

INJURED IN ACTION  
MONTH OF APRIL 1945

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND 735012  
By NARA Date 5/14/03

1.	Koike, Clarence S.	Pfc	30105043	Co M
2.	Ikegaki, Kanji	Pvt	37364395	Co E
3.	Shigematsu, Jenchi	S Sgt	30103559	Co E
4.	Sowa, Ichiro J.	Pfc	39012173	Co K
5.	Namba, Tommy T.	Pvt	39929319	Co B
6.	Shundo, Jack Y.	Pfc	37364050	Co M
7.	Ishii, Miyoji	Pfc	30102932	Co B
8.	Fujimoto, Haru	Sgt	39230855	Co E
9.	Miyagishima, Teruo	Pfc	39930909	Co G
10.	Mark, George S. G.	Pvt	30105522	Co F
11.	Yamashita, Paul Y.	Pfc	30105226	Co F
12.	Matsushita, Wakao	S Sgt	39913364	Co I
13.	Sugihara, Hideo	Pvt	30110877	Co C
14.	Kasai, Jack Y.	Pfc	35089145	Co I
15.	Kanda, Tokuo	Pvt	30110883	Co M
16.	Yamaura, Henry Y.	Pvt	36949244	Serv Co
17.	Ebisuya, Kichio	Pfc	30104247	Co G
18.	Inada, Charles M.	Pfc	36468490	Co I
19.	Yamagata, Gichi	Pfc	39914148	Cn Co
20.	Harada, George	Pfc	39168082	Co D
21.	Asaki, Thomas S.	Pfc	39066946	Co I
22.	Yamashita, Arthur W.	Pfc	39681508	Co L
23.	Nakama, Jiei	Pfc	37356134	Co E
24.	Ebata, Kiyoshi S.	Pfc	30104055	Co E
25.	Kanow, Hichiro	Pvt	39015425	Co E
26.	Kanzaki, Tadashi V.	Pvt	39928313	Co E
27.	Shirakawa, John S.	S Sgt	39159133	Co M
28.	Okuma, Hiroo	Pfc	39170866	Co C
29.	Kanatani, George S.	Pfc	39018451	Co E
30.	Iwasaki, Arthur	Pfc	39094386	Co I
31.	Arashiro, Ralph T.	Sgt	30101045	Co I
32.	Takahashi, Tom H.	Pfc	37363998	Co K
33.	Otsuka, Kengo	Pvt	39932258	Co C
34.	Matsumoto, Takeo H.	Pvt	30103554	Co F
35.	Nakano, Tom	Pfc	19077453	Co F
36.	Isefuku, Yutaka	Pvt	39925824	Co I
37.	Nagaoka, Shiro	Pfc	38663485	Co I
38.	Okamoto, Sakato	Pfc	39916596	Co K
39.	Aoki, Yorio	Sgt	37363798	Co K
40.	Kurata, Fred S.	Pvt	38669071	Co K
41.	Nishihara, Kenichi	Pvt	39019046	Co L
42.	Tanaka, Nobuichi	Pfc	39916443	MD
43.	Yanagimachi, William T.	Pfc	39916450	Cn Co
44.	Mayeda, Hideo C.	Pfc	39916618	Cn Co
45.	Nakasone, Harold S.	Pfc	30102640	Cn Co
46.	Muraoka, Takashi	Pvt	30105019	Cn Co
47.	Hidaka, Frank S.	Pfc	39093533	Cn Co
48.	Furugen, Masao	Pfc	30106346	Co I
49.	Tada, Kenneth T.	S Sgt	30103598	Co M
50.	Uyeda, Tomochika	Pfc	30105672	Co E

SECRET

INJURED IN ACTION:

By PT NARA Date 4/17/03  
Authority NND 735612  
DECLASSIFIED

51. Hiraoka, Tommy Y.	Pfc	36696642	Co I
52. Miyamoto, Tsuneichi J.	Pfc	30106106	Co I
53. Hayashi, Tadao	Pfc	39916615	Co I
54. Kato, Tadakazu M.	Pfc	39865456	Co I
55. Matsuda, Tomoichi	Sgt	30105573	Co K
56. Takiguchi, Bob N.	Pfc	39916518	Co L
57. Morita, David K.	Pfc	30106170	Co M
58. Shiota, Mamoru	Pfc	30106366	Co I

SECRET

SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND DECORATIONS - APRIL 45

Distinguished Service Cross	3
Legion of Merit	1
Silver Star	14
Bronze Star	49
Purple Heart	252
Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	104
Combat Infantryman Badge	596
Medical Badge	230
Good Conduct Medal	58

**SECRET**

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. (Sec I, GO No. 19, Hq 6th Army Group, 27 Mar 45)

