

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 7, Hq Sixth Army Group, 29 Jan 45)

AKIRA YOSHINAGA, 39164669, Technician Fourth Grade, Inf, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France, on 17 October 1944. During an assault upon enemy positions, the advance of Technician Fourth Grade Yoshinaga's company and that of Company F was stopped by heavy artillery and automatic weapons fire. Although painfully wounded in the right foot early in the engagement, Technician Fourth Grade Akira Yoshinaga stayed with his men, refusing to withdraw to the rear to obtain medical attention. In a determined effort to extricate his squad from a desperate situation, he deliberately exposed himself to the enemy in order to bring accurate fire to bear on his positions, and while thus engaged was fatally shot by a German sniper. By his courage and supreme devotion to duty, Technician Fourth Grade Yoshinaga was a source of inspiration to his men and reflects honor upon himself and the United States Army. Next of kin: Mr. Tomoju Yoshinaga (Father), Nagasaki Ken, Shimabara City, Edo Cho, Japan.

HATSUJI HADANO, 30104542, Private First Class, Inf, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944 near Bruyeres, France. When a carrying party of which he was a volunteer member was ambushed, Private First Class Hadano assumed command of the situation and directed the men toward cover. Realizing the importance of getting the rations to the front lines where the shortage had become critical, one of the party attempted to run the gauntlet of enemy fire but was fatally wounded before he could advance very far. Observing the helpless condition of his comrade who was lying fully exposed to the enemy fire, Private First Class Hadano ran to his aid and just as he reached his side was himself hit by the enemy fire. Though mortally wounded, he shouted to his men to remain where they were and to stay under cover. Inspired by his gallant action, the carrying party successfully held the numerically superior enemy at bay until the rescuing party arrived and completely routed the enemy forces. By his gallantry and supreme devotion to duty at the risk of his own life, Private First Class Hadano reflects honor upon himself and the United States Army. Next of kin: Kinichiro Hadano (Father), House 21, New Mill Camp, Aiea, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

TOMOAKI SHIMABUKURO, 30105260, Private, Inf, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Bruyeres, France on 20 October 1944. Volunteering to go with a carrying party to bring rations and ammunition to front line troops, Private Shimabukuro left his rifle behind in order to take the maximum load possible. While his party was crossing an open field, it was suddenly ambushed by a strong enemy force armed with machine guns and rifles. Realizing that the situation was desperate, Private Shimabukuro shouldered his load and made a dash for the concealment of the woods, hoping by his example to impress upon his comrades the importance of their mission. Though mortally wounded he shouted at the enemy soldiers to attract their fire, and by so doing enabled the remainder of the party to reach cover, fight off the enemy and successfully complete the mission. By his gallant and self-sacrificing actions Private Shimabukuro reflects much credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Eiko Shimabukuro, (Brother), 1011 Webb Lane, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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KENICHI TSUMAKI, 39683559, Private First Class, Inf, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action in France on 29 October and 7 November 1944. When his company's radio was damaged by enemy hand grenade fragments, Private First Class Tsumaki volunteered to carry a new one to the forward company. Though the artillery shells were falling along the supply route, he valiantly moved forward toward the front lines, crawling through enemy small arms fire for the last 75 yards to successfully reach his destination. On 7 November 1944, when the company was badly in need of ammunition he voluntarily carried two boxes of ammunition for a distance of 150 yards through heavy enemy fire to the front lines. Fatally wounded shortly after delivering the ammunition, Private First Class Tsumaki was an inspiration to his comrades and by his courage, determination and gallantry reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Next of kin: Minoru Tsumaki (Brother), Pocatello, Idaho.

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FRANK S. OKUSAKO, 01693640, Second Lieutenant, Inf, Company H, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Bruyeres, France on 20 October 1944. When a food and ammunition carrying party was ambushed by a superior enemy force, Lieutenant Okusako led an 8-man patrol to the aid of the entrapped soldiers. While encircling the enemy's position for an attack on the rear the patrol encountered another enemy force of 45 men, armed with machine guns, machine pistols, grenades, and light arms. Constantly exposing himself to the enemy fire Lieutenant Okusako fearlessly directed the fire and movement of his men, killing fifteen of the enemy with his own machine gun and neutralizing two enemy machine gun nests with rifle grenades. Although severely wounded in the chest and shoulder, he continued to encourage his men until forced by the severity of his injuries to retire to the aid station. By his gallantry, courage and superior tactical leadership Lieutenant Okusako inspired his men to hold off a numerically superior enemy and played an important part in freeing the supply route of the enemy's forces. Entered the service from Newcastle, California.

TATSUMI IWATE, 39019934, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France on 28 October 1944. Although relieved of his temporary assignment as a litter bearer and after having continuously evacuated wounded soldiers throughout the entire day, Sergeant Iwate volunteered to lead his litter squad into the midst of a fierce fire fight in order to evacuate an injured soldier. Having successfully reached the wounded man and administered first aid and while evacuating the patient to the aid station Sergeant Iwate was painfully wounded below the left eye by a tree burst from enemy artillery fire. Disregarding his own injury he continued to help in the evacuation until forced by the seriousness of his wound to obtain medical aid. By his outstanding courage and voluntary actions Sergeant Iwate reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Lomita, California.

