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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR (Contd.)

from advancing and enabled friendly reinforcements to reach the scene, attack and rout the enemy. Staff Sergeant NARIMATSU's courage, initiative and gallantry under fire reflect credit on the best traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

PAUL T. HASEGAWA, 30100590, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. When an enemy sniper took aim upon his platoon leader, Sergeant HASEGAWA (then Private First Class), at a point 300 yards away wounded the sniper and saved his platoon leader's life. This was the initial shot of the fierce fire-fight that raged for the next hour, during which time the enemy used a multiple of weapons and hand grenades to ward off the attackers. The forward squad came under danger of this heavy fire brought on them and he, sensing the danger, went forward under machine gun and sniper fire to a point within 20 yards of the house where 17 enemy were. His presence was picked up and the enemy hurled 20 grenades at him but uninjured, he closed in right next to the house and delivered fire at the doors and windows enabling the squad to move in and take the house. Sergeant HASEGAWA's action under extreme combat hazards was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii.

TAKAHIKO ASABA, 39914225, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 21 October 1944, in France. While covering the extreme left flank of his platoon, Private First Class ASABA observed twelve enemy riflemen approaching his position. Rather than call for assistance and reveal his position, Private First Class ASABA opened fire with his BAR when the enemy came to within ten yards of his position. His first burst killed one and wounded two of the foe. With the following burst, he killed two more, forced the remainder to flee in disorder and captured two of the wounded. His gallantry and combat skill reflect the best traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Hunt, Idaho.

WILLIAM H. HAGIO, 30104299, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 31 October 1944, in France. When his squad leader was wounded and a medical aid man going to his aid was killed, Private First Class HAGIO, without regard for his personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire and crawled 25 yards to his wounded comrade. While evacuating the wounded man, Private First Class HAGIO was wounded but he continued with the evacuation and dragged the wounded man to a defiladed position 25 yards away. His courage, initiative and devotion to his comrade at great personal risk are exemplary and representative of the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oahu, Hawaii.

MASAMI S. IWATAKI, 39019073, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 26 October 1944, in France. When informed that a wounded man lay exposed to further enemy fire, Private First Class IWATAKI, disregarding his personal safety, left

GENERAL ORDERS #57, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, AFO 512, 9 April 1946.

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

GEORGE E. NAKAMURA, 39918270, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team for heroism in the vicinity of Leghorn, Italy on 23 December 1945. When Technical Sergeant George E. Nakamura, at the scene of the burning Cannon Company kitchen, saw that the fire threatened to ignite ten cans filled with gasoline, thus endangering the company's supply building, he covered his face with a piece of canvas and, without regard for his own personal safety, braved the flames to drag the hot cans, one at a time, to a point of safety. This prompt and brave act on the part of Technical Sergeant Nakamura saved the supply building and much valuable government property, including ammunition, which, if the fire had reached it, would undoubtedly have gone off and resulted in the death or injury of many persons fighting the fire. His courage and resourcefulness are exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Fort Douglas, Utah.

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GENERAL ORDERS #17, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 17 January 1946.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SADAMI KATAHARA, 0353468, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company,
100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious achieve-
ment in connection with military operations in Italy from 5 April to
2 May 1945. Entered service from Hamakuapoko, Maui, Territory of Ha-
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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS
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1 May The month began with the regimental CP located at Busalla. No resistance was being encountered.

2d Battalion at Alessandria maintained road blocks and sent out motorized patrols to Asti and the surrounding area. 1648 German and 1054 Italian Fascist prisoners who had surrendered in the Alessandria area were sent back to prisoner of war cages.

3d Battalion, stationed Northwest of Genoa, guarded the approaches to the city and sent motorized patrols along the coast to Savona. The Battalion was alerted to handle possible May Day riots in Genoa, but none materialized.

Word was received that a group of 40 Germans from the 619th Coast Artillery Battery were fighting partisans near Voltaggio. A platoon of riflemen from Co C, with weapons from Co D and a detachment of tanks, moved on the enemy force. The Germans surrendered to our troops.

The 100th Battalion, in regimental reserve, was billeted in former German barracks at Bolzaneto.

2 May 2d Battalion moved from Alessandria to Asti. Co G motorized patrols went to Saluzze and Cuneo, at which point contact was made with British and French troops.

The 100th Bn left Bolzaneto and moved by train to Alessandria where long range motorized patrols were dispatched to reconnoiter the area. Regimental Headquarters also moved to Alessandria.

