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caused a lull, Private MURAKAMI then quickly began reloading his weapon. Suddenly, a bazooka shell landed nearby severely wounding him on the head, in one eye and on the shoulders. Regardless of this, he picked up his gun and resumed firing, thereby contributing to the repulse of the enemy who withdrew leaving 35 dead and 8 wounded behind. His aggressive spirit exemplifies the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Hunt, Idaho.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

SHIGEO INOUYE, 30104734, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 18 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Kapaa, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

HOWARD KOSUMA, 30105626, Staff Sergeant, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

HIDEO KUNIYOSHI, 30104012, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii.

KASUMI MATSUNAMI, 30106341, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 15 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honokaa, Hamakua, Hawaii.

YOSHIO SASAKI, 39086510, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 23 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

HARUO SATO, 30100747, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 7 to 12 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

YOSHIYUKI TAHARA, 30106261, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Kapahu, Hawaii.

SHIGEYUKI DOI, 39096266, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Monterey, California.

EDWIN H. KOKUBUN, 30105981, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 15 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Haiku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

YEIKI MATSUI, 39932031, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Elko, Nevada.

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RICHARD M. NAKAGAWA, 39924326, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Walla Walla, Washington.

FRED M. OKADA, 30102874, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 8 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

JAMES S. ISHIZAWA, 39167403, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

MASARU MIYATAKE, 30103880, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 13 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

HARUMI OWASHI, 39013966, Private First Class, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 15 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Monterey, California.

TAKEO TAKEUCHI, 30105512, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 17 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

SHIGEO TANADA, 30105326, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 7 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

TUKIO TOKUDA, 30105692, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

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RALPH T. AMBROSE, 01061607, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. First Lieutenant AMBROSE was in command of two platoons which were ordered to clear stubborn enemy forces from Mount Pizzaculo. A few minutes after the attack was launched the foe opened fire. Skillfully appraising the situation, First Lieutenant AMBROSE ordered one platoon to secure the left flank and personally led the other platoon up the enemy's forward slope. The foe, caught off balance by the boldness and speed of the right squad's maneuvers, yielded 4 killed and 9 captured, together with 3 machine guns, 1 81mm mortar, and much ammunition. Quickly reorganizing on the crest of the hill, he then led the other platoon down the reverse slope and outflanked the enemy, killing 7 and capturing 7, together with 2 20mm cannons, 1 bazooka, and 2 machine guns. First Lieutenant AMBROSE then attacked the next hill but the advance was held up by 2 machine guns. Leaving his men under cover, he proceeded alone for 50 yards under hostile fire to locate the enemy weapons. Returning for his bazooka team, he then silenced the guns and bottled up the remaining enemy on the hill, killing 10 and capturing 23 and thus enabling our troops to hold commanding ground above heavily-fortified, enemy occupied Fort Bastione. His outstanding combat leadership exemplifies the highest gallantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Winchester, Massachusetts.

ROY GIKIU, 39678153, Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. When a rifleman of his platoon was wounded on a trail that had been previously "zeroed-in" by the enemy, Private First Class GIKIU immediately crawled forward through the hostile fire to render first aid. As he crawled, an enemy sniper's bullet passed through his right leg and lodged his left. Despite the intense pain, he dragged himself on his wounded legs until he reached the wounded rifleman whose legs were shattered. He dug a small trench to give the casualty protection while he treated him. Weakened by loss of blood from his own wounds, Private First Class GIKIU then dragged the wounded man approximately one hundred yards through hostile machine gun fire and met litter bearers that were coming to his aid. Though the litter bearers assured him they would return for him, Private First Class GIKIU dressed his own wounds and then crawled forward until he met the returning litter bearers. His outstanding courage and fortitude exemplifies the highest ideal of the United States Army. Entered military service from Twin Falls, Idaho.

GEORGE A. IWAMOTO, 39926941, Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. As the second platoon of rifle company advanced toward the summit of a mountain it was halted by heavy fire from well-protected enemy fortifications and suffered moderate casualties. Private First Class IWAMOTO crawled forward through a minefield and administered first aid to the wounded. While treating a casualty approximately ten yards from the foe's

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT.

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GEORGE H. GRANDSTAFF, 01307223, Captain, Infantry, Service Company,  
442d Regimental Combat Team, for services in Italy and Southern France  
from 22 September 1943 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from  
Azusa, California.

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position, a grenade burst near him, hitting him on the right arm. Private First Class IWAMOTO refused to be evacuated and continued to aid the wounded until the company's objective was secured. His courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit on the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

JESSE H. CONNER, 0435913, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Albaton, Kentucky.

GERALD A. GUSTAFSON, 0537593, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 19 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Stockton, Illinois.

JAMES N. SAKAMOTO, 30106412, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 4 April to 2 May 1945 in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu Territory of Hawaii.

GISEI TOMIYASU, 30105774, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 11 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii

WASUKE YASUDA, 30105151, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 22 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Kailua, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

MASANAO GO, 30105015, Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

ROY T. SUZUKI, 39929987, Private First Class, Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hunt, Idaho.

MORIYOSHI M. SHIBATA, 38669161, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR

JOPH ITO, 39003716, Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. When his platoon had sustained heavy casualties from enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class ITO ran seventy-five yards through enemy fire to aid a wounded man. After he had rendered aid to the casualty, he heard another call from the opposite end of the platoon. He chose the most direct route and ran a gauntlet of hostile fire. Later, he exposed himself two more times to give aid to wounded men. At all times his own life was imperiled by grenades and machine gun fire from an enemy sniper who ignored his Red Cross brassard. Private First Class ITO's gallantry under fire reflects great credit on the United States Army. Entered military service from San Mateo, California.

AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR.

JAMES D. WHEATLEY, Jr., 01301066, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. First Lieutenant WHEATLEY's company was ordered to take and hold a high peak in the vicinity of Mount Belvedere to secure its battalion's right flank. When the company was halted by intense enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, First Lieutenant WHEATLEY proceeded to reconnoiter the hostile positions. He worked his way 200 yards over open terrain under constant sniper and mortar fire to an abandoned enemy bunker on a high mound. He had no sooner reached the position than the foe scored a direct hit on the bunker. Though his carbine was rendered useless and he was wounded in two places, First Lieutenant WHEATLEY remained to complete his observation. Returning to the company, he directed artillery fire upon the foe, forcing him to abandon a bunker and a machine gun position. When numerous snipers also withdrew, he led the company in seizing the objective. First Lieutenant WHEATLEY's aggressive performance reflects great credit on the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Demopolis, Alabama. Next of kin: Mrs. Alma L. Wheatley (Mother), Demopolis, Alabama.

ROY I. NAEMURA, 39925867, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. A battalion was deployed in defensive positions to protect the newly-captured town of Casteloggio from enemy counterattack. Under the cover of a morning mist, the foe launched a vigorous company strength counter-attack against the town from numerous draws and wooded growths along the main northeast road. Using automatic weapons, bazookas, grenades and machine guns, the foe had approached to within 30 yards of Private NAEMURA's platoon's positions before detection. Though Private NAEMURA was painfully wounded by enemy fire, he continued to fire with his rifle. The first attack was repulsed but the foe attacked again and again. In the last assault, two enemy riflemen charged Private NAEMURA but he killed them both. A third enemy fired at him and seriously

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wounded him. Despite the agony of two wounds, he forced himself into an erect position and kept firing until he collapsed. Shortly thereafter, the enemy fled in confusion, leaving behind 35 killed and 8 wounded. Private NAEUMURA's high gallantry exemplified the highest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Hunt, Idaho. Next of kin: Mr. Joe S. Nae-mura (Brother), U.S. Veterans Administration, Walla Walla, Washington.

AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

THOMAS W. AKINS, 0316554, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 23 April 1945, in Italy. An infantry company was assigned the mission of attacking and occupying the high ground around San Terenzo. The number of enemy troops and the character of the terrain presented a problem to the attacking elements. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Captain AKINS personally led a reconnaissance group into enemy territory to determine an advantageous plan of attack. After his reconnaissance, he directed his company in a wide encircling movement to cut off the road leading out of town, thereby trapping the enemy inside. The enemy attempted to effect a withdrawal under cover of a smoke screen. Taking advantage of the smoke, Captain AKINS sent one platoon into the town to break up the foe's maneuver. As a result of his well planned maneuver 115 enemy officers and enlisted men were captured. His outstanding leadership reflects great credit on the traditions of the Armed Forces.

WILLIAM E. ARII, 39000870, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. A platoon moved out to neutralize enemy positions near Seravezza. The hostile defenses were well-prepared and all approaches were heavily-mined and covered by machine guns and supporting riflemen who opened fire the minute the attack began. Staff Sergeant ARII, acting platoon guide, moved from the rear of the platoon and took command of a squad which he led against an enemy dugout. Despite intense fire, he led his men in killing 4 and capturing 14 of the foe. He then deployed two squads with orders to dig in. While digging in, 3 enemy grenades were fired at the men from a well-concealed dugout to their direct front. The foe immediately followed this with machine gun and rifle fire. Staff Sergeant ARII quickly led a charge upon the enemy, this time killing 2 and capturing 7, together with a considerable amount of material. Later the same day, he directed the left elements of the platoon in a fierce firefight which resulted in 3 more enemy killed and 11 captured with a large quantity of material. Staff Sergeant ARII's outstanding leadership during these operations exemplify the heroic traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Concord, California.

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RIKIO TSUDA, 30105367, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. A rifle company was given the mission of defending the left flank of an infantry battalion protecting a town against an enemy counterattack. While his platoon was defending the town, Sergeant TSUDA was charged by a group of enemy troops, firing bursts of automatic weapons fire at his position as they advanced. He stood his ground and fired, killing 3 and wounding 1 of the foe. Seeing the formation and strength of the enemy, which was hidden to others in his squad by the slope of the hill, Sergeant TSUDA went from position to position directing the fire of his men. By his actions, he was instrumental in silencing an enemy machine gun and in repelling the enemy. Sergeant TSUDA's leadership reflects great credit on the traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AKIRA DOI, 30104106, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 22 April 1945, in Italy. A rifle company was ordered to capture a strategic town. Prior to the attack, a reconnaissance patrol reported that approximately thirty of the enemy supported by five machine guns were defending the town. The first platoon, however, launched an attack and an enemy outpost sentinel was caught off guard. As the sentinel started to run to notify his comrades, Private First Class DOI gave chase and seriously wounded the guard with a burst of fire from his BAR. Seeing an unmanned machine gun, Private First Class DOI raced toward the building in which the gun was located. Before the enemy troops were able to man the machine gun, he charged into the building and quickly captured the crew of four and their weapon. He also captured two machine guns, several rifles, a box of grenades, and a large amount of ammunition in the building. Private First Class DOI's aggressive gallantry aided materially in the capture of the town and exemplifies the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Kohala, Territory of Hawaii.

TAKASHI R. OKAMOTO, 39230749, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. Under cover of darkness, a platoon advanced under heavy enemy machine gun fire and reached a commanding knoll overlooking a town which was to be the company objective. The platoon dug in on a ridge in a defensive arc and shortly before dawn the foe opened up with an intense mortar and artillery barrage followed by a series of counterattacks against the left flank positions. The nature of the terrain was such that the enemy could approach to within 20 yards of the platoon without detection. Private First Class OKAMOTO, who was centrally located in the defensive arc, stood up in his foxhole to observe the routes of approach, calling out the direction and strength of

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each hostile thrust. For more than 3 hours, the foe assaulted with small arms, machine gun, grenade, mortar and rifle grenade fire but was repulsed each time with heavy losses. Private First Class OKAMOTO was a major target for most of the small arms fire and was wounded in several places by mortar and grenade fragments. One bullet passed thru his helmet above the right ear, but he continued to expose himself to efficiently conduct the defense. With his BAR, he accounted for three enemy dead and several wounded until the foe gave up. His courageous determination exemplifies the highest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Culver City, California.

JOHN T. MITA, 30106963, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 23 April 1945, in Italy. Private First Class MITA was first scout during his company's attack on San Terenzo. As his squad moved up the hill leading to the village square, enemy machine gun and sniper fire pinned it down in a narrow street. Private First Class MITA, in a covered spot, knew that he was the only one who could maneuver. Although his hand grenades were spent, he crawled around to the flank of the machine gun nest. When he had advanced near enough, he dashed from cover and jumped into the machine gun nest. With the enemy caught by surprise, Private First Class MITA killed the gunner with his sub-machine gun at point blank range. His platoon was then able to advance and in a few minutes ninety-six enemy soldiers were captured. Private First Class MITA'S exemplary fighting spirit exemplifies the heroic gallantry of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

TOSHIRUKI TAGAMI, 37529598, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. During the night, one of the platoons dug in about 20 yards below the forward slope of a hill overlooking a town which was later to be its objective. Early the next morning, the foe assaulted the positions with small arms, automatic weapons, hand grenades, mortars and rifle grenades. The terrain was such that the foe could advance to within 20 yards of our troops without detection. Private TAGAMI, centrally located in the platoon's position, stood up through the firefight to observe the avenues of approach. He constantly called out the direction and strength of each enemy thrust for more than 3 hours. Each time the foe was repulsed because of his efforts even though he was subjected to intense enemy fire from all arms. Once a grenade fell directly into his foxhole after the explosion, the foe launched another attack but he directed the defense, personally killing one enemy and wounding 4 others. Later, another grenade landed in his foxhole and he jumped out again but was wounded this time. Despite his wounds, he remained

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until the final attack was repulsed with such heavy losses that the foe could not resist the platoon's later assault on its immediate objective. His courageous fighting spirit reflects credit on the Armed Forces. Entered military service from St. Cloud, Minnesota.

AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

AKIRA IWATSURU, 38510354, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

MAMORU KINOSHITA, 42133213, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 16 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Upton, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Moto Kinoshita (Mother), 9H-8B, Amache Colorado.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

PETER G. KAWAHARA, 30101618, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 12 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MATSUICHI SUGIMOTO, 30103026, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

JACK E. CONLEY, 0348126, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 17 April 1945, in Italy. Lieutenant Colonel CONLEY (then Major) was commander of a battalion ordered to attack the town of Fosdinova. He immediately set out to make a personal reconnaissance, despite systematic enemy artillery barrages which had forced all personnel to take cover and had already killed four men and wounded five. With utter disregard for his safety, Lieutenant Colonel CONLEY took a radio operator with him and proceeded to a hill 150 yards in front of the most forward elements of his battalion. There, under direct hostile observation and constant fire, he remained until he had made a thorough study of Fosdinova and the strongpoints of its defenses. He discovered enemy machine gun emplacements, a 20 mm gun, and a self-propelled gun housed in a building, developed a tentative plan of attack, and sent a detailed report of the situation to regimental headquarters. He ordered a telephone line brought up and directed accurate artillery fire which completely neutralized an enemy machine gun emplacement and its supporting riflemen. On returning to the CP he learned that one of his men was lost and immediately went out under a heavy hostile barrage and found the man. Lieutenant Colonel CONLEY's inspiring combat leadership throughout this action exemplifies the gallantry traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Waikapu, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

THOMAS PLOURDE, 01304942, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 5 to 23 April 1945 in Italy. Entered military service from Lewiston, Maine.

MICHAEL Y. HAGIWARA, 39916438, First Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Fort Douglas, Utah.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

SADAICHI KUBOTA, 01999531, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii.

GEORGE J. MIYASHIRO, 30105386, First Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

GEORGE N. MATSUMOTO, 39003470, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

GEORGE MURAKAMI, 38103318, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

TAKEO FUDENNA, 39932724, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 7 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

YOSHIO HOMBO, 39084380, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Monterey, California.

KUNIO OGAWA, 30105838, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Kaunakakai, Territory of Hawaii.

YOICHI OIKAWA, 35842010, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

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GENERAL ORDERS #130, HEADQUARTERS 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 28 August 1945

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY).

HOWARD M. URABE (30104769), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, in Italy. During an attack on the key position of an enemy defense line, Sergeant URABE crawled twenty-five yards through sparse undergrowth to reach a position in front of an enemy machine gun. Timing his movements between the bursts of fire from the gun, Sergeant URABE suddenly stood up and fired a rifle grenade into the nest, killing the machine gunner and destroying the gun. When the other two members of the gun crew started to run, Sergeant URABE killed both of them with his M-1 rifle. When another machine gun fire upon him, Sergeant URABE fired another grenade and knocked out the second gun. Sergeant URABE was affixing another grenade to his launcher to be prepared for further action when he was killed by a sniper's bullet. Sergeant URABE'S courage and skill reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Kapaa, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Kenzo Urabe (Father), 1615 McGrew Lane, Kapaa, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

KEI TANAHASHI (0385482), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, in Italy. Lt. TANAHASHI'S platoon was given the mission of protecting the company's right flank during an attack on the enemy's positions. Lt. TANAHASHI ably led his platoon without sustaining a single casualty until they reached completely exposed terrain and were subjected to mortar, artillery, rifle and machine pistol fire from the strongly entrenched enemy. Realizing that the positions could not be taken by a frontal assault, Lt. TANAHASHI proceeded to maneuver his platoon to the right in an effort to outflank the enemy, exposing himself many times in order to personally inform his squad leaders of the change in tactics. It was during this maneuver that machine pistol fire mortally wounded Lt. TANAHASHI. Despite his wounds, he moved to a slight knoll and silenced the machine pistol. Lt. TANAHASHI consistently refused evacuation and directed his platoon until the enemy had been driven from their positions and the flank secured. Lt. TANAHASHI'S courage and skillful leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Los Angeles, California. Next of kin: Mrs Joy C. Tanahashi (Wife), 3309 Warrenville Center Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.

SATORU KATO (30104984), Private, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1944, in Italy. When two of his comrades were wounded, Private KATO, on his own initiative, crawled twenty-five yards through a heavy enemy artillery barrage and administered first aid. Carrying the more seriously wounded man thirty-five yards to cover of a defiladed position, Private KATO then returned for the other man. While on his way back to the other soldier, he himself was seriously wounded. When the extent of his wounds prevented him from reaching his comrade, Private KATO repeatedly refused evacuation until all the other wounded men were removed from the field of battle. Private KATO'S courage and disregard for personal safety

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reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION)

SUEO FUJII (30106145), Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action from 4 to 7 July 1944 and on 22 October 1944, in France and Italy. Home address: Lihue, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Josuke Fujii (Father), Box 964, Lihue, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)

THOMAS M. JICHAKU (30104694), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 12 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs. Makato Jichaku (Mother), 4429 Sierra Drive, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

ROBERT T. ENDO (39914819), Private First Class, Company "K", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 16 to 18 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Seattle, Washington. Next of kin: Mrs. Kameko Endo (Mother), 147 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

GEORGE S. IIDA (30105400), Private, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 6 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

EISHO KAYODA (30105381), Private, Infantry, Company "B", 442nd Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 2 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

RALPH Y. FUJII (30106410), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 13 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

TOSHIO SASAKI (30100266), Private First Class, Infantry, company "B", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 27 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

TADAO HORITA (39913909), Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 10 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Yakima, Washington.

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CLEMENT K. MIYAYA (37705318), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 12 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Santa Ana, California.

YOSHIHIDE FUJIMOTO (30105253), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "H", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat on 17 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Naalehu, Kau, Territory of Hawaii.

JOHN SHINAGAWA (30104814), Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 442nd Infantry Regiment, For heroic achievement in action on 4 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Hawaii.

ICHIRO ARITE (30105768), Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 4 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Hawaii.

ALBERT OKUTANI (30104376), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 11 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

THOMAS ICHIKAWA (19059781), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 6 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Walla Walla, Washington.

KUNIO KIKUTA (30103070), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 26 June 1944 to 17 April 1945, in France and Italy. Home address: Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii.

ARTHUR K. NISHIMOTO (30104794), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 15 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MICHAEL Y. HAGIWARA (39916483), First Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat on 26 July 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Italy. Home address: Ketchikan, Alaska.

ROBERT H. FOOTE JR. (0429092), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "K", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Gilead, Connecticut.

SADAMU KATAHARA (0353468), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "B", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 4 June 1944, in Italy. Home address: Wailuku, Territory of Hawaii.

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DIVISION CITATIONS.

YOSHIHARU HASHIGUCHI (30101520), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "B", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 January 1944 to 14 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MASATAMI MORIKUNI (30100106), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "B", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 January 1944 to 14 February 1944, in Italy. Home address; Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

RAMON M. WASANO (30106417), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 June 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy and France. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MASAO MUKAI (30100092), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Company "B", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 January 1944 to 14 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

HACHIRO SHIKAMURA (30111339), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "B", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 January 1944 to 14 February 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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GENERAL ORDERS #317, HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY, 16 July 1945

BATTLE HONORS - CITATION OF UNIT.

THE 3D BATTALION, 442d REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM is cited for outstanding accomplishment in combat during the period 27 October to 30 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. On 27 October the 3d Battalion, 442 Regimental Combat Team was committed to battle after one-and-a-half days in a divisional reserve. One of the battalions of another unit which had been advancing deep into enemy territory beyond the town of Biffontaine was suddenly surrounded by the enemy, and separated from all friendly units by an enemy force estimated at seven hundred men. The mission of the 3d Battalion was to attack abreast with the 100th Battalion and four other battalions and relieve the entrapped unit. The mission was more difficult than it first appeared for the enemy had re-occupied the thickly wooded hills situated within the two and one-half miles separating the "lost Battalion" from our front lines. For four days the Battalion fought the stubborn enemy who was determined to stop all attempts to rescue the besieged battalion. Several roadblocks skillfully reinforced by machine guns had to be destroyed while under heavy artillery fire. On 29 October the Battalion encountered a well defended hill where the enemy, one hundred strong, held well dug-in positions on the hill and would not be dislodged. After repeated frontal assaults had failed to drive the enemy from the hill, Companies "I" and "K", then leading the attack, fixed bayonets and charged up the slope, shouting at the enemy and firing from their hips, while the enemy fired point-blank into their ranks. In spite of the effective enemy fire the determined men pressed the assault and closed in with the enemy. Nearing the enemy machine gun and machine pistol positions, some of the men charged the gun emplacements with their Thompson sub-machine guns or BARs killing or seriously wounding the enemy gun crew, but themselves sprawling dead over the enemy positions they had just neutralized. Completely unnerved by the vicious bayonet charge, the enemy fled in confusion after making a desperate stand. Though seriously depleted in manpower, the Battalion hurled back two determined enemy counterattacks, and after reducing a heavily mined roadblock, finally established contact with the besieged battalion. The intrepidity, fearless courage, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by the officers and enlisted men of the 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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GENERAL ORDERS #360, HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY, 3 August 1945

BATTLE HONORS - CITATION OF UNIT.

THE 100TH BATTALION, 442D REGIMENTAL TEAM is cited for outstanding accomplishment in combat during the period 15 October 1944 to 30 October 1944, near Bruyeres, Biffontaine, and in the Foret Domaniale de Champ, France. During a series of actions that played a telling part in the 442d Regimental Team's operation which spear-headed a divisional attack on the Seventh Army front, this unit displayed extraordinary courage, endurance and soldierly skill. Jumping off in the attack on the morning of 15 October 1944, the 100th Battalion fought an almost continuous four-day firefight in freezing and rainy weather, through jungle-like forests, to wrest the strongly fortified hill "A", dominating Bruyeres, from a fanatically resisting enemy. When, during the course of the attack, the progress of an assault company was delayed by a strongpoint consisting of fifty enemy riflemen and a SP gun, a second company of the battalion swept in on the enemy force from the flank and completely routed it. To attack hill "A" proper, the battalion was forced to cross one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain covered by seven enemy machine guns and heavy automatic weapon fire. Following an artillery barrage, limited because of a draw lay between the two high hills, the battalion, with one company acting as a base of fire, launched a frontal attack. Covered by friendly tank fire, waves of platoon after platoon zig-zagged across the open field into a hail of hostile fire. So skillfully coordinated was the attack that the strongly fortified hostile positions were completely overrun, numerous casualties were inflicted on the enemy, and the capture of the town was assured. During the three day operation, beginning on 21 October 1944, that resulted in the capture of Biffontaine, the 100th Battalion fought two miles into enemy territory as a self-contained task force. On the third day of the attack, the battalion launched an assault to capture the isolated town. In the first surprise onslaught the battalion capture large quantities of supplies and ammunition which it turned against the enemy. Counterattacking enemy troops and tanks approached and fired pointblank into their positions. Shouting defiance in the face of demands for surrender, the men of the 100th Battalion fired their rifles and threw captured hand grenades at the enemy tanks. Bitter fighting at close range resulted in the capture of the entire town. During this action the battalion captured forty prisoners, killing or wounded forty of the enemy and destroyed or captured large quantities of ammunition and enemy material. On 27 October 1944, the 100th Battalion was again committed to the attack. Going to the rescue of the "lost battalion", 141st Infantry Regiment, it fought without respite for four days against a fanatical enemy that was determined to keep the "lost battalion" isolated and force its surrender. Impelled by the urgency of its mission, the battalion fought forward, risking encirclement as slower moving units left its flank exposed. Fighting yard by yard through a minefield the battalion was stopped

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BATTLE HONORS - CITATION OF UNIT. (cont'd)

by an enemy strongpoint on the high ground which he had made the key to his defense. As the terrain precluded a flanking movement, the battalion was forced to the only alternative of a frontal attack against a strongly entrenched enemy. Attacking in waves of squads and platoons, and firing from the hip as they closed in to grenade range, the valiant men of the 100th Battalion reduced the enemy defenses lines within a few hours. Between fifty and sixty enemy dead were found at their automatic weapon emplacements and dugouts. On the fourth day, although exhausted and reduced through casualties to about half its normal strength, the battalion fought doggedly forward against strong enemy small arms and mortar fire until it contacted the isolated unit. The extraordinary heroism, daring determination and esprit de corps displayed by the men of the 100th Battalion during these actions live as an inspiration and add glory to the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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GENERAL ORDERS #27, HEADQUARTERS II CORPS, 9 July 1945

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR.

TAKEZO KANDA, 30104986, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 1 September 1944 in the vicinity of Badia Settimo, Italy. When he heard that a comrade had been wounded by an enemy mine, Corporal KANDA a volunteer litter bearer, immediately went to the aid of his comrade. Although the patient was in the direct line of enemy machine guns and small arms, he made his way under fire through the mine field to reach the wounded man. Assisted by another litter bearer, he evacuated the man to a point where a jeep could come up. He again went forward to approximately the same place under small arms fire to evacuate another wounded soldier. As they rode towards the aid station, the jeep the aid party was riding on hit a mine. For his devotion to duty under fire and in the mine field, Corporal KANDA paid supreme sacrifice. His courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin. Mrs. Toku Kanda (mother), 3684D South King Street, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

HORACE F. SMITH, 01322379, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on 25 August 1944 and on 29 August 1944 in the vicinity of Scandici, Italy. Lieutenant SMITH on two separate occasions led patrols to the banks of the Arno River to capture prisoners. When one of his men was wounded in a mine explosion, he carried the man for approximately 1000 yards under constant enemy small arms fire to safety. After four attempts by his company, Lieutenant SMITH and his patrol capture four vitally needed prisoners from whom essential information was obtained. Lieutenant SMITH's concern for his men while under fire, his cool and courageous leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from: Millersburg, Ohio.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

EDWARD T. DAVIS 0528470, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in action on 31 August 1944 in the vicinity of Veldalago, Italy. Entered military service from: Plymouth, New Hampshire.

KATSUKI TANIGAWA, 30103614, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in action on 25 August 1944 in the vicinity of Florence, Italy. Entered military service from: Lihue, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

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