FUJIO MIYAMOTO, 30105618, Staff Sergeant, Inf., Company "K", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for extraordinary heroism in action on 29 October 1944 near Biffontaine, France. When the forward elements of Sergeant Miyamoto's company were pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun and supporting snipers, he fearlessly worked his way forward toward the enemy emplacement. While so engaged he was wounded in the forearm by a sniper, but, disdaining medical treatment, he continued to advance until he reached a point 25 yards from the emplacement. Exposing himself in order to get better observation he opened fire with his sub-machine gun, killed the two gunners and thus neutralized the position. In the 2-hour fire fight which followed Sergeant Miyamoto accounted for five more of the enemy and refused to be evacuated until the initial objective was reached. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. (Sec I, GO No. 18, Hq 6th Army Group, 24 Mar 45)

GORDON YAMASHIRO, 30105540, Staff Sergeant, Inf., Company "K", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for extraordinary heroism in action on 28 October 1944 near Biffontaine, France. Sergeant Yamashiro's company was advancing against dominating enemy positions when it was suddenly pinned down by the crossfire of two machine guns supported by riflemen and grenadiers. Immediately sizing up the dangerous situation, he deployed his squad to cover his movements and advanced alone to espy the enemy positions. After determining the probable source of the enemy fire he advanced 100 yards, killed a sniper who fired at him and missed, then neutralized with BAR fire one of the gun positions by killing three of its crew members. Continuing his audacious movements under fire from the second gun position, he killed the two gunners, thus neutralizing the emplacement. While engaged in laying down a protective screen of fire for his company's subsequent advance Sergeant Yamashiro was fatally shot by an enemy sniper. Next of kin: Matsu Yamashiro (Father), Honolulu.

AWARD, DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS) (Sec I, GO No. 45, Hq ETOUSA, 25 Mar 45)

Private First Class Matsuichi Yogi (Army Serial No 30104464), Infantry, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, as a member of Company "K", 442nd Regimental Combat Team, from 27 October 1944 to 29 October 1944. Private First Class Yogi, during an enemy counterattack, daringly exposed himself and with his bazooka knocked out a German Mark IV tank. Disregarding enemy sniper fire, he eliminated one of two German bazookas with his own weapon and knocked out the other one with accurate rifle fire. On the second day, he scored a near hit on an enemy machine gun nest which enabled his platoon to overrun the position. Private First Class Yogi's fighting spirit and intrepid gallantry above and beyond the call of duty, add living glory to the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Hawaii.

AWARD, LEGION OF MERIT (Sec III, GO 71, Hq ETOUSA, 21 Apr 45)

Lieutenant Colonel Virgil R. Miller (Army Serial No 015847), Infantry, United States Army -- 1 February 1943 to 19 February 1945.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS (Sec I, GO No. 47, MTOUSA, 15 Mar 45)

CHARLES K. HARADA, 30104939, Sergeant, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Castellina, Italy on 12 July 1944. When the telephone wire from the observation post to his mortars was cut by heavy enemy barrages, Sergeant Harada went out in the midst of the heavy shellings in order to repair the wire. So severe were the barrages that it was impossible to keep the wire in repair to be of any use. In the meantime a strong enemy force had assembled in a draw free from covering machine gun fire, and made preparations for an attack. Sergeant Harada ordered his men to fire in the general direction of the enemy, and then ran about 300 yards up the slope of the hill through the rain of enemy shells to observe the fire of his mortars. He repeated this strenuous procedure three times under constant enemy concentrations of mortar and 88mm fire. Though this was his only means of directing the fire of his mortars, the fire was so accurate that the enemy assembled in the draw was completely dispersed and forced to withdraw. That evening, Sergeant Harada was assigned to lead a group of men through a mine field to the listening post in front of the lines. Gathering what little strength was left in him since the nerve-wracking ordeal earlier in the day, he set out with his men. As he approached the mine field, he cautioned his men to keep at a good distance behind him, and though physically spent, he plodded on well ahead of his men until he tripped an enemy mine and was fatally wounded. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Harada reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Hana Harada, (mother), 936 Makahiki Way, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

JOE M. NISHIMOTO, 35229917, Private First Class, Company G, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Mantignano, Italy on 31 August 1944. As a member of a patrol instructed to make a bold daylight crossing of the Arno River to clear an area for occupation by his company, Private First Class Nishimoto as the first soldier to cross the river exposed himself to the enemy for 200 yards, and immediately covered the crossing of the balance of the patrol. While in the process of clearing the area, Private First Class Nishimoto on four different occasions located trip wires attached to anti-personnel mines and booby traps

