc	39927792	Co K

EXHIBIT "A"

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SUMMARY OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS - MARCH 1945

Legion of Merit	1
Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star	1
Silver Star (Posthumous)	3
Silver Star	20
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	2
Bronze Star (Posthumous)	3
Bronze Star	40
44th AAA Brigade Commendation	1
Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	2
Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	8
Purple Heart	19
Combat Infantryman's Badge	106
Good Conduct Medal	35

EXHIBIT "B"

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS - MAR 45

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT (Sec VII, GO 41, Hq MPOUSA, 9 Mar 45)

JAMES M. HANLEY, JR, 0231210, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 2d Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for services in Italy and France from 1 May to 17 November 1944. Entered service from Mandan, North Dakota.

AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR (Sec I, GO 10, Hq 6th Army Gp, 22 Feb 45)

SHINYEI MATAYOSHI, 30103657, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company "G", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 7 November 1944 in the vicinity of La Housiere, France. Sergeant Matayoshi exposed himself to hostile observation in order to clear a path through a minefield which was impeding his company's advance. As he proceeded to work in the mined area, an enemy machine gun suddenly opened up at him and the man immediately behind him. Determined to silence the enemy machine gun so that friendly troops could advance, Sergeant Matayoshi, whose weapon had jammed, crawled toward the machine gun, taking advantage of what cover and concealment he could find. When he was within throwing distance of the enemy emplacement he threw his grenades, and with the aid of his bazooka teams which fired bazookas at the proximity of the grenade explosions, forced the two-man machine gun crew to surrender. Entered the service from Makaweli, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (Sec II, GO No. 10, Hq 6th Army Gp, 22 Feb 45)

ABRAHAM G. OHAMA, 39227865, Technical Sergeant, Inf, Company F, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. While making a forward reconnaissance to determine the enemy's disposition, Sergeant Ohama and his men encountered machine gun fire in the vicinity of emplacements occupied by one of the forward companies. Placing his men under cover he crawled to within 20 yards from the enemy and threw two hand grenades which neutralized the machine gun nest. When another machine gun opened fire upon him, he momentarily silenced it with his sub-machine gun and then completely put it out of action with hand grenades. Subsequently, when a comrade was wounded and left exposed to further injury, he disregarded enemy sniper fire to go to his aid, and as he reached the fallen man's side was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Mrs. Hana Ohama, Mother, 222-9-C Poston, Arizona.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Sec III, GO No. 10, Hq 6th Army Gp, 22 Feb 45)

TENKI C. TABA, 30105638, First Sergeant, Inf, Company I, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action from 27 October to 15 November 1944 in Eastern France. Although badly shaken and stunned from the concussion of a nearby shell burst, Sergeant Taba, realizing that his badly depleted company needed every man, refused to be evacuated for a medical checkup. On 3 November, as the company, now reduced to only 34 men advanced up a road, shell fragments from an artillery barrage tore the light pack and cartridge belt from Sergeant Taba's back and wounded him lightly. A gain, because the company was so reduced in officers and men, he refused to return to the rear for medical attention. From 3 to 15 November he led nightly ration details over roads which were subjected to fire of "zeroed in" barrages and infiltrating snipers. The courage, tirelessness and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Taba are to be highly commended and reflect credit on the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Lahaina, Maui, T. H.

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YOSHIMI R. FUJIWARA, 30104334, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near La Houssiere, France on 7 November 1944. When a well concealed enemy machine gun fired at Sergeant Fujiwara from a distance of 20 yards, wounding him in the neck, he returned fire at the enemy to enable his platoon to spot the enemy position. Ordered to return to the rear for medical treatment, Sergeant Fujiwara, after receiving medical attention, immediately returned to his platoon to lead it in silencing the enemy strongpoint. Though the enemy troops returned fire with machine gun and rifle grenades he proceeded to crawl toward the enemy positions. Inspired by this display of fearless determination, his platoon closed in on the enemy troops, forcing the machine gun crew to surrender and the rest to withdraw. Entered the service from Honolulu, T. H.

JIMMIE K. MOTOYAMA, 38076158, Technician Fourth Grade, Inf, Company I, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 27 October 1944 in France. When his platoon was pinned down and cut off from the remainder of the company by the fire of a superior enemy force Technician Fourth Grade Motoyama voluntarily took command. Placing another man in charge of the platoon, he crept, crawled and ran from tree to tree for a distance of 500 yards to contact the remainder of the company for aid. With men from the weapons and 1st platoons he returned to his unit to give covering fire which would enable the platoon to withdraw to safer positions. Disregarding his personal safety he made his way from foxhole to foxhole to instruct each of the men in the plan of withdrawal, and with excellent covering fire from the reinforcements the platoon and the wounded were able to reach safety. Entered the service from Arvada, Nevada.

