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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

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September 1945

The 442d Infantry Regiment continued its assignment of guarding prisoners of war and military installations throughout the month. All three battalions and separate companies were employed in this mission.

A change in assignment of the regiment was necessitated by the dissolution of the American Fifth Army. Effective 31 August 1945, the 442d Infantry Regiment, 232d Engineer Combat Company, and 206th Army Ground Forces Band were relieved from assignment to Fifth Army and were assigned to Peninsular Base Section per Letter AG 370.5/088 C-0, Headquarters MTOUSA, dated 28 August 1945. The 206th AGF Band and one platoon of the 232d Engineer Combat Company were attached for operations only to Fifth Army. Prior to the end of the month, the 206th AGF Band was detached from Fifth Army and reverted to control of PBS.

The regiment participated in the educational, recreational, and other activities as an integral part of the Peninsular Base Section. On 2 September, with the formal signing of the surrender papers in Tokyo Bay and the presidential proclamation of official V-J Day, the 442d Infantry Regiment marched in the honor position in the V-J Day parade through Leghorn, leading more than 15,000 American, British, and Italian troops and auxiliaries. Seven members of the regiment formed a major part of the MTO swimming team which placed a close second to the Middle Eastern team in the ETO-MTO-Middle Eastern Inter-Theater Swimming championships on 1 September. Participating in the I & E program, the regiment sent 210 men to the third session of the Army University Center in Florence and other interested individuals to on-the-job training courses.

Redeployment of high point members of the regiment continued in accordance with redeployment directives of the theater. Ten officers and nine enlisted men, including the commanding officer of the Second and Third Battalions, with ASR scores of 85 or more were transferred to the 27th Replacement Depot on 5 September, per par 1 and 2, SO 180, Headquarters 442d Regimental Combat Team, dated 2 September 1945. Nineteen enlisted men were attached unassigned on 12 September to the 27th Replacement Depot for transshipment to the United States per Travel Orders, Headquarters 442d Regimental Combat Team, dated 8 September 1945. On 15 September, 18 officers and 2 warrant officers were transferred to the 24th General Hospital for redeployment, per par 6, SO 257, Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, dated 14 September 1945. Under the provisions of discharge eligibility of men 35 years of age or over, 14 men were transferred for redeployment. Six officers eligible for discharge were sent to the 7th Replacement Depot for transshipment to the United States per Letter AG 210.31 BPAGO, Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, dated 20 September 1945. Two

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low-point officers were assigned to the regiment during the month.

Presentation of three more Presidential Distinguished Unit citations to the three battalions of the regiment, a unit commendation to the 232d Engineer Combat Company, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to Service Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, and individual honors to members of the unit highlighted the activities of the month.

The Third Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, was cited for outstanding accomplishment in combat on 27 October to 30 October 1944 near Biffontaine, France, per GO 317, Headquarters 7th Army, dated 16 July 1945. The battalion won the Presidential Distinguished Unit citation for its rescue of the famous "lost battalion of World War II" in the Vosges forests, eastern France, last winter.

The Second Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, was also awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit citation for outstanding performance of duty in action on 28-29 October 1944 near Bruyeres, France, and from 6 to 10 April 1945 near Massa, Italy, during the final Italian drive over the Apennine Mountains, per GO 89, Headquarters 5th Army, dated 17 July 1945.

Lt Gen Lucian K. Truscott, then Commanding General of Fifth Army, pinned the Distinguished Unit streamer on the guidons of each company of the Second and Third Battalions in an impressive presentation ceremony held at Yankee Stadium, Leghorn, on 4 September. The honored battalions passed in review after being lauded by the Fifth Army commander.

The 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, received the Presidential Distinguished Unit citation for outstanding accomplishment in combat during the period 15 October to 30 October 1944 near Bruyeres, Biffontaine, and in the Foret Domaniale de Champ, France, per par II, GO 360, Headquarters 7th Army, dated 3 August 1945. This Distinguished Unit citation was the second for the 100th Battalion and the fifth for the 442d Regimental Combat Team.