HIROSHI TADAKUMA, 37345368, Technician Fourth Grade, Inf, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 31 October and 1 November 1944 in France, while temporarily in charge of the communications platoon. When the communication line was disrupted by a direct hit by enemy artillery, Technician Fourth Grade Tadakuma fearlessly left his covered position and went forward for a distance of 300 yards to locate the break in the line. While he was repairing the damage, an enemy artillery shell landed 10 yards away, wounding his leg. Ignoring his injury, which needed medical attention, he voluntarily remained on duty until the

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necessary repairs were made. The following day while repairing the line under similar circumstances he was again hit and though severely injured completed the repair with the help of a rifleman before being evacuated to the rear. By his courage, initiative, and devotion to duty, Technician Fourth Grade Tadakuma reflects much credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Denver, Colorado.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 9, Hq 6th Army Gp, 16 Feb 45)

THOMAS T. TAKAO, 39913686, Sergeant, Inf, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 28 October 1944. While a member of a four man reconnaissance patrol charged with the mission of obtaining information on the disposition of the enemy, Sergeant Takao moved under the cover of darkness around the enemy's left flank and to within ten yards of his position. Opening fire at point blank range, the patrol caught the defenders completely by surprise, killing three of the enemy and forcing ten others to surrender. Sergeant Takao's display of courage, determination of purpose, and disregard for personal safety in helping to neutralize an enemy strong-point and in obtaining vital information regarding the enemy, is exemplary and a credit to the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

AWARD, MISSING IN ACTION, OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 9, Hq 6th Army Gp, 16 Feb 45)

SAMUEL M. SAKAMOTO, 0349640, First Lieutenant, Inf, Company A, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. Lieutenant Sakamoto led his platoon to a knoll overlooking the village of Biffontaine which offered excellent protection to the units fighting in the village. When several of his men were wounded by enemy fire, he personally checked each man and encouraged him. Sensing an attack, Lieutenant Sakamoto with three of his men reconnoitered to the east flank and gained valuable information of the enemy positions. While he and his men were returning one of them, who was fifty yards away, was wounded. In the face of the shelling, Lieutenant Sakamoto rushed to the aid of the wounded man, and when he was twenty yards away was hit by a shell. Lieutenant Sakamoto's devotion to duty and loyalty to his men in time of need reflect credit upon himself and the United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs. Edna K. Sakamoto (Wife), 1921 Lohilani St, Honolulu, Hawaii.

TAKEICHI T. MIYASHIRO, 01703070, Second Lieutenant, Inf, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 22 October 1944. After providing flank protection for Company C, the danger of repeated enemy artillery barrages on their position and the hint of rising enemy resistance in the village caused Lieutenant Miyashiro to lead his platoon into the town of Biffontaine. During the fierce house-to-house fighting, he was instrumental in capturing six of the enemy and in driving away more than twenty others. As a result of this action the company was able to penetrate deeply into the village and establish a road block to repulse enemy counter-attacks that night. During the engagement, Lieutenant Miyashiro was wounded on his left thigh but did not give up the command of his platoon until he was ready to be evacuated. Next of kin: Mrs. Ushi Miyashiro (Mother), PO Box 87, Honokaa, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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ICHIRO OKADA, 0410147, Second Lieutenant, Inf, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 28 October 1944. While on a reconnaissance mission of obtaining information regarding the disposition of the enemy, Lieutenant Okada moved a three man patrol under the cover of darkness around

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the enemy's left flank and to within ten yards of his position. Opening fire at point blank range, the patrol caught the defenders completely by surprise, killing three of the enemy and forcing ten others to surrender. The information obtained by the patrol and the resultant weakening of the enemy's defensive positions proved of great value in the subsequent attack on the hostile forces. Entered the service from Waimea, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD K. AJIFU, 30104786, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France, on 20 October 1944. When enemy troops suddenly fired upon two leading squads of an attack, pinning them down, Sergeant Ajifu was severely wounded through the cheekbones and right leg. The enemy, firing from a heavily wooded knoll, then began to pick off the men. Disregarding his painful injuries and subsequent exposed position, Sergeant Ajifu sat up and sprayed the enemy with his sub-machine gun, enabling his comrades to withdraw under the covering fire. When the men had reached their covered positions he then crawled to safety himself. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD A. ASEKA, 30104985, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 23 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. In the face of continuous enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Aseka strung a telephone communication line between his platoon CP and OP. When it became necessary to have closer contact between his company and an adjacent unit, so that the attack on Biffontaine could be better coordinated, he volunteered to lay a wire across 600 yards of terrain exposed to enemy observation and fire. In the face of intense artillery, tank, machine gun, machine pistol and 20-millimeter fire, Sergeant Aseka accomplished the mission of laying the wire. When continued shellings damaged the line, he again volunteered and made the necessary repairs. Entered the service from Hanalei, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

TAKAO KUBOTA, 30100460, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 28 October 1944. While a member of a four man reconnaissance patrol charged with the mission of obtaining information on the disposition of the enemy, Sergeant Kubota moved under the cover of darkness around the enemy's left flank and to within ten yards of his position. Opening fire at point blank range, the patrol caught the defenders completely by surprise, killing three of the enemy and forcing ten others to surrender. The information obtained by the patrol and the resultant weakening of the enemy's defensive positions proved of great value in the subsequent attack on the hostile forces. Entered the service from Koloa, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