JOE M. NISHIMOTO, 35229917, Private First Class, Co G, 442d Inf Regt (contd)

and guided the patrol over a safe route through the heavily mined area. When an enemy machine gun opened fire, he circled to the left, climbed a 20 foot embankment directly above the position and threw a grenade killing an officer. Despite the fact that a concussion grenade landed directly in front of him and failed to explode, he crawled to within 15 yards of the enemy and threw another grenade, badly wounding two men and forcing three others to surrender. Considerable ammunition and weapons including a transmitting and receiving set which was being used to direct enemy artillery were captured. Private First Class Nishimoto's skill and ability and his courage in the face of gravest danger contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of the mission and his actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. In subsequent action against the enemy, Private First Class Nishimoto was killed in action, as the result of enemy shellfire. Next of kin: Kiyo Nishimoto (mother), c/o W.P. Diesel, RFD Number 1, Lima, Ohio.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. (Sec I, GO No. 24, Hq 6th Army Group, 9 Apr 45)

RICHARD M. OSHIRO, 30105863, Private First Class, Inf., Company "I", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 28 October 1944 near Biffontaine, France. During the second day's action to relieve the "Lost Battalion", when two enemy machine guns pinned down his platoon, Private Oshiro exposed himself to sniper and grenade fire, crawled to within 10 yards of the first nest and destroyed the position with grenades, killing two enemy gunners. While subjected to sniper fire he then advanced upon the second machine gun and by launching enemy grenades obtained at the emplacement previously neutralized, forced its two gunners to surrender. Entered the service from Lanai City, Lanai, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR. (Sec I, GO No. 20, Hq 6th Army Group, 30 Mar 45)

TAKEMATSU MAEDA, 30104524, Private First Class, Inf., Company "K", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 27 October 1944 in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France. During a counter-attack on his company's positions by a superior enemy force led by tanks, Private Maeda, a bazooka man, worked his way through the intense enemy fire to a point within 50 yards of the leading tank. Although subjected to 75 millimeter and small arms fire, he carefully aimed and fired five rounds at the tank, scoring three direct hits and forcing the enemy to abandon the tank and withdraw. By his courage and coolness under fire, Private Maeda aided immeasurably in repulsing the counter-attack. Entered the service from Waipahu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. (Sec II, GO No. 20, Hq 6th Army Group, 30 Mar 45)

HAROLD M. BROWN, O-1306698, First Lieutenant, Inf., Company "F", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 21 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. After deploying his platoon, Lieutenant Brown and an enlisted man launched a two-man assault upon a house which he believed to be strongly occupied by enemy troops. As he forced open the front door, his companion quickly fired and stopped an enemy officer's attempt to escape. Swiftly moving into a second room, Lieutenant Brown and his companion caught 17 hostile troops off-guard and immediately forced their surrender. Lieutenant Brown's excellent direction of the attack not only led to the capture of the enemy troops, but secured documents and equipment which proved invaluable. Entered the service from Mannsville, New York.

SECRET

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. (Sec II, GO No. 20, Hq 6th Army Group, 30 Mar 45)  
GREGORY H. IKEDA, O-379036, First Lieutenant, Inf., Company "C", 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1945 in the Maritime Alps, France. During a raid on a house occupied by a numerically superior enemy force, Lieutenant Ikeda deployed his men to cut off all routes of escape and, approaching the house with his BAR gunner, fired his carbine into the door and called upon the occupants to surrender. When he was answered by hostile fire that endangered the patrol, Lieutenant Ikeda and the BAR gunner stood their ground, and as the enemy troops attempted to break through, opened fire and forced them to retreat to the interior. By this action Lieutenant Ikeda was largely responsible for the death of two enemy troops and the capture of twelve. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

SADAICHI KUBOTA, O-1999531, Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Inf., Company "I", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1944 in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France. While on reconnaissance patrol, Lieutenant Kubota led his men in an attack on an enemy OP which resulted in four enemy killed and routed the remainder. With his observation gone the enemy was forced to discontinue his artillery and mortar barrages, thereby permitting Lieutenant Kubota's company to advance on the ridge and to occupy its reverse slope. Lieutenant Kubota then proceeded to reconnoiter the forward slope and while so engaged was wounded in the head by an enemy sniper. Momentarily stunned, he nevertheless made his way back unassisted and although in need of immediate medical treatment, informed the company of the enemy's troop and gun positions before being evacuated to the aid station. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

GENRO KASHIWA, 30104311, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Inf., Company "L", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 7 November 1944 in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France. Assuming command when his Platoon Leader and Sergeant were wounded and evacuated, Sergeant Kashiwa led his platoon in an attack on a well defended hill. He brought his men through a mine field, surprised the enemy, and opening fire with his M-1 rifle, killed three and silenced a machine gun. When two of his men were wounded, he worked his way to them under intense enemy fire, administered first aid and directed their evacuation. Entered the service from Waialua, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KOICHI TAKEMOTO, 30100442, Staff Sergeant, Inf., Company "B", 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. Sergeant Takemoto, realizing the impossibility of firing his mortar from the thickly wooded area behind the company, led his mortar squad to the right flank of the riflemen. Unable to find a suitable OP in the immediate vicinity, he crawled forward under intense enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire to a point 175 yards ahead of the leading element of the company and established his OP in a house. From this point he directed the laying of a mortar barrage that completely routed two enemy columns that were threatening to cut the battalion in two, killing or wounding approximately 30 enemy troops. Entered the service from Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.

