

KILLED IN ACTION
Month of November 1944

1. Oshiro, Sam Y.	30105401	Pfc	Co I	
2. Sato, Shin	39305162	Pvt	Co E	
3. Abe, Chester K.	39077504	Pvt	Co M	
4. Endo, Robert T.	39913872	Pfc	Co K	
5. Okura, Susumu	38598408	Pvt	Co I	
6. Yoshigai, Mitsuichi	30105958	Pfc	Co H	
7. Kitase, Paul T.	39229695	Sgt	Co F	
8. Kondow, Howard N.	36216106	Tec 5	Co F	
9. Izumizaki, Henry S.	39914823	Pfc	Co F	
10. Masuoka, Peter S.	37344728	S Sgt	Hq Co 2nd Bn	
11. Kubokawa, James K.	30101142	Pfc	Hq Co 100th Bn	
12. Minami, Yoshio	30100449	T Sgt	Hq Co 100th Bn	
13. Tabuchi, Shigeo	39160767	Pfc	Co I	
14. Tanimoto, Larry T.	30105535	Sgt	Co I	
15. Narimatsu, John T.	39152020	Cpl	Co L	DOW
16. Fujino, Yoshimi	30103049	Sgt	Anti-Tank Co	
17. Fujioka, Teruo	37357768	Pfc	Anti-Tank Co	
18. Taketa, Shigeto	30104062	Pvt	Co I	
19. Masaoka, Kay K.	39084879	Pfc	Co F	
20. Kawahara, Richard H.	30104207	Pfc	Co L	DOW
21. Yasuda, Fred S.	38506085	Pfc	Co K	
22. Yamasaki, Harry S.	30105207	Pfc	Co I	
23. Hayama, Makoto	30104722	Pfc	Co F	
24. Iseri, Mitsuo M.	19075143	Pfc	Co D	DOW
25. Miyaoka, George S.	39081264	Pfc	Co L	
26. Gushiken, George	39167886	Pfc	Co L	
27. Okazaki, Takaaki	39379100	T Sgt	Co L	
28. Moseley, David L.	0315247	1st Lt	Co I	
29. Tahara, Cooper T.	39083496	Pfc	Co I	
30. Okida, Katsu	39921521	Pvt	Co F	
31. Masuda, Edo	38598407	Pvt	Co F	
32. Tsumaki, Kenichi	39683559	Pfc	Co K	
33. Kanazawa, John S.	39229697	Sgt	Co K	
34. Kawano, Cike C.	37085233	Pfc	Co E	
35. Mizokami, Timothy I.	39014015	Sgt	Co M	
36. Yasuhira, Arata	30106164	Pfc	Co M	
37. Tamanaha, Kunio	30105143	Pfc	Med Det	
38. Kaneichi, Takeo	39084564	Pfc	Co E	DOW
39. Rogers, Ben W. Jr	0528267	2nd Lt	Anti-Tank Co	
40. Sato, Saburo	30105224	Pfc	Co B	DOW
41. Nishimoto, Joe M.	35229917	Pfc	Co G	
42. Otsubo, Akira R.	39082151	T Sgt	Co L	
43. Sugawara, Senji	30105937	S Sgt	Co K	
44. Miura, Larry N.	30105576	Tec 5	Co K	DOW

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1. Nagata, Taichi	39088917	Cpl	Co E
2. Ikeda, Masao	39913358	Pfc	Co L
3. Hashimoto, John T.	39155055	Sgt	Co L

INJURED IN ACTION

Month of November 1944

1. Mori, Yasuo	39083996	Cpl	Co F
2. Yamachika, Kiyoshi	39166349	Pvt	Co F
3. Omori, Shigeru	39012295	Tec 4	Co E
4. Hashimoto, Zenjiro	30104169	Pfc	Co L
5. Nakano, Stanley S.	30104044	Sgt	Co G
6. Hiranaka, Mamoru	30106185	Pvt	Co G
7. Mametsuka, Yoshiomi J.	37345800	Pvt	Co G
8. Mitsui, Kiyotoshi	30105836	Pfc	Anti-Tank Co

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1. Yoshinaga, Hisao	30103085	S Sgt	Hq Co 3rd Bn
2. Tadakuma, Hiroshi	37345368	Tec 4	Hq Co 3rd Bn
3. Hasuike, Takashi	30105075	Pfc	Hq Co 3rd Bn
4. Kiyomoto, Ayato	30105978	S Sgt	Co E
5. Tominaga, Bob Y.	39019255	Sgt	Co E
6. Yokobe, Bill H.	39918168	Pvt	Co E
7. Tsukamoto, John K.	30105281	Pvt	Hq Co 100th Bn
8. Fujimoto, Joe S.	30104231	Pfc	Co K
9. Kanechika, Kingo	30106079	Pfc	Co M
10. Yamaguchi, Jimmie F.	39375156	Pfc	Co M
11. Handa, George	39076654	Cpl	Co I
12. Arakaki, Minoru	35895976	Pvt	Hq & Hq
13. Tachibana, Haruo	30104144	Cpl	Co M
14. Demura, Masaji	30106052	Pfc	Co M
15. Uyemura, Benjamin T.	39168874	Pfc	Co M
16. Yuruki, Fujio R.	30104418	S Sgt	Co M
17. Akamine, Takemori	30104046	Pfc	Co M
18. Uyehara, Howard Y.	39918275	Pfc	Co M
19. Nakamoto, Yasuo	39916622	Pfc	Co M
20. Horiuchi, Sadamichi H.	30104664	Pvt	Co M
21. Ide, Michael M.	30105139	S Sgt	Co M
22. Arakaki, Joe M.	39161925	Pfc	Co M
23. Sone, Shigeru	30106024	Pfc	Co M
24. Sumida, Minoru	39163277	S Sgt	Co L
25. Matsuda, Takashi	30105287	Pfc	Co L
26. Aoki, Yoshiji	30104268	Pfc	Co L
27. Saito, Susumu	30104460	Pfc	Co L
28. Koizumi, Shoichi	01695610	2nd Lt	Co L
29. Oshiro, Seichi	30106016	Sgt	Co L
30. Takiguchi, Bob N.	39916518	Pfc	Co L
31. Takeoka, Joe K.	39379330	Cpl	Co L
32. Okubo, Yoshio	30104758	Pfc	Co L
33. Matsumoto, Clarence M.	30106102	Pfc	Co L
34. Rainwater, Lester F.	01307572	1st Lt	Co K
35. Hikida, Toyo	38070604	Pvt	Co K
36. Yasuda, Wasuki	30105151	Pfc	Co K
37. Oura, James S.	30105377	Sgt	Co K
38. Yatabe Robert	39001227	Tec 4	Co K
39. Kashiwagi, Ichigi R.	37345855	Pfc	Co K
40. Okada, Harry H.	30106127	Pfc	Co K
41. Nakauchi, Hideo	30104035	Pfc	Co K
42. Furuyama, William M.	39088113	Pvt	Co K
43. Oda, Richard M.	30105477	Pvt	Co K
44. Kajiwara, Tokuo	30105609	S Sgt	Co K
45. Terashima, Futao	30104359	Pfc	Co I

