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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

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November 1945

The 442d Infantry Regiment continued its assignment of guarding PW enclosures, hospitals, salvage dumps, petrol points, and medical supply depots. All three battalions and separate companies were employed in this mission.

The status of the Regiment for the month remained the same, in Category I, as per Letter, Hq MTOUSA, File AG 322.011/952 C-0, dated 26 October 1945.

The redeployment of high-point officers and enlisted men was again the highlight of the month. Approximately 16 officers and 490 EM left for Redeployment Depots for eventual shipment to the U. S. and discharge, while 54 EM reenlistees left for furloughs in the U. S.

The Regiment was actively engaged in educational and recreational activities. The 100th Bn Beachcombers, interpreters of popular Hawaiian songs and dances, left for Rome to entertain Prince Umberto, Lt Gen of the Realm and Crown Prince of Italy, at his personal invitation. 14 Nov saw the gala opening of the 442d's "Go For Broke Club" at the 100th and 2d Bn area. Music for the dancing was furnished by an 8-piece Italian orchestra. The 442d basketball quintet was on the short end of a 34-31 score in losing to the PBS Hq Com'd in the opening game of the PBS Ivy League. With the formal closing of the University Training Command in Florence, 160 men, students of the fourth and last session, returned to the Regiment.

"I" Co represented the 442d Infantry in Leghorn's Armistice Day rites at the Yankee Stadium. Designated as "A" Co of the ceremony, it led the formal parade in honor of the dead of this and the last World Wars.

General Mark Clark commended the 442d Infantry Regiment in a letter to Colonel Miller which reads:

"On returning from a brief but pleasant trip to the United States, I found the story of the 442d Combat Team on my desk. I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me, and you may be sure that it will always serve as a pleasant reminder of the important role played in our Mediterranean Campaigns by the men of the 442d.

"They demonstrated conclusively the loyalty and valor of our American citizens of Japanese

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ancestry in combat. Their actions before Rome and again in the drive from Massa to Genoa were indispensable to the success of our Allied victories in Italy. I send my best wishes for your continued good fortune, and for that of all members of your command."

Compilation of the awards presented to members of the regiment as of 30 November 1945 shows the following breakdown:

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| Distinguished Unit Citation            | 5     |
| Meritorious Service Unit Plaque        | 2     |
| Unit Commendation                      | 1     |
| Distinguished Service Cross            | 48    |
| Distinguished Service Medal            | 1     |
| Legion of Merit                        | 16    |
| Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star Medal  | 11    |
| Silver Star Medal                      | 323   |
| Oak Leaf Cluster to Croix de Guerre    | 1     |
| Croix de Guerre                        | 12    |
| Soldier's Medal                        | 12    |
| Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal  | 35    |
| Bronze Star Medal                      | 792   |
| Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart Medal | 468   |
| Purple Heart Medal                     | 2019  |
| Army Commendation                      | 36    |
| Division Commendation                  | 84    |
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The month of November closed with the 442d Infantry Regiment situated in the following locations:

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| Regtl Hq and Hq Co     | Leghorn                    |
| Hq and Hq Co, 100th Bn | Leghorn                    |
| Co A                   | Leghorn                    |
| Co B                   | Leghorn                    |
| Co C                   | Leghorn                    |
| Co D                   | Leghorn                    |
| Hq and Hq Co, 2d Bn    | Leghorn                    |
| Co E                   | Leghorn                    |
| Co F                   | Leghorn                    |
| Co G                   | Leghorn                    |
| Co H                   | Naples                     |
| Hq and Hq Co, 3rd Bn   | Pisa Staging Area          |
| Co I                   | Pisa Staging Area, Tombolo |
| Co K                   | Tombolo, Pisa Staging Area |
| Co L                   | Tombolo                    |
| Co M                   | Pisa Staging Area          |
| Anti Tank Co           | Pisa                       |
| Cannon Co              | Leghorn                    |
| Service Co             | Tombolo                    |

LIST OF DECORATIONS

November 1945

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| Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal. . . | 1        |
| Bronze Star Medal. . . . .                 | 2        |
| Good Conduct Medal . . . . .               | 298      |
| Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart Medal . . | 2        |
| Purple Heart Medal . . . . .               | 2        |
| Combat Infantryman Badge . . . . .         | <u>3</u> |
|  | 308      |

NOTE: Amendment of GO, changing Bronze Star  
award to Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star-1

EXHIBIT "A"

GENERAL ORDERS #106, HEADQUARTERS 92d INFANTRY DIVISION, 10 Nov 45.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

THOMAS M. KOBAYASHI, 02039453, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 29 March to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PERSHING NAKADA, 0405266, Captain, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations, from 5 to 15 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Mitchell, Nebraska.

THEODORE T. YAMATE, 30104358, Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations, from 29 March to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Kapaa, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 98, cs

So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 98, this headquarters, 16 October 1945, which awards the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class Yoshinori L. Ikebe, 30105146, Medical Department, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster thereto, in lieu of a second award of the Bronze Star Medal.