MASARU UNO, 30106399, Private First Class, Inf., Company "B", 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. Private Uno worked his way forward under intense enemy fire with a communication line and telephone to establish an observation post 175 yards in advance of the leading elements of his company. Later, while

**SECRET**

MASARU UNO, 30106399, Pfc, Inf., Co "B", 100th Bn, 442d RCT (contd)

the squad leader was calling fire directions to his mortar positions, the wire was severed by an enemy shell burst. Private Uno crawled along the wire for 75 yards under the continuous enemy barrage, to locate and join the break, thus enabling his squad leader to direct mortar fire which routed two columns of enemy troops attempting to break through the unit's lines. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. (Sec II, GO No. 19, Hq 6th Army Group, 27 Mar 45)

KENJI TAKUBO, 30105654, Private First Class, Inf., Company "K", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 28 October 1944 in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. When his company was pinned down by a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, rifle grenade and small arms fire, Private Takubo noticing that the aid man was unable to attend to the numerous casualties, left his covered position and crawled 50 yards under the enemy fire to a wounded comrade. There he administered first aid, placed the patient upon his back and proceeded to crawl to a less exposed position 30 yards away, where the wounded man was evacuated by a litter team. Private Takubo was killed in action by an artillery tree burst later that day. Next of kin: Gladys Y. Takubo, (Sister), 147 Gandall Street, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

JOHN Y. TANAKA, 37708538, Private First Class, Inf., Company "C", 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of the Maritime Alps, France. During a raid on an enemy-occupied house, Private Tanaka charged forward, firing his automatic rifle to draw enemy fire away from his comrades. In doing so he was mortally wounded. Summoning his last bit of strength, he fired a burst from his BAR, fatally wounding an enemy machine pistol gunner who was endangering the lives of his comrades. Private Tanaka's gallant action was largely responsible for the killing of two Germans and the capturing of 12 others. Next of kin: Tsunetaro Tanaka (Father), 3635 Marion Street, Denver, Colorado.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. (Sec III, Hq 6th Army Group, 27 Mar 45 - GO No. 19)

HENRY C. OYASATO, O-1998050, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Inf., Company "F", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 29 October 1944 in the vicinity of Belmont, France. When strongly entrenched enemy troops checked his unit's advance upon their positions, Lieutenant Oyasato, having brought his men to within 50 yards of their stronghold, ordered his men to give him protective fire while he advanced alone. As he sighted the helmet of one of the hostile troops, he immediately opened fire with his carbine and killed him. Quickly following this initial blow, Lieutenant Oyasato dashed boldly forward to within 10 yards of the entrenchment and threw two well-placed hand grenades to completely wipe out the machine gun nest and its crew of three men. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

FRED Y. SUGIURA, 30102841, Technical Sergeant, Inf., Company "K", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 29 October 1944 in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France. While leading his platoon in a bayonet charge against enemy hill positions, Sergeant Sugiura rushed a machine gun emplacement, killed three of the gunners, and captured another who was launching hand grenades. In the fire fight and hand-to-hand engagement which followed there was momentary confusion and disorder but Sergeant Sugiura quickly rallied his men for the final assault and routed the enemy from the hill. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

**SECRET**



S E C R E T

DECLASSIFIED  
UND 735017  
Authority  
By NARA Date 4/14/03

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 48, Hq MPOUSA, 16 March 1945)  
SUMITO IKEDA, 30104138, Private, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 31 August 1944. Entered service from Kona, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

MASAYOSHI YAMAMOTO, 30104793, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 19 July 1944. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MELVIN M. TSUCHIYA, 30103566, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 6 July 1944. Entered service from Waimea, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

HIROO H. ENDO, 39918361, Private First Class, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 31 August 1944. Entered service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

CLARENCE M. KOMIYAMA, 30105752, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 4 July 1944. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

BOB A. MARUYAMA, 37704767, Private First Class, Co G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 4 July 1944. Entered service from Denver, Colorado.

HAJIME MIYAMOTO, 30106254, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 4 July 1944. Entered service from Pepeekeo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

HIROSHI MURAMOTO, 30104841, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 6 July 1944. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD S. NITTA, 30102858, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 6 July 1944. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MOTONOBU OKADA, 30103561, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 6 July 1944. Entered service from Waimea, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND 735017  
By NARA Date 4/14/03

AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 15, Hq 92d Inf Div, 22 April 1945.)