The 3d Battalion represented the Combat Team in a parade and ceremony at Genoa, in commemoration of the liberation of the city.

3 May The surrender of all German forces in Italy and the end of resistance in the theater was announced, effective as of 1400 2 May 1945.

The regiment began to assemble at Novi Ligure; 3d Battalion left Genoa by rail and moved to Novi. Service Co moved by motor convey from Busalla to Novi, a distance of 38 miles, and occupied the Italian airport outside the town.

4 May The Regimental CP, 100th and 2d Battalions and remaining elements of the Combat Team closed into bivouac at Novi Ligure. The ~~CLASSIFICATION~~ from combat to garrison duty was begun.

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5-15 Bivouac at Novi Ligure. Reveille and retreat formations were re-instituted. Non-issue weapons were turned in. Care and cleaning of equipment, correct uniform, military courtesy were stressed. A Rest Center for personnel of the Combat Team was in operation in Genoa. On the 6th, memorial services were held for the members of the 442d Combat Team who had died in action during the advance up the Ligurian Coast.

Co F left Novi at 1230 6 May 45 for the city of Cuneo, on outpost duty. The remainder of the 2d Bn followed on the 8th, and set up road blocks and maintained motorized patrols in the Cuneo area.

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On the 14th, the required film "Two Down and One to Go", explaining War Department redeployment policies, was shown to personnel of the Combat Team at Novi Ligure.

In accordance with Operational Instructions #9, Hq 92d Inf Div, dated 141200 May 45, the 442d CT was detached from the 92d Inf Div, and movement to the 34th Division area was ordered, upon arrival to be attached IV Corps.

The 100th Bn left Novi Ligure at 1230 15 May and rode in battalion convoy to Busto Arsizio, a distance of 75 miles, passing through Milan en route. The battalion began relief of the 168th Infantry, 34th Inf Division; however, before completion of the relief orders were changed and the 100th Battalion was alerted for further movement.

16 Secret letter, Hq IV Corps, 16 May 45, directed movement of the 442d Combat Team (including 232d Engrs and 206th AGF Band) to Ghedi Airfield, upon arrival to be detached from IV Corps and attached to 71st AAA Brigade.

The 3d Battalion, separate companies and Regimental Headquarters left Novi Ligure on the 16th and moved by motor to Ghedi Airfield, near Brescia, a distance of approximately 125 miles, via Piacenza and Cremona. The 2d Battalion, at Cuneo, was relieved by the 3d Bn, 168th Infantry, 34th Inf Div, on 16 May and began movement to Ghedi Airport, rear elements closing at 171450 May 45.

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17-31 May The regiment established tent bivouac at Ghedi Airport, at the Fifth Army Enemy Concentration Area. The mission of the regiment was to process and guard German prisoners from the German 14th Army. The regiment was so engaged from the 17th May 45 to close of period, 31 May 45.

Processing teams were formed to search and disinfect the German prisoners. Between 17th May and 24th May when the processing was finished, approximately 85,000 PW's were given a shakedown inspection. A guard of the Concentration Area was established and maintained.

For those not on guard duty, a schedule of garrison training was begun. A show-down inspection of clothing and equipment was held on the 25th.

Weather was warm and dry. Special Service movies were shown nightly and PX rations of beer and candy distributed. One day passes to Milan were authorized for a quota of 200; as well as other quotas to the Fifth Army Rest Centers at Alassio, Venice, and the 442d CT Rest Center at San Pellegrino. Morale continued excellent.

On the 31st, 38 men of the Combat Team, possessing the highest Adjusted Service Rating scores, left the organization for return to the U. S. A regimental parade and ceremony was held in their honor before their departure.

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SUMMARY OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS----MAY 1945.

Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumous)	1
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Silver Star (Posthumous)	6
Silver Star	14
Soldier's Medal	2
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	4
Bronze Star (Posthumous)	4
Bronze Star	99
Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	111
Purple Heart	244
Combat Infantryman's Badge	477
Medical Badge	9
Good Conduct Medal	29

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12 May 1945

I AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following-named enlisted man:

ROBERT T. KURODA, (30104463), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action, on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. Leading his men in an advance to destroy snipers and machine guns, Staff Sergeant KURODA encountered heavy automatic and rifle fire from Germans occupying a heavily wooded slope. Unable to locate a hostile machine gun which was firing on a carrying party, he boldly made his way through heavy fire toward the crest of the ridge. Discovering the machine gun, Staff Sergeant KURODA advanced to a point within ten yards of the nest and killed three enemy gunners with grenades. He then fired clip after clip of rifle ammunition upon supporting enemy rifle-men, killing or wounding at least three of the Germans. As he expended the last of his ammunition, he observed that an officer had been struck by a burst of fire from a hostile machine gun located on an adjacent hill. Rushing to the officer's assistance, he found that the officer had been killed. Picking up a submachine gun, Staff Sergeant KURODA advanced through continuous fire toward the second machine gun emplacement and neutralized the position. As he turned to fire upon supporting riflemen, he was killed instantly by a sniper. By his courageous actions and indomitable fighting spirit, Staff Sergeant KURODA aided materially in the destruction of enemy resistance in the sector. Entered military service from Honolulu, T. H. Next of kin: Incille Kuroda (Sister), Aiea, Oahu, T. H.

II AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

JIM Y. TAZOI, (20924666), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action, on 28 and 29 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. While serving as radioman for a command group, Private First Class TAZOI observed a concealed machine gun position which had been by-passed by forward elements. As the machine gunner attempted to fire at the command group, Private First Class TAZOI shouted warning to his comrades and opened fire on the nest to kill the gunner. The following day, Private First Class



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TAZOI, transporting his radio, joined the attacking elements in an advance under heavy automatic fire to take an enemy strongpoint. Later, he accompanied a group of riflemen in a bayonet charge against a strongly defended enemy hill position. Sighting an enemy gun nest, he exposed himself to heavy enemy fire and fired at the position to neutralize the effectiveness of the German weapon while his comrades assaulted the strongpoint. Although handicapped by his radio which made him an easier target for the hostile fire directed at him, he rushed to the assistance of two comrades who were trapped by two Germans throwing grenades. Struck by a sniper's bullet, he determinedly continued to advance and reached a clear field of fire. As he killed the two German grenade throwers he was wounded a second time by grenade fragments. The prodigious courage and fighting spirit of Private First Class TAZOI bring honor to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Garland, Utah.

III AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

JIMMY SHIMIZU, (39378203), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. When his platoon was stopped by heavy machine gun fire from concealed emplacements, Technical Sergeant SHIMIZU deliberately exposed himself to enable his men to locate and destroy one of the enemy positions. The advance again was halted by machine gun fire, and Technical Sergeant SHIMIZU made his way to a position from which he located two enemy machine guns. Killing the gunners in one of these positions, he crawled into the nest and neutralized the second emplacement with carbine fire. Later, approaching a strongpoint built around a rock quarry, Technical Sergeant SHIMIZU crawled forward through point blank enemy fire, threw two grenades into the position and led his men in an assault to destroy the stronghold. Technical Sergeant SHIMIZU's actions resulted in a complete rout of the enemy in his sector, and his aggressiveness and courage are in accord with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Sunnyside, Washington. Next of kin: Aijiro Shimizu (Father, 37-4-B, Hunt, Idaho).

SDAMU KOITO, (30106094), Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 28 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. When his company encountered a roadblock, Sergeant KOITO advanced twenty yards under machine gun fire in a flanking movement to engage two German machine gun nests guarding the obstacle.

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After killing a sniper, he engaged the first hostile nest and killed the gunner with rifle fire. Valiantly leading his men in a charge to neutralize the enemy stronghold, Sergenat KOITO was killed by fire from the second machine gun. His aggressiveness and courage in battle are exemplary of the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wailuku, Maui, T. H. Next of kin: Hinaichi Koito (Father), Wailuku, Maui, T. H.

FRED YAMAMOTO, (37357450), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 27 and 28 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. When his platoon was counterattacked by two German companies, Private First Class YAMAMOTO, an automatic rifleman, singlehandedly killed two Germans, wounded an undetermined number and checked the attack until the platoon reached the safety of higher ground. The following day he killed a machine pistol gunner and two supporting riflemen. For two days, until he was mortally wounded Private First Class YAMAMOTO continually exposed himself to heavy fire to support his company with effective automatic fire. His courage and fighting spirit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Providence, Utah. Next of kin: Yumi Sato (Mother) 24-6-18, Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

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GENERAL ORDER # 49, HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, 5 May 1945.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

JAMES K. OKUBO, (39914547), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 28 and 29 October and 4 November 1944, in the Foret Domaniale de Champ, near Biffontaine, France. Under intense enemy fire Technician Fifth Grade OKUBO on two occasions crawled one hundred fifty yards to points within forty yards of enemy lines to evacuate wounded comrades. During a two-day period while subjected to machine gun, mortar and artillery fire and grenade bursts he codly and efficiently rendered first aid to twenty-five fellow soldiers wounded in battle. On 4 November, Technician Fifth Grade OKUBO ran seventy-five yards through grazing machine gun fire and, exposed to hostile fire directed at him, evacuated a seriously wounded crewman from a burning tank. His heroism and steadfast devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from Alturas, California.