DONALD T. NAKASHIMA, 30105471, Technician Fourth Grade, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 31 October 1944. When Technician Fourth Grade Nakashima observed that several of his comrades were wounded in a prolonged artillery and mortar shelling, he immediately left his cover to go to their aid. While he was rendering first aid to one of the casualties, the enemy concentrated a heavy artillery barrage in his immediate vicinity. Unmindful of his own safety, Technician Fourth Grade Nakashima shielded his comrade with his own body, and when the shelling was decreased in intensity, finished his application of first aid and evacuated his patient to safety. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (GO No. 21, Hq 7th Army, 28 Jan 45)

SAM S. ASANUMA, 36667853, Private First Class, Infantry, 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. When the carrying party of which he was a member was ambushed by an enemy patrol and two of his comrades were hit by a burst of machine gun fire, Private First Class Asanuma, with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed to the aid of the wounded men. Although he was wounded by the intense hostile fire, he continued on, but upon reaching his comrades, he found them both dead. The carrying party, inspired by this display of courage, held off the enemy attacks until reinforcements arrived, then successfully routed the enemy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

SATOSHI FURUYA, 30105460, Private First Class, Infantry, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in Biffontaine, France. Observing enemy sniper fire coming from a nearby building, Private First Class Furuya, with no thought of his own safety, crept silently forward to the door of the enemy occupied room. When the enemy started firing through the closed door, Private First Class Furuya, with pistol in hand, smashed into the room. Firing as he entered, he wounded one enemy sniper and forced the remaining seven into surrender. By this daring action, Private First Class Furuya was instrumental in effecting the successful protection of the attacking company's flank and rear. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

CHARLES M. TAKASHIMA, 30101468, Corporal, Infantry, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. While manning an isolated machine gun outpost, Corporal Takashima observed an enemy vehicle approaching his position. Opening fire, he wounded the driver and captured the enemy vehicle. A short while later, he crawled forward a short distance into a sniper infested area and wounded or killed two enemy snipers who had been firing at his machine gun position. Corporal Takashima's gallantry and devotion to duty reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

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GEORGE T. MORISHITA, 39083340, Technician Fifth Grade, Inf, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 1 and 2 November 1944 in France. Technician Fifth Grade Morishita proceeded alone under heavy enemy fire to lay a communication line to a rifle company. Though twice thrown to the ground he determinedly proceeded for a distance of 200 yards to complete his mission. The following day when a line was damaged by enemy shells he left his covered position and went forward under enemy fire to reconnoiter a route for the establishment of a new communication line. The reconnaissance completed, he set out alone and laid the line for a distance of 250 yards through an enemy mine field and while under mortar and artillery fire. Later during the day he volunteered to act as emergency litter bearer and exposed himself to enemy fire to evacuate a wounded soldier to the aid station. Entered the service from Del Rey, California.

TAMEJI R. TSUTSUI, 30101491, Private First Class, Inf, Company D, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action in Biffontaine, France, on 22 October 1944, while assigned as guard for his machine gun squad. Upon observing an enemy sniper firing from a distant building at his comrades, Private First Class Tsutsui dashed across a clearing that was under enemy 20 millimeter fire, crept up to the enemy and surprised him into being captured. Learning that there were more of the enemy in another room, he returned with a comrade and succeeded in capturing eight more prisoners after a brief exchange of fire. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

TADASHI FUJISHIGE, 30104978, Private, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 27 October 1944, when a machine gun platoon of Company "D" was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire and three of the men were wounded. In the face of the continued barrage, Private Fujishige fearlessly left his covered position and rendered first aid to the injured men. After helping them to places of safety, he saw a nearby unit being subjected to artillery fire and though the area was covered by machine gun and sniper fire he courageously worked his way to the wounded, administered first aid and after seeing that everyone had been given treatment, helped to carry the injured to safety. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

FUJIO SUENO, 30104018, Private, Inf, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 28 October 1944. While a member of a four man reconnaissance patrol charged with the mission of obtaining information on the disposition of the enemy, Private Sueno moved under the cover of darkness around the enemy's left flank and to within ten yards of his position. Opening fire at point blank range, the patrol caught the defenders completely by surprise, killing three of the enemy and forcing ten others to surrender. The information obtained by the patrol and the resultant weakening of the enemy's defensive positions proved of great value in the subsequent attack on the hostile forces. Entered the service from Hakalau, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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TOSHIO SUYEMATSU, 20949164, Technical Sergeant, Inf, Cannon Co, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 22-24 October and 28-29 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. Sergeant Suyematsu was a forward observer with the 100th Battalion during the unit's isolation near Biffontaine. When he was directed to lay a creeping barrage on the reverse side of a hill to forestall enemy counter-attack against friendly positions on the opposite side, he guided the barrage from his OP until the rounds were just clearing the trees above him. Despite the ever present danger of tree bursts, and a subsequent counter barrage by the enemy which came in over the ridge and bracketed him between two curtains of fire, he continued his fire mission until certain that he had discouraged any contemplated counter-attack. During the subsequent days he twice disregarded hostile fire to aid seriously wounded comrades and refused medical treatment for his own wounds in order to remain in action with his unit. By his courage, determination and devotion to duty, Sergeant Suyematsu was a source of inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Casper, Wyoming.