RYOJI TERADA, 39161813, Technician Fifth Grade, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 27 and 28 October 1944 in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. Upon seeing two medical aid men of a rifle company being evacuated to the rear Technician Fifth Grade Terada immediately went to the aid of the rifle company after treating all the wounded men in his platoon. Though enemy artillery shells fell in his immediate vicinity, he continued to expose himself in order to administer first aid. Technician Fifth Grade Terada was wounded in the shelling and needed immediate hospitalization himself, but remained on duty for 36 hours after he was wounded, rendering first aid and evacuating patients before allowing himself to be evacuated. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

DAVID K. MORITA, 30106170, Private First Class, Inf, Company M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 4 November 1944 in France. Private Morita, with utter disregard for personal safety, dashed through intense small arms and mortar fire to the aid of a severely wounded comrade. Noticing that the wounded man was fully exposed to the deadly hail of enemy fire, he immediately pulled him to an abandoned two-man slit trench where first aid was given. Then he again exposed himself to the enemy fire and carried his patient to the litter bearers who were just returning from the aid station. There the patient was

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immediately transferred to the litter and safely evacuated to the medical aid station. Private Morita's resourcefulness, courage and devotion to his fellow soldiers were exemplary and a credit to the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Hanapepe, Kauai, T. H.

JAMES Y. SUGANO, 30105118, Private First Class, Inf, Hq Co, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 4 November 1944 in France. Private Sugano unhesitatingly left his cover and traversed 200 yards of terrain blanketed by intense enemy fire to repair a communication line damaged by a mortar shell. Taking advantage of every tree and hollow in the ground for cover, and at one time fully exposing himself in order to examine the line, he located the break, skillfully and efficiently repaired it and then returned to his battalion CP. When his wire chief noticed his pale and sickly condition, brought on by long exposure to rain and the deep mud, he advised him to report to the aid station. Realizing that the wire section was already short of men, and although he was in no condition to do his duty because of his illness, he returned to his post and remained there until the severity of his illness forced him to retire the next morning. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

ERNEST TSUJI, 30104872, Private, Inf, Hq Co 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1944 in France. When the communication line was disrupted by an artillery shell, Private Tsuji and his assistant set out to locate the break. While the two were repairing the damage, a heavy artillery barrage landed in their sector. Ordering his assistant to take cover, Private Tsuji proceeded to repair the damage alone. While so engaged an artillery shell burst near by, and though severely shaken and hurt by the concussion, he valiantly completed the repairs. Back at his post, though advised by his wire chief to retire to the rear, he stubbornly remained with the understrength wire section until his critical condition the next morning made his evacuation imperative. Entered the service from Honolulu, T. H.

KAORU R. MIYAMOTO, 30105444, Private, Inf, Company "D", 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action from 27 October to 6 November 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. During this period Private Miyamoto went out to repair damaged wire communication on fourteen different occasions, in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Most of these trips were undertaken voluntarily and when the hazards of enemy shelling kept the number of other volunteers to a minimum. His utter disregard for personal safety in the face of continued enemy fire was instrumental in keeping contact between the mortars and the CP, and in rendering support to the battalion when thrusts at the enemy were launched. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, T. H.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR (SEC I, GO NO. 41, Hq WFOUSA, 9 Mar 45)
RAGNAR H. PETERSON, 01310634, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 4 Jul 44 in the vicinity of Resignano, Italy. When

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several men of the advance element in his battalion were pinned down by enemy fire, First Lieutenant Peterson deliberately exposed himself and deceived the enemy into directing their fire elsewhere while the men withdrew to safety. Until he was wounded, First Lieutenant Peterson repeatedly drew hostile fire while directing the destruction of many enemy emplacements that were impeding his battalion's progress. His heroic action, performed at the risk of personal safety, was an inspiration to the men under his command, and reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Hartford, Connecticut.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Sec I, GO 11, Hq Sixth Army Gp, 23 Feb 45)

ISAWO TABATA, 37356137, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 2 November 1944 in France. When the communication line between his mortar squad and the forward observation point was continually being disrupted by enemy artillery barrages, Sergeant Tabata, with utter disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily went out to repair the damages. During the course of a single day he made as many as six trips in order to keep the communication system intact. On one occasion, while repairing the wire during an enemy barrage, he was seriously wounded by a shell fragment. Knowing that his mortar squad would not be able to obtain accurate fire without the aid of the forward observer he valiantly completed repairing the line. Entered the services from Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