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I AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR

By authority contained in Circular Number 89, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 10 July 1944, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

JOSEPH L. BYRNE, 01309211, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 29 and 30 October 1944, in France. When his men made the final bayonet charge that secured "Suicide Hill", Captain BYRNE, despite machine gun fire and snipers' bullets which twice missed him by inches, led the charge, giving his men protective BAR fire. The following day, Captain BYRNE'S courageous leadership and devotion to his men are in keeping with the United States Army's finest traditions. Entered military service from Elmira, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Lawrence J. Byrne (Father), Elmira, New York.

MINORU YOSHIDA, 39087324, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 31 October 1944, in France. When his patrol was subjected to a surprise enemy attack, Private First Class YOSHIDA crawled under fire to a position from which he could engage the enemy with a BAR. Disregarding enemy fire directed upon him, Private First Class YOSHIDA neutralized part of the enemy fire but simultaneously drew fire from other enemy positions. Although fatally wounded in his heroic action, he enabled his patrol to secure cover, relieving it from an untenable position. Private First Class YOSHIDA'S gallantry at the sacrifice of his life exemplified the traditional valor of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Stockton, California. Next of kin: Mr. Toshiro Yoshida (Father), 34-11-A, Relocation Br., McGehee, Arkansas.

II AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

By authority contained in Circular Number 89, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 10 July 1944, a Silver Star

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is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

HIROO ENDO, 30103926, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 31 October 1944, in France. When his platoon was pinned down by automatic fire from front and flank, Private First Class ENDO crawled thirty yards under this crossfire to within thirty yards of an enemy nest, destroying it with rifle grenade fire. As the enemy fought a withdrawing action, he stood fully exposed and killed four hostile riflemen and two machine pistol operators. At great risk of life he opened the way for his unit's advance. Private First Class ENDO's intrepid courage and fighting spirit exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

III AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By authority contained in Circular Number 89, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 10 July 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

EDWARD J. NILGES, 01307740, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 21 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Fairview Village, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. William H. Nilges (Mother), 4209 West 189th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

GEORGE S. NAKAMURA, 39078131, Corporal, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 29 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Sacramento, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Waka Nakamura (Mother), 29-9-A, Relocation Br., McGehee, Arkansas.

ISAMU KUNIMATSU, 39916318, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 11 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Newell, California. Next of kin: Miss Takeko Kunimatsu (Sister), 2001 Connington Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

GENERAL ORDER # 19, HEADQUARTERS 92d INFANTRY DIVISION, 9 May 1945.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR.

ROBERT L. HEMPSTEAD, 0414341, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 23 August 1944, in Italy. Captain HEMPSTEAD, a company commander, voluntarily went on a reconnaissance patrol with two other officers and seven enlisted men. As the patrol scouted in the vicinity of an important river it was suddenly ambushed by a superior enemy force. Realizing that the patrol faced certain annihilation, Captain HEMPSTEAD and one enlisted man stood up and fired their submachine gun and Browning Automatic Rifle to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of the men. Captain HEMPSTEAD drew all of the enemy's fire toward himself as he raked the foe's positions and inflicted casualties until he himself was mortally wounded and the patrol had withdrawn with only four wounded. His courage and selfless fighting spirit exemplified the gallant traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia. Next of kin: Mr. Romona L. Hempstead (Wife), 1737 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

ROY Y. IKEDA, 39004149, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from San Francisco, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Taka Ikeda (Mother), 1642 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, California.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

VIRGIL R. MILLER, 015847, Colonel, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 5 April 1945 to 30 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Winneconne, Wisconsin.

ALFRED A. PURSALL, 0282856, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Crystal City, Missouri.

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IV AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

RICHARD Y. YOSHIMURA, 30105079, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

CHARLES S. MAYEDA, 39227151, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 18 October 1944 to 8 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Rivers, Arizona.

