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HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
APO #758, U. S. ARMY

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6 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO: Commanding General, 44th AAA Brigade, APO #758, U. S. Army.

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2. Above history consists of:

Report as per par 13, AR 345-105, with Exhibits A and B (Incl. 1).

Narrative of Events (Incl. 2). *(9985) INR6-442-0.3*

Unit Journal (Incl. 3).

Unit Journal File - Orders, Maps, Overlays, etc. (Incl. 4).

For the Commanding Officer:

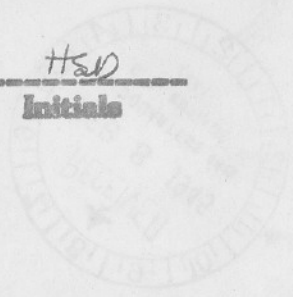
*Harry B. Farr*  
HARRY B. FARR,  
Capt, 442d Inf,  
Adjutant.

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HISTORY OF 442D INFANTRY AS PER AR 345-105, PAR 13  
FOR MONTH OF 1 - 31 JANUARY 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 Jan 45	151	6	2699
b. At end of period 31 Jan 45	161	6	3068
c. Net increase month 1 - 31 Jan 45	10	-	369

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4. Stations.

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5. Marches.

Rescinded by par 12, C3, AR 345-105.

6. Campaign.

Name of: GERMANY. (Sec VI, GO 80, WD, 5 Oct 44)  
Duration: 442d Infantry in line at beginning of period (1 Jan 45) to end of period (31 Jan 45).  
Purpose: Destruction of German Army; occupation of Germany; 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).  
Regiment in combat during entire month.
- b. Campaign of which battles were a part: Germany.
- c. Forces engaged: German and Italian Fascist infantry, artillery.  
Following units identified:  
253d Grenadier Regiment (34th Infantry Division)  
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2d Separate Bersaglieri Bn (Italian)
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Colonel C. W. PENCE, O-10283, Infantry.
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See Exhibit "A" attached.
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442D INFANTRY  
 BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT  
 January 1 - 31, 1945

KILLED IN ACTION:

1. Kaneshiro, Seichi	Pfc	30104005	Co H
2. Keratsu, James S.	Sgt	37345369	Co H (DOW)
3. KURATA, MINORU	2D LT	0-1998656	Co G
4. Kondo, Herbert Y.	Pfc	30103667	Co G
5. Mitani, Kazuo	Pfc	39677200	Co F
6. Tanaka, John Y.	Pfc	37708538	Co G

INJURED IN ACTION:

1. Morimune, Shigetsugi	Pfc	36896854	Co F
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WOUNDED IN ACTION:

1. Sakata, Yukio	Pvt	39159384	Co H
2. Yano, Francis K.	Pfc	30105711	Hq Co 2d Bn
3. Mizuno, Herbert K.	Pvt	30104552	AT Co
4. Hikichi, Yoshio	Pvt	30104591	AT Co
5. Ota, Masanori	Pfc	30105791	AT Co
6. Yamagata, Wallace S.	Pfc	30104076	Hq Co 100th Bn
7. Kukita, Shigeo	Pfc	30104124	Hq Co 100th Bn
8. Kawamoto, Yoshimasa	Pfc	30100028	Co C
9. Nakagawa, Richard M.	Pfc	39924326	Co F
10. Iwamasa, Masao	Pfc	30104397	Co F
11. SLOAN, ARTHUR D.	2D LT	0-1309023	Co G
12. Yoshiwa, Yoshimasa	Pfc	30105346	Co G
13. Kawabata, Taketo	Pfc	30104110	Co G
14. Arashiro, Kenneth K.	Pfc	30104746	Co G
15. Higa, Katsumori	Sgt	30105623	Co G
16. Hamano, Kinzo	Pfc	31166680	Co B
17. Watanabe, Tom T.	Pfc	39924192	Co B
18. BIANCO, FRANCIS R.	2D LT	0-1305529	Co F
19. Nakahara, Susumu	Pfc	30104094	Co F
20. Terasaki, Harry J.	Pvt	39084556	Co C
21. Hiraoka, Yoshio	Pfc	39226626	Co C
22. Okamura, Toshio	Pfc	30106011	Co E
23. Nakata, Kozun	Pvt	30105265	Co E
24. Takemoto, Tsunao	Sgt	30103873	Co E

EXHIBIT "A"

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SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND DECORATIONS - JAN 45