MITSUSUKE FUJIMOTO, 30157946, Sergeant, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 1 November 1944, in France. When a rifleman of Company "I" was severely wounded by enemy small arms fire, Sergeant Fujimoto and his litter squad instantly proceeded to his aid. When they had reached a point 20 yards from the patient, they were suddenly pinned down by an increased concentration of enemy machine pistol, machine gun, and mortar fire. Observing that it would be impossible for his squad to reach the patient, Sergeant Fujimoto ordered his men to remain under cover and, creeping and crawling the remaining distance to the wounded man, he grasped and pulled him back to his litter squad, administered first aid and evacuated him to the waiting jeep 300 yards away. By his courage and unselfish devotion to duty Sergeant Fujimoto reflects honor upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

VICTOR S. IZUI, 39914540, Technician Fifth Grade, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action in France on 29 October 1944. During an assault on well-entrenched enemy positions, Technician Fifth Grade Izui, unmindful of the heavy enemy fire, continually exposed himself in order to give medical aid to approximately thirty of his injured comrades. On one occasion he went forward fifty yards, through a hail of enemy light arms fire, to the assistance of an injured man. Observing that the patient was lying in the direct line of the enemy fire, he pulled him on a shelter-half to a point of safety and administered first aid. Deciding that his comrade's injuries necessitated immediate and further medical attention Technician Fifth Grade Izui then carried him on his back the remaining distance to the forward collecting point. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty, Technician Fifth Grade Izui reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Jerome, Idaho.

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SATORU SHIKASHO, 30104090, Private First Class, Inf, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1944, in France. When his battalion's communication line was ruptured by a direct hit from an enemy artillery shell, Private First Class Shikasho and his assistant unhesitatingly dashed out into the enemy fire to locate the break. Locating the break after having travelled a distance of 250 yards, Private First Class Shikasho and his assistant efficiently repaired the damaged line and, as they were returning to the command post, the assistant was severely wounded in the leg by enemy mortar shrapnel. Courageously placing his wounded comrade on his back, Private First Class Shikasho carried him to the safety of a nearby trench and hastily administered first aid. Observing after the treatment that the wounded man needed immediate hospitalization, he again placed the patient on his back and carried him through the enemy barrage to the forward collecting point from where he was quickly evacuated to the medical aid station. Later, while making similar repairs in the communication line, he was seriously wounded by enemy shrapnel and although he needed immediate medical attention, faithfully remained with his men until his unit was relieved. Entered the service from Kohala, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

AKIRA OKAMOTO, 30105674, Private First Class, Inf, Cannon Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action from 27 to 30 October 1944 in France. As a radio operator with the 3d Battalion during its attempt to relieve the "Lost Battalion", Private First Class Okamoto courageously faced and overcame every hazard of the front line troops. Though a radio operator, he captured one prisoner during an advance. In his desire to give close support to the advancing troops he was often within 50 yards of the enemy lines and frequently pinned down by small arms fire. On one occasion he crept and crawled with his 40-pound radio on his back to the ridge of an enemy-held hill and relayed fire missions that discouraged enemy counter-attack and paved the way for a subsequent assault by his comrades. Later, under similar hazardous conditions, he voluntarily worked his way along high ground so that he could relay fire missions on an enemy roadblock that was holding up the advance. By his devotion to duty and gallant courage under fire, Private First Class Okamoto reflects honor upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD N. FUKANO, 39001911, Private, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 29 October 1944, in France. During Company "I"'s heroic bayonet charge on the enemy's strongly entrenched position, Private Fukano, with utter disregard for his own safety, remained with his men to treat approximately 30 wounded soldiers. On one occasion during the attack, when a rifleman was severely wounded, Private Fukano ran for 50 yards under intense machine gun and machine pistol fire to his aid. Quickly grasping the patient who was lying directly in the line of fire, he pulled him to a point of safety, administered first aid and evacuated him without delay. By his bravery and unselfish devotion to duty in the face of great danger, Private Fukano reflects credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Oakland, California.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 7, Hq 6th Army Group, 29 Jan 45 (Cont'd))

EDWARD FUJIWARA, 30104423, Private First Class, Inf, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action in France, on 28 October 1944. When a rifleman of Company L was seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Fujiwara immediately proceeded with his litter squad to the aid of the wounded comrade. Upon approaching the injured man the squad was suddenly pinned down by a heavy concentration of enemy machine gun fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Fujiwara started to crawl towards the wounded soldier, inspiring his men to follow him. After having administered first aid and started the evacuation of the injured man to the rear, he was himself wounded in the left arm. Refusing first aid, Private First Class Fujiwara continued with the evacuation until they had reached the aid station. By his determination, gallantry and devotion to duty, Private First Class Fujiwara reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Waiialua, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

JOSEPH WAKAMATSU, 39913345, Private First Class, Inf, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action, in France, on 31 October 1944. When six riflemen of Company L were wounded by a direct hit from an enemy self-propelled gun, Private First Class Wakamatsu, though himself seriously wounded, went to their aid. He quickly treated and evacuated one of the injured, and disregarding the continued heavy barrage laid down by the enemy and his own painful leg wound, returned a second and third time to successfully remove the stricken men. Only after being assured that all had been properly treated did he allow himself to be given first aid and evacuated. By his courage, initiative, and devotion to duty, Private First Class Wakamatsu contributed greatly to the quick treatment of his fellow soldiers and reflects credit upon the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Hunt, Idaho.