JOSEPH L. BYRNE, 01309211, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 25 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Elmira, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Lawrence J. Byrne (Father), Elmira, New York.

AKIRA R. SHIMATSU, 39165971, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 6 July 1944 to 16 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California. Next of kin: Mr. Jack Shimatsu (Brother), 5851 West Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 71, Hq 34th Inf Div, 1 Apr 45)

FRANCIS R. BIANCO, 01305529, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Co G, 442d Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat on 21 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Danvers, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR M. BOYD, 01314095, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Co G, 442d Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat on 21 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: 115 North Kaw Street, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 43, Hq MTOUSA, 11 March 1945).

WILLIE K. KIYOTA, 01999530, Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 5 July 1944. Entered service from Ft. Lupton, Colorado.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 23, Hq 6th Army Group, 4 Apr 45)

JACK K. WAKAMATSU, 39226317, First Sergeant, Inf, Co F, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Arriving upon the scene of a sudden enemy machine gun attack upon a ration carrying party, Sergeant Wakamatsu ordered his four companions to cover him while he crawled to a tree in the vicinity. From this position he engaged the enemy machine gun with rifle grenades. Though wounded in the hand by counterfire he continued to launch grenades at the machine gun until it was abandoned. He then advanced upon the position and from that point continued to harass the retreating enemy until the wounded members of the ration carrying party were evacuated. Entered the service from Venice, California.

YOSHITO KINOSHITA, 30106087, Private, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 19 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. When his litter squad was caught in an artillery barrage, Private Kinoshita ordered the men to safety while he proceeded alone to administer first aid to a wounded man 50 yards away. While on his way back to bring up the squad after dressing the wound he was struck by a shell fragment. In spite of his wound, he returned to the litter squad and informed its members of the type and dressing as well as the location of the wounded man, thus enabling his men to evacuate the patient without delay. During the subsequent days, although suffering from a severe case of trenchfoot, Private Kinoshita continued to perform his duties under enemy fire until ordered to the rear. Entered the service from Hana, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND 735012  
By NARA Date 11/14/03

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 48, Hq MPOUSA, 16 March 1945).

HIDEO OSHITA, 30106313, Private First Class, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 31 August 1944. Entered service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

HARRY T. SASAKI, 39914785, Private First Class, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 31 August 1944. Entered service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

THOMAS R. TANAKA, 37701422, Private First Class, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 31 August 1944. Entered service from Denver, Colorado.

MASARU OKAMOTO, 30105684, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 6 July 1944. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

WILLIAM I. IMAMOTO, 39382030, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 4 July 1944. Entered service from Tacoma, Washington.

AKIRA A. ISHIMOTO, 30105552, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 31 August 1944. Entered service from Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

HERBERT ISONAGA, 30104763, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy on 6 July 1944. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 25, Hq 6th Army Group, 12 April 1945)

MASAO KOIZUMI, 30101933, Private First Class, Inf, Co B, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 27 January 1945, in France. Without regard to personal safety, Private Koizumi and two comrades proceeded under enemy observation into a minefield to evacuate two soldiers wounded by mine explosions. Quickly administering first aid, Private Koizumi and one of his companions undertook the evacuation of one of the casualties, and after traversing 700 yards of mine infested and mountainous terrain, safely delivered him to a litter squad. Entered the service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND 735012  
By NARA Date 4/14/03

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 25, Hq 6th Army Group, 12 April 1945).

SHINYEI MATAYOSHI, 30103657, Technical Sergeant, Inf, Co G, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Olivetta, Italy. When heavy enemy fire pinned down his patrol, Sergeant Matayoshi was ordered by his leader, who was seriously wounded during the action, to withdraw the men. Realizing that if left behind the wounded officer would be in danger of capture by the enemy, Sergeant Matayoshi directed a comrade to conduct the withdrawal. He then carried the fallen man 300 yards under hostile fire to safety, administered first aid, and with an improvised litter effected his evacuation. Entered the service from Kalaheo, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

TSUKASA L. SEKIGUCHI, 30105092, Private First Class, Inf, Co B, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 27 January 1945, in France. Without regard to personal safety, Private Sekiguchi and two comrades proceeded under enemy observation into a minefield to evacuate two soldiers wounded by mine explosions. Quickly administering first aid, Private Sekiguchi and one of his companions undertook the evacuation of one of the casualties, and after traversing 700 yards of mine infested and mountainous terrain, safely delivered him to a litter squad. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MITSURU WATANABE, 30104475, Private First Class, Inf, Co B, 100th Bn, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 27 January 1945 in France. Private Watanabe and two comrades proceeded under enemy observation into a minefield to evacuate two soldiers wounded by mine explosions. While two of the men tended to one of the casualties, Private Watanabe carried the other through the mine field and across mountainous terrain to an aid man. When the wounded man had been treated, Private Watanabe dashed back with the aid man to assist in evacuating the other casualty. Entered the service from Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 22, Hq 6th Army Group, 2 Apr 45).

TOSHIYUKI TANAKA, 30104077, Private First Class, Inf, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Observing that the enemy was preparing for an attack against their battalion's CP and supply and communications line, Private Tanaka and four other men comprising a combat patrol, although greatly outnumbered, began laying down harassing fire in an attempt to break up their preparatory movement. During this fire fight the men of the patrol frequently dashed from position to position, and with shouts and heavy fire, confused the enemy who was led to believe that a far greater force was facing them. This holding action enabled friendly reinforcements to reach the scene, attack and rout the enemy. Entered the service from Haina, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND 735012  
By NARA Date 4/14/03

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 22, Hq 6th Army Group, 2 April 1945).

JACK ARAKAWA, 30105539, Private First Class, Inf, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of Belmont, France. During an attempt by an enemy patrol to outflank his section's position from a ridge, Private Arakawa voluntarily left his shelter, crawled to the top of the ridge under fire, and engaged the enemy with rifle grenades. His first grenade rendered two enemy troops unconscious. He followed this with several more rifle grenades and with carbine fire, forcing the patrol to withdraw and to leave behind one dead and one wounded. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

FRANK S. YANAGIMACHI, 39914214, Private First Class, Inf, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Observing that the enemy was preparing for an attack against their battalion's CP and supply and communications line, Private Yanagimachi and four other men comprising a combat patrol, although greatly outnumbered, began laying down harassing fire in an attempt to break up their preparatory movement. During this fire fight the men of the patrol frequently dashed from position, and with shouts and heavy fire, confused the enemy who was led to believe that a far greater force was facing them. This holding action enabled friendly reinforcements to reach the scene, attack and rout the enemy. Entered the service from Seattle, Washington.

YOSHIO UYECHI, 39016837, Private First Class, Inf, Co K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 1 November 1944 in France. While guiding along a road, the two forward platoons of Private Uyechi's company were pinned down by heavy fire from an enemy roadblock. Quickly following upon this development, the enemy launched an attack against the reserve platoon which threatened to cut it off from the other two. Private Uyechi, BAR man, exposed himself to enemy fire and crawled 75 yards to a position where he could fire his weapon most effectively. Exposing himself and taking careful aim, he silenced a machine gun and killed two snipers near it, thus enabling the reserve platoon to outflank the enemy and neutralize the roadblock. Entered the service from Poston, Arizona.

YOSHINORI SHINSATO, 30105313, Private First Class, Co H, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Observing that the enemy was preparing for an attack against their battalion's CP and supply and communications line, Private Shinsato and four other men comprising a combat patrol, although greatly outnumbered, began laying down harassing fire in an attempt to break up their preparatory movement. During this fire fight the men of the patrol frequently dashed from position to position, and with shouts and heavy fire, confused the enemy who was led to believe that a far greater force was facing them. This holding action enabled friendly reinforcements to reach the scene, attack and rout the enemy. Entered the service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

By PL NARA Date 4/14/03  
Authority UND 735012  
DECLASSIFIED

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 20, Hq 6th Army Group, 30 March 1945)

NOBORU FUJINAKA, 30104712, Sergeant, Inf, Co L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 28 October 1944 in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France. While on a mission to clear an area of snipers, Sergeant Fujinaka exposed himself to the hostile fire in order to locate the enemy's position. When a sniper fired, narrowly missing him, Sergeant Fujinaka maneuvered his men to the left and around the rear of the enemy. In attacking the positions thus encircled they surprised and captured four of the snipers. Later that evening, when his platoon suffered heavy casualties during a concentrated enemy barrage, Sergeant Fujinaka was mortally wounded as he was making his way to the rear for litter bearers. Next of kin: Matsuno Fujinaka (Mother), 507 Oili Rd, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MITSU HARU KUBOYAMA, 30104208, Technician Fifth Grade, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 6 and 8 July 1944 in Italy. On 6 July, when heavy casualties were sustained by a machine gun squad during an artillery barrage, Technicians Fifth Grade Kuboyama went into the area being shelled, administered first aid to the wounded and then moved them to the rear to facilitate their evacuation. Several days later, when a rifleman was wounded during a similar enemy action, he left his shelter, and though mortally hit while attending to the rifleman, instructed the other man to stay under cover and continued to dress the injured man's wound. Next of kin: Jinchiro Kuboyama (Father), 154 Walker Avenue, Wahiawa, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

FRED S. YASUDA, 38506085, Private First Class, Inf, Co K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 29 October 1944 in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. The ammunition supply of his rifle company having become depleted, Private Yasuda voluntarily left his cover and crawled 40 yards under intense enemy fire to remove ammunition from the wounded and distribute it among the riflemen. The supply being insufficient, he again exposed himself to the enemy fire to make his way back to the ammunition pile for a resupply. He then returned to the lines, distributed the ammunition and voluntarily remained on the firing lines as a rifleman. Private Yasuda was killed in a subsequent engagement with the enemy. Next of kin: Mrs. Shizuo Yasuda (Wife), 1-12-A, Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 20, Hq 6th Army Group, 30 March 1945.)