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46.	Yabiku, Edward S.	39016798	Pfc	Hq Co 3rd Bn
47.	Nojima, Isamu	30106121	Sgt	Co H
48.	Murakami, Susumu	30102533	Pvt	Co H
49.	Sato, Mitchell H.	17024287	Pfc	Co H
50.	Afuso, Zenyei R.	30105870	Pfc	Co H
51.	Okazaki, Charles I.	30105457	Sgt	Co H
52.	Hamada, Yoneo	39917267	Pfc	Co H
53.	Yoshioka, George S.	39002976	Pfc	Co F
54.	Tanouye, Jim T.	39084723	Tec 4	Co F
55.	Komatsu, Tetsuo	30106095	Pfc	Co F
56.	Tsukayama, Toshi	30104038	Pfc	Co F
57.	Muramoto, Shigeo	30106188	Pfc	Co F
58.	Iriguchi, Mitsuyoshi J.	30106344	Pvt	Co F
59.	Mochizuki, Haruo E.	39088252	Pfc	Co F
60.	Masuda, Takashi	39166375	Pfc	Co F
61.	Toma, Takeyuki	39005471	Tec 5	Co F
62.	Yamaguchi, Yoshinobu G.	30105951	Pfc	Co F
63.	Murakami, Takashi	19043541	Pfc	Co F
64.	Morita, Yoshio J.	39150248	Cpl	Co F
65.	Shimizu, Fumio S.	30105662	Cpl	Co F
66.	Brown, Harold M.	01306698	2nd Lt	Co F
67.	Yoshida, Jun	34789414	Pfc	Co E
68.	Shibata, Edward L.	38584397	Pvt	Co E
69.	Yamamoto, Harumi	30402952	Pfc	Co E
70.	Higa, Saburo	30104534	Pvt	Hq Co 2nd Bn
71.	Yanagihara, Robert M.	30105819	Cpl	Anti-Tank Co
72.	Matsushima, Yoshinobu	30102663	Pfc	Co M
73.	Bano, Ray	39151034	Cpl	Co K
74.	Seki, Noboru	30104389	Pfc	Co I
75.	Oki, Robert M.	30105491	Pfc	Co I
76.	Segawa, Kenji G.	30106381	Pfc	Co I
77.	Mukai, James S.	39914782	Pvt	Co I
78.	Takizawa, George	39389445	Pfc	Co I
79.	Nakaishi, Toe T.	39675190	S Sgt	Co I
80.	Okumura, Ken	39082686	Sgt	Co I
81.	Sugimoto, Satoru T.	39075346	Pfc	Co I
82.	Saito, Tadao	39076337	Sgt	Co I
83.	Furugen, Masao	30106346	Pfc	Co I
84.	Matsumoto, Nausiro	38584188	Pvt	Co E
85.	Komachi, Roy K.	39913871	Pfc	Co M
86.	Onodera, Kaun	39914198	Pfc	Co M
87.	Masuda, Kazuo	30106100	Pfc	Co M
88.	Sagami, Yahachi	39913891	Pfc	Co M
89.	Hamada, Harry H.	39680672	Sgt	Co K
90.	Tatara, Hughes T.	37345818	Pfc	Co K
91.	Maruyama, Kazuo	30106371	Sgt	Co K
92.	Rosen, Bernard	01326137	2nd Lt	Co K
93.	Matsuoka, Fumukichi	30104111	Pfc	Hq Co 3rd Bn
94.	Kanehira, Sueo	30105792	Pvt	Co H
95.	Ryan, Joseph C.	0539824	1st Lt	Co H

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96. Osumi, Paul K.	30105758	Pfc	Co F
97. Mita, Roy G.	19064963	Cpl	Co F
98. Kohashi, Wataru	30103898	Pfc	Co F
99. Oshiro, Yasuhiko	30105292	Tec 5	Hq Co 3rd Bn
100. Lee, Ernest W.	01306606	1st Lt	Hq Co 3rd Bn
101. Arakawa, Jack C.	30105539	Pvt	Co H
102. Oganeku, Hidenori	30105190	Pvt	Co H
103. Ayabe, Tadashi	30103608	Pfc	Anti-Tank Co
104. Okamoto, Akira	30105674	Pfc	Cannon Co
105. Kageta, Sanai	39082033	Pvt	Med Det
106. Kashiwabara, Kay K.	39083268	S Sgt	Co M
107. Sober, Colonel V.	01057252	2nd Lt	Co L
108. Fujikawa, George M.	39168701	Pvt	Co K
109. Okagawa, Tsuru T.	38083264	Tec 3	Co I
110. Gerkovich Roy	01320993	2nd Lt	Co I
111. Nogawa, Raymond K.	30105526	Pfc	Co G
112. Akita, Frank K.	39682074	Cpl	Co G
113. Fukui, Lewis L.	39682956	Pfc	Co G
114. Ishida, Haruo	39380759	Tec 4	Co G
115. Nakano, Masayoshi	30103900	Pfc	Co C
116. Yamamoto, Shiroshi	39083327	Pfc	Co E
117. Kurihara, Dan N.	39151547	Tec 5	Co L
118. Sumida, Philip M.	30104649	Pvt	Co L
119. Joichi, Paul T.	36768123	Pfc	Co L
120. Hashino, Keiji	30105365	Pfc	Co L
121. Fujino, Frank T.	39160647	Pvt	Co K
122. Tsuhara, Jim	39016083	Pfc	Co K
123. Sasaoka, Seiji	30104134	Sgt	Co K
124. Naganuma, Kenneth	30105918	Pfc	Co K
125. Kubota, Sadaichi	30106306	T Sgt	Co I
126. Matsuura, David S.	30104596	Pfc	Co I
127. Miyakado, Yukio	30103664	Pfc	Co I
128. Tando, Isamu	30104993	Pfc	Co I
129. Taketa, Roy H.	39385566	Pfc	Co I
130. Hara, Sam S.	39228926	Sgt	Co G
131. Matsumura, Henry T.	39913348	Pfc	Co G
132. Watamura, Masato W.	39083031	Tec 4	Co G
133. Jones, George	32907253	Pfc	Co G
135. Sloan, Arthur D.	01309023	2nd Lt	Co G
136. Yabumoto, Shigeru	39079672	Pfc	Co G
137. Nishikawa, Masato	39157567	Pfc	Co G
138. Sekino, Norihiko	39168889	T Sgt	Co G
139. Morita, David K.	30106170	Pfc	Co M
140. Tabata, Isawo	37356137	S Sgt	Co M
141. Beppu, Tadao	30104856	T Sgt	Co M
142. Hayashida, Harold T.	30104137	Pfc	Co M
143. Kimura, Michio C.	39383675	Pfc	Co M
144. Higa, William Y.	30104787	Pfc	Co L
145. Sumida, Teizo	30104009	Pfc	Co L

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146.	Tanaka, Roy	39912769	Pvt	Co L
147.	Yamabe, Toshio	39164036	Pfc	Co L
148.	Chikami, Frank M.	39923339	Pvt	Co L
149.	Ohashi, Fumio	30104346	Sgt	Co L
150.	Nakamura, Harry M.	30105589	Pfc	Co L
151.	Higa, Hideo	30104266	Pvt	Co L
152.	Conner, Jesse H.	0435913	1st Lt	Co F
153.	Sadamune, Alfred S.	39013534	Sgt	Co F
154.	Agina, Masa	30106197	Pfc	Co F
155.	Nagata, Kazuo J.	39018635	Pfc	Co F
156.	Hamaguchi, Akira	30105766	S Sgt	Co F
157.	Suzuki, Gene S.	39679903	Cpl	Co F
158.	Tanino, Ryomi	39919734	Pfc	Co F
159.	Okamoto, Kiyoshi C.	39019297	Pvt	Co F
160.	Murakami, Tsuguo	39385571	Pfc	Co F
161.	Dritani, Roy I.	37704385	Pfc	Co F
162.	Okanishi, Hideo	39925197	Pvt	Co F
163.	Matsumoto, George N.	39003470	Cpl	Co F
164.	Oura, George	38506079	Pvt	Co F
165.	Shoji, Mack S.	39914537	Pfc	Co E
166.	Glover, Alfred L.	01320939	2nd Lt	Co E
167.	Sako, Sam E.	39024495	Pvt	Co E
168.	Tokumura, Goro	30104420	Pfc	Co E
169.	Sakato, George T.	39923340	Pvt	Co E
170.	Kanatani, George S.	39018451	Tec 5	Co E
171.	Yamane, Yukito	30105137	Pfc	Co E
172.	Morita, Kiyoshi	30106194	Sgt	Co E
173.	Fujii, Ralph Y.	30106410	Pvt	Co E
174.	Sakai, Lawson I.	37347230	Pfc	Co E
175.	Kanzaki, Tomoyuki	39003032	Tec 5	Co E
176.	Miura, Tommy T.	39917460	Pfc	Co E
177.	Ihara, Teruo	01695695	2nd Lt	Co E
178.	Yura, James N.	39918370	Pfc	Co E
179.	Yoshimura, Richard Y.	30105079	Sgt	Co E
180.	Mimura, Shigeyuki J.	30106105	S Sgt	Co E
181.	Suyematsu, King	20949162	Sgt	Co E
182.	Shiozaki, Masaru	39306124	Pvt	Co E
183.	Maenaka, Frank K.	39680663	Pfc	Co E
184.	Furuike, Tadashi	30104729	Sgt	Co E
185.	Shimamoto, Kuniu J.	36892842	Pvt	Co E
186.	Matsuo, Kiyotaka	30104152	Pfc	Anti-Tank Co
187.	Piampiano, Carl P.	0415574	Capt	Co K
188.	Kawano, Tami	39082118	Cpl	Co K
189.	Mitchell, Edward S. Jr	0337671	1st Lt	Co K
190.	Matsuda, Frank T.	39919486	Pfc	Co K
191.	Shimabukuro, Kenny M.	30105192	Pfc	Co K
192.	Ochitani, Bunjerie B.	39916573	Pfc	Co K
193.	Ujiiye, Joe H.	39675113	Pfc	Co K
194.	Yanagida, James M.	30104255	Pfc	Co K
195.	Miyamoto, James H.	30104698	Sgt	Co K

