

NARRATIVE

442nd Inf Regt

The 442d Infantry Regiment continued its numerous assignments of guarding POW enclosures, hospital, salvage dumps, petrol points and medical depots. In addition, some officers were frequently assigned for duty as train commanders for transporting POWs to Germany. Some enlisted men were also assigned for special duty with the 5N51 Quartermaster Depot in Naples to transport goods to Leghorn as train guards; and two groups of enlisted men were assigned on special duty, transporting POWs to Austria in the capacity of train-guards.

A thirteen-week training program, which would sum-up to the total of 58½ hours, complied with on the basis of 4½ hours weekly, was initiated. The program included the following: Military Courtesy and Discipline, Orientation, D. D. & Ceremonies, Personal Hygiene and Sanitation, First Aid, V. D. & Prevention, Mined Areas, Malaria Control, and Defense of Area and Civil Disturbance. Variations in weekly hours were made with authorization from the Regimental S-3 only.

After three years of service, the 2d Battalion of the 442d Infantry Regiment was inactivated on the 10th of February 1946. A total of 464 officers and enlisted men from this unit were transferred to other units of this regiment. Since this inactivation, Company "M" moved to Naples and took over the duties held by Company "H".

The 442d Infantry Regiment was further struck in man-power shortage as redeployment continued picking out the high pointers and old-timers. Thirty-one (31) men with 45 points or above and one (1) man with 31 months of service were shipped back to the states for redeployment.

Reenlistment from the 442d Infantry Regiment for this month, although not anywhere near the number absorbed by redeployment, still continued as two members chose to serve three-more-years. In addition, two veterans paved a way for future discharged members of this regiment when they chose to remain in this theater of operation in lucrative positions as civilian Army personnels. They were the first to request civilian work in Italy from the 442d Infantry.

The man-power strength of this regiment was supplemented slightly as 32 new replacements arrived from the states. These replacements came from Camps Hood, Maxie, Fannin, and Wolters, Texas; Camps Wheeler and Gorden, Georgia; Camp Livingston, Louisiana; Camp Blanding, Florida; and Camp Richie, Maryland. In addition, four officers were assigned to the 442d, both they were "not joined."

February 1st marked the third anniversary of the activation of the 442d Infantry Regiment. Although there was no ceremony to celebrate this

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momentous occasion, members of this regiment were given a holiday. A feast of chicken and a regimental dance high-lighted the day. The 442d News brought to the men messages from Colonel MILLER, 442d Regimental Commander, and Chaplain AKI, Regimental Chaplain, in commemoration of the anniversary.

The undertakings of the I & E Section were manifold. They started a horse-back riding class for men of this regiment. They started a daily excursion to battle-field grounds where the 442d participated in this war. They renovated the Orientation Lectures with the informal "Bull Sessions." This was done to give the usually silent listeners an opportunity to participate in discussions. Topics for these sessions were Iran, Oil and U. N. O., Compulsory Military Training, and Austria on the Way Back. Judging from the number of participants, it was clearly indicated that men in this outfit had many opinions with sound reasons to support them too. Also in addition, in an effort to enhance the knowledge of current affairs in the men of this regiment, the I & E Section acquired 10 Vocational Information Kits, 15 Complete sets of Educational Manuals, and 11 complete Public Address Systems.

The Currency Control Book was brought into use to record all monetary transaction. Monetary evaluation was also brought into effect at the new rate of 2.25 lire equivalent to \$0.01 in U. S. money value. Personnel of this regiment were given the opportunity to declare whatever money they legally claimed to have obtained, and they received what they had declared at the new rate of exchange.

When the annual MARCH OF DIMES drive for Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis) victims was made, members of the 442d Infantry Regiment undertook the drive with hearty spirit of giving as they contributed a sum-total of \$4,333.10. This total averaged more than \$2.00 per man in this regiment.

A club named the "Hoo Lau Lea" was opened for the officers and the enlisted men. This club is located in the Service Company area, and both the officers and the enlisted men have access to it three nights a week separately, Sunday being opened for both the officers and the enlisted men.

A daily quota of fifty (50)* enlisted men to the 442d Infantry Regiment was granted by the PBS for billeting at the Majestic Hotel in Florence. This made possible the opportunity to see the beautiful city of Florence on an overnight pass. However, the number who went on this pass had to comply with the regulation of not having more than 15% from any company absent on pass. (This 15% quota did not include the 5% quota for Swiss Pass)
*The daily quota of 50 was later reduced to 35.