WILLIAM WADA, 37702244, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

YOSHITO NAKAMURA, 30105407, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Hakalau, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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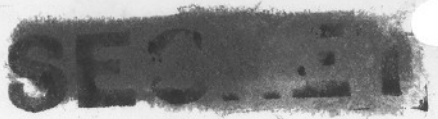
I AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

By authority contained in Circular Number 89, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 10 July 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

ALFRED A PURSALL, 0282856, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 and 6 April 1945, in Italy. As battalion commander of the third battalion, Lieutenant Colonel PURSALL led his men in the capture of two strategic hills with excellent judgement and perfect control of the companies of his battalion, breaking a six-month-old stalemate in this sector. By his courage and aggressiveness, Lieutenant Colonel PURSALL contributed immeasurably toward the regiment's success in advancing the divisional frontlines by five kilometres over some of the most difficult terrain encountered by the Allied troops in Italy thus driving a wedge deep into the Gothic Line. Lieutenant Colonel PURSALL's outstanding leadership, aggressiveness, and undaunted bravery, which have been a constant source of inspiration to the officers and men of his battalion, reflect the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Crystal City, Missouri.

WALLACE H. OGATA, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 29 October 1944, in France. Although wounded in the head by sniper fire, Sergeant OGATA (then Private First Class), a BAR man, refused to be evacuated because of his company's depleted strength. Crawling one hundred and fifty yards to a slight elevation of his platoon's exposed right flank, he kept constant vigil through artillery and small arms fire. When he was finally evacuated one-and-a-half hours later due to the loss of blood, he silenced an enemy machine gun and an automatic rifle. Sergeant OGATA's courage and loyalty to his men are reflective on the highest ideals of the United States Army. Entered military service from Paia, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

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13 May 45



THOMAS T. NAKAHARA, 30104082, Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 20 October 1944, in France. When the company to which Private First Class NAKAHARA was attached as aid man attacked the enemy, it received instant and concentrated small arms, bazooka, and rifle grenade fire from the foe. Two men were seriously wounded by rifle grenade fire and lay exposed to the enemy. Although Private First Class NAKAHARA was wounded in the hand by a fragment, he refused to go back to the aid station and started to the aid of the two casualties. In full view of the foe who fired at him regardless of his red cross brassard he stubbornly proceeded to the wounded men and carried them to safety. He administered first aid and effected the casualties' evacuation to an aid station. Private First Class NAKAHARA's courage and devotion to duty, which saved the wounded men from possible loss of life, reflect credit on himself and the best traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Paauilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

II AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By authority contained in Circular Number 89, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 10 July 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

YORIO R. NISHIMOTO, 39232485, First Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict, on 2 August 1944, in Italy. After having given a demonstration, personnel of an engineer unit were loading mines and dynamite on a truck when several of the mines were accidentally set off, killing eleven and wounding several others. First Sergeant NISHIMOTO immediately ran to the scene of the now flaming truck and extinguished the flames from a burning victim staggering near the vehicle. With the help of another comrade he dragged the injured man to safety. Upon seeing another victim in flames, he dashed in again although dynamite caps were exploding and though he was fully aware of the danger of further mine explosions. After dragging the second victim to safety, he dashed in a third time to see if there were any more survivors. His alertness and courage are exemplary and a credit on the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.

GORO TSUCHIDA, 36316292, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict, on 2 August 1944, in Italy. When Technical Sergeant TSUCHIDA heard an explosion at the close of a mine demonstration, he ran to the spot and helped a comrade drag a victim from a blazing truck and administered first aid. Upon hearing a call for help,

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he ran 100 yards to another victim and applied a tourniquet on the wounded man's arm. When the medical aid men arrived, he quickly formed a guard around the area to keep others away from the danger of other explosions. Technical Sergeant TSUCHIDA's courage and resourcefulness are exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

III AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By authority contained in Circular Number 89, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 10 July 1944, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

AKIRA A. ISHIMOTO, 30105552, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

TADASHI UMAMOTO, 30106347, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Kohala, Hawaii.

IV AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By authority contained in Circular Number 89, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 10 July 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

JACK E. CONLEY, 0348126, Major, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 5 and 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Waikapu, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

ROBERT A. GOPEL, 0319098, Major, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations, from 18 February 1944 to 2 March 1945, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HARRY B. FARR, 0304663, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations, from 16 March 1943 to 16 March 1945, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Union, South Carolina.

HAROLD F. RIEBESELL, 01285304, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations, from 1 February 1943 to 31 March 1945, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Lima, Ohio.

JACK W. RODARME, 0129750, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, from 4 November to 7 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Joplin, Missouri.