CLAUDE P. WHITE, 0404907, Major, Inf, S-4, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 February 1943 to 5 March 1945 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in Italy and in France. Entered the service from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

IVAN F. KOVAC, 0373118, Major, Inf, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 February 1943 to 5 March 1945 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in Italy and in France. Entered the service from Chicago, Illinois.

S E C R E T

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 21, Hq 6th Army Group, 1 Apr 45)

AKIRA R. OTSUBO, 39082151, Technical Sergeant, Inf., Company "L", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 14 November 1944 in France. During an action to clear and occupy a group of enemy-held houses, Sergeant Otsubo's platoon leader became a casualty. Immediately assuming command and reorganizing the patrol, Sergeant Otsubo withdrew it to a defiladed position and proceeded with three volunteers to the patrol leader's aid. They succeeded in reaching him, administered first aid, and were attempting to evacuate him with an improvised litter when they were pinned down by machine gun fire. Realizing the futility of advancing upright, each of the men alternated in crawling and pulling the wounded man with him, and after traversing 200 yards under enemy automatic and mortar fire, brought him to safety. Sergeant Otsubo was killed in a subsequent action. Next of kin: Mrs. Koto Otsubo (Mother), 99-F Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas.

HENRY Y. HAYASHIDA, 39232166, Private, MC, Medical Detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 29 October 1944 in France. When a rifleman was severely wounded by an enemy sniper; Private Hayashida, disregarding a warning to wait until the hostile fire had abated, left his covered position to go to the wounded man's aid. In full view of the enemy snipers he dashed across 30 yards of open terrain in order to reach the casualty. As he administered first aid to the rifleman he was mortally wounded by snipers who disregarded his Red Cross brassard. Private Hayashida's devotion to duty at the sacrifice of his life reflects the highest traditions of the United States Army. Next of kin: Chie Hayashida (Mother), General Delivery, Mt. View, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

JACK K. WAKAMATSU, 39226317, First Sergeant, Inf., Company "F", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 26 June 1944 in Italy. During his company's movement to better defensive positions, Sergeant Wakamatsu directed by radio the withdrawal of three platoons and several litter cases. After repeated efforts to contact several missing elements had failed, Sergeant Wakamatsu, exposing himself to enemy observation on a high knoll which afforded good radio transmission, finally succeeded in contacting them. He then directed their rearward movement, despite concentrated sniper fire, until they safely reached the company lines. Entered the service from Venice, California.

DANIEL T. AOKI, 30104855, First Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Inf., Company "E", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 22 October 1944 in the vicinity of Belmont, France. During an enemy flanking movement which threatened to sever his company from the battalion, Sergeant Aoki, then a mortar squad leader, organized a small force to meet the threat. Deploying his men, he led them against the enemy, frequently exposing himself in order to better direct the assault, and by his aggressive leadership succeeded in forcing an enemy withdrawal which left in its wake 8 dead, 5 prisoners and several wounded. Entered the service from Puunene, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

WILLARD MATSUMOTO, 30105986, Staff Sergeant, Inf., Company "H", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Observing that the enemy was preparing for an attack against their battalion's CP and supply and communications line, Sergeant Matsumoto and four other men comprising a combat patrol, although greatly outnumbered, began laying down harassing fire in an attempt to break up their preparatory movement. During this firefight, the men of the patrol frequently dashed from position to position, and with shouts and heavy fire, confused the enemy who was led to believe

WILLARD MATSUMOTO, 30105986, S Sgt, Inf, Co "H", 442d Regimental Combat Team (contd)

that a far greater force was facing them. This holding action enabled friendly reinforcements to reach the scene, attack and rout the enemy. Entered the service from Paia, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

SHIRO KASHINO, 39919567, Staff Sergeant, Inf., Company "I", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 27 October 1944 in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France. When his company's forward elements were pinned down by machine gun fire from high ground and the company's left flank exposed due to the withdrawal of supporting elements, Sergeant Kashino, exposing himself to enemy observation, dashed 50 yards up a hill. Shouting to his comrades to follow he covered their advance and organized a firing line. From this point he directed fire which neutralized the machine gun position and enabled the forward elements of his company to withdraw to higher ground. Sergeant Kashino was the last to leave, covering his men's withdrawal with his submachine gun. Entered the service from Hunt, Idaho.