In the realm of sports, the 442d as usual was well represented in every field of competition, namely basketball, ping pong, and boxing. In

basketball, though they failed to capture the zone championship after three hotly contested games with the PBS All Stars (winning the first and losing the two later games), three members of the team were picked for the PBS All Stars team which would represent this zone in the higher bracket championship tournament. In ping pong, two 442d members emerged as champions of the doubles tournament while there was no one in the lime-light of the singles. In boxing, two boxers from this regiment were crowned MTO boxing champions. They were in the Novice lightweight and Novice Bantam-weight Divisions.

Compilation of the awards presented to members of the regiment as of 28 February 1946 shows the following breakdown:

Distinguished Unit Citation	5
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque	2
Unit Commendation	1
Distinguished Service Cross	48
Distinguished Service Medal	1
Legion of Merit	16
Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star Medal	11
Silver Star Medal	323
Oak Leaf Cluster to Croix de Guerre	1
Croix de Guerre	12
Soldier's Medal	12
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	35
Bronze Star Medal	794
Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart Medal	468*
Purple Heart Medal	2020*
Army Commendation	36
Division Commendation	84
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*(Note: Does not include Purple Heart Medals awarded to members of this unit wounded in action, who were hospitalized and subsequently transferred to the Zone of the Interior. In some instances, copies of General Orders issued by the hospitals were forwarded to this headquarters, however, in a majority of the cases no orders were received. It is believed that the correct figure for total number of Purple Heart awards should be approximately 3600, including approximately 500 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart Medal. The figures 468 and 2020 indicate the actual number of awards for which orders are available at this headquarters.)

The month of February closed with the 442d Infantry Regiment situated in the following locations:

Regtl Hq and Hq Co	Leghorn
Hq and Hq Co, 100th Bn	Leghorn
Co A	Leghorn

Co B	Pen Beach
Co C	Leghorn
Co D	Leghorn
Hq and Hq Co, 3rd Bn	Pisa Staging Area
Co I	Tombolo
Co K	Tombolo
Co L	Pisa Staging Area
Co M	Aversa
Anti Tank Co	Pisa Staging Area
Cannon Co	Navacchio
Service Co	Tombolo
Medical Det	Leghorn

LIST OF DECORATIONS

February 1946

Bronze Star Medal 2

Exhibit "A"

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GENERAL ORDERS #314, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 13 December 1945.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

JOE S. SUGAWARA, 35083715, Private First Class, Company C, 100th
Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection
with military operations near Casala, Italy, on 18 April 1945. Entered ser-
vice from Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

YOSHIAKI TOBARA, 39167677, Private First Class, Company B, 100th
Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection
with military operations near Castelpoggio, Italy, on 14 April 1945. Entered
service from Pepeeekio, Territory of Hawaii.

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HEADQUARTERS 442D INFANTRY REGIMENT
APO 782, U. S. ARMY

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11 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Inactivation of 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

THROUGH: Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section,
APO 782, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with paragraph 7, General Orders Number 14, Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U. S. Army, dated 24 January 1946, report is submitted herewith that the 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, was inactivated on 10 February 1946, in the vicinity of Leghorn, Italy.

2. Reassignment of officer and enlisted personnel was accomplished effective 1700 hours, 10 February 1946.

V. R. MILLER,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

24 January 1946.

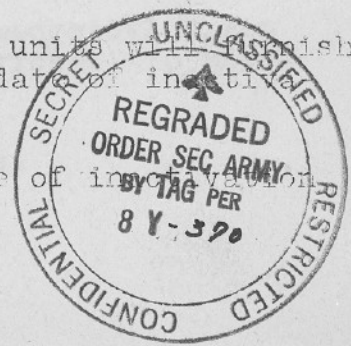
GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 14)