ARTHUR A. KAISAKI, 39918221, Private First Class, Inf, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 14 November 1944, in France. Wounded in the leg by a grenade fragment, Private Kaisaki refused to leave his patrol which had not yet completed its mission of neutralizing an enemy strongpoint. He then crawled to a culvert on high ground 40 yards away, over an area under enemy observation, assumed a position from which he could fire into the enemy-occupied buildings, and temporarily silenced the enemy weapons while his comrades joined him in the culvert. When one of the men was wounded and failed to reach cover, Private Kaisaki exposed himself to pull him to safety and render first aid. He then returned to the culvert and fired four rounds of rifle grenades in rapid succession, silencing the enemy machine gun which had been firing at his patrol. Entered the service from Lewiston, Idaho.

SUSUMU NAKAHARA, 30104094, Private First Class, Inf, Company F, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Observing an attempt by the enemy to set up a machine gun 35 yards from his company's right flank, Private Nakahara left his position and threw two hand grenades at the enemy. He then returned to his original position, and by opening fire with his BAR forced the enemy to withdraw. When a second attempt was made to set up a gun position 50 yards away, he disregarded small arms fire and the danger of being cut off from the company and determinedly remained in his forward position inflicting casualties among the enemy until the company deployed to completely rout his positions. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, T. H.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (Sec I, GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Group, 9 Mar 45)

NOBUO AMAKAWA, 30105681, Private First Class, Inf, Company I, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 27 October 1944, in France, while acting as flank security for his company during an approach march. Upon sighting an enemy machine gun emplacement 20 yards away, Private Amakawa warned his men of the danger in time for them to seek cover before the enemy machine gun and its supporting weapons opened fire upon the company's column. Realizing that the company was pinned down by the intense enemy fire, Private Amakawa and a comrade fearlessly advanced within 10 yards of the hostile emplacement, firing as they made their way forward. Unnerved by the relentless advance of their opponents, the enemy machine gunners abandoned their positions and withdrew. While subsequently clearing the area of snipers Private Amakawa was mortally wounded in the neck by a sniper bullet. Next of kin: Mrs. Take Amakawa (Mother), 563 Cooke Street, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (Sec I, GO No. 13, Hq 6th Army Group, 3 Mar 45)

TAKEYASU T. ONAGA, 30105347, Private First Class, Inf, Company I, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 29 October 1944 in France. While searching for a vantage point from which to fire his bazooka, an enemy shell burst in his vicinity, toppling a tree upon his comrade and fracturing his arm. Private Onaga stood up in the face of the enemy fire, lifted the tree and enabled the injured man to crawl free. Moving forward he sighted an enemy machine gun 10 to 15 yards from him, and after crawling to a flank position threw a hand grenade which killed the gunner. As he prepared to throw another grenade he was wounded in the neck by a sniper. Instead of calling for help he ran for a distance of 50 yards to a medical aid man and while receiving treatment died of his wound. Next of kin: Mrs. Kame Onaga (Mother), Makawao, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

JAMES T. OKAMOTO, 30104825, Private First Class, Inf, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France on 29 October 1944. When his company was pinned down by an enemy machine gun which was supported by rifle grenade, bazooka, and sniper fire, Private Okamoto crawled forward alone to locate the gun position. Realizing that he would not be able to outflank the emplacement because of the supporting fire, he advanced directly on the position, firing at it and forcing the enemy gunners to return fire and reveal their position. This action resulted in a concentration of fire upon Private Okamoto and enabled his platoon to encircle the position and to destroy it. While engaged in a subsequent firefight with the enemy he was mortally wounded by a sniper. Next of kin: Mrs. Daisy M. Nakano (Mother), Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (SEC II, GO 13, Hq 6th Army Group, 3 Mar 45.)

MASAKAZU NISHI, 39098471, Technical Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 442d Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 and 28 October 1944, near Bruyeres and Biffontaine, France. Discovering two enemy troops on an observation tower armed with automatic weapons, Sergeant Nishi halted his advancing platoon and proceeded alone. By cleverly maneuvering around the position he surprised an enemy officer and sergeant and after taking them prisoner, obtained valuable information regarding the enemy's disposition. On another occasion, when the enemy launched a counter-attack, supported by a tank, Sergeant Nishi placed his bazooka man at a vantage point while he moved to another point 25 yards away. Calmly exposing himself he fired at the oncoming tank with his sub-machine gun until the bazooka man was able to put it out of action and force the enemy to withdraw. Entered the service from Hanford, California.

RICHARD OKINAKA, 30104648, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 29 October 1944 in France. While preparing for a flanking movement upon an enemy position which had stopped his company's advance, Sergeant Okinaka, not wishing to expose his entire platoon to enemy fire, crawled up the enemy-occupied hill alone to reconnoiter the area. While making his reconnaissance he attracted the attention of numerous enemy snipers, but with deadly accurate fire from his sub-machine gun killed or wounded four of their number. Shortly after this action, Sergeant Okinaka, though wounded in the ankle by a grenade fragment, crawled back to his platoon and led his men in a flanking movement which led to the capture of the hill. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KENNETH NAGANUMA, 30105918, Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 4 and 5 November 1944 in France. Sergeant Naganuma moved forward under superior enemy fire to cover the evacuation of two tankmen wounded during an attack upon an enemy strongpoint. Later, when his company's advance was impeded by machine gun fire, he crawled to within 40 yards from one of the emplacements, opened fire and killed the gunner and his assistant. The fire which he attracted from a second emplacement left his unit free to move forward from its pinned down position to give him support. Though he was wounded during this action by an enemy sniper, Sergeant Naganuma refused to leave his understrength unit, and after leading his platoon in another attack on the following day, was forced by the seriousness of his injury to retire. Entered the service from Lahaina, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

TADAO MIYAMOTO, 30105344, Technician Fifth Grade, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near La Houssiere, France on 1 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Miyamoto, though wounded by enemy fire himself, continued to make his way forward to aid four of his comrades. Ignoring advice from the injured men to return to the aid station, he remained with them and administered first aid. Soon after he had finished rendering aid to his comrades he crawled an additional 40 yards to the aid of a wounded enemy officer, treated his wounds and pulled him to friendly territory. The enemy officer, grateful for the prompt medical attention, released

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS (GO 41, Hq MTOUSA, 9 Mar 45)

SENJI SUGAWARA, 30105937, Staff Sergeant, Co K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Italy and Southern France, from 7 July to 30 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Sugawara (Wife), Wailuku, Maui, T. H.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO 15, Hq 6th Army Group, 9 Mar 45)

GORDON SINGLES, 018522, Lieutenant Colonel, Inf, Hq 100th Bn, 442d Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations near Bruyeres and Biffontaine, France from 15 October to 29 October 1944. Entered the service from Denver, Colorado.

SHIGERU J. OKAMOTO, 30104701, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France on 20 October 1944. Although numerically overwhelmed during an enemy counterattack, Staff Sergeant Okamoto undauntedly led his men in the defense of an important position and joined the fight as a rifleman. On several occasions, despite intense hostile fire, he left his cover and crawled from one man to the next to point out targets and directed the defense until the counter-attack was repulsed. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KOZO YAMANE, 39913397, Private First Class, Inf, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France on 20 October 1944. During an enemy counter-attack upon his battalion's right flank, Private Yamane observed several hostile groups subject his comrades to hand grenade fire. Continuing to give effective support by firing his machine gun with his left hand, he directed pistol fire at the grenadiers with his right, and thus aided in relieving his comrades' hazardous situation. Although wounded during the engagement, Private Yamane remained at his post until the counterattack was repulsed. Entered the service from Layton, Utah.

KEIJI TAKI, 39913658, Private, Inf, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France on 20 October 1944. During an enemy counterattack, Private Taki fearlessly left his cover and crawled to where several enemy troops were entrenched. He then opened fire with his automatic weapon, killing three and forcing three others to surrender. By his courageous and voluntary action, Private Taki was instrumental in repulsing the fierce enemy counter-attack and reflects credit upon the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Idaho Falls, Idaho.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 13, Hq 6th Army Group, 3 Mar 45)

BERNARD L. PERLSWEIG, 01311537, Second Lieutenant, Inf, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement near Scspel, France on 9 December 1944. Upon receiving orders to lay mines and booby traps along paths used by enemy patrols, Lieutenant Perlsweig led his men beyond friendly lines into enemy territory. Laying the mines at the probable approaches to be used by enemy patrols, he then ordered his patrol to stay under cover while he went forward to reconnoiter an adjacent area. When he thought it safe for his men to join

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valuable information in regard to the hostile positions. Entered the service from Lanai City, Lanai, Territory of Hawaii.

KEISUKE ASATO, 30108962, Private First Class, Inf, Co I, 442d Regtl Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 27 October 1944, in France, while acting as flank security for his company during an approach march. Upon sighting an enemy machine gun emplacement 20 yards away, Private Asato warned his men of the danger in time for them to seek cover before the enemy machine gun and its supporting weapons opened fire upon the company's column. Realizing that the company was pinned down by the intense enemy fire, Private Asato and a comrade fearlessly advanced within 10 yards of the hostile emplacement, firing as they made their way forward. Unnerved by the relentless advance of their opponents, the enemy machine gunners abandoned their positions and withdrew. Entered the service from Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

GORDON I. OSHIKATA, 30105776, Private First Class, Inf, Co K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 1 and 4 November 1944, in France. Private Oshikata crawled forward for a distance of 40 yards under enemy fire to locate a machine gun position which had stopped his company's advance. He then signalled his men to come forward and led them in a frontal assault which put the emplacement out of action and routed the supporting snipers. On 4 November, when two tankmen were seriously wounded during an attack on an enemy strongpoint he crawled 30 yards to a point behind a tree stump, and with protective fire from his BAR permitted the wounded men to be evacuated to the rear. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

NORIYUKI TABA, 30106209, Private, Inf, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 3 November 1944 in France. When the enemy took advantage of his platoon's pinned down position and advanced toward the men, Private Taba borrowed a BAR from one of his comrades and crawled 30 yards to a concealed position behind a large tree. Disregarding his personal safety, he then opened fire with his BAR at the advancing enemy riflemen, killing four of their number. From the direction of his constant harassing fire, the enemy riflemen soon located Private Taba's position and concentrated their fire on him. This enabled his comrades to withdraw to higher ground and open protective fire which permitted him to retreat safely. Entered the service from Kekaha, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 66, Hq 34th Inf Div, 23 Mar 45)

YOSHIO OROKU, 30106434, Sergeant, Inf, Co K, 442d Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 6 July 1944 in Italy. Home address: Wahiawa, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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NAKUTO HIGUCHI, 30104612, Sergeant, Inf, Co C, 100th Bn, 442d Regtl Combat Team, for heroic achievement during the assault on Biffontaine, France, on 22 October 1944. Sergeant Higuchi was a member of a 7-man patrol which crossed two streets under hostile observation and fire and succeeded in capturing an enemy strong-point, killing three and capturing eight of its defenders. In addition, two vehicles equipped with radios and one loaded with rifles were captured. That night the group was counter-attacked by the enemy in platoon strength supported by tanks and antitank guns. In the face of strong opposition offered by Sergeant Higuchi and the others the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the service from Waipahu, Oahu, T. H.

KATSUMI L. TAKASUGI, 39166854, Sergeant, Inf, Co C, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement during the assault on Biffontaine, France, on 22 October 1944. Sergeant Takasugi was a member of a 7-man patrol which crossed two streets under hostile observation and fire and succeeded in capturing an enemy strong-point, killing three and capturing eight of its defenders. In addition, two vehicles equipped with radios and one loaded with rifles were captured. That night the group was counterattacked by the enemy in platoon strength supported by tanks and antitank guns. In the face of strong opposition offered by Sergeant Takasugi and the others the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

JERRY G. OGAWA, 30106008, Technician Fifth Grade, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 19 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. When he learned that one of his comrades was wounded in an engagement with an enemy patrol Technician Fifth Grade Ogawa immediately left his slit trench to go to his aid. He assisted the wounded soldier to the safety of a foxhole and rendered first aid while he himself sat up in an exposed position. Later that day, the enemy threw an artillery barrage which inflicted five more casualties. Again Technician Fifth Grade Ogawa left his slit trench to render first aid in the midst of the barrage. Only after he had treated all the wounded men and arranged for the evacuation of two litter cases did he return to the safety of his dug-out. Entered the service from Kahului, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

KOICHI NAKAMURA, 30104611, Private First Class, Inf, Hq Co 3d Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement near Bruyeres, France, on 22 October 1944. When an urgent call for litter bearers was received by the medical aid station, Private Nakamura instantly volunteered to act as one of the litter bearers. In order to reach the wounded men it was necessary to walk through an enemy minefield constantly being shelled by enemy artillery and mortars. Disregarding additional fire from enemy snipers he and his men quickly located the injured men in the semi-darkness, placed them on the litters and evacuated them to the aid station. Entered the service from Ewa, Oahu, T. H.

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