ROBERT S. NITAHARA, 30102515, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Inf, Company "K", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 28 October 1944 in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. During the second day of the action to relieve the encircled battalion of the 141st Infantry, when his company was pinned down and suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant Nitahara, acting Communications Sergeant, exposed himself and crawled 50 yards under enemy fire to the aid of a wounded comrade. On the following day, when his company was attacking a hill, he joined the charging riflemen, and when the ammunition supply became seriously depleted, he voluntarily made five trips to the rear, shouldering the heavy bandoliers over the difficult terrain. Entered the service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MITSURU HAYASHI, 39914544, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Inf., Company "L", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 14 November 1944, in France. During an attack against enemy-held houses, when his patrol was halted by superior enemy fire power which made its withdrawal imperative, Sergeant Hayashi, although wounded, remained in his position. He threw grenades and fired at every window to distract the enemy's attention and to enable the remainder of the squad to withdraw. When his leader and assistant were wounded, Sergeant Hayashi immediately assumed command, and continued his harassing fire until the squad had withdrawn. Entered the service from Newell, California.

MASAMI KASADATE, 30105141, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Inf., Company "L", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France on 7 November 1944. When their company's advance was delayed by anti-personnel mines enclosed within a barbed-wire entanglement, Sergeant Kasadate and a comrade cut a path through the obstacle, neutralizing two booby traps in their way. Continuing to move forward, the two men reached a point 15 yards from the enemy's main defense line, and by a sudden attack which caught the enemy by surprise, killed three and forced the remainder to flee. This action enabled the company to advance and occupy a strategic hill. Entered the service from Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MASATOSHI SADANAGA, 30104029, Corporal, Inf., Company "H", 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Observing that the enemy was preparing for an attack against their battalion's CP and supply and communications line, Corporal Sadanaga and four other men comprising a combat patrol, although greatly outnumbered, began laying down

**SECRET**



MASATOSHI SADANAGA, 30104029, Cpl, Inf., Co "H", 442d RCT (contd)

UNCLASSIFIED

harassing fire in an attempt to break up their preparatory movement. During this firefight, the men of the patrol frequently dashed from position to position, and with shouts and heavy fire, confused the enemy who was led to believe that a far greater force was facing them. This holding action enabled friendly reinforcements to reach the scene, attack and rout the enemy. Entered the service from Onomea, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

NOBORU TSUTSUMI, 37356140, Technician Fifth Grade, Inf., Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of Il Terricio, Italy on 6 July 1944. When an enemy barrage severed the communication line leading to a forward element, Technician Fifth Grade Tsutsumi voluntarily repaired and restored its function. Subsequently, when communications again became disrupted, he proceeded into the impact area, made the necessary repairs, and remained in his hazardous position for the next hour in order to keep the communication line intact. Entered the service from Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (GO No. 15, Hq 92d Inf Div, 22 Apr 45.)

JOSEPH L. BYRNE, 01309211, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 25 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Elmira, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Lawrence J. Byrne (Father), Elmira, New York.

AKIRA R. SHIMATSU, 39165971, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 6 July 1944 to 16 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California. Next of kin: Mr. Jack Shimatsu (Brother), 5851 West Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~SECRET~~

*Unit history  
copy*

C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS  
442D INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO 782, UNITED STATES ARMY

30 April 1946.

MEMORANDUM:

TO :

1. The 442d Infantry will be held on an alert status 1 May 1946, prepared to protect government property, disperse gatherings, or quell disorders on order.

2. (a) Units on guard at installations will use the entire unit, less a reserve platoon, on perimeter guard when ordered.

(b) Company "L" will stand by ready to move motorized as an initial striking force to quell disorder.

(c) The 100th Battalion less guards on post will prepare to assemble motorized to the vicinity of Leghorn Central Railroad Station (Q040474) and await orders.

(d) The 3d Battalion less guards on post will prepare to assemble in the vicinity of Penn Beach (B Co) (Q008557) and await orders.

(e) Anti-Tank Company will, less guards on duty, assemble in the Service Company area on order as regimental reserve.

(f) Cannon Company will, on order, intensify its patrol of the ordnance dump area by using all available men and secure stores.

3. CPs. No change.

Radio communication between the regimental CP and Battalions and separate companies will be established and maintained between 0600 hours, 1 May 1946 and 2200 hours, 1 May 1946.

By order of Colonel MILLER:

*Oral E. Stanton*  
ORAL E. STANTON,  
Captain, Infantry,  
S-3.

DISTRIBUTION:  
1 ea Bn & Co