For intrepid service both as combat engineers and riflemen throughout the 442d Regimental Combat Team's campaigns in the Rome-Arno sector, Vosges forests and French Maritime Alps, North Apennine Mountains, and the Po Valley, the 232d Engineer Combat Company was awarded a unit commendation for meritorious service in support of combat operations from 26 June 1944 to 2 May 1945 in France and Italy, per par VII, GO 107, Headquarters 5th Army, dated 30 August 1945.

The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque was presented to Service Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team, per par VIII, GO 107, Headquarters 5th Army, dated 30 August 1945, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks

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Co H	Secondigliano-Miano-Caserta
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Co I	Leghorn
Co K	Florence
Co L	Leghorn
Co M	Leghorn
Anti-Tank Co	Pisa-Leghorn-Pistoia
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LIST OF DECORATIONS

September 1945

Distinguished Unit Citation	2
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque	1
Army Unit Commendation	1
Distinguished Service Cross, Posthumous	1
Distinguished Service Cross	4
Legion of Merit	1
Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star Medal	2
Silver Star Medal, Posthumous	9
Silver Star Medal	24
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	2
Bronze Star Medal, Posthumous	6
Bronze Star Medal	91
Division Commendation	5
Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	3
Purple Heart	11
Good Conduct Medal	71
Medical Badge	2
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NOTE: Amendment of GO, changing Bronze Star award to Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star award	1

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GENERAL ORDERS #107, HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, 30 August 1945

AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

FRANK H. ONO, (35893759), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action on 4 July 1944 near Castellina, Italy. In attacking a heavily defended hill, Private First Class ONO'S squad was caught in a hail of formidable fire from the well entrenched enemy. Private First Class ONO opened fire with his automatic rifle and silenced one machine gun three hundred yards to the right front. Determinedly advancing through incessant fire, he killed an ambushing sniper with another burst and while his squad leader reorganized the rest of the platoon in the rear, he alone defended the critical position. His weapon was wrenched from his grasp by a burst of machine pistol fire, and enemy troops attempted to close in on him. Hurling hand grenades, Private First Class ONO forced the enemy to abandon the attempt, resolutely defending the newly won ground until the rest of the platoon moved forward. Taking a wounded comrade's rifle, Private First Class ONO again joined in the assault. After killing two more enemy soldiers, he boldly ran through withering automatic, small arms and mortar fire to render first aid to both his platoon leader and a seriously wounded rifleman. In danger of encirclement, the platoon was ordered to withdraw. Volunteering to cover the platoon, Private First Class ONO occupied virtually unprotected positions near the crest of the hill, engaging an enemy machine gun emplaced on an adjoining ridge, and exchanging fire with snipers armed with machine pistols. Completely disregarding his own safety, he made himself the constant target of concentrated enemy fire until the platoon reached the comparative safety of a draw. He then descended the hill in stages, firing his rifle until he rejoined the platoon. The aggressiveness of Private First Class ONO, his concern for his comrades under fire, his intrepidity and dauntless courage exemplify the finest traditions of the infantry of the United States. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR.

MASAO SHIGEZANE, (37363824), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 21 April 1945 near Marciaso, Italy. When Private SHIGEZANE'S squad attacked a strongly defended house, the enemy retaliated with a heavy concentration of hand grenades and automatic rifle and machine gun fire. At the front of the advancing squad, Private SHIGEZANE, realizing that heavy casualties would result if the squad were forced to halt, crawled forward twenty yards under sniper fire and exploding grenades. Within fifteen yards of the house, Private SHIGEZANE rose, and after rapid rifle fire, threw hand grenades through the windows and doors, stunning the enemy troops and forcing them from their advantageous positions. As Private SHIGEZANE motioned the squad to come forward, he was killed by sniper fire from the rear. Inspired by their comrade's leadership, the members of the squad closed with the Germans, forcing their surrender. Private SHIGEZANE aggressiveness and courage in battle are exemplary of the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California. Next of kin: Kinzo Shigezane (father), Fork, Montana.