ROBERT T. MURAOKA, 30105632, Private First Class, Inf, Hq Co 2d Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Bruyeres, France, on 17 October 1944. When a forward company was seriously threatened by a strong enemy counter-attack spearheaded by three tanks, Private First Class Muraoka and his ammunition bearer volunteered to reenforce the company, as well as to effect a resupply of badly needed bazooka ammunition. While determinedly making their way through the heavy enemy barrage, his comrade was seriously wounded by a mortar shell. Unmindful of the falling shells, Private First Class Muraoka dashed to the assistance of the injured men, quickly rendered first aid, and evacuated him to the aid station. He then returned to where he had left the bazooka ammunition and continued successfully on his mission. Private Muraoka's courage and timely action enabled the company to drive the enemy tanks back and thus repel the counter-attack. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

HIDEO UYESAKA, 39169069, Private, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in France. When two riflemen of Company L were seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Private Uyesaka, with utter disregard for his personal safety, proceeded under enemy machine gun fire to their aid. While crawling to the nearest of the wounded he was hit in the left foot by enemy fire. Despite his painful wound he continued forward and, upon reaching the wounded soldier hurriedly brought him to a point of safety where he administered first aid. After he had treated the patient, he crawled ten yards to aid the second man and again administered first aid. While dressing the wound of the second patient, the enemy machine gun nest was neutralized by the forward elements. Observing that the area was now comparatively safe, Private Uyesaka called his litter

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squad and did not permit himself to be evacuated until the two patients had been safely removed to the rear. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty, Private Uyesaka reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (GO 26, Hq 7th Army, 30 Jan 45)

LARRY M. IMAMURA, 30106212, Private First Class, Infantry, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. When intense fire from two enemy machine guns supported by snipers pinned down his platoon, Private First Class Imamura, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward under heavy small arms fire in an attempt to locate and outflank the machine gun nests. Having crawled about forty-five yards, he took careful aim at one of the enemy machine guns which was firing on his platoon, and fired a long burst from his BAR into the position. Suddenly a machine gun to the front opened up and killed Private First Class Imamura almost instantly. By his gallant deed, he revealed the positions of the enemy machine guns and enabled his platoon to close in and destroy them. Next of Kin: Mr Hiroki Imamura, (Brother), P.O. Box 22, Kekaha, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (GO 26, Hq 7th Army, 30 Jan 45)

KAZUMA HISANAGA, 01703068, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. When his platoon was assigned the mission of occupying an isolated farm house situated on flat open terrain for the purpose of securing the battalion's right flank, Lieutenant Hisanaga dashed toward the building through intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Inspired by his example, his men immediately followed him. When his messenger was wounded while crossing the open field, Lieutenant Hisanaga, with complete disregard for his own safety, dashed back across the field and, under intense enemy small arms fire, carried the wounded soldier to a place of safety. His gallant leadership and unselfish devotion to duty reflect the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT (GO 16, Hq Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 24 Jan 45)

GAYLORD H. GILMORE, 0407240, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for services in Italy, from 26 June to 6 September 1944. Entered service from Morning Sun, Iowa.

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NADAO YOSHINAGA, 30103116, Private, Inf, Cannon Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement near Biffontaine, France, on 27 October 1944, during the drive to relieve the "Lost Battalion" of the 141st Infantry. Private Yoshinaga, jeep driver for the forward observer, upon noticing that the medical jeeps were unable to keep up with the flow of wounded, voluntarily started to make trips to the rear in the evacuation of the injured men. Although the route leading to the aid station was continually under enemy artillery and mortar fire, he made repeated trips over the difficult and dangerous terrain until, injured himself, he was forced to retire. By his courage and devotion to his injured comrades, Private Yoshinaga reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

TEIJI ISHII, 30104827, Private, Inf, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious service near Biffontaine, France, from 27 October 1944 to 14 November 1944. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 7, Hq 6th Army Group, 29 Jan 45)

NICHIJI NII, Private First Class, 30106252, Inf, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 6 November 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. Advised to return to his platoon after evacuating the wounded throughout the entire day, Private First Class Nii, volunteer litter bearer, realizing the urgent need for help, remained to assist the relief litter squad. On several occasions he went as far forward as fifty yards from the enemy positions, and under small arms fire, to evacuate several casualties to the aid station. By his courage and concern for the welfare of his comrades, Private First Class Nii reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Pahoia, Territory of Hawaii.

JOSEPH K. YASUDA, 30106324, Private, Inf, Company M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in France on 6 November 1944. When a member of his machine gun section was seriously wounded by shrapnel during an enemy artillery barrage, Private Yasuda fearlessly left his covered position and dashed to the aid of his comrade. After rendering first aid, and having decided that immediate evacuation was imperative, he proceeded to assist the seriously injured men to the aid station. As the two were making their way to the rear they were thrown to the ground by a nearby artillery burst, rendering Private Yasuda temporarily unconscious. Upon recovery, though still dazed from his fall, he continued to assist the wounded soldier until the aid station was safely reached. By his courageous and voluntary action, Private Yasuda reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 21 Hq 7th Army, 28 Jan 45)

JERO KANETOMI, 39382659, Private, Infantry, Company G, 442d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. When enemy troops attempted to assemble for a surprise attack against his company's sector, Private Kanetomi, the first to observe this movement, fired at the enemy distracting them, and preventing them from getting into good firing positions. His firing also gave warning to other members of his unit enabling them to properly prepare themselves for the defense of their positions. Despite bazooka, rifle grenade, and small arms fire which was directed at a machine gun which his companions were putting into action close to him, Private Kanetomi refused to take cover. Instead,

he remained at his post and fired at an enemy machine gun crew which was preparing to get their gun into action. By his accurate fire he destroyed one of the enemy wounded two others, and successfully dispersed the remainder of the gun crew. Entered military service from Fort Lewis, Washington.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 8, Hq 6th Army Group, 7 Feb 45).