Presidential Unit Citation (Cos F and L)	
Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumous)	1
Distinguished Service Cross	2
Legion of Merit	1
Silver Star (Posthumous)	1
Silver Star	11
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	1
Bronze Star	3
Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	20
Purple Heart	91
Combat Infantryman's Badge	105
Expert Infantryman's Badge	5
Good Conduct Medal	159

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EXHIBIT "B"

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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS  
January 1945  
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BATTLE HONORS - CITATION OF UNIT (CO 13, Hq 7th Army, 21 Jan 45).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, the following named organizations are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action:

Company F, 442d REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

Company L, 442d REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

For outstanding performance of duty in action on 21 October 1944, in the vicinity of Belmont, France. Assigned the mission of assaulting the flank and rear of the resistance which had stopped two frontal attacks by the Combat Team, Companies F and L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, designated the O'Connor Task Force, launched an attack down the north slope of the wooded ridge, Forêt de Belmont. Company L, leading the assault, defeated a security group in a short sharp action, capturing several prisoners. Then, by the prompt use of rifle grenades and mortars, the garrisoned houses just outside the woods were quickly reduced. The capture of these houses was an important factor in the success of the mission, as it gave the Task Force observation of the ground to the enemy's rear. To complete its work, the Task Force now had to interdict enemy movement, drive a wedge through the forces resisting the Combat Team, and effect a junction with the main force. Heavy casualties were inflicted by artillery fire directed by the Task Force's forward observer on the enemy positions. Then, assault groups began to clear the defenders from houses to the north of La Broquaine. The capture of these houses not only divided the enemy forces, but made certain that large numbers of the enemy would be trapped between the Task Force and the advancing Combat Team. By mid-afternoon the Task Force and the Combat Team made contact, and what enemy troops were not surrounded were completely routed, thus bringing to a close a plan brilliantly conceived and expertly executed. By the next day the Combat Team had secured the high ridge which dominates Belmont. This ridge was both a protective arc around the recently won communications center of Bruyeres, and an entering wedge in the drive to the Meurthe River. In destroying the enemy Main Line of Resistance and advancing the Divisional front lines by approximately 2000 meters, the Task Force captured fifty-six prisoners, killed eighty of the enemy, and captured considerable quantities of enemy materiel and equipment. The fearless determination, daring and intrepidity displayed by the officers and enlisted men of the O'Connor Task Force exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. (CO 187, Hq 5th Army, 19 Dec 1944)

TSD T. TANCUYS, 39019913, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action on 7 July 1944, near Molino A Ventosabbte, Italy. Technical Sergeant TANCUYS led his platoon in an attack to capture the crest of a strategically important hill which afforded little cover or concealment. Noticing an enemy machine gun crew placing its gun in position to his left front, Technical Sergeant TANCUYS crept forward a few yards and opened fire on the position, killing or wounding three and causing two others to disperse. Immediately an enemy machine pistol opened fire on him, but he returned the fire and killed or wounded three more Germans. While advancing forward, Technical Sergeant TANCUYS was subjected to grenade bursts, and his left arm was rendered useless by a fragment. Sighting an enemy trench, he raked the

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position with fire from his submachine gun and wounded several of the enemy. Running out of ammunition he crawled twenty yards to obtain several clips from a comrade on his left flank. Next, sighting an enemy machine pistol which had pinned down his men, Technical Sergeant TANOUYE crawled forward a few yards and threw a hand grenade into the position, silencing it. He then located another machine gun firing down the slope of the hill, opened fire and silenced this position. Drawing fire from a machine pistol nest located above him, he opened fire and wounded three of its occupants. Finally taking his objective Technical Sergeant TANOUYE organized a defensive position on the reverse slope of the hill before accepting first aid treatment and evacuation. His fighting determination and intrepidity in battle exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Terrance, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Momoye Tanouye (Mother), McGehee, Arkansas.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (CO No 10, Hq 7th Army, 16 Jan 1945).

GEORGE S. IIDA, 30105400, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 442d Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 4 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. When his platoon was pinned down by fierce bursts of machine gun fire, Sergeant Iida, spotting two of the guns, successfully neutralized one machine gun emplacement with his M-1 rifle and directed the fire of his BAR man in silencing another. Reorganizing his men who had become scattered by the barrage, he advanced forward alone to reconnoiter the area. Encountering an enemy rifleman, he shot him at point blank range. This action caused the enemy to open up with intense machine gun and machine pistol fire. Locating one of these hostile positions, Sergeant Iida crawled to within a few yards of it and throwing two hand grenades, destroyed the machine gun nest. Meanwhile, his platoon leader was seriously wounded and Sergeant Iida was ordered to assume command of the platoon. Observing that the men were still held immobile by the concentrated enemy fire, he again advanced alone, located the hostile positions and heaved four more hand grenades into the emplacements, silencing the enemy weapons. By his fearless determination and outstanding bravery, Sergeant Iida successfully led his platoon in capturing their objective. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (CO No 134, Hq 7th Army, 26 Dec 44)

MASATO NAKAE, 30102831, Private, Infantry, Company A, 100th Bn, 442d Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 19 August 1944, near Pisa, Italy. When his sub-machine gun was damaged by a shell fragment during a fierce attack by a superior enemy force, Private Nakae quickly picked up his wounded comrade's M-1 rifle and fired rifle grenades at the steadily advancing enemy. As the hostile force continued to close in on his position, Private Nakae threw six fragmentation grenades into their midst and forced them to withdraw. During a concentrated mortar barrage which preceded the next assault by the enemy force, Private Nakae was seriously wounded by a mortar shell fragment. Despite his injury, however, he refused to surrender his position and continued firing at the advancing enemy. By inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy force he finally succeeded in breaking up the attack and caused the enemy to withdraw. His extraordinary heroism in the face of a greatly superior force is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT (GO No 157, Hq MYOUSA, 30 December 1944)

ISRAEL A. S. YOST, 0511005, Captain, Chaplain's Corps, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for services in Italy from 15 October 1943 to 8 September 1944. Entered service from Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No 17, Hq 7th Army, 24 Jan 45)

PETER S. MASUOKA, 37344728, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 November 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. When his company was subjected to an intense artillery barrage, Sergeant Masuoka volunteered to lead a squad of litter bearers in the evacuation of several casualties. Exposing himself to terrific artillery fire, he skillfully administered first aid and evacuated the wounded. While working on a wounded comrade, Sergeant Masuoka was killed by enemy shell-fire. Inspired by his courageous action, which was performed at the sacrifice of his life, his litter bearers continued administering first aid to the remaining casualties, successfully treating them and evacuating all the wounded men of the company. Next of kin: Mr Harry U. Masuoka (Father), 6-H-8-A, WRA, Amache, Colorado.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No 17, Hq 7th Army, 24 Jan 45)

HAJIME MIYAMOTO, 30106254, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Observing two of his comrades severely wounded and exposed to enemy fire, Private First Class Miyamoto, on his own initiative, left his covered position and dashed through a hail of enemy fire to the aid of these men. Under fire, he calmly administered first aid. When intense enemy fire was directed against his position, Private First Class Miyamoto, with complete disregard for his own safety, threw himself over one of the wounded men, shielding him with his own body. Realizing that the wounded man was in need of immediate blood transfusions, Private First Class Miyamoto, displaying outstanding bravery, carried him through intense crossfire to the aid station. Entered military service from Kawaiui, Pepeekeo, Territory of Hawaii.

AKIRA NAKAGAWA, 30101215, Private First Class, Infantry, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. While at his machine gun post, Private First Class Nakagawa observed an enemy officer running for cover some distance away. Although fully aware that he was under the observation of several hostile riflemen a short distance away, he jumped out of his machine gun dugout and pursued the officer. Hurdling a barbed wire fence, he continued his pursuit of the officer, who was now desperately dashing toward an enemy-held concrete wall, and, with a flying tackle, subdued him. Covering his captive with his pistol, he brought him back to friendly lines in full view of the enemy. By Private First Class Nakagawa's daring and aggressive actions, his unit was able to obtain vital information from the enemy officer regarding enemy dispositions. Entered military service from Honokaa, Territory of Hawaii.

FRED H. YAMASHIGE, 30106044, Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 100th Bn, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. When the rifle company which his machine gun was supporting entered the town of Biffontaine, France, Sergeant Yamashige fearlessly led his men through intense 20 millimeter gun fire to a building in the town for the purpose of protecting his company's right flank and rear. After supervising the installation

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of the machine gun, Sergeant Yamashige, with complete disregard for his own safety, picked up a rifle from a fallen enemy soldier and pursued the fleeing Germans. Despite intense small arms fire, he shot one enemy soldier and wounded two others. Sergeant Yamashige's courage, initiative and leadership were instrumental in effecting the successful occupation of the town. Entered military service from Pulehu, Keahu, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO 3, Hq Sixth Army Group, 18 January 1945)

TAKASHI KUSUNOKI, 30104561, Private First Class, Inf, Company A, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 29 October 1944. In an attempt to establish contact with an entrapped battalion of the 141st Infantry Regiment, Company A was suddenly pinned down by direct fire from an enemy tank and several of the men seriously wounded. Private First Class Kusunoki, noticing the helpless condition of his wounded comrades, fearlessly left his covered position and rushed to their aid. Though the enemy continued with his deadly tank fire, Private First Class Kusunoki courageously administered first aid to the wounded and, with the help of a fellow soldier carried them to a place of comparative safety. By his courageous action Private First Class Kusunoki was an inspiration to every member of his unit and reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the services from Waipahu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

ALVIN PLANAS, 30105762, Private, Inf, Company A, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 29 October 1944. In an attempt to establish contact with an entrapped battalion of the 141st Infantry Regiment, Company A was suddenly pinned down by direct fire from an enemy tank and several of the men seriously wounded. Private Planas, noticing the helpless condition of his wounded comrades, fearlessly left his covered position and rushed to their aid. Though the enemy continued with his deadly tank fire, Private Planas courageously administered first aid to the wounded and, with the help of a fellow soldier carried them to a place of comparative safety. By his courageous action Private Planas was an inspiration to every member of his unit and reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No 187, Hq Fifth Army, 19 Dec 44)

GEORGE IWAMOTO (19060327), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 7 July 1944, near Molino A Ventcabbe, Italy, and on 16 and 17 July 1944, in Luciana, Italy. Technical Sergeant IWAMOTO (then Staff Sergeant) led his weapons platoon in support of an attack to capture the crest of a strategically important hill which afforded little cover or concealment. Sighting a squad of the enemy attempting a flanking movement to his left, he opened fire with his submachine gun, killing four and causing the others to disperse. Next, locating a machine pistol nest, he silenced this position with a burst from his submachine gun, killing at least three of the enemy. With a final rush, a rifle platoon cleared the crest of the hill. As the enemy retreated down the forward slope, Technical Sergeant IWAMOTO opened fire, killed three and wounded six of the fleeing enemy. Again at Luciana, Italy, Technical Sergeant IWAMOTO led his platoon in support of an attacking company. Leading one section of his machine guns into a house which was under intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he emplaced one machine gun on the roof. Observing an enemy machine gun nest to the left front, he directed the squad's fire and silenced the position. Immediately a machine pistol located in a house to the right front opened fire. Technical Sergeant IWAMOTO directed the fire of his machine gun and silenced this

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position. Observing an enemy patrol attempting a flanking movement, Technical Sergeant IWAMOTO directed machine gun fire at the patrol, killing two, wounding or dispersing the remainder to dispose of the threat. Technical Sergeant IWAMOTO'S brilliant leadership and heroic actions under fire reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Toppenish, Washington.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No 137, Hq 7th Army, 27 Dec 44)

JOSH ITO, 39003716, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 442d Infantry. For gallantry in action on 17 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. During a fierce enemy attack, the first platoon of Company G was subjected to intense sniper, machine gun and artillery fire which seriously wounded five soldiers. Private First Class Ito, an aid man attached to the first platoon, exposing himself to the terrific hostile fire, left his covered position in a draw and ran one hundred and fifty yards across open terrain to the aid of the injured men. While administering first aid to one of the soldiers, Private First Class Ito was severely wounded in the back. Despite his painful wounds, he remained with the injured men for over five hours, constantly exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire. The complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Ito reflects great credit upon himself and contributed materially toward saving his comrades' lives. Entered military service from San Mateo, California.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No 138, Hq 7th Army, 27 Dec 44)

SABURO HIGA, 30104534, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Co, 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 3 November 1944, near Biffontaine, France. While engaged in an attack, Company F was pinned down by concentrated mortar and artillery fire which inflicted numerous casualties. Private Higa, volunteering to act as litter bearer and aid man, unhesitatingly left his covered position to render first aid to the wounded soldiers. Despite artillery fire, which fell dangerously close to him, he moved fearlessly toward one of the seriously wounded men. Quickly administering first aid, Private Higa then carried him to shelter. He again returned to the area and, while dashing to the assistance of another comrade, he was seriously wounded. Disregarding his painful injury, Private Higa continued to render first aid and to evacuate the wounded until he collapsed as a result of fatigue and pain. His courageous actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Hwa, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MINORU KUNIEDA, 30101708, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 100th Bn, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 August 1944, near Riglione di Pisa, Italy. When an enemy reconnaissance patrol infiltrated to within four yards of a machine gun position manned by Private First Class Kunieda and another soldier, their machine gun failed to function. Private First Class Kunieda, with complete disregard for his own safety and armed only with a 45 caliber pistol, forced the enemy patrol to withdraw. His courage and determination were instrumental in successfully defending an important position in his unit's sector against a superior enemy force. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

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