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GO #107, Hq Fifth Army, 30 Aug. 1945

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ALVIN B. SPETZ, (01311698), First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 25 June 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Italy. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

CHARLES M. SUGI, (39577573), Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 1 July 1944 to 2 May 1945 in France and Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

MASAICHI SAGAWA, (30104756), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 30 October 1944 to 5 November 1944 and from 5 April 1945 to 2 May 1945 in France and Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

HAROLD I. SOGI, (30104713), Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 2 May 1945 in France and Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, T.H.

ROBERT S. FUJITA, (19063624), Corporal, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944 in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

KATSUICHI FUNAMURA, (30106226), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 28 October 1944 to 5 April 1945 in France and Italy. Entered military service from Koloa, Kauai, T.H.

MASAO FURUGEN, (30106346), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 29 October 1944 to 15 March 1945 in France. Entered military service from Honolulu, T.H.

SEICHI B. TAKAEZU, (30102024), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 29 October 1944 near Biffontaine, France. Entered military service from Honolulu, T.H.

COMMENDATION OF UNIT.

THE 232D COMBAT ENGINEER COMPANY, (Separate), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 26 June 1944 to 2 May 1945 in France and Italy. The 232D COMBAT ENGINEER COMPANY (Separate) rendered praiseworthy service in support of a regimental combat team during the French and Italian campaigns. Working under adverse weather and terrain conditions and under enemy artillery fire, the personnel of this organization displayed outstanding diligence and resourcefulness in the accomplishment of their missions. At all times the high morale and faithful performance of duty of this unit

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COMMENDATION OF UNIT. (cont'd)

exemplified the finest cooperation and accomplishments in engineer work. The performance by the members of the 232D COMBAT ENGINEER COMPANY (Separate) is deserving of the highest praise and is in accord with the finest traditions of the Corps of Engineers of the Army of the United States.

AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE.

SERVICE COMPANY, 442D INFANTRY, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks from 28 May 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy.

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GENERAL ORDERS #110, HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, 2 September 1945

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.

ROBERT K. NAKASAKI, (39017321), Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action on 5 April 1945 near Seravezza, Italy. Under cover of a brief artillery barrage, Sergeant NAKASAKI'S platoon advanced up the northern slope of Hill Georgia. As he and his men neared the summit, concentrated and intense fire from six machine guns, machine pistols and rifle fire forced the platoon to take cover. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sergeant NAKASAKI grabbed his rifle, equipped with a grenade launcher, and crawled through a minefield to within fifteen yards of a well dug-in machine gun emplacement, Exposing himself to hostile fire, he launched a grenade at the nest and completely destroyed it. Quickly reloading his rifle, he fired and destroyed another machine gun on his right flank, killing two of the enemy. Before he could take cover, Sergeant NAKASAKI was killed by the fire of an enemy sniper. Taking advantage of the gap thus created in the enemy defenses, the platoon quickly advanced and seized its objective. Sergeant NAKASAKI'S heroic action and fearlessness in the face of great danger were an inspiration to all and an everlasting tribute to the American Infantryman. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Waka Nakasaki (mother), 18-6-2, Manzanar, California.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS OF SILVER STAR.

YOSHIO KATO, (39916435), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. Private First Class KATO'S section was ordered to set up its machine guns to protect the left flank of a rifle company during a strong enemy attack. A tree burst wounded four of the men in the gun section, including Private First Class KATO. Although fatally wounded, he dragged himself through an intense artillery barrage to the side of a wounded comrade and administered first aid. Then, without thought of his own condition, he set up his weapon and opened fire on an enemy patrol. Suffering from extreme pain, he crawled forward and hurled a grenade which effectively routed the enemy force. The heroism of Private First Class KATO was an inspiration to all and exemplifies the finest traditions of the American Infantryman. Entered military service from Jerome, Idaho. Next of kin: Hatsue I. Kato, (mother), 17-7-E, Hunt Idaho.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

RICHARD NAKAHASHI, (30105829), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 April 1945 near Castelpoggio, Italy. When his platoon was attacked by a company of Germans, Private First Class NAKAHASHI, a bazooka operator, crawled through a hail of small arms fire to the side of a seriously wounded comrade, quickly administered first aid and, taking his comrade's carbine, returned to his foxhole. Observing five Germans working their way toward his position, he directed

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR (cont'd)

his fire upon them. Undaunted by the concentrated fire of machine pistols and rifles, he remained exposed and fired rapidly and effectively, killing one, wounding two and causing the others to flee. Seeing movements in a draw one hundred yards away, he crawled forward and observed seven Germans attempting to flank his position. He engaged them in a rapid exchange of rifle fire, killing three and wounding two. Launching another attack the enemy approached his position. Seeing an enemy soldier directing the movements of the hostile force, Private First Class NAKAHASHI exposed himself to enemy fire and killed the leader, causing the hostile troops to withdraw in confusion. The courage and gallantry of Private First Class NAKAHASHI in repulsing the superior enemy force exemplify the finest traditions of the American Infantryman. Entered military service from Hana, Maui, T.H.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

EARL T. KUBO, (30104759), Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 26 June 1944 to 2 May 1945 in France and Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, T.H.

GORO NAGASAKO, (30105288), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944 near La Housiere, France, Entered military service from Honolulu, T.H.

WILLIAM T. YASUTAKE, (39916437), Private First Class, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 5 July 1944 to 2 May 1945 in France and Italy. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

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GENERAL ORDERS #111, HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, 3 September 1945

AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.

YUKIO OKUTSU, (30103687), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action on 7 April 1945 on Mt. Belvedere, Italy. When his platoon was halted by the interlocking crossfire of three machine guns, Technical Sergeant OKUTSU boldly crawled to within thirty yards of the nearest emplacement through heavy enemy fire. Exposing himself he destroyed the position with two accurately placed hand grenades, killing three machine gunners. Crawling and dashing from cover to cover, he again exposed himself and threw a grenade, silencing a second machine gun, wounding two Germans and forcing two others to surrender. Seeing a third machine gun which obstructed the advance, he moved forward through heavy small arms fire and was stunned momentarily by rifle fire which glanced off his helmet. Recovering, he fearlessly charged several enemy riflemen with his submachine gun, forcing them to withdraw from their positions. Then, rushing the machine gun nest from the flank, he captured the weapon and its entire crew of four. By these singlehanded actions, he enabled his platoon to resume its assault on a vital objective. The aggressive and fearless performance of Technical Sergeant OKUTSU against formidable odds was an inspiration to all and typifies the highest traditions of the American Infantry Soldier. Entered military service from Koloa, Kauai, T.H.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

WALLACE S. KAWAOKA, (0308433), Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 26 June 1944 to 2 May 1945 in Italy and France. Entered military service from Lihue, Kauai, T.H.

KATSUMI KOMETANI, (0476008), Captain, Dental Corps, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 22 September 1943 to 19 March 1945 in Italy and France. Entered military service from Honolulu, T.H.

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 103, 1945

So much of Section VIII, General Orders Number 103, this headquarters, 19 August 1945, which awards the Bronze Star Medal to Technical Sergeant Shigeto Kanemoto, 30106415, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster there-to in lieu of a second award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. (cont'd)

the ground, inched his way toward the emplacement, tossed another grenade and then fired upon the crew with deadly accuracy. Demoralized, the rest of the enemy fled to a bomb-proof dugout. With the machine guns silenced and the enemy driven off by Staff Sergeant ARAO'S daring action, the platoon moved forward and effectively neutralized the dugout entrances. Staff Sergeant ARAO'S courage, driving energy and fearless determination to close with and destroy the enemy exemplify the spirit and traditions of the Infantry of the United States. Entered military service from Santa Cruz, California.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR.

GORDON K. TAKASAKI, (30104946), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 23 April 1945 in the vicinity of San Terenzo, Italy. Leading his platoon in an attack on a strongly fortified village, Technical Sergeant TAKASAKI boldly maneuvered his men through the center of the town to capture a dominating ridge. As the Germans attempted to withdraw, he daringly led his men to cut off their escape route. Through heavy German mortar, machine gun and artillery fire, Technical Sergeant TAKASAKI advanced, exposing himself to heavy fire in his attempt to surround and disorganize the enemy. Wounded in the chest by machine gun fire, he continued to direct his men in battle. Refusing aid for himself in favor of his wounded men, he summoned his remaining strength to continue the fight. As a result of his plans and orders, his men cut the enemy escape road and brilliantly accomplished their mission. Technical Sergeant TAKASAKI'S devotion to duty, leadership and exceptional courage are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Next of kin: Miss Hanako Miyamoto (Sister), 2937 Robert Place, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.

AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

BERT M. TANAKA, (02039479), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Casala, Italy. On a mission to rescue a patrol trapped by the enemy, Second Lieutenant TANAKA (then Technical Sergeant) halted his platoon near enemy positions and advanced alone to scout the area. Almost cut off from his platoon by enemy fire, he evaded hostile forces and returned to his men after carefully evaluating the German strength. After securing the flanks, he personally led one squad in a frontal attack on the town, dashing across fifty yards of open ground to a nearby house under direct fire from the enemy machine guns and snipers. Having once reached comparative safety he again risked his safety to help a wounded man to the shelter. Another squad of his platoon having contacted the besieged patrol in a nearby building, Second Lieutenant TANAKA rushed over the exposed ground to gather information from the patrol members. Discovering that the enemy was superior in numbers, he called for mortar and artillery support, giving such accurate fire orders that effective

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR (CONT'D)

enemy hill. Evading grenades and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant YONESHIRO and two fellow soldiers crawled up the mine-strewn slope to hurl numerous grenades at the well entrenched foe. Observing enemy troops at a dugout entrance, Staff Sergeant YONESHIRO suddenly stood up, and firing a burst with his submachine gun, killed one German, wounded another and caused the remainder to flee into the dugout. Charging the dugout, the three men eliminated the strongpoint. In later attacks on similar fortifications, Staff Sergeant YONESHIRO with rapid and accurate fire effectively aided in forcing the enemy to seek cover and by his aggressive actions insured the final surrender of the defending forces. Staff Sergeant YONESHIRO'S display of fearlessness and battle wisdom throughout these actions exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Yellow Springs, Ohio.

THOMAS T. UCHIYAMA, (19063421), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 near Seravezza, Italy. Confronted by formidable resistance from a well entrenched enemy, Sergeant UCHIYAMA'S platoon was stopped in its advance on an enemy held hill. Undaunted by a heavily mined slope and constant machine gun, machine pistol and grenade fire, Sergeant UCHIYAMA and two companions voluntarily crawled forward to a position from which they engaged the enemy in a furious grenade fight. Driving the Germans into a dugout, the men charged, firing their submachine guns into the dugout entrances. In the face of a skillfully coordinated action, the enemy was forced to surrender. In assaulting a similar defense later in the day, Sergeant UCHIYAMA, by his accurate close range fire and aggressive leadership was instrumental in the successful neutralization of German strongpoint. By his courageous determination to close with the enemy, Sergeant UCHIYAMA consistently displayed the highest traditions of the United States Army Infantryman. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

KIYOSHI NANBU, (30103586), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 29 October 1944 near Biffontaine, France. Entered military service from Lihue, Hanapepe, T.H.

AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

SHIGENORI NAKAMA, (30102551), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 29 October 1944 near Biffontaine, France. Next of kin: Tokuichi Nakama, (Father), Post Office Box 94, Kahuku.

HARRY S. YAMASAKI, (30105207), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 October and 5 November 1944 near Bruyeres, France. Entered

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AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (cont'd)

military service from Honolulu, T.H. Next of kin: Mrs. Semi Murata (Mother), 1608 McGrew Lane, Honolulu, T.H.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

YOSHITO TOME, (30105715), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 July 1944 near Lorenzana, Italy and 27 October 1944 near Belmont, France. Entered military service from Honolulu, T.H.

MITSUGI YAMADA, (30104817), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 November 1944 in the vicinity of Venemont, France. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.

MINORU SAKAMOTO, (39019094), Technician Third Grade, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 28 to 30 October 1944 near Biffontaine, France. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

TONY SHIMONISHI, (19042209), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944 near Bruyeres France. Entered military service from Hollister, California.

GEORGE OISHI, (39014458), Corporal, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 30 October and 5 and 6 November 1944 near Biffontaine, France. Entered military service from Richmond, California.

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anti-tank gun, 3 bazookas, and a number of mines and small arms. His gallant aggressiveness exemplifies the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

FRANK S. YAGUCHI, 39927815, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Private YAGUCHI's squad was engaged in a bitterly contested battalion assault on Mount Pizzaculo. Heavy hostile machine gun crossfire held up the squad 30 yards from an enemy position. The squad was forced to withdraw so that friendly artillery could be used but the subsequent barrage held up both our forces and the foe. On his own initiative, Private YAGUCHI decided to resume the assault before the barrage lifted. He crawled to within 30 yards of an enemy machine gun and the crew immediately opened fire on him. Remaining prone, he threw two hand grenades which forced the surrender of the two occupants of the emplacement. The barrage lifted but two more distant enemy machine guns opened fire on him. He aggressively returned the fire with his M-1, gained the offensive, and forced the surrender of the 4 occupants of the two machine gun positions. His high gallantry reflects credit on the heroic traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Fort Douglas, Utah.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

HENRY T. FURUSHIRO, 39082233, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Sacramento, California. Next of kin: Mr. James K. Furushiro (Father), Caldwell, Idaho.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TADASHI FUJISHIGE, 30104978, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 18 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

YASUO AMINE, 30105872, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 17 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Lahaina, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

SHIGERU ASAKURA, 30111272, Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

TAKI HANDA, 37701024, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 8 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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GENERAL ORDERS #73, HEADQUARTERS 92d INFANTRY DIVISION, 5 September 1945

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR

RICHARD S. FURUKAWA, 30104230, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Technical Sergeant FURUKAWA (then Staff Sergeant) was platoon guide of an assault platoon which had seized half of a knoll in an attack on Mount Cerreta. He deployed his squad in position to support an attack on known hostile machine gun positions on the other half of the knoll. He then voluntarily went forward with four other men to locate enemy strongpoints. Halting his team after they had gone 25 yards, he then proceeded 20 yards farther, alone, to investigate a dugout. With a burst from his submachine gun, he captured four enemy soldiers from this dugout whom he handed over to his men. Then, still alone, he went 10 yards farther, disappeared between some rocks, and returned 10 minutes later with two enemy machine gunners whom he had surprised as they manned their weapon. Technical Sergeant FURUKAWA's bold courage exemplifies the heroic traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Wahiawa, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

KIYOSHI MORIMOTO, 39689761, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. The leading elements of a company, ordered to establish a roadblock on a hill, contacted the foe as they approached the foot of their objective. Staff Sergeant MORIMOTO's platoon began to clear the left flank of the hill when it was fired upon by an enemy machine gun and pinned down. Staff Sergeant MORIMOTO immediately dashed thru the field of fire, drawing all enemy fire and thus enabling his men to seek cover. For 30 minutes, he lay quietly until the foe was attracted by other troop movements. Then he slowly crawled to within 25 yards of the hostile emplacement and suddenly hurled a hand grenade. He charged the nest closely behind the grenade and, catching the foe by surprise, killed 4 and wounded 2. He then jumped into the nest and swung the machine gun toward another hostile emplacement and wounded 2 more of the enemy. His bold actions enabled his platoon to complete its mission and exemplify the highest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

MIYOJI ISHII, 30103932, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Private First Class ISHII, a radioman, was following the platoon leader up a hill during an attack. Near the crest of the hill, the platoon was pinned down by machine gun and small arms fire from concealed enemy dugouts. Radioing back the situation, Private First Class ISHII gave his radio to his assistant and took a rifle equipped with a launcher and an AT grenade. Creeping forward under enemy fire, he reached a small ridge then stood up, in full view of the foe, to fire. He noticed a tree in front of him which might cause a premature explosion and injure his own men. With total disregard for his life, he ran 5 yards to the right and aimed and fired, making a direct hit on the center of the enemy position. As a result, 3 of the enemy were killed and 7 captured, together with 3 machine guns, 1

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ARTHUR IWASAKI, 39094386, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 15 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hillsboro, Oregon.

ENOCH KANAYA, 39925798, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hunt, Idaho.

RICHARD K. KINOSHITA, 37346318, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

KAZUO NAKAHIRA, 39088169, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 10 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Monterey, California.

JITSUO SUMIDA, 30106138, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 17 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

SAKAI WAKAKUWA, 30100602, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

GEORGE H. YAMAMOTO, 39914177, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Fort Logan, Colorado.

GEORGE H. SUGASAWARA, 36982980, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR.

TED A. TERAMAE, 30105053, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 8 April 1945, in Italy. Sergeant TERAMAE's company had taken a high ridge in the vicinity of Mount Belvedere and secured it for the night. One section of the ridge was completely flat and bare for 50 yard and bordered by a wooded terrace on the far side into which the foe had withdrawn. Sergeant TERAMAE, a machine gunner, placed one weapon to cover the flat, another one to cover the woods, then took two men with him and established an outpost guard halfway across the flat. At midnight, he was awakened by the guard and told that an enemy patrol was approaching. Before he could warn the rest of the section, the foe fired at point blank range, wounding one of the guards. To offset being overrun, Sergeant TERAMAE, without thought of personal risk, stood up and fired his submachine gun then ran to the right to draw hostile fire away from his own men. A concentration of enemy fire fatally wounded him, but he continued firing when he could no longer stand. His actions enabled his men to awaken and drive off the 16-man enemy patrol. His high courage exemplified the heroic traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Hirao Teramee (Brother), 2311 Line Street, Honolulu.

AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

WILLIAM M. HIGASHIYAMA, 39929777, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. A company was advancing in a battalion attack against Hill "Georgia". The enemy directed accurate and intense mortar and artillery fire against the assault from well-prepared and strongly-defended positions. Enemy machine gun and small arms fire from trenches and dugouts increased the hostile fire and the attacking company was pinned down. One of the men was seriously wounded in an exposed position. Private First Class HIGASHIYAMA, without hesitation, dashed 40 yards thru a heavily-mined area and dragged his injured comrade to safety. As he administered first aid, the foe began throwing hand grenades at him, one of which wounded him in the leg. Regardless of this, he continued attending the casualty. His high courage reflects credit on the traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Fort Douglas, Utah.

NOBUO MURAKAMI, 39925819, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. The platoon of which Private MURAKAMI was a member was deployed in a defensive position, protecting the northeast road into Castelpoggio, Italy. In the early morning under heavy mist, a company of the enemy counterattacked with rifles, automatic weapons, bazookas and grenades. Private MURAKAMI, a submachine gunner, observed 6 hostile soldiers closing in on his position but, because of poor visibility he withheld his fire until sure of his aim. The foe was on a higher ground so he deliberately exposed himself and opened fire, killing two, wounding one, and pinning down the rest. Hostile fire from other directions were turned on him but orders shouted in German

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