FRANK A. DEMAILO, O-1291437, First Lieutenant, Inf, Headquarters, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious achievement near Biffontaine, France on 27 October 1944. Entered the service from Chicago, Illinois.

TERUO IHARA, O-1695695, Second Lieutenant, Inf, Company E, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. On 16 October, while his company was being subjected to the heavy shelling preliminary to an enemy counter-attack, Lieutenant Ihara moved his platoon to a forward position which afforded better cover and concealment. When the barrage lifted and the enemy emerged from his dug-outs for the assault, Lieutenant Ihara's accurate direction of the platoon's fire, and the surprise effect of its proximity, resulted in fifteen enemy killed and an undetermined number of wounded. On 22 October, when the company was pinned down by heavy enemy fire during its assault on Hill 655, Lieutenant Ihara's skillful direction of his men again achieved a surprise effect which routed the enemy, killing twelve of their number and capturing large quantities of materiel. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

JIMMIE T. NAKAYAMA, O-1998049, Second Lieutenant (then Technician Third Grade) MAC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 28 October 1944 in France. When two riflemen were seriously wounded at a road junction during a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Lieutenant Nakayama quickly gathered his litter bearers and dashed 100 yards to their aid. On approaching the road junction, he halted his men, and ordering them to seek cover from the enemy shells, valiantly went forward alone. After having dressed the wounds of the injured men, he signaled his litter bearers to advance and directed the evacuation to the rear while the enemy continued to shell the area. Lieutenant Nakayama's courage, initiative and determination of purpose were exemplary and a credit to the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Tacoma, Washington.

MIKIRI OGATA, 39170292, Sergeant, Inf, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in France on 21 October 1944, while assigned the task of laying and maintaining the vital communication line between the Battalion's CP and an assault platoon. Despite the fact that he was repeatedly harassed by enemy sniper and mortar fire, Sergeant Ogata continued with his mission and for the greater part of the action his telephone line was the only communication with the rear. When the advance of the platoon was halted by an enemy strongpoint he voluntarily moved forward to assist the riflemen in neutralizing the enemy position. By his initiative, courage, and determination Sergeant Ogata contributed immeasurably to the subsequent success of the platoon's mission and reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Bakersfield, California.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (GO No. 5, Hq 6th Army Group, 26 Jan 45)

KAY K. KASHIWABARA, 39083268, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in France, from 28 October to 5 November 1944. While seeking cover from an intense enemy artillery barrage, Sergeant Kashiwabara, section sergeant of a heavy machine gun section, was painfully wounded in the back by shrapnel. Disregarding instructions by the medical aid man to be evacuated, he remained with his men because of the imminent danger of an enemy counter-attack, and in the ensuing action skillfully and successfully led his men against the strong enemy forces. Sergeant Kashiwabara's courage and devotion to duty inspired his men to continue their advance, despite the heavy opposition and unfavorable weather. Entered the service from Penryn, California.

JAMES H. MATSUNAGA, 30105476, Private First Class, Inf, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, from 27 October to 14 November 1944. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

MARTIN L. ITO, 39914812, Private First Class, Inf, Cannon Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in France from 27 to 28 October 1944, while serving as radio operator for the forward observer in the drive to relieve the "Lost Battalion" of the 141st Infantry. As a result of heavy enemy concentrations of artillery fire there were many casualties among the forward troops. When poor observation forced the forward observer into temporary inactivity, Private First Class Ito, ever ready to be of service, notified his unit's aid station whenever there were wounded and litter cases. Though severely wounded across his upper arm, he did not seek any treatment himself and continued to maintain contact until assured that medical aid was on its way for his comrades. By his courage, initiative and devotion to his injured comrades, Private First Class Ito insured prompt treatment for the wounded and reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from San Diego, California.

ARTHUR A. SUSUMI, 39913359, Private First Class, Inf, Cannon Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 22-24 October and on 29 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. Private First Class Susumi was radio operator for the forward observer with the 100th Battalion during the unit's isolation near Biffontaine. When the forward observer was ordered to lay a creeping barrage on the reverse side of a hill to forestall enemy counter-attack against friendly positions on the opposite side, he relayed the fire orders until the rounds were just clearing the trees above. Despite the ever present danger of tree bursts, and a subsequent counterbarrage by the enemy which came in over the ridge and bracketed him between two curtains of fire, he continued to relay the fire orders until it was felt that the enemy had been discouraged from counter-attacking. During the unit's return to rest, when one of the men was seriously wounded in the face by shrapnel, Private First Class Susumi, heedless of the danger from exploding shells and his own injury, helped render first aid. Entered the service from Seattle, Washington.