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196. Matsumoto, Suikichi	39015872	S Sgt	Co K
197. Makita, Ernest	37344786	Pfc	Co I
198. Ishikawa, Jin	39083586	S Sgt	Co G
199. Endow, Kazuo	39924790	Pvt	Co G
200. Tanaka, Nobuichi	39916443	Pvt	Med Det
201. Dobashi, Frank H.	39090228	Tec 4	Co F
202. Nakamoto, Katsuji	30104343	Pvt	Co F
203. Handa, Kenneth M.	30104735	Pfc	Co G
204. Ikemoto, Mitsuo	30106211	Pfc	Co G
205. Chinen, Takeshi	30104054	Sgt	Co I
206. Noguchi, George	39087914	Sgt	Co I
207. Ohama, Albert Y.	30106180	Pfc	Co L
208. Kaisaka, Arthur A.	39918221	Pfc	Co L
209. Nagasako, Goro	30105288	Pfc	Co L
210. Morrison, Charles W.	01307565	1st Lt	Co L
211. Kawagoye, Dave T.	39167062	T Sgt	Anti-Tank
212. Aizawa, Masao	30106048	Tec 4	Anti-Tank
213. Hayashikawa, Masao	30102943	Tec 5	Anti-Tank
214. Sato, Harold Y.	30106021	Pvt	Hq Co 2nd Bn
215. Shimomura, Charles T.	39384675	S Sgt	Co G
216. Miyake, Satoru G.	37346650	Pfc	Co K
217. Goto, Takaji J.	36674625	Pfc	Co K

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1. Suzawa, Jiro	Pfc	30105938	Co L
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1. OLIVER, HARRY E.	2ND LT	01320167	Co I
2. Funai, George T.	Pfc	39377167	Co I

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1. Matsura, Setsuo J.	Pfc	19060184	Co M
2. Yamaki, Joe T.	T Sgt	39680890	Co H
3. Tanaka, Mitsugi L.	Pvt	37363813	Co L
4. OSHIRO, WILLIAM G.	2ND LT	01998050	Co L
5. Tanaka, Yoshikatsu	Pfc	30105945	Co H
6. Karatsu, James S.	Sgt	37345369	Co H
7. Fujikawa, Genji	Tec 5	30102078	Co A
8. Arii, William E.	Sgt	39000870	Co B
9. Tachihara, Ben T.	Pfc	39865455	Co H
10. PERLSWEIG, BERNARD L.	2ND LT	01311537	Hq Co 3rd Bn
11. Nakashima, Richard Y.	Pvt	30105382	Hq Co 3rd Bn
12. Kawamoto, Mitsuo	Pvt	36467845	Co F
13. Ishida, Masaru	Pvt	39929832	Co B
14. Oshita, Mitsuye	Pvt	37709418	Co B
15. Fujimoto, Haru	Cpl	39230855	Co E
16. Zaima, George I.	Pfc	38507064	Co H
17. Tsukahara, Theodore	Pfc	39918413	AT Co

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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

December 1944

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (GO No. 13, Hq Sixth Army Group, 13 Dec 44)

MASANAO OTAKE, O-1703069, Second Lieutenant, Company "C", 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 17 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. In the 100th's attack on Hill 578, it became necessary to send some riflemen to an isolated farmhouse, situated on flat open ground, to secure the battalion's left flank. Lieutenant Otake, who was assigned the task of leading a squad of eight men to capture the enemy occupied farmhouse, dashed out toward the building, running through a hundred yards of open field raked by machine gun and small arms fire. Inspired by his example, his men immediately followed, and after a brief fire-fight succeeded in capturing the farmhouse. Observing that Lieutenant Otake and his men were in a vulnerable position, an enemy platoon launched a determined counter-attack against the farmhouse. Though greatly outnumbered, Lieutenant Otake urged his men to hold their hard earned position, and while gallantly resisting the enemy assault he was mortally wounded by several machine pistol bullets and died a short while later. By complete disregard for his personal safety, gallant leadership and determination of purpose, Lieutenant Otake exemplified the finest traditions of the United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs Kikuno Otake (Mother), Lahaina, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 150, Hq 34th Inf Div, 7 Dec 44)

HIROSHI KANAZAWA (39916447), Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 July 1944, in the vicinity of Castellina, Italy. When eight men of the Company were wounded during an engagement with the enemy, Pfc Kanazawa efficiently administered first aid and evacuated all eight of them. Three times, on his own initiative, he crawled forward under enemy mortar, automatic and small arms fire to render first aid to his wounded comrades 50 yards in front of friendly lines. During the afternoon, Pfc Kanazawa gave first aid to every wounded man in the Company. Pfc Kanazawa's fearlessness, determination and devotion to duty was an inspiration to his fellow comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Minidoka, Hunt, Idaho.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 13, Hq 6th Army Group, 13 Dec 44)

KOICHI K. SEKIMURA, 30103033, Private First Class, Company "C", 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in the town of Biffontaine, France. When his platoon, engaged in fierce house-to-house fighting, was denied advancement by the enemy in a building well defended with automatic weapons and rifles, Private Sekimura voluntarily advanced on the enemy-occupied building. Although under heavy machine pistol fire, Private Sekimura, utilizing the corner of a building for cover, succeeded in throwing two fragmentation grenades into the enemy-occupied position, wounding three, causing the abandonment of the structure by the enemy, and thereby contributed immeasurably to the subsequent occupation of the town. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 121, Hq 7th Army, 6 Dec 44)

THOMAS T. MEKATA, 30102090, Corporal, Infantry, Company D, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20-21 August 1944, near Riglione di Pisa, Italy. When an enemy patrol approached his machine gun position, Corporal Mekata after instructing his assistant to man the weapon, left his place of safety at the machine gun emplacement and crawled toward the enemy patrol in order to determine its exact location and direct effective fire against it. While returning

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to his gun position he was seriously wounded by a rifle grenade fired by a member of the enemy patrol. Despite his wound, and at the risk of drawing additional enemy fire, Corporal Mekata called out the position of the enemy patrol to his assistant gunner. By this means, his assistant was able to effectively direct fire against the enemy patrol, causing it to withdraw. His undaunted determination and utter disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs Dolores H. Mekata (Wife), 817 Cloud Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 121, Hq 7th Army, 6 Dec 44).

PAUL E. CORBIN, 01289550, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. When it was discovered that the major portion of his battalion was surrounded by the enemy one and one-half miles from friendly front lines and in serious need of rations, ammunition and water, Lieutenant Corbin assisted in organizing and leading a supply train through enemy held territory to the encircled battalion. Although Lieutenant Corbin and his train twice encountered enemy patrols which ventured to come within ten yards of them and were fired upon several times from emplaced enemy positions, by superior leadership and the audacity of his actions, he was able to successfully reach the besieged battalion with the supply train intact. His gallant leadership and fearless determination were largely responsible for enabling the battalion to hold its ground, and subsequently achieve a significant local advance. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 126, Hq 7th Army, 18 Dec 44)

CLARENCE M. KOMIYAMA, 30105752, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 17 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. During an intense artillery barrage, Private First Class Komiyama and several of his comrades were wounded. Although suffering from a painful shrapnel wound, he crawled to the other wounded men and rendered them first aid. When the shelling lifted and aid arrived from the company, he refused to be treated before he had cared for the five wounded men. Only after having supervised the evacuation of all the casualties did he consent to receive treatment for his wounds. Private First Class Komiyama's disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AKIRA KONDO, 30106277, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Kondo and his mortar squad were pinned down in an open field. During the course of the barrage, one man was seriously injured. Sergeant Kondo, realizing that his men were dangerously exposed, ordered them to take cover. While going to the rescue of his wounded comrade, Sergeant Kondo was wounded. Despite his injury he calmly administered first aid to the stricken soldier, then amid the terrific artillery barrage, he carried him to safety. Sergeant Kondo's daring rescue of a wounded comrade in the face of intense enemy artillery fire exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

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ARTHUR TASAKA, 32972823, Private, Infantry, Company "G", 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. During an attack against a strongly defended enemy held position, two squads of his platoon were pinned down on an exposed embankment by fierce bursts of enemy fire. When one of his comrades was wounded, Private Tasaka, with complete disregard for his own safety, braved withering rifle fire to aid his injured companion. With exceptional coolness, he administered first aid to the seriously wounded man. Private Tasaka's courageous action was in a large measure responsible for saving the life of his comrade. Entered military service from New York City, N. Y.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 117, Hq 7th Army, 30 Nov 44)

EDWARD OGAWA, 39913809, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 18 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. The platoon of which Private First Class Ogawa was a member was assigned the task of occupying an isolated farmhouse in order to secure the battalion's right flank while it advanced against an enemy held hill. This farmhouse was situated on open flat terrain covered by enemy fire. As his platoon dashed across the open field to the farmhouse, a hundred yards away, Private First Class Ogawa ran along the right flank of the group and screened their movement by firing his BAR at four enemy held machine gun positions which he had previously spotted. By thus pinning down the enemy machine gunners, he enabled his platoon to reach their objective with only one casualty. After reaching the farmhouse he placed himself at a strategic but exposed position and resumed fire on the enemy positions. It was while he was so engaged that he was mortally wounded by a sniper. By his heroic conduct Private First Class Ogawa contributed materially to the success of his battalion's mission. Next of kin: Thomas Ogawa (Father), c/o Temple Noodle House, Salt Lake City, Utah.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 117, Hq 7th Army, 30 Nov 44)

GEORGE H. GRANDSTAFF, 01307223, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 22-23 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. When it was discovered that the major portion of his battalion was surrounded by the enemy one and one-half miles from friendly front lines and in serious need of rations, ammunition and water, Captain Grandstaff personally organized and led a supply train through enemy held territory to the encircled battalion. Although Captain Grandstaff and his train twice encountered enemy patrols which ventured to come within ten yards of them and were fired upon several times from emplaced enemy positions, by superior leadership and the audacity of his actions, he was able to successfully reach the besieged battalion with the supply train intact. His gallant leadership and fearless determination were largely responsible for enabling the battalion to hold its ground, and subsequently achieve a significant local advance. Entered military service from Azusa, California.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 15, Hq Sixth Army Group, 30 Dec 44)

EDWIN R. SHOREY, O-349210, Captain, Inf, Cannon Co, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Sassetta, Italy, on 26 June 1944. In an attempt to recover a jeep, rendered inoperative in an exposed position by 88mm fire, Captain Shorey, with his motor sergeant and driver, came under such heavy enemy fire that it was necessary to seek cover behind a small shed-like construction.

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While in this position the motor sergeant was wounded. Captain Shorey unhesitatingly threw his body across that of the injured man, protecting him from the burst. Despite the uninterrupted shelling of the area, Captain Shorey continued to administer first aid to the sergeant, and during a lull in the enemy's shelling evacuated him to the aid station. Entered the service from Madison, Wisconsin.

GEORGE K. SATO, 39913340, Staff Sergeant, Company "H", 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action in France. On 15 November 1944, a reconnaissance patrol of twelve men from the Third Battalion found itself pinned down in a clearing by two enemy machine guns, mortars and small arms fire. Sergeant Sato, heavy machine gun section leader, observing from his OP the predicament of the patrol which had already suffered six casualties, and was in danger of complete extermination, unhesitatingly moved one of his machine guns to the edge of the woods, sacrificing security for effectiveness of fire. Ordering his men to take cover, he turned his weapon upon one of the enemy machine guns and killed its entire crew of three. Disregarding the hail of bullets which he attracted from other enemy positions as a result of his action, Sergeant Sato gallantly stood his ground, neutralized two other enemy positions, and by accurate protective fire enabled the patrol to withdraw to the safety of the woods. Entered the service from Hunt, Idaho.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FOR HEROISM AT</u>	<u>PER</u>
Robert M. Akita	Tec 4	Hq Co 2d Bn	Bruyeres, France	GO 13, Hq 6th Army Gp, 13 Dec 44.
Harry H. Kamikawa (Missing In Action)	Sgt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
George W. Suyama (Missing In Action)	Sgt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
William S. Yamaka (Missing In Action)	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Tokio Miyahara	Tec 4	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Shiro R. Yamaguchi	Cpl	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Shuji Akiyama	Tec 5	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Tokuo Azeka	Tec 5	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Henry Y. Nakasone	Pfc	Med Det	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
George Akiyama	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Mitsuo Furumoto	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Kiyoshi Kami	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Terry T. Kohaya	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Takashi Kusunoki	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Masato W. Kutaka	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (CONTD).

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Matsumi Masaki	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Masaru Abe	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Walter M. Matsumoto	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Tadashi Hiyoto	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Edwin I. Nakashima	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Paul H. Yokoi	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44

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1 Dec The month began with the 442d Infantry holding defensive positions along the French-Italian Border in the Maritime Alps.

The 100th Battalion was on the right, defending the ground from Menton on the Mediterranean coast to the area South of Sospel. Battalion headquarters was situated in Menton.

The 3d Battalion was in position North and East of Sospel, the companies being dug in on adjacent peaks. Co I was on the high ground at Le Beglet, Cime du Ters and Cime Linieras. Co L was atop Mt Grazian and Col le Perus. K Co was in position on Mt Agaisen and Mt Grosso, and G Co, temporarily attached to the 3d Battalion, was on the battalion right flank, at Castillon, where it maintained contact with the 100th Bn. The 3d Bn CP was in Sospel.

The 2d Battalion left its position in regimental reserve at L'Escarene at 0515 and moved by motor convoy to Peira Cava, a distance of 12 miles. From there the battalion entered the line on the left of the 3d Battalion, relieving elements of the 68th Airborne Infantry Battalion. The relief was completed at 1400. The sector occupied by the battalion extended from Moulinet to La Bollene Vesubie, with the battalion CP established at Peira Cava.

Antitank Co 1st platoon was attached to the 100th Bn near Menton. 2d platoon attached to the 2d Bn near Baraquements as rifle troops; 3d platoon attached to the 3d Bn near Sospel.

The 522d Field Artillery Battalion (442d RCT) and the 421st Field Artillery Group provided artillery support. The CP of the Combat Team was located in the Hotel D'Angleterre et de la Grande Bretagne, Nice.

With the three battalions in the line, the regiment covered a front of 30 kilometres across extremely mountainous country. The platoons were widely separated and maintained communication by telephone and contact patrol. Defensive minefields, booby traps, trip wires and trip flares were installed in front of the positions and on probable routes of approach.

During the night of 30 Nov - 1 Dec, 23 rounds of medium caliber artillery fell in Sospel. Menton was also shelled by the enemy from 2300 to 0500, 31 rounds of 105mm falling. No casualties resulted.

The usual contact and reconnaissance patrols were sent out during the day and returned without incident. Enemy activity was heard in the town of Olivetta and 32 rounds of artillery, observed from G Co OP, was put into the town.

The weather continued cold, but clear and sunny. Visibility was excellent. One mule from the pack train, carrying 30 rations to I Co positions, slipped off the mountain trail and was lost.

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2 Dec The 2d Battalion OP at Cime du Tueis (722112) reported enemy in groups of two and three moving around Fort La Force and Fort Mille Fourches (741108). Our artillery was called and one known enemy was killed at 1500 when shells landed behind the fort.

A reconnaissance patrol from K Co found 19 Schu mines and a box of igniters along the trail at 76000265 (Mt Grosso). It was believed that the mines had been left by a German patrol, who had been fired upon on the previous night and had retired. Our patrol booby-trapped the area, in case the Germans should return to the spot.

Other patrols made no enemy contact. The 100th Battalion maintained a beach patrol along the coast.

3 Dec During the night a booby trap (grenade) in front of 2d platoon, Co I, was exploded. Flares were sent up and 20 rounds of mortar put on the spot, but no enemy was observed.

Two ambush patrols, from K and L Cos, which had remained out all night, returned at 0700 with negative reports.

In the morning, two German prisoners were captured at the OP of the 3d platoon Co E. The prisoners were part of the German garrison at Fort Mille Fourches, and were from the 5th Co, 107th Regiment (Colonel Gronhau). The 6th, 7th and 8th (Heavy Weapons) Cos of the 107th Regiment were also identified in the regimental sector.

Cannon Co "A" platoon, supporting the 100th Bn, fired 34 rounds at enemy personnel observed in buildings at 835919. Direct hits were scored.

A reconnaissance patrol from Co A, consisting of 1 officer and 3 men, left 0800, crossed the border at 788916, went Northeast to Hill 920. They searched a house there that was a suspected enemy outpost, then descended to Hill 555 and observed the town of Villa Tella (8192), finding it deserted and in ruins. From their vantage point the patrol also observed considerable enemy personnel on Hill 471 (833923). The patrol returned at 1600.

A patrol from Co B left 0930 and went to the railroad tunnel at 804871. They found the tunnel blown out and the bridge leading to it destroyed. The patrol encountered a Teller mine field on the road (807874) leading into the town of Grimaldi. Bypassing Mortola, the patrol entered Ciotti and were told by Italian inhabitants that the Germans had evacuated the town 29 October. The patrol returned at 1730.

A combat patrol from Co L searched the houses at 783998, then proceeded South down the stream to the 99 grid line. From this point the patrol moved Northeast cross country to the woods at 788996. The house at 784998 had not been occupied for several days. At 786996 two enemy dugouts were found, empty and not recently used.

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Another combat patrol left G Co at 1440, went Southeast along the ridge line of Giucco de Gerri (7895), then East into the draw and across stream to Mt Grosso. Houses along the trail were found unoccupied, but had been used in the past ten days. No enemy was seen in the vicinity. The patrol returned west to Giucco de Gerri, searched out houses along trail running North from 783952, found two German helmets in a house and old mule tracks. No evidence of recent occupation.

Eight other patrols (7 reconnaissance, 1 combat) scouted the area between the lines and returned without incident.

During the day a PX ration of candy and comfort items was distributed to all companies.

4 Dec Patrol activity continued on the 4th. Co L reconnaissance-combat patrol left at 1130, went to the chapel at 790995. In a nearby house they found freshly cooked food, many footprints, 3 ammo cases and signs of recent occupancy. Two mortar positions were found 15 yards from the house. The patrol continued on and searched the town of Piena.

B Co patrol left 1145, went into the town of Ciotti (807880). The patrol met an Italian family who stated that the Germans had evacuated Mortola (808880) four days ago. The enemy had been using the church in town as an OP. The patrol discovered a minefield between Ciotti and Mortola, and at 801872, where our mortars had fired on the preceding night, found a blood-covered German boot and first-aid equipment.

Reconnaissance patrol from C Co reached Hill 581 (807901) and was shelled, receiving 12 rounds of 105mm. The patrol continued on, observed from Hill 581 for one hour, spotted two pillboxes on Hill 690 (812905). On the return trip the patrol found hasty emplacements along the trail, some of them strung with tin can trip wires. No mines were encountered. Patrol in at 1615.

Patrol contact was maintained between units and with the 899th AAA Battalion on the regimental left flank. The 100th Battalion continued to patrol the beach between Cap Martin and the Franco-Italian Border.

Sospel was again shelled, receiving 16 rounds from an SP gun and a gun of heavier caliber during the morning.

5 Dec Troop disposition remained the same, with patrol activity and artillery exchanges continuing.

A combat patrol from Company L left 1130, travelled from Cime du Ters over Mount Mangiabo toward La Dea. At 754061, the patrol leader (2d Lt Harry E. Oliver) left a five-man covering force and with his remaining six men approached La Dea. There was no sign of the enemy. Five men were sent around to the right of La Dea. The patrol leader and the remaining soldier searched a pillbox, finding nothing. Upon entering a second pillbox, 10 Germans suddenly surrounded it, and after a firefight, captured the patrol leader and the EM.

Another patrol from L Co, led by 2d Lt Wm C. Oshiro, reconnoitered at the foot of Mt Le Perus. An enemy Schu mine was tripped, which killed one man and wounded three, including the patrol leader.

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36 civilian "line-crossers" entering France from Italy near Piena were picked up and turned over to Brigade S-2.

German artillery increased in intensity. 50 rounds fell in Sospel during the night of 4-5 December. One man in E Co sector was wounded by shell fragments.

Naval batteries supporting the 100th Battalion fired 27 rounds on enemy activities observed in building at 850906, and 15 rounds on bridge at 879871, covering the area.

2d Battalion set up a bath unit in La Bollene Vesubie and the front line troops of the battalion rotated for showers. Movies were also shown in the battalion area at Peira Cava and 5% quotas of the line companies attended.

6 Dec The day was overcast, with limited visibility. Snow fell in the 2d Battalion sector.

Company B captured two Germans who had been wounded by our mines near Menton. They were Sergeants, from the 5th Co, 253d Grenadier Regiment (Colonel Huppel, commanding). Their mission was to proceed to Menton, determine the type of troops there and whether the Americans had been relieved, troop deployments and artillery positions. They had been promised leave in Germany upon return after completion of their mission.

After interrogating the prisoners, the following additional identifications were obtained in the 442d Infantry sector: 1st and 2d Bns, 253d Grenadier Regiment; 34th Infantry Division (Major General Von Lieb, commanding). CP and supply dump locations as follows: CP 253d Grenadier Regiment at Isola Bona; CP 2d Bn 253d Grenadier Regiment in bunker at 847892; 2d Bn supply company and dump at Dolceacqua; 34th Infantry Division supply depot in San Remo. Prisoners and interrogation report were turned over to Brigade S-2.

A patrol from Co A went to Hill 741 (804928) and spotted five enemy troops digging in on the reverse slope of Hill 509 (810914). The patrol moved to Hill 920 (803929) and observed the towns of Calvo and Villatella, seeing no enemy activity. Upon return of the patrol, 32 rounds of 81mm mortar were placed on the target observed.

Another patrol from Co F went to point at 747095 and observed two Germans at the cable house on Hill 1817. Observation was also made of enemy activity in the vicinity of the barracks at 744097 (Camp de Cabines Vieilles) and it was estimated that a strong force was in garrison. Well camouflaged dugouts were detected around the cable house, and the route of approach was under enemy observation. The area was reported for an artillery mission.

The 442d Regimental Combat Team was authorized to send 1 officer and 19 men to Sixth Army Group Rest Center in Paris.

7 Dec In a sharp fight, a combat patrol from Co F trapped a nine-man enemy patrol near Moulinet, killing one and capturing eight. During the afternoon, a squad from the 1269th Engineer Battalion had been sweeping for mines on the road from Moulinet to Turini, in the 2d Battalion sector. Their work completed, the Engineers

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were returning to Moulinet in a jeep at 1530 when they were ambushed by the German patrol. The Germans opened up with automatic weapons and small arms, killing one of the Engineers and wounding another. The 1st platoon of Co F, from their position at Moulinet, heard the disturbance and dispatched a combat patrol of 12 men to take care of the situation. Part of the patrol went from the South to the bridge at 724057 and met the enemy, while another group maneuvered around the left and came toward the bridge from the North. After a firefight, the patrol killed one, captured seven Germans (one wounded) and a French civilian. None of the enemy patrol escaped.

The Germans were from the 7th Co, 107th Regt, 34th Inf Division. Their mission was to proceed to Moulinet, take up position in one of the houses, observe enemy movement and capture prisoners for interrogation. Three weeks' leave was promised to the NCO in charge if the mission were successful. They had been informed that Moulinet was free of American troops.

A large amount of intelligence data was extracted from the prisoners and submitted to Brigade S-2. Information included identity, disposition; strength and commanding officers of units in the 442d sector; the location of artillery and minefields, details of supply, communication and replacements.

<u>Enemy Unit</u> <u>Identified</u>	<u>Combat</u> <u>Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Off</u>
2d Bn, 107th GR		CP at 771086	Major Borchert
5th Co, 107th GR	60	Ft Mille Forches	
6th Co, 107th GR	80	N. of 5th Co	Lt Wagner
7th Co, 107th GR	120	Vic 7606	Lt Holz
8th Co, 107th GR	130	Vic Breil	Lt Fluchse
7th Mountain Battery	8 - 105mm Mt Howitzers	Vic 8009	

The prisoners confirmed that an American officer and an EM had been captured two days ago. The officer was reported badly wounded.

The 442d Infantry was allotted a quota of five EM to be returned to the U. S. on recuperation leave. Two men were returned to the U. S., and three to Hawaii, all of whom had been wounded in action and hospitalized on at least two separate occasions.

8 Dec During the night of 7-8 December, heavy wind and rain lashed the outpost positions.

Usual reconnaissance and contact patrols operated during the day. A patrol from Co B, consisting of 1 officer and 2 men, left 1430 and reconnoitered along the coast road to the bend at 803871. At this point a German outpost of 4 riflemen and 1 automatic weapon opened up. After a firefight in which one of our men was wounded, the patrol returned, and an 81mm barrage was thrown on the enemy position.

A detail from the 2d Battalion went out to recover the body of the German reported killed in the previous day's action. He was found in the bottom of a deep gorge still alive although unconscious, suffering from eight wounds and a broken leg.

A Rest Center for enlisted men of the 44th AAA Brigade was opened at the Hotel Continental, Nice, and a quota of 45 men per battalion was authorized for the 442d RCT, on a 48 hour schedule. A Rest Center for officers was already in operation, at the Hotel D'Angleterre et de la Grande Bretagne, Nice.

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9 Dec A group of officers and men from the 65th Infantry Regiment (Puerto Rican) was attached to the 2d Battalion for combat experience.

At 1140 enemy personnel and truck were seen at 868872. Artillery was placed on the target and after the barrage casualties were seen being evacuated. At 1500 Co H mortars attached to Co G fired 27 rounds into Olivetta to harass the area suspected of enemy activity. The 522d F. A. Bn and the 601st and 602d F. A. Bns (Pack 75mm How) also fired harassing missions.

Lt Perlswieg and two enlisted men from Hq Co, 3d Battalion, were injured in a mine explosion, while rigging booby traps in front of L Co positions.

The Officers' Rest Center at the Hotel D'Angleterre, Nice, closed, and the regiment was authorized to send 14 officers to the Officers' Rest Center, Hotel Carlton, Cannes, on a three-day rotating schedule.

10 Dec Patrols made no enemy contacts. A patrol from Co F went to 693131, checked all houses, set booby traps.

The 602d F. A. Bn reported a direct hit on an SP gun at 85649094.

11 Dec A heavy 6 inch snow fell in the mountains in the 2d Battalion area, reducing visibility and impeding operations. The snow also increased the difficulties of the mule teams in hauling supplies up the mountain sides.

During the night mines were activated in front of B Co. Investigation disclosed that two civilians had been killed. Booby traps in front of the 1st platoon, Co E were also activated, by unknown elements.

The Regimental CP moved forward from Nice to LE VIGNAL, a distance of 15 miles. The S-1 Section, Personnel Section and Regimental Medics were established in Berre-les-Alpes.

10 officers and 265 enlisted men rejoined the regiment from the hospital and returned to duty.

12 Dec The day was quiet, with no change in position. Patrols made no enemy contact.

The 522d F. A. Bn, supporting the 3d Bn, fired 10 missions, one on enemy personnel, four on enemy-occupied buildings, five harassing. The 601st F. A. Bn (75mm Pack How), supporting the 2d Bn, fired one German gun position, three suspected enemy OP's, three harassing missions. The 602d F. A. Bn, in direct support of the 100th Bn, fired five harassing missions. The 937th F. A. Bn (155mm howitzer) and naval batteries off shore were in general support.

13 Dec 2d Battalion (less Co G) was relieved by the 3d Battalion, 65th Infantry (Puerto Rican), relief being completed 1600. The 65th Infantry also relieved Co I, who in turn made ready to relieve Co G on the following day.

Before leaving, the 2d Battalion disarmed all booby traps in its area, and left one officer and 2 EM with each company to orient the incoming units.

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The 2d Battalion then moved back to L'Escarene, and was billeted in buildings.

Co B patrol of 1 officer and 3 men went to 802883, from where they observed the towns of Ciotti and Mortola without seeing enemy activity.

Two men were wounded by mortar fire which fell at 798874. The 3d Battalion Headquarters area in Sospel was shelled, 35 rounds at 1800, with no casualties.

A quota of 5% of the personnel of the regiment was authorized one-day passes to Nice, in addition to the quota sent to the Brigade Rest Center in the Hotel Continental.

14 Dec Co K on Mt Agaisen and Co L on Mt Perus were shelled by medium caliber during the morning. Our batteries fired counterbattery missions. The naval batteries supporting the 100th Bn fired 102 rounds on enemy vehicular traffic on the coast road between Ventimiglia and Bordighera (Italy).

Co I relieved Co G in their positions, and Co G reverted to the 2d Battalion, in reserve near L'Escarene.

A platoon of the 232d Engineer (C) Co (442d RCT), attached to the 3d Bn, completed work on water lines to Castillon and Mt Agaisen, and began work on a line to Mt Grosso. Another platoon, attached to the 100th Bn, continued work on the bridge at 779883, near Menton. The 1269th Engineer Bn, attached to the 442d RCT for operations, worked on the supply road to Co A, and continued improvement of the road from Sospel to Moulinet.

Delegate Joseph R. Farrington, Congressional Delegate from the Territory of Hawaii, spoke to members of the 100th Battalion at the Hotel Imperial, Menton.

15 Dec Baker Co patrol of 1 officer and 6 men went to the town of Ciotti at 1830 14 December. They found the town deserted and in ruins. The patrol remained overnight, made no enemy contact and returned at 0700 15 December.

A patrol from Co A went to Hill 636 (804915) at 0800, thence to Hill 1016 (793917). On the way the patrol found enemy dugouts and an American musette bag and helmet. From Hill 1016 the patrol reconnoitered to Hill 914 (798917) and observed the town of San Antonio, thence back to Hill 636 and observed Villatella and Calvo. Enemy propaganda leaflets were found on the trail. Patrol in 1310.

The routine motorized patrol from Hq Co 3d Bn contacted Co I, 65th Infantry in Moulinet.

Artillery increased. Our guns fired on mule trains on Mt Magliocca (83488911 and 84249082) with good results, and maintained their harassing and counterbattery work. The Cannon Co area on Mt Agaisen (745994) was shelled by 60 rounds of light caliber, forcing the guns to change position. 15 rounds of 105mm fell in Sospel, and 7 rounds of heavy caliber at 784028. Damage was slight.

2d Battalion in regimental reserve at L'Escarene initiated a training schedule.

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16 Dec Situation remained static, with artillery exchanges and patrolling.

Co L patrol operating from Mt Grazian saw heavy smoke in Olivetta, believed to be houses set afire by our artillery. Co K patrol of 4 EM observed hotel at 762028 (Mt Grosso) for one hour, saw no enemy activity.

Co C reconnaissance patrol of 1 officer and 6 men checked houses on Hill 655 (795897) with negative results, and cut German communications wire, believed unused. Along ridge from Hill 542 (803895) to Hill 521 (803893) the patrol found a German rifle, 4 helmets, hand grenades, machine gun ammunition and dugouts. On the way back the patrol was observed by the enemy and received artillery fire. No casualties.

17 Dec Patrols reported no incident. The 552d F. A. Battalion fired seven missions on enemy supply trails and crossroads. During the night of the 16-17th, the 602d F. A. Bn fired harassing, 10 rounds per hour, on similar targets. 15 rounds of enemy artillery fell in Sospel.

Troops of the 2d Battalion attended Sunday services in their area at L'Escarene, and contributed candy towards a Christmas party for the French children. The Articles of War were also re-read to the companies.

18 Dec Co A patrol observed Torri and Calvo from Hill 741 (804898), saw two Germans on the trail at 808919, observed one hour, saw no further activity and returned at 1500. A French volunteer patrol, operating with the 442d Infantry, left Mt Grammondo at 0900, observed Torri for three hours, returned with negative report.

The naval OP observed enemy personnel and vehicles at 881870 and fired 140 rounds, covering the area. Enemy personnel was also observed at 868873, and 90 rounds were fired, with two known enemy casualties.

A mortar barrage falling in the 100th Bn area wounded one man. An Italian civilian activated mines in front of Co B and was killed.

2d Battalion continued training, the day's schedule including physical training, dismounted drill, small units in attack, house fighting.

19 Dec At 1230 the 1st platoon outpost of Antitank Co (Pvts Hikichi and D. Nakamura) sighted a German one-man submarine 150 yards off Menton. About 50 yards from shore the submarine grounded on a sand bar, and under cover of a 57mm AT gun, a squad from Antitank Co, consisting of Lt Alvin Meier, T Sgt Kawamura, Cpl Isobe, Pfc Ota, Yokoyaka and Mizuno, waded out and captured the submarine and its occupant, a German corporal.

The submarine was of miniature size, with a plexiglass turret and facilities for one torpedo, and the one-man crew was equipped with an oxygen mask. The submarine was secured by the 232d Engineer Co and turned over to the Brigade Bomb Disposal Unit for delivery to the U. S. Navy. The submarine was one of several believed operating along the coast.

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Co B captured a prisoner on the border at 797887. The prisoner was from the 5th Co, 253d Grenadier Regiment, 34th Inf Division. He was part of a 7 man reconnaissance patrol from the 2d Bn, 253d GR, attempting to gain information in the 100th Battalion sector. His patrol had the use of three one-man submarines and was under the command of a battalion staff officer. Promotion to next higher grade was promised for successful accomplishment of the mission. The patrol had been out for three days, had split up, and the prisoner was making his way back to the German lines from Menton when captured.

Another German prisoner who had escaped from a French POW camp was taken by Co C near Castellar.

Cannon Co 2d platoon on Mount Agaisen fired 100 rounds in support of the 3d Battalion. The 100th Battalion fired on enemy mortar and machine gun positions with 81mm mortars.

Weather was cold with intermittent rain and poor visibility.

20 Dec At a ceremony held in the town square of Menton, Colonel C. W. Pence, commanding officer of the 442d Regimental Combat Team, decorated members of the 100th Battalion for gallantry in action. Individuals decorated were:

Distinguished Service Cross

Pfc Kaoru Moto

Silver Star

Pfc Thomas T. Takao

34th Infantry Division Citation

Lt Conrad C. Tsukayama

Lt Thomas Plourde

T Sgt Kenichi Yoshimoto

Pfc Kaichi Igawa

Bronze Star

Lt David Novack

Lt Paul E. Corbin

Pfc Toru B. Aoki

Pfc Hiroshi Minami

Pvt James P. Abe

Pfc Kiyoshi Sagawa

Pfc Masato Kutaka

Tec 5 Genichi Masumotoya
(Oak Leaf Cluster)

Pfc Masao Koizumi

Pfc Ikito Muraoka

The 206th Army Ground Forces Band (442d RCT) furnished music for the occasion.

100th Battalion established a listening post at the end of the breakwater off Menton (783863).

The 2d Battalion spent the day cleaning equipment, policing its bivouac area and making ready to relieve the 3d Battalion in the line on the following day.

21 Dec The 2d Battalion moved out of L'Escarene by motor and train at 0630, reached Sospel at 0800 and continued by foot to relieve the 3d Battalion in its positions beyond Sospel. E Co relieved K Co on the left flank on Mt Grosso and Mt Agaisen; F Co held the center, relieving L Co on Mt Perus, Mt Grazian and Mt Diarus, and G Co went into the I Co defenses beyond Castillon on the battalion right flank. The battalion CP was established at Sospel. Rolls and equipment were brought up on mule trains. The relief was completed at 1430, and the 3d Battalion moved back into regimental reserve at L'Escarene.

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A patrol from Co B, consisting of 1 NCO and 3 men left at 0745 for Hill 348 (806878). They found the slope of the hill mined, with barbed wire entanglements around the minefields. The patrol observed Mortola, but saw no enemy activity. In an abandoned dugout the patrol found a skeleton, with two German rifles nearby.

Co B also patrolled Menton during the night, with the assistance of the French gendarmes, because of suspected enemy behind-the-lines activity. No incident was reported.

22 Dec Information was received from higher headquarters that German Intelligence was engaged in a major effort behind the American lines. The activity of enemy parachutists, saboteurs and agents dressed in American uniforms and carrying American weapons was reported. Accordingly the regiment was alerted, the guards increased and motorized patrols and road guards maintained on the road net in the regimental sector. All passes to Nice were cancelled, except for personnel attending the Brigade Rest Center.

A motorized patrol from the 3d Battalion made a reconnaissance of the roads in the area in order to make plans to meet a possible counterattack.

A reconnaissance patrol from Co A, consisting of one officer and two men, with two French officers, left Hill 1114 (788917) 0755 and reconnoitered to Hill 636 (804915). They observed the towns of Calvo, Villatella and San Antonio, and located a series of pillboxes from 832918 to 833919. Smoke was seen coming from two of the pillboxes and one man was observed entering and leaving. The patrol heard hammering of stakes on Hill 509 (811919), and returned at 1415.

At 1225 enemy personnel were sighted in houses near San Lorenzo (83488911). Our artillery fired 8 rounds. Enemy groups were again observed near the coast road at 825880 and 826880, and our artillery fired barrages of 10 and 21 rounds, covering the area.

Six rounds of heavy caliber landed on the road leading into Menton from Cap Martin at 1700. Nine rounds of mortar fell in E Co area on Mt Grosso at 1950. No casualties resulted.

Co H zeroed in its 81mm mortars on primary and secondary targets. Hq Co A&P platoon took over duties with the mule train.

Weather was cold and clear, visibility good.

23 Dec Usual patrols and artillery missions. Co A captured one Italian soldier (deserter) on Mt Grammondo.

Our artillery fired on a four-man enemy patrol seen near Airole (820969). Cannon Co also fired 17 rounds on enemy personnel seen at La Giondola (810006). The 522d F. A. Bn and Cannon Co fired propaganda leaflets (Christmas Message) in addition to their regular missions.

A platoon of 232d Engineer (C) Co (442d RCT) continued removal of mortar duds on Mt Agaisen in E Co area.

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The regiment continued its precautions against infiltration and sabotage. Hq Co made two daily motorized patrols on the road from Berre les Alpes to Drap.

24 Dec A combat patrol from Co E went to the hotel at Col de Brouis (760028) where they were fired upon by the enemy in pillboxes and in the hotel. The patrol engaged in a firefight before returning.

A patrol of 1 officer and 9 men from Co B set out for Hill 310 (807879). They reached 803879, where they encountered a brush fire. No enemy activity was observed.

At 1330 12 enemy troops were observed at 812974 and 6 at 820969 (near San Michele). They were dispersed by artillery fire.

Co H harassed enemy supply routes, OP's and positions near Olivetta and Cime du Bose with 81mm mortars, expending 295 rounds during the day.

All battalions maintained special security measures. The 100th Battalion posted a 24 hour 2-man guard at the bridge West of Madone near Cap Martin; 2d Battalion secured the Sospel-Escarene tunnel and bridge at Castillon; the 3d Battalion the bridge at L'Escarene and Antitank Co at Luceram. 3d Battalion motorized patrols reconnoitered the area immediately behind the front lines and traffic control posts were set up. 13 civilian line crossers coming from Breil were apprehended and turned over to MP Headquarters.

The 206th Army Ground Forces Band (442d RCT) entertained members of the 100th Battalion with a Hawaiian show at the Hotel Imperial, Menton.

25 Dec Christmas Day was cold and clear, with snow flurries and ice on the trails.

A reconnaissance patrol of 1 officer and 6 men from Co A patrolled from Hill 1213 (789941) to Hill 741 (804928) observing the towns of San Antonio, Calvo, Torri and Villatella. No enemy activity was seen.

Co B patrol entered the town of Ciotti (807880), investigated twelve houses, found no sign of recent enemy occupancy. The patrol cut old enemy communications wire in two places and found one hand-grenade booby trap and neutralized it.

Co H fired 351 rounds of harassing mortar fire into Olivetta, San Michele and on trails leading out of Piena and Breil. The company operated a motorized patrol of a jeep and heavy machine gun in the Sospel area.

One German prisoner was captured behind our lines near Castillon by a 2d Battalion mail clerk. The prisoner was a German corporal from the 2d Bn, 253d Grenadier Regiment, 34th Infantry Division. The prisoner had been on patrol, with the usual reward of leave being offered for successful return with intelligence. The prisoner was an enlisted Luftwaffe transport pilot who had been converted to Infantry because of lack of planes.

15 civilian line-crossers (refugees) were picked up and turned over to the Military Police for interrogation and screening.

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Christmas Services were held in all battalions, and the traditional dinner of turkey and trimmings was sent up to forward positions. A Christmas message from the Regimental Commander was read to all troops. The 3d Battalion in regimental reserve played host to a group of French children.

- 26 Dec Situation unchanged. Patrols reported no incident except usual contact between units and with the 65th Infantry on the left flank. 20 rounds of hostile 105mm and 25 rounds of heavy mortar fell in the regimental sector causing slight damage and no casualties.

A patrol of 2 officers and 10 EM investigated houses and streets in Menton, searching for enemy infiltrators or agents.

- 27 Dec The 522d F. A. Bn in direct support of the 2d Battalion and the 602d F. A. Bn supporting the 100th Battalion, fired missions on enemy personnel, mule trains and dugouts. The 937th F. A. Bn (155mm), 68th AAA Gun Bn, and naval batteries off shore remained in general support.

35 rounds of heavy caliber and 30 rounds 105mm incoming were registered, most of which fell in the Sospel area.

3d Battalion motorized patrols behind the lines reported no suspicious activities. Antitank Co maintained road guards on the roads leading into Menton, Sospel and Luceram.

50 civilians crossing the line from Italy in search of food were apprehended and turned over to CIC through Military Police channels.

The platoon of the 232d Engrs attached to the 100th Battalion laid mines in the Co B area, and constructed a mule shed for the use of Co A. The platoon attached to the 2d Battalion continued work on the roads on Mt Agaisen.

Five former enlisted men received combat appointments as 2d Lieutenants:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFF ASN</u>	<u>EFF DATE</u>	<u>ORGN</u>
2d Lt	Satoru Inomoto	01999529	25 Dec 44	Co D, 100th Bn, 442d Inf
2d Lt	Willie K. Kiyota	01999530	25 Dec 44	Co H
2d Lt	Sadaichi Kubota	01999531	25 Dec 44	Co I
2d Lt	Shigeo G. Teraji	01999532	25 Dec 44	Hq Co 3d Bn
2d Lt	Tsutomu Yoshida	01999533	25 Dec 44	Co K

Above officers commissioned per Special Orders No 67, Hq Sixth Army Group, 27 December 1944.

- 28 Dec A patrol from Co B checked houses along the trail at 803888 and entered the town of Ciotti. No Germans were encountered and Italian civilians reported that a small enemy group had withdrawn the same morning and were believed to have gone to Mortola.

Co E patrol, with four Engineer personnel attached, checked a waterpoint at 757037. No sign of enemy activity was seen, and the waterpoint was found adequate to supply the platoon on Mt Grosso.

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German snipers firing at 2d Battalion OP's were silenced when Co H placed 55 rounds of 81mm into the suspected area.

At 1600 an object was seen offshore, and at 1700 it was identified as a sailboat with one occupant. Artillery and machine gun fire forced the boat to the beach and the occupant was found to be an Italian PW escaped from the French.

29 Dec A reconnaissance patrol of Co E observed 7 Germans walking up the path from Piena at Tete de Paola (782008). Later a civilian reported that there were 11 Germans including a captain in his house at the same coordinate. The patrol retired with the information. A road block was set up by Co F at 779007 to prevent the enemy infiltrating into the area, and at the first light of dawn of the 30th a combat patrol was sent to kill or capture the enemy in the house. The patrol found no Germans, but checked all the houses in the vicinity and left an eight-man OP at 781012 to observe the area until 1730 30 December.

Co A patrol reached Hill 921 (803929), observed the towns of Torri, San Antonio and Villatella, saw no enemy activity.

2d platoon Cannon Co on Mount Agaisen fired 30 rounds HE in support of the 2d Battalion. The 1st platoon in vicinity of Menton fired 18 rounds, scattering an enemy mule train.

A PX beer ration was distributed to all companies. Preparations were made for a year-end IG inspection.

30 Dec Co G patrol left 1000 and went to the town of Olivetta. The patrol found no evidence of recent enemy operations; all civilians had been evacuated except for two aged and sick from whom it was impossible to obtain information. No mines or booby traps were encountered. The town was badly shattered by artillery, and the road from Olivetta to San Michele was found to be impassable for vehicles.

3d Battalion continued to dispatch three motorized patrols to cover the road net in the Combat Team sector. The battalion began a training program in small unit tactics.

Personnel Section moved from Berre les Alpes to Headquarters of the 44th AAA Brigade at Beaulieu.

31 Dec A six man patrol from 1st platoon Co E went to 758025 (Mt Grosso) where they were shelled. One man was wounded but not evacuated. The patrol continued to 765028, observed no enemy activity.

Co A reconnaissance patrol of 1 officer and 4 men left 0945, went to Hill 636 (804915). Observed smoke rising from eastern slope of Hill 509 (812915). Other than smoke, no enemy activity was seen.

16 civilian line-crossers were picked up. The 3d Battalion in reserve conducted a map-reading test for all non-commissioned officers. Regimental S-1 Section moved from Berre les Alpes to the Regimental CP at Chateau Vignal.

The year 1944 ended at midnight with an artillery exchange.

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