INACTIVATION OF CERTAIN UNITS

1. The 2d Battalion, 442 Infantry Regiment, is inactivated in the vicinity of Leghorn, Italy effective 10 February 1946.
2. a. Personnel rendered excess by this action will be reported to this Headquarters not later than date of inactivation by letter (in quadruplicate) giving name, grade, ASN, MOS of active duty (16 September 1940 to 2 September 1945 including enlisted service of officer, if any), volunteer status and indicate Regular Army enlistees.
b. Proper notation will be made to indicate personnel who are now patients in hospitals, giving hospital designation.
3. Equipment rendered excess by this action will be turned in to the nearest depot for depot stock.
4. a. Records of the inactivated units will be disposed of as outlined in letter, Headquarters, Peninsular Base Section, file AG 313 (BPAGO), dated 8 June 1945, subject: "Records Administration Program".
b. Non-appropriated welfare or sundry funds will be disposed of in accordance with letter, Headquarters, MTOUSA, file AG 123/812 A-O, dated 30 October 1945, subject: "Closing of Theater Central Welfare Funds".
c. Property Records will be disposed of in accordance with letter, Headquarters, MTOUSA, file AG 313/718 - O, dated 12 July 1945, subject: "Disposition of Property Records".
5. a. A final roster will be prepared and forwarded in accordance with AR 345-900, as amended.
b. The appropriate data will be entered in the unit Morning Report in accordance with Section IV, AR 345-400, dated 3 January 1945, as modified by paragraph 4m, letter, Headquarters, MTOUSA, file AG 330.33/439 STAT-O, dated 20 March 1945, subject: "Morning Report".

6. The commanding officers of the inactivated units will furnish true copies of the AES Unit Ration Cards as of the date of inactivation with the letter reporting excess personnel.

7. Confirmation of the specific date and place of inactivation



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General Orders No. 14, Hq PBS, 24 January 1946 (contd)

of the units will be reported by letter (in quadruplicate) to Headquarters, MTOUSA, through this headquarters on or immediately after date of inactivation.

8. The commanding officers of the inactivated units will prepare NAP Form #11 for each member thereof, including those transferred from the units during the 60-day period preceding inactivation, indicating name of unit to which the individual was or is scheduled to be transferred. The completed forms will be delivered on or before date of inactivation to the Postal Officer of the Army Post Office serving the inactivated units. NAP Forms #11 are available at Army Post Offices.

9. Units will furnish a certificate to the Civilian Personnel Officer this headquarters, stating that all Italian Civilian Employees have been paid up to date or arrangements made with the section concerned for their payment and that each Italian Civilian Employee has been furnished with Workers Social Insurance Card, Allied Forces in Italy (Form SI - March 1945).

10. Authority: Cable, MTOUSA, Ref. No. c13694 dated 14 January 1946.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL OXX:

HARRISON SHALER
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Paul T Graves
/t/ PAUL T GRAVES
Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

T. M. Kobayashi
T. M. KOBAYASHI,
1st Lt, 142d Inf,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
APO 782
UNITED STATES ARMY

29 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Inactivation of 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment.

TO ; See Distribution.

1. Reference is made to GO 14, Hq, PBS, dtd 24 January 1946 for compliance. The following interpretations control:

- a. Paragraph 6 - no action necessary.
- b. Paragraph 8 - no action necessary.
- c. Paragraph 9 - no action necessary.

2. Personnel of 2d Bn will be transferred to other units 442d Inf, 4 February 1946 except for skeleton staffs. All men will be transferred from 2d Bn by midnight 10 February 1946.

3. At 041100 February 1946 units will assume guard responsibility as follows:

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| a. | 249th Ord Bn | 3d Battalion |
| b. | 8L52 Petroleum Point | 3d Battalion |
| c. | 4L71 Ord | 100th Battalion |
| d. | Ord POWE #2 | 100th Battalion |
| e. | Ord 4L89 | 100th Battalion |

4. The following properties will be turned in on the following dates:

- a. 3 February All Memorandum Receipt, Property.
- b. 4 February All Vehicles (At RSO at 0900).
- c. 4 February All Engineer, Medical, Ordnance, and Ammunition Supplies.
- d. 5 February All Quartermaster Supplies less Kitchen and Office supplies.

Ltr, Inactivation of 2d Bn, 442d Inf Regt, Hq 442d RCT,
APO 982, U.S. Army, dtd 29 Jan 45, Contd.

- e. 6 February All Kitchen Supplies and Signal Equip-
ment.
- f. 7 February All Office Supplies.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL MILLER:

George G. Green
GEORGIE G. GREEN,
Major, Field Artillery,
S-3.

DISTRIBUTION:
All Units, 442d Inf

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NARRATIVE

442nd Inf Regt

The 442d Infantry Regiment continued its assignments of guarding POW enclosures, salvage dumps, petrol points, medical depots, and a hospital, and its special duty as train guards from Naples to Leghorn. A special detail of one officer and twenty-five (25) enlisted men escorted one thousand (1000) POWs a week back to Germany. Another detail of one officer and twenty-five (25) enlisted men were detached at Bolzano where they received POWs from the British and escorted them back to Germany.