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FRED M. KINOSHITA, 39913750, Corporal, Inf, Cannon Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sospel, France. During a 2-hour barrage in which the enemy threw in about 60 rounds on a Cannon Company position, the explosion from one of the shells set fire to a high explosive shell ammunition dump. The flames gained headway to a point where the exploding powder charges were pushing the projectiles out of their burning fiber containers. Without regard for enemy shellfire, or the possibility that the dump might blow up, either from heat or a hit by the numerous enemy shells, Corporal Kinoshita repeatedly carried water in pails and cans from a store 15 yards away and poured it on the burning dump until the fire was out. His prompt action under hostile shellfire saved the ammunition and averted possible damage to the howitzers and injury to personnel. Entered the service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

TETSUO KUROZAWA, 30104818, Private First Class, Inf, Company H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of La Croisette, France, on 2 November 1944. While moving into support position, Private First Class Kurozawa's platoon was suddenly caught in an artillery barrage which inflicted heavy casualties. Observing that his comrades were wounded, he left his cover to go to their aid despite the fact that the barrage had not lifted. After administering first aid he further disregarded the enemy's small arms fire in order to evacuate the wounded men. By his courage and concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers, Private First Class Kurozawa reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

FRANK Y. ASARI, 19062345, Private First Class, Inf, Company H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of La Croisette, France, on 2 November 1944. While moving into support position, Private First Class Asari's platoon was suddenly caught in an artillery barrage which inflicted heavy casualties. Observing that his comrades were wounded, he left his cover to go to their aid despite the fact that the barrage had not lifted. After administering first aid, he further disregarded the enemy's small arms fire in order to evacuate the wounded men. By his courage and concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers, Private First Class Asari reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

HARRY NAKAMURA, 30105589, Private First Class, Inf, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement near Biffontaine, France, on 29 October 1944. Realizing that his bazooka was too cumbersome for the close combat and hilly terrain, Private First Class Nakamura exchanged it for a captured enemy pistol and a 45 caliber pistol which lay near a wounded soldier. With a weapon in each hand he advanced upon an enemy machine gun emplacement and upon approaching within 15 yards of the position, opened fire with both weapons, killing the gunner and wounding the assistant. By his courageous and voluntary action, Private First Class Nakamura eliminated one of the enemy's main sources of fire and contributed immeasurably to the advance of his platoon. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

TADASHI MORIMOTO, 30106110, Private First Class, Inf, Headquarters Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in France on 6 January 1945. During a 15-minute enemy artillery barrage on an intersection and bridge, Private First Class Morimoto voluntarily left the cover of a pillbox to assist in placing a seriously injured man who had been hurt in a truck collision, into his jeep. As the man was critically wounded, Private First Class Morimoto, disregarding the shellfire, carefully drove his vehicle around the rocks that the shell explosions were throwing on the road. Although three shells fell nearby, he safely evacuated the injured man to the nearest aid station. Entered service from Spreckelsville, Maui, T.H.

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FRANK K. SAKAMOTO, 39681010, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Service Co, 442d Regimental Combat Team for heroic achievement near La Houssiere, France, on 30 October 1944. Sergeant Sakamoto, battalion supply sergeant, personally undertook the task of hauling supplies of rations and ammunition to the forward distribution point 1000 yards away. Fully aware of the danger of traveling over the hazardous route, he continued to drive back and forth through the constant enemy barrage to deliver the badly needed supplies to the forward positions. While returning to the rear after one of his many trips, he was suddenly caught in a heavy enemy mortar barrage. One of the shells fell near his vehicle, badly riddling the jeep and seriously fracturing his upper jaw. With admirable courage he continued to drive through the falling shells until he finally reached the aid station. Entered the service from Montpelier, Idaho.

TSUYOSHI SHINTANI, 20298111, Sergeant, Inf, Cannon Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sospel, France. During a 2-hour barrage in which the enemy threw in about 60 rounds on a Cannon Company position, the explosion from one of the shells set fire to a high explosives shell ammunition dump. The flames gained headway to a point where the exploding powder charges were pushing the projectiles out of their burning fiber containers. Without regard for enemy shellfire, or the possibility that the dump might blow up, either from heat or a hit by the numerous enemy shells, Sergeant Shintani repeatedly carried water in pails and cans from a store 15 yards away and poured it on the burning dump until the fire was out. His prompt action under hostile shellfire saved the ammunition and averted possible damage to the howitzers and injury to personnel. Entered the service from Boise, Idaho.

KAZUO MORI, 39011009, Sergeant, Inf, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in France on 1 and 7 November 1944. When the radio became too weak for receiving messages and the telephone line was severed by enemy shell fire, leaving the company without communication to the Battalion CP, Sergeant Mori volunteered to locate the damaged spot in the line. Fully exposed to the enemy fire he crept and crawled for a distance of 500 yards through the dense forest until he finally located the break and repaired it. On the afternoon of 7 November 1944, when there was a shortage of litter bearers he volunteered on two separate occasions to lead a litter squad to a forward area over enemy mine fields and under enemy small arms fire to evacuate wounded riflemen. Entered the service from San Francisco, California.

MINORU GUSHIKEN, 30100850, Technician Fourth Grade, Inf, Company M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement near Sospel, France, from 23 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, while he was acting mess sergeant for the company. Technician Fourth Grade Gushiken voluntarily drove over mountainous roads under enemy observation and artillery fire in order that the various platoons of his company might have hot meals three times a day. On one occasion while he was delivering the noon meal, enemy artillery and self-propelled fire became especially heavy along an open stretch of the road. Although an enemy shell burst within 20 yards of the vehicle, penetrating his truck and trailer with shell fragments, Technician Fourth Grade Gushiken determinedly resumed his trip to the men in the front lines. Entered the service from Makaweli, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

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NOBUICHI TANAKA, 39916443, Private First Class, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 31 October 1944, in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France. When two men in an endeavor to rescue a wounded soldier became casualties, Private First Class Tanaka, disregarding the enemy's treacherous fire on aid men, left his cover to attempt a rescue. Occasionally hitting the ground and moving ahead by crawling, he made his way for a hundred yards until he reached one of the men who was wounded in a previous rescue attempt. When the injured man insisted that the soldier he had attempted to rescue be treated first, Private First Class Tanaka crawled 30 yards to the designated man, rendered first aid, then returned to treat the other man. After supervising their evacuation, he returned to his platoon. Entered the service from Hunt, Idaho.

BEN KITAGAWA, 38512281, Private First Class, Inf, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 7 November 1944, in France. When several attempts by the leading elements of his company to advance under enemy machine gun fire met with failure, Private First Class Kitagawa, an assistant BAR-man, left his covered position and crawled forward into the intense enemy fire. When he and the BAR man, taking advantage of whatever cover they could find, reached a point within 75 yards of one of the machine gun positions, they opened fire. When the ammunition supply became depleted, he again exposed himself to crawl to the rear for an additional supply. Though the route he travelled was subjected to enemy machine gun and mortar fire, he made repeated trips in the ensuing hour to keep his comrade well supplied with ammunition. Entered the service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

SUNAO KITAGAWA, 30106092, Private First Class, Inf, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 3 November 1944, in France. When the communication line was severed by enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Kitagawa, a jeep driver, volunteered to locate and repair the break. After proceeding for a distance of 75 yards, he was caught in an artillery and mortar barrage, but instead of seeking cover, he continued his search for an additional 800 yards until he located the break and made the necessary repairs. That evening he again volunteered to repair a rupture in the line, and after tracing the wire in almost total darkness for a distance of approximately 400 yards, located the damaged point near a roadblock which was under fire. As he was making the necessary repairs, three enemy mortar shells fell within 15 to 25 yards from his position, and though shaken by the concussion determinedly remained in the area until the repairs were completed. Entered the service from Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

SUEO KANEHIRA, 30105792, Private, Inf, Company H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of La Croisette, France on 2 November 1944. While moving into support position, Private Kanehira's platoon was suddenly caught in an artillery barrage which inflicted heavy casualties. Observing that his comrades were wounded, he left his cover to go to their aid despite the fact that the barrage had not lifted. After administering first aid he further disregarded the enemy's small arms fire in order to evacuate the wounded men. Entered the service from Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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TOM K. NISHIKAWA, 30105124, Private, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in France on 27 October 1944. When one of the squad leaders was seriously wounded during an enemy artillery barrage, Private Nishikawa left his covered position, quickly pulled him to a nearby slit trench and administered first aid. After dressing the wound, the nature of which made immediate evacuation imperative, he again exposed himself to the enemy fire, contacted the litter squad which was attached to the company, then led it to the wounded soldier and evacuated him to the rear. Private Nishikawa's courage, initiative, and devotion to his fellow soldier were exemplary and a credit to the armed forces of the United States. Entered the service from Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

WILLIAM S. PYE, O-1312107, Captain, Inf, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in France. In the capture of Biffontaine, France, on 23 October 1944, Captain Pye led his company with such speed and skill into the village as to secure several strong-points and houses from the enemy. Soon after the jump-off into Biffontaine, he led his company unobserved and caught the enemy entirely by surprise. With his smoothly functioning team he took one section of the town and set up road blocks to prevent the enemy from bringing in tanks to aid the counter-attacks that were leveled at the company that night. The thoroughness with which Captain Pye carried out his plan of battle in Biffontaine was largely responsible for the success of the battalion in capturing the village. Entered the service from Abilene, Texas.

GEORGE S. HARADA, 30105108, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of La Croisette, France on 2 November 1944. While moving into support position, Sergeant Harada's platoon was suddenly caught in an artillery barrage which inflicted heavy casualties. Observing that his comrades were wounded, Sergeant Harada left his cover to go to their aid despite the fact that the barrage had not lifted. After administering first aid he further disregarded the enemy's small arms fire in order to evacuate the wounded men. Entered the service from Lanikai, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

LAWRENCE T. FUJII, 30105484, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 7 November 1944 in France. When several attempts to advance by the leading elements were stopped by the crossfire of three enemy guns, Sergeant Fujii and his assistant, disregarding personal safety, left their covered position and crept and crawled forward into the enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire. Taking advantage of whatever cover they could find, he and his comrade reached a point within 75 yards of the hostile gun positions and opened fire. Repeatedly exposing himself to enemy observation and fire, Sergeant Fujii harassed the three enemy positions, enabling a platoon of Company G to encircle the enemy's right flank and destroy one of the machine guns and cause the remaining two enemy machine gun crews to retreat. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

FRED M. MATSUMOTO, 39022362, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious service from 15 to 30 August 1944, near Biffontaine, France. Entered the service from Hollywood, California.

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