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HARUO KAKU, 30101834, Private First Class, Inf, Co C, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement during the assault on Biffontaine, France, on 22 October 1944. Private Kaku 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 Private Kaku and the others the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, T. H.

WALTER Y. OMURA, 30104703, Private First Class, Inf, Hq Co, 3d Battalion, 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 Omura 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 mine field 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 Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KIYOSHI SHIMIZU, 30106248, Private First Class, Inf, Co C, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement during the assault on Biffontaine, France, on 22 October 1944. Private Shimizu was a member of a 7-man patrol which crossed two streets under hostile observation and fire and succeeded in capturing an enemy strongpoint, 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 Private Shimizu and the others the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, T. H.

MITSUO TSUGAWA, 30104508, Private First Class, Inf, Co F, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France on 17 October 1944. Private Tsugawa, upon observing that the first scout of his platoon was wounded and lay exposed to further enemy fire, fearlessly advanced through an area swept by automatic arms and artillery fire. He then carried the injured man to safety and rendered first aid. Realizing that his comrade needed immediate medical treatment, he continued to evacuate him through the enemy fire until relieved of his patient by a litter squad. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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SENMAITSU OSHIRO, 30105930, Private First Class, Inf, Co K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 31 October and 4 November 1944 in France. When an enemy squad of riflemen attempted a flanking movement on his company which was pinned down by three enemy machine guns firing from its front, Private Oshiro and a BAR man exposed themselves to the automatic and small arms fire and crawled 50 yards to a vantage point. From there they opened fire, killed three of the advancing riflemen, routed the remainder and thus enabled the platoon to resume its frontal attack. On 4 November, when two tankmen were wounded, he dashed under fire to a point behind a tree, covered the sector in front of the damaged tank and continued his harassing fire until the wounded men were safely evacuated to the rear. Entered the service from Puukoolii, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

KIYOSHI SEKOMOTO, 30103938, Private First Class, Inf, Co K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 29 October 1944 in France. Observing that some of his comrades were pinned down by an enemy machine gun and a sniper, Private Sekomoto exposed himself to the enemy fire and ran for a distance of 75 yards until he reached a point 30 yards from the sniper. Standing erect to exchange fire with the enemy rifleman, Private Sekomoto was wounded in the hand and forced to cease firing, but by distracting the protective sniper fire he enabled his comrades to encircle the enemy position, neutralize the emplacement and later kill the supporting sniper. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 11, Hq 6th Army Group, 23 Feb 45)

CHITOSHI H. DOI, 30106345, Private First Class, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France from 1 to 9 November 1944. Private Doi left his covered position to dash to the aid of a wounded comrade. Upon examining the man's wound he decided that immediate evacuation was necessary, and without waiting for the enemy barrage to cease again exposed himself to enemy shellfire to evacuate his patient to the medical aid station. Between 3 and 9 November he continuously evacuated wounded soldiers from the forward collecting point to the medical aid station over a route exposed to enemy mortar and artillery fire. Entered the service from Kawaihae, Hawaii, T. H.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 11, Hq 6th Army Group, 23 Feb 45)

GIMBEI TAKAESU, 16050098, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co C, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement during the assault on Biffontaine, France, on 22 October 1944. Sergeant Takaesu led a 7-man patrol across 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 Takaesu and his men the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the service from Madison, Wisc.

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him, he signalled them to come forward, and upon turning around stepped on an enemy mine. Although the resultant explosion blew off one of his feet below the ankle and severely lacerated the other, he continued to direct the installation of the mines until evacuated. Entered the service from Philadelphia, Pa.

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

THOMAS M. KOBAYASHI, W2101939, Chief Warrant Officer, A.U.S., Headquarters 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on the outskirts of Sospel, France on 6 January 1945. During a 15-minute enemy artillery barrage on an intersection and bridge approach, Mr. Kobayashi who had taken cover in a nearby pillbox, was informed that an enlisted man lay injured from a truck collision in an exposed position on the road. Disregarding the continued shell fire, he went in search of the injured man and located him 15 yards down the road toward the bridge. With the help of two enlisted men he loaded the patient on a jeep and evacuated him through the shelled area to the nearest aid station. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

TOKUO KAJIWARA, 30105609, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bifontaine, France on 29 October 1944. Sergeant Kajiwara fearlessly left his covered position and moved forward 25 yards to locate an enemy machine gun emplacement that was holding up the advance of his company. Estimating the situation, he then summoned his bazooka man forward and personally directed his fire on the enemy position. Unable to bring effective fire to bear in this manner, he exposed himself to the enemy to direct the fire of a supporting tank against the strong-point. He was constantly fired upon in the position but continued to direct the attack until the enemy machine gun was silenced. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KIYOJI MORIMOTO, 30103865, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 29 October 1944 in France. When both the reserve squad and forward elements of his platoon were pinned down during an attempt to outflank the enemy, Sergeant Morimoto ordered his men to take cover and advanced alone in search of the enemy gun position. Though fired upon at every move he made, he dashed from tree to tree until he reached a position where he was able to observe the emplacement which was pinning down his squad. Knowing that another assault might prove disastrous he sent word to his CP for tank support. The information obtained by Sergeant Morimoto enabled the tank crew to direct effective fire at the enemy position and was of much value in bringing about the ultimate capture of the enemy-held hill. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

ROBERT M. YUKITOMO, 30104861, Sergeant, Inf, Co L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Sospel, France on 4 December 1944. Having concluded his primary mission of clearing houses located near the village of Colla Longa, Sergeant Yukitomo voluntarily decided to make further reconnaissance in an attempt to locate enemy strong-points. He proceeded to the enemy occupied town of Fiens and by means of infiltration was able to locate an enemy command post. Upon gaining this valuable information, Sergeant Yukitomo returned to his company to report

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...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 Private Unamoto and the others the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the service from Kohala, Hawaii, T. H.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 10, Hq 6th Army Group, 22 Feb 45)

SETSUO J. MATSURA, 19060184, Private First Class, Inf, Co M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bifontaine, France on 8 November 1944. Private Matsura, with utter disregard for his personal safety left his covered position to administer first aid to a comrade who was seriously wounded in the chest during a heavy enemy artillery barrage. Noticing that the patient's condition required immediate evacuation, he hastily placed him on his back and carried him 200 yards through the shelling to the forward medical aid station. This prompt action saved the life of the wounded soldier. Entered the service from Potlatch, Idaho.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 10, Hq 6th Army Group, 22 Feb 45)

ALBERT M. SUNADA, 30100471, Private First Class, Inf, Co C, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France from 15 to 17 October 1944. When the 100th Bn was fighting in thickly wooded terrain, the enemy laid continuous artillery and mortar barrages, causing frequent casualties. Private Sunada, battalion runner, time after time guided ammunition carriers and litter teams to his company CP. He delivered important information of enemy minefields obtained from captured prisoners through a route subjected to frequent shellings and enemy infiltration and successfully accomplished every mission assigned to him. Next of kin: Mrs. Dec Sunada (Mother), Kalihi-Kal, Hanalei, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 10, Hq 6th Army Group, 22 Feb 45)

JOSEPH C. RYAN, 0539824, First Lieutenant, Inf, Co E, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 2 November 1944 in the vicinity of La Croisette, France. When Lieutenant Ryan and his platoon were moving to a forward position to protect a subsequent move by Co F, they were caught in an artillery barrage which inflicted heavy casualties. In the midst of the barrage, Lieutenant Ryan led the uninjured men to the aid of the wounded. He then reorganized the remnants of his platoon, formed litter parties and helped in their evacuation. Despite the fact that German small arms fire continuously harassed the platoon during the evacuation, Lieutenant Ryan returned three more times to recover the platoon's equipment. Entered the service from Twin Falls, Idaho.

SHIGERU OYAMA, 30102851, Technical Sergeant, Inf, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of La Croisette, France. As Sergeant Oyama and the members of his platoon were moving forward to support Co F, they were caught in a barrage which inflicted numerous casualties. Disregarding his own safety, he dashed to the aid of the wounded. He then administered first aid and remained

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... them throughout the barrage which lasted approximately half an hour. When the barrage lifted, he aided his platoon leader in the evacuation of the wounded men. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, T. H.

AKIRA P. TAKIGUCHI, 30106140, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 to 8 November 1944 in France. Entered the service from Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

RALPH Y. TOMBI, 30102738, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France on 4 November 1944. Sergeant Tombi left the safety of his covered position and crawled 50 yards through intense machine gun and small arms fire to give first aid to one of his ammunition carriers who was seriously wounded by machine pistol fire. Improvising a litter and aided by men who were inspired by his heroic action, he successfully evacuated the patient. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, T. H.

MASAHARU OKUMURA, 39914781, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 14 November 1944 in France. When two riflemen were severely wounded 25 yards from an enemy strongpoint Sergeant Okumura disregarded enemy machine gun fire to go to their aid. He then brought the men to cover, rendered first aid and again exposed himself to the enemy fire to crawl back to his post. Later, when his patrol leader was seriously wounded in the head, Sergeant Okumura sent his men to a safer position, attended to the injured man's wounds and remained with him until he could be safely evacuated. Entered the service from Rivers, Arizona.

DAVID M. ITO, 39916613, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co G, 442d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France on 17 October 1944. With an aid man, Sergeant Ito dashed under a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire to treat five seriously wounded men. Together the two proficiently gave first aid to all the wounded soldiers while the barrage continued unabated, and then carried them to a position where litter squads could evacuate them to the aid station. The outstanding courage and concern for the welfare of his comrades displayed by Sergeant Ito are exemplary of the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

HIDEO E. KAMISATO, 30105147, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Co M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement from 5 to 8 November 1944 in France. When the communication line between the mortar squad and the forward observation point was continually being disrupted by enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Kamisato voluntarily went out in spite of these hazards to restore the communication system. During the course of one day the wire was damaged as many as six times as a result of the

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enemy action. Knowing that his mortar squad would not be able to obtain accurate fire without the coordinated action of the forward observer, he went out into the enemy fire to repair the wire and thus contributed directly to his mortar squad's success in placing accurate fire on the enemy. Entered the service from Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

DON M. KAMACHI, 39163572, Private First Class, Inf, Hq Co 3d Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 7-8 November 1944 in France. After he had worked throughout the day evacuating his wounded comrades under enemy shellfire, he was advised to return to the platoon to rest when a relief litter squad arrived. Realizing the urgent need for litter bearers, he remained with the forward elements to continue evacuating the casualties. On several occasions he went forward into the firefight to perform his duties with admirable coolness. The route to the aid station was constantly subjected to enemy mortar fire, and though he was wounded by an artillery shell fragment, Private Kamachi continued to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

MASARU KONO, 30103632, Private First Class, Inf, Headquarters Co, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 28 October 1944 in France. Fully aware of the dangers involved in laying the communication line to the leading elements of the attacking companies, Private Kono volunteered to perform the task alone. Though he had to make his way through the enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and travel through an enemy mined forest, he laid the initial telephone wire for a distance of 500 yards to the forward rifle companies. He then laid the lateral lines between the three rifle companies and in almost total darkness completed setting up the entire communication system. Entered the service from Lihue, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

KAZUO MASUDA, 30106100, Private First Class, Inf, Co M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 4 November 1944 in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. Due to the constant enemy counterattacks, Private Masuda's heavy machine gun platoon found itself running short of ammunition. Sensing the dangerous situation, he volunteered to make the hazardous trip back to his unit for a resupply and with undaunted courage and soldierly skill he was able to reach his destination. While on his return trip with the ammunition supply he was seriously wounded by machine pistol fire but refused to be evacuated until assured that the ammunition was safely in the hands of the platoon. Entered the service from Kihui, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

TSUGIO YAMADA, 30104349, Private First Class, Inf, Co L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 6 November 1944 in France. When a boulder rolled over his comrade's slit trench, painfully crushing him and leaving him partly exposed to enemy fire, Private Yamada and another rifleman attempted to extricate him. In spite of the continuous mortar and artillery barrage, Private Yamada and the other rifleman, not wishing to expose others to the enemy fire, worked alone until they succeeded in freeing the injured man from the crushing weight. While his comrade administered first aid, Private Yamada returned to his battalion under fire and through minefields, obtained

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a litter and came back to evacuate the wounded man for further treatment. Entered the service from Monterey, California.

KIYOSHI S. EBATA, 30104055, Private First Class, Inf, Co E, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bifontaine, France on 2 November 1944. Taking over the duties of the First Sergeant during his absence, Private Ebata lost no time in reorganizing his company when it was disorganized under the intense barrages of enemy artillery and mortar fire. He then personally directed the evacuation of the wounded in the midst of the heavy concentrations of fire so that they could get immediate surgical treatment. When the company's communications sergeant was painfully wounded, Private Ebata took over the additional duties of the wounded man and accomplished the work with faultless skill. Entered the service from Paaulo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

FRED S. KURISU, 30101947, Private First Class, Inf, Co B, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France, from 15 to 17 October 1944. When the 100th Bn was fighting in thickly wooded terrain, the enemy laid continuous artillery and mortar barrages, causing frequent casualties. Private Kurisu, battalion runner, time after time guided ammunition carriers and litter teams to his company CP. He delivered important information of enemy minefields obtained from captured prisoners through a route subjected to frequent shellings and enemy infiltration and successfully accomplished every mission assigned to him. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, T. H.

TERUO NOBORI, 39916692, Private, Inf, Co L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 1 November 1944 in France. Private Nobori, one of the radio men for Company L, remained with his company command group throughout the company's attack on a hill to keep his commanding officer in constant contact with the battalion command post. On several occasions he exposed himself to enemy fire to crawl to his commanding officer to deliver important messages to him personally. When his radio became too weak to receive messages and the telephone line was ruptured by shellfire, he crept through the dense forest, under enemy fire for 500 yards, until he located and repaired the break in the wire. Entered the service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

YOSHIO FUJIWARA, 39913356, Private First Class, Inf, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France on 19 October 1944. While protecting the left flank of the 2d Battalion, the machine gun section of which Private Fujiwara was a member was subjected to small arms, mortar and artillery fire. Alone at his machine gun when an enemy patrol came into view he opened fire and forced the hostile troops to disperse. At this time his machine gun jammed, and while trying to put it back into action he was wounded in the left arm by the still attacking enemy patrol. Despite his extreme pain Private Fujiwara picked up an M-1 rifle in the vicinity and with accurate fire from this weapon repulsed the attack. Entered the service from Hunt, Idaho.

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442D INFANTRY REGIMENT
NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

1 - 31 March 1945

MAP REF: Eastern France 1/50000
Sheet XXXVII-42 Menton; Italy
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Italy 1/50000 Sheet 102-IV Breil

MARITIME ALPS SECTOR - FRANCE

1 March In accordance with Order of the Day No. 1, Alpine Army Detachment, 1 Mar 45, and General Orders No. 4, Hq 44th AAA Brigade, 1 Mar 45, the 44th AAA Brigade, with all assigned and attached units (including the 442d Regimental Combat Team) became a component part of the Alpine Front Command, Army of the Alps.

The month began with the regiment maintaining its defensive positions along the French Italian Border, with the three battalions on the line. The 100th Battalion was on the right, extending from Menton on the Mediterranean coast to the town of Castillon. The 2d Battalion, with CP location in Sospel, defended the center of the regimental sector, and the 3d Battalion extended on the left from Mt Grosso Northeast of Sospel to Turini. 3d Battalion CP was established at Piersa Cava.

The regimental front covered a distance of 24 kilometres, over extremely mountainous terrain. Supplies were brought to the forward positions by mule train. Contact was maintained with the 22/XV Ire Groupe de Bataillons, Groupement Alpin Sud (First French Army), the unit on the left flank.

Artillery support was provided by the 522d F. A. Bn (442d RCT), in direct support of the 100th Battalion; the 602d F. A. Bn (75mm Pack How) supporting the 2d Battalion; and the 601st F. A. Bn (75mm Pack How), in direct support of the 3d Battalion. The 937th F. A. Bn (155mm How) and the 69th AAA Gun Bn were also attached and fired missions in general support.

Reconnaissance patrols from Cos A and B patrolled to Hill 914 (798917) and Hill 467 (807886) respectively, and returned without incident. No enemy activity was observed.

Three German artillerymen (deserters) were picked up on Mt Grosso and turned over to 44th AAA Brigade MP's. The prisoners were from the 13th Btry, 451st Abteilung (Sep Bn), 34th Infantry Division. Considerable information was extracted regarding enemy artillery dispositions in the sector, and the effectiveness of our counterbattery missions.

A presentation ceremony was held by the 100th Battalion, at the Hotel Imperial, Menton. Lt Colonel MILLER, Regimental Commander, presented the following awards:

Distinguished Service Cross
Pvt Masato Nakae, Co A

Legion of Merit
Chaplain Israel Yost, Hq 442d Inf

Silver Star
Capt George H. Grandstaff, Sv Co
2d Lt Kazuma Hisanaga, Co C
Pfc Takahashi Kusunoki, Co A
Pfc Koichi Sekimura, Co C

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Bronze Star

- Pfc George Akiyama, Co A
- Pfc Yasuyuki Kurokawa, Co B
- Cpl Toshio R. Mizusawa, Co B
- Pfc Henry Y. Nakasone, Co A

All troops were paid for the month of February. Weather was cold and cloudy with poor visibility.

2 Mar A patrol from Co G left 1035, went to the town of Bossare (800960), heard small arms fire between San Michele (809977) and Airole (825967). The patrol returned at 1530.

Regular daily contact and security patrols operated without incident. Motorized patrol from Hq Co 2d Bn contacted 3d Bn in Moulinet. A motorized and roving foot patrol from Co H patrolled Sospel and vicinity every two hours during hours of darkness (1800-0600), reporting no incident.

Our 81mm mortars and supporting artillery fired harassing missions on trails and road junctions. Batteries from naval vessels off shore fired 80 rounds on an enemy gun position and 60 rounds on an enemy-used railroad tunnel. Cannon Co test fired French 75mm guns in the 2d Bn area.

Two Italian prisoners (deserters) were taken on Colla Bensa at 1500 and turned over to Brigade Headquarters. The prisoners were from 8th Btry, 3d Bn, 2d Artillery Regt, Littorio Division.

A PK ration of bear was distributed among the companies.

3 Mar Reconnaissance patrols reported no enemy activity.

A total of 61 rounds of light and medium caliber artillery fell in the Combat Team area; no casualties or damage resulted.

At 1415 a 20-man enemy patrol was observed at grid coordinate 820909, heading for the town of San Antonio (823907). Our 81mm mortars fired 78 rounds, dispersing the patrol.

The 1269th Engineer Bn, attached to the 442d Inf, operated a beach patrol in the 100th Bn sector, and maintained contact with Co B.

1st and 2d squad, Antitank platoon, Hq Co 100th Bn, took position near Castellar and fired 50 rounds each into enemy positions in Ventimiglia.

One man in Co E was killed while deactivating a booby-trap.

In accordance with Special Orders No. 51, Hq 442d RCT, 3 Mar 45, following changes in staff assignment took place:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relieved from asgmt as</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Lt Col JAMES N. HANLEY	CO, 2d Bn	Regtl Ex O
Maj ROBERT A. COPEL	Regtl S-3	CO, 2d Bn
Maj IVAN F. KOVAC	Regtl S-2	Regtl S-3
Capt EDWARD J. NILGES	Hq 442d RCT	Hq 3d Bn
Capt GRVILLE C. SHIRRY	S-3, 3d Bn	Regtl S-2
1st Lt JAMES O. BUSHYEAGER	Hq Co 3d Bn	Hq 442d RCT

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4 Mar A reconnaissance patrol from Co F went to Col de Brouis (768030) to check for enemy activity. None was noted.

Cannon Co fired 44 rounds with the French 75mm in the 2d Bn sector, firing at an enemy OP, fort, and the towns of Piema and Libri. A total of 54 rounds of medium and light caliber incoming artillery was recorded.

1st platoon Antitank Co remained attached to the 100th Bn. 2d platoon maintained road guards at Luceram, L'Escarene and Col de Braus. 3d platoon kept a road block at La Turbie, and the 4th platoon maintained outposts for the 2d Battalion near Sospel.

New type field trousers were received and distributed to all troops.

A quota of five officers and 14 enlisted men departed for the Paris Rest Center.

The regiment continued to send quotas to the Officer's Rest Center, Hotel Carlton, Cannes; and to the Enlisted Rest Center, Hotel Continental, Nice. Five officers and seventy enlisted men rotated at the rest centers.

5 Mar During the night of the 4th, a German prisoner (deserter) was taken by the beach patrol of Co C, 1269th Engineer Bn, in the 100th Bn sector, near Menton. The prisoner was from a penal company, Strafvollstreckungs Zug Der 34.

A patrol from Co B consisting of 1 officer and 4 men went to Hill 419 (802809), searched houses in the vicinity without making enemy contact.

At 1400, 3d squad of Antitank platoon, Hq Co 100th Bn fired 50 rounds of 57mm into Ventimiglia, from the vicinity of Castellar.

The Combat Team Battle School, conducted by Major Colyer at Luceram, concluded its program.

6 Mar The tactical situation remained unchanged. At 1000 an Italian linecrosser, with 18,000 lire in his possession, and suspected to be an enemy agent, was apprehended on Colla Bensa.

Cannon Co 2d platoon fired 30 rounds at an enemy milepoint and personnel, and 74 rounds with the French 75mm at enemy personnel and gun positions on Mount Mangiabo, Mt Columbin and Airole Tunnel. Excellent results were reported.

Preparations for movement were begun. All emergency rations, equipment and winter clothing were brought down from the platoon positions. Interviews with all limited assignment personnel were conducted by a personnel officer of the Sixth Army Group.

7 Mar A reconnaissance patrol from Co F went from Mt Grosso towards the hotel on Col de Brouis. When the patrol departed from Mt Grosso they observed two radio antennae among the enemy pillboxes on Col de Brouis. The patrol directed mortar fire and destroyed one. Patrol proceeded to vic 760028 and heard enemy voices at 761037.

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The 522d F. A. Bn fired seven observed missions in support of the 100th Bn on an enemy patrol and mule train; the 601st F. A. Bn fired seven observed missions (154 rounds) on enemy mortars, personnel and cable house. The 602d F. A. Bn fired on an enemy OP. All supporting artillery units fired harassing missions.

Three SM from a K Co patrol were wounded by mines near La Bollene Vesubie while being led through a friendly mine field by a French guide from the French unit on the left.

A quota of 10 officers and 70 men left Service Co area on leave to the Paris Rest Center.

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The regiment maintained its defensive positions with no change in dispositions. Daily reconnaissance and security patrols continued. The enemy threw harassing fire into Moulinet and Turini, but no damage or casualties resulted.

On the 8th, the 100th Bn held a presentation ceremony at Menton. Brigadier General RALPH C. TOBIN, Commanding General, 44th AAA Brigade, presented the following awards:

Silver Star

Pfc Minoru Kunieda, Co D

Bronze Star

- Pfc Masato Kutaka, Co A (Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Pfc Walter Matsumoto, Co A
- Pfc Musaru Abe, Co A
- Pfc Matsumi Masaki, Co A
- Pfc Mitsuo Furumoto, Co A
- Pfc Kiyoshi Kami, Co A
- Pfc Terry T. Kohaya, Co A
- Pfc Takashi Kusunoki, Co A

Bronze Star (Cont)

- Tec 4 Tokio Miyahara, Co A
- Cpl Shiro Yamaguchi, Co A
- Tec 5 Shuji Akiyama, Co A
- Tec 5 Tokuo Azeka, Co A
- S Sgt Harry Nishimura, Co B
- S Sgt Akiyoshi Kuriyama, Hq Co 100th Bn

34th Inf Division Citation

Pvt Haruo Takei, Co A

A similar ceremony was held on March 10th, in the town square of L'Escarene. Following officers and men were decorated by Lieutenant Colonel V. R. MILLER, Regimental Commander:

Distinguished Service Cross

T Sgt Tsuneo Takemoto, Co E

Legion of Merit

1st Lt Gaylord H. Gilmore, Hq Co

Silver Star

- Capt Edwin R. Shorey, Cn Co
- 2d Lt Masami S. Yoshinari, Cn Co
- T Sgt Toshio Suyematsu, Cn Co
- Pfc Akira Okamoto, Cn Co
- Pfc Satoru Shikasho, Hq Co 3d Bn
- Pfc James Y. Sugano, Hq Co 3d Bn
- Pfc Gordon I. Oshikata, Co K
- Pvt Masao Komoda, Co G
- Pvt Ernest Tauji, Hq Co 3d Bn

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Bronze Star

- Capt Joseph W. Stevenson, Hq Co
- T Sgt Keji K. Yeshimoto, Hq Co
- Sgt Tsuyoshi Shintani, Cn Co
- Tec A Sunao Morisato, Hq Co
- Cpl Fred M. Kinoshita, Cn Co
- Pfc Tadaashi Morimoto, Hq Co
- Pfc Arthur A. Susumi, Cn Co
- Pfc Martin L. Ito, Cn Co
- Pfc Mitsuo Tsugawa, Co F
- Pvt James K. Taniguchi, Hq Co
- Pvt Nadaso Yoshinaga, Cn Co

34th Inf Div Citation

- Pfc John S. Kakehashi, Co F
- Pfc Raymond Y. Handa, Co G
- Pvt Masaru W. Hayashi, Co G
- Pfc Masayoshi Nakamura, Co G

The 206th Army Ground Forces Band (442d BCT) provided music on both of the above occasions.

Several large brush fires sprang up in the Combat Team area on 9 March, near the regimental CP at L'Escarene and near Luceram. Investigation failed to disclose anything of a suspicious nature and the fires burned out on the following day.

11 Mar Preparations continued for the relief of the 442d Infantry. The advance party of the relieving French unit, 2d Brigade, 1st DMI (Motorized Infantry Division) arrived for orientation. Duffle bags were moved to the assembly area near Antibes.

Sunday services were conducted by the Combat Team chaplains.

12 Mar Reconnaissance patrols made no enemy contact. 81mm mortars and supporting artillery fired harassing missions. The battalions assisted the officers of the relieving unit in a reconnaissance of the defensive positions.

Six officers and 303 enlisted men, limited assignment and unfit for further combat duty, were transferred to Hq CONAD, in accordance with Special Orders No. 43, Hq 44th AAA Brigade, 13 Mar 45.

A quota of 15 RM, all of whom had been wounded or decorated on at least two separate occasions, left the Combat Team for return to Hawaii on recuperation furlough.

Eighteen Infantry and two Medical officers left on TD to Paris to meet and escort a group of recently-arrived Japanese American reinforcements to the Combat Team.

13 Mar Relief of the 442d Infantry began. Units of the 2d Brigade, 1st DMI moved up and occupied the prepared positions in the 3d and 2d Bn sectors. 3d Bn began movement from Piers Cave to Antibes by motor convoy, a distance of approximately 40 miles.

14 Mar 3d Bn relief was completed 1500 and the battalion closed in at Antibes 1730. The 2d Bn was likewise relieved and moved by rail and truck to Antibes, last elements closing at 2230.

15 Mar The 100th Bn was relieved by the French at 1900 15 Mar 45 and command of the sector passed to the French. The battalion began movement from Menton at 0300 16 Mar and final elements closed in at Antibes 0730 16 Mar 45.

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One officer and four EM from each company were left with the relieving unit for 24 hours to familiarize them with the terrain and situation. All overlays, maps and related documents were turned over to the incoming unit, and they were familiarized with all known mined and trip-wired areas before the relief was completed.

16 Mar The regiment spent the day in bivouac at Antibes, in preparation for overseas movement. A show-down inspection of clothing and equipment was held; an inspection of ordnance equipment was conducted by the 3d Ordnance Co; typhus shots were administered.

17 Mar Movement from Antibes to Marseilles began. 3d Battalion moved by organic motors and rail, closing in at DBS Staging Area CP 2, near Marseilles, at 1930.

The 2d Battalion, at Antibes, held a presentation ceremony. Brigadier General RALPH G. TOBIN, Commanding General, 44th AAA Brigade, presented the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon to Co F, and the following individual awards:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

- S Sgt George S. Iida, Co G
- S Sgt Yoshimi R. Fujiwara, Co G

SILVER STAR

- Capt Bert N. Mishizura, Hq 2d Bn
- 2d Lt Frank Okusako, Co H
- Pfc Hajime Miyamoto, Med Det
- Pfc Joph Ito, Med Det
- Pvt Saburo Higa, Hq Co 2d Bn
- Pfc Hideo Takahashi, Co E
- Tec 4 Yeichi Kawayama, Med Det
- S Sgt James S. Koizumi, Co H
- S Sgt George K. Sato, Co H
- Sgt Mitsusuke Fujimoto, Med Det
- Tec 5 Wilfred M. Taira, Med Det
- Pfc Robert T. Kuraoka, Hq Co 2d Bn
- S Sgt Yoshimi R. Fujiwara, Co G
- S Sgt Shinyei Matayoshi, Co G (Oak Leaf Cluster)

BRONZE STAR

- S Sgt Takao Hedani, Co H
- Capt William Aull, Hq 2d Bn
- Pfc Takeshi Ueki, Hq Co 2d Bn
- S Sgt David M. Ito, Co G
- T Sgt Shigeru Oyama, Co H
- 1st Lt Joseph C. Ryan, Co H
- Tec 5 Jerry G. Ogawa, Med Det
- S Sgt George S. Harada, Co H
- Pfc Frank Y. Asari, Co H
- Pfc Tetsuo Kurozawa, Co H
- Pvt Sueso Kanehiro, Co H
- 2d Lt Teruo Ihara, Co E
- Pfc Kiyoshi S. Ebata, Co E
- Pfc Harold K. Fukunaga, Co G
- Pfc Nobuo Korenaga, Co G
- Pfc Robert T. Kishi, Co G
- Pfc Thomas T. Nakahara, Med Det
- Pvt George O. Takahashi, Co G
- S Sgt Takeshi Aoyagi, Co E
- T Sgt Mitsuo D. Tsuruda, Co E

18 Mar 2d Bn, Hq Co, AT Co, Cannon Co and Medics left Antibes by organic transportation and boxcar, arriving at Staging Area CP 2 at 1930. 100th Bn followed on the 19th, last elements closing in at 2135 19 March 1945.

The regiment bivouacked in tents at the Staging Area. All vehicles, T/E equipment and crew-served weapons were turned in. An IG show-down inspection of clothing and equipment was conducted, as well as an inspection of records.

Upon arrival at Marseilles, the 442d Infantry 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 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 G-O, Hq Sixth Army Group, 18 Mar 45, Subj: Unit Asgmt Order 51.

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- 20 Mar Preparations for overseas movement continued. Francs were collected and exchanged for Italian lire at the rate of one franc for two lire. A physical inspection was held.
- 21 Mar The advance party, 3d Battalion and Antitank Co left Staging Area by truck for Port of Embarkation at Marseilles at 0900. The troops boarded Navy LST's, remaining overnight in the harbor, and at 0630 22 March sailed in convoy for Livorno, Italy.

The 2d Battalion, Hq Co and Medics followed to the POB on the 22d; and the 100th Bn, Service Co, and Cannon Co on the 23d. These units departed Marseilles via LST convoy at 1700 23 March 45.

- 24 Mar 3d Battalion and Antitank Co arrived at Livorno (Leghorn), Italy, at 1130, after two days at sea. Troops disembarked and proceeded by truck to PBS Staging Area #3, near Pisa, closing in at 1600.

The 100th Bn, 2d Bn, Hq Co, Sv Co, Cn Co and Medics spent the day at sea. In order to avoid German naval activity off the Northern Italian coast, the convoy took a circuitous route, passing between the islands of Corsica and Sardinia. Weather was fair and the voyage was without incident. These units reached Livorno 1100 25 March, and closed in at PBS Staging Area at 1600.

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

Effective upon arrival in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 442d Infantry 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 March 1945.

- 26-27 Mar Troops billeted in 8-man semi-permanent hutsments at PBS Staging Area #3, near Pisa. New vehicles, weapons and equipment were issued and prepared for use. Identifying insignia were removed from clothing and helmets. On the 27th, Major General E. M. ALMOND, Commanding General, 92d Infantry Division, visited the regiment and greeted all officers.

- 28 Mar The regiment moved by truck in four serials from Staging Area near Pisa to bivouac area at San Martino, near Lucca. The move was made under cover of darkness, commencing 1900. Last elements of the regiment closed in at 2400, 28 March.

- 29-30-31 Mar Bivouac at San Martino. Training resumed. One officer per company and one E8 per platoon from each rifle and heavy weapons company attended the 92d Division Mine School at Viarregio. New weapons were zeroed in, and a schedule of range firing undertaken. 2d Battalion conducted a night problem on the 31st, battalion in night attack. Weather continued fair. Morale excellent.

In accordance with radio message, from Commanding General, IV Corps, dated 262325A, the 442d Inf, having been attached to IV Corps by Fifth Army letter AG 322.1-Y, dated 25 Mar 45 effective upon arrival NTO, is further attached to the 92d Infantry Division, effective 251800A.

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HISTORY OF 442D INFANTRY AS PER AR 345-105,
FOR MONTH OF 1-30 APR 45

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1. Original Unit.

No change.

2. Changes in Organization.

442d Inf detached from IV Corps per radio message dated 0307000 Apr 45, from Commanding General, IV Corps; remaining attached to 92d Inf Div for operations.

3. Strength.*

	O's	WO's	EM
a. At beginning of period 1 Apr	173	6	3311
b. At end of period 30 Apr	148	5	3351
c. Net change for period	25 (loss)	1 (loss)	40 (gain)

* Figures shown are "Present for Duty" strength.

4. Stations.

- 1 - 4 Apr San Martino (near Lucca), Italy.
- 5 - 30 Apr Regiment in combat along Ligurian Coast from below Massa to Turin. CP locations at Vallechia, Montignoso, Pariana, Carrara, Castelpoggio, Tendola, Camparola, Sestri, Chiavari, Busalla.

5. Marches.

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

6. Campaigns.

Name and Duration: North Apennine, 1 - 4 April.
Po Valley, 5 Apr to end of period.

Purpose: Destruction of German Army in Italy.

Authority: Assigned to Fifth Army; attached 92d Inf Division.

7. Battles.

- a. Name: Engagements at Massa (Mt Fragolita, Mt Cerreta, Mt Carchio, Mt Belvedere); Carrara (Mt Brugiana), Altagnana, Pariana, Castelpoggio, Fort Bastione, Fosdinovo, Mt Pizzaculo, Mt Nebbione, Tendola, Posterla, San Terenzo, Aulla. Occupation of Genoa, Alessandria, Turin.
- b. Campaign of Which Battles Were a Part: Po Valley.
- c. Forces Engaged: German infantry, artillery, engineers; Italian Fascist troops. Following major enemy units identified:

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- 281st Regt, 148th Div
- 285th Regt, 148th Div
- 286th Regt, 148th Div
- 1048th Artillery Regt, 148th Div
- 1048th Engineer Bn, 148th Div

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Forces Engaged (continued)

361st Regt, 90th Panzer Grenadier Div
Kesselring Machine Gun Battalion
4th High Mountain Battalion
1st Bersaglieri Regt, Italia Division

Results: Attacked and broke German defense line below Massa after five months' stalemate, destroying opposing enemy forces; seized Carrara; attacked and broke German defense line above Carrara; entered Aulla. Pursued enemy forces North along Ligurian Coast, entering Genoa, Alessandria, Turin.

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8. Commanding Officer.
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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HISTORICAL REPORT AS PER AR 345-105 FOR
MONTH OF 1 - 31 MAY 45

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1. Original Unit.

No change.

2. Changes in Organization.

Detached 92d Inf Division, attached IV Corps, per OI #9, Hq 92d Inf Div, 14 May 45.

Detached IV Corps upon arrival at Ghedi Airfield (16 May 45), attached 71st AAA Brigade, per secret letter Hq IV Corps, 16 May 45.

3. Strength*.

	O's	WO's	EM
a. At beginning of period 1 May 45	148	5	3351
b. At end of period 31 May 45	164	5	3573
c. Net gain for period 1-31 May 45	16	-	222

*Figures shown are "Present For Duty" strength.

4. Stations.

- 1-2 May Regiment in combat until cessation of hostilities. CP locations at Busalla and Alessandria.
- 3-15 May Bivouac at Novi Ligure. 2d Bn on outpost duty at Cuneo from 8-16 May (Co F from 6-16 May).
- 16-31 May Regiment on duty at Fifth Army Enemy Concentration Area, Ghedi Airfield, Ghedi.

5. Marches.

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

6. Campaigns.

Name and Duration: Po Valley, 1 - 31 May 45.

Purpose: Destruction of Germany Armies in Italy; processing and guarding of prisoners of war.

Authority: Assigned to Fifth Army; attached 71st AAA Brigade.

7. Battles.

a. Name: Genoa, Alessandria, Turin.

b. Campaign of which battles were a part: Po Valley.

c. Forces engaged: German and Italian Fascist troops of all components.

d. Results: Hostilities ceased on 2 May 45 with the unconditional surrender of German forces in Italy. From 16 May 45 to end of period 31 May 45, the regiment was engaged in processing and guarding approximately 85,000 enemy internees at the Fifth Army Enemy Concentration Area, Ghedi.

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- 8. Commanding Officer.
Colonel V. R. MILLER, 015847, Infantry.

- 9. Losses in Action.
None.

- 10. Present and Former Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.
See Exhibit "A" attached.

- 11. Photographs of Personnel, Important Scenes or Events.
None available.

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