Ten (10) officers and twelve (12) enlisted men were transferred to the 7th Replacement Depot for transshipment to the United States for discharge under the redeployment program or for dependency discharge, temporary duty, emergency furlough, or reenlistment furlough.

Thirty-four (34) new replacements were assigned to Anti-Tank Company, Cannon Company, Company I and Company K. None of them had taken basic infantry training but had taken specialized basic training in Transportation, Signal, Chemical Warfare and Quartermasters at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Fort Dix, New Jersey, and Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

The strength of the 442d Infantry Regiment was further supplemented by five (5) officers and twelve (12) enlisted men, who were transferred to this organization from other units in PBS and the 88th Infantry Division, and by two enlisted men from the ETO.

Eight (8) enlisted men of the regiment have reenlisted for three years and one (1) for one year.

A program stressing conservation of electric light bulbs, gasoline, tires, water and food was introduced in the 442d Infantry Regiment. Units were instructed to use only 60-watt bulbs and to keep a complete record of the amount of gasoline used for preparation of mess, with instructions to conserve as much as possible. The responsibility for the conservation of food and water was directed toward the individual consumers for his own benefit.

Bus schedules, covering all the units of the regiment in Leghorn and Pisa were introduced, with two busses each making four trips a day. This schedule helped to eliminate the numerous special trips which would have otherwise been made by other vehicles.

The second Administration Class for all Battalion Sergeant Majors, Company First Sergeants and understudies, and Company Commanders was held

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with the Regimental Adjutant giving all instructions. The phases covered were preparation and filing of Army Correspondence, posting of changes to AR, Circulars, etc., and Company Council Books and Voucher Files.

To obtain uniformity and order in filing and processing the numerous official correspondence received by the regiment, a school for file clerks was started with the Regimental Adjutant giving all instructions. The Dewey Decimal System was adopted because of its widespread use, its simplicity and effectiveness. This course was compulsory for Battalion File Clerks and optional to Company File Clerks.

A number of men were trained and tested in driving to act as understudies for and to replace those drivers who will be redeployed or who will fail to qualify in rigid tests held periodically to maintain the quality of drivers of the regiment.

A radio school was initiated at the Regimental Headquarters with six (6) ambitious men studying under the able tutorship of the Radio Section Chief. Lessons included primary code work and the functions and operations of numerous signal equipment. There was no definite time limit set for the course, as the men decided to continue with their study until maximum proficiency was attained. Upon completion of this course, it is expected that the men will have a grasp of all the practical as well as the theoretical aspects of radio.

Photography classes were started at the Regimental Photo Laboratory located at the 100th Battalion Headquarters to help camera addicts learn the various technicalities involved in making good photographs and to teach the best methods of developing pictures.

Seven (7) men were awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the Po Valley Campaign in Italy. All of them, except for one, have been redeployed to the states.

Pilgrimage to the U. S. Military Cemetary at Castelfiorentino was conducted by the Regimental Chaplain. This was held for the benefit of the high-pointers and old-timers who were soon to leave for home, in order that they could make a farewell visit to the graves of their brothers and friends.

The Company K Club was opened on 13 March with a grand party replete with food, drinks, dancing and music by the newly-formed Hawaiian orchestra. The party was beautifully decorated and well planned. The only flaw in the festivity was that the club itself wasn't spacious enough to hold the large crowd that attended.

The USO show "Maids and Magic" performed exclusively for the members of the regiment on two separate occasions, at the 100th Battalion and at the 3rd Battalion. In appreciation for their superb performance, the members of the cast was treated to a "pa-kai" dinner by the enlisted men of the Regimental Headquarters Company and entertained with music by the "Hawaiian Serenaders" of this regiment.

The I & E Section of this regiment announced the possibility of getting a high school diploma or of getting college credit while still in the army through correspondence courses. It also continued conducting interesting discussions at the regular weekly "Bull Sessions" with topics such as: "Statehood for Hawaii," "Should We Have a Fair Employment Practices Committee," "What Peace Terms for Italy," and "The Industrial Situation in the USA." These sessions proved much more successful than the former Orientation Lectures, with every man eagerly participating in the discussion.

The Regimental Athletic Director of the 442d announced a new athletic program planned at a meeting recently held for all Peninsular Base Section units. Included in the extensive program were volley ball, track, swimming, softball, baseball, tennis, and golf.

The 442d basketball team continued to play their characteristic speedy, deceptive brand of ball. Although the team was sometimes on the short end of the final score, winning four (4) and losing two (2), they always kept the spectators on edge with the flash and gameness with which they held their own against their towering opponents. As a note of interest, the 442d officers refused to let the enlisted men take all the athletic glory and formed a basketball team of their own. The team proved its merit by trouncing the 442d Personnel Section. They later played the 61st Quartermaster quintet, and were nosed out by a last quarter rally.

Two 442d men, who fought for the MTO Boxing Team, performed creditably in an Inter-Theater boxing tournament with the ETO Boxing Team. Tut Sumimoto won the lightweight championship of the EAME theater by decisively defeating Willy Lee of ETO, while Yukio Arashiro was outpointed by Bill Simon of ETO.

Compilation of the awards presented to members of the regiment as of 31 March 1946 shows the following breakdown:

Distinguished Unit Citation	5
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque	2
Unit Commendation	1
Distinguished Service Cross	48
Distinguished Service Medal	1
Legion of Merit	16
Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star Medal	11
Silver Star Medal	330

Oak Leaf Cluster to Croix de Guerre	1
Croix de Guerre	12
Soldier's Medal	12
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	35
Bronze Star Medal	794
Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart Medal	468*
Purple Heart Medal	2022*
Army Commendation	36
Division Commendation	84
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*(Note: Does not include Purple Heart Medals awarded to members of this unit wounded in action, who were hospitalized and subsequently transferred to the Zone of the Interior. In some instances, copies of General Orders issued by the hospitals were forwarded to this headquarters, however, in a majority of the cases no orders were received. It is believed that the correct figure for total number of Purple Heart awards should be approximately 3600, including approximately 500 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart Medal. The figures 468 and 2022 indicate the actual number of awards for which orders are available at this headquarters.)

The month of March closed with the 442d Infantry Regiment situated in the following locations:

Regtl Hq and Hq Co	Leghorn
Hq and Hq Co, 100th Bn	Leghorn
Co A	Leghorn
Co B	Tirrenia
Co C	Leghorn
Co D	Leghorn
Hq and Hq Co, 3rd Bn	Pisa Staging Area
Co I	Tombolo
Co K	Tombolo
Co L	Pisa Staging Area
Co M	Aversa
Anti Tank Co	Pisa Staging Area
Canon Co	Navacchio
Service Co	Tombolo
Medical Det	Leghorn

LIST OF DECORATIONS

March 1946

Silver Star Medal	7
Purple Heart Medal	2
Good Conduct Medal	79

Exhibit "A"

AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (CONTD) (GO No. 14, Hq MTOUSA, 16 Jan 46)

TOKKO FUKUCHI, 39021364, Private First Class, Company B, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Castelpoggio, Italy, on 14 April 1945. When his platoon was attacked by a superior enemy force, Private First Class Fukuchi, engaged an enemy machine gun that was supporting the attack. He was seriously wounded in the thigh, but, hesitating long enough to stop the flow of blood, he continued to engage the enemy. He was wounded a second time, but kept up his fire until the enemy gun was silenced. Then he shifted his fire to the main body of the attacking force. Only when he was wounded on his right arm, making it useless, did he stop firing. Private First Class Fukuchi's intrepid deed was inspiration to his comrades and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered service from Fort MacArthur, California.

MILES M. HAMADA, 37362103, Private First Class (then Private), Company c 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Forno, Italy on 15 and 16 April 1945. During a night attack, Private First Class Hamada was wounded on the chest and leg by grenade fragments. He refused to be evacuated, as the platoon strength had been cut down to 20 men, and continued to fire at the enemy. Throughout the night, the hostile forces threw grenades into his position, but he remained at his post and forestalled a counterattack with his automatic fire. When the objective was secured the next day, Private First Class Hamada returned to the aid station for medical treatment. Private First Class Hamada's devotion to duty and gallantry are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Fort Logan, Colorado.

JOE SASE, 39928166, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Vic. Mt. Folgorito, Italy, on 5 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mt. Folgorito, Italy, Private First Class Sase, advanced alone and wiped out two machine gun crews, and although he was out of ammunition, later through a ruse, forced another machine gun to displace, enabling his platoon to advance out of a barraged area. His heroism in action reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

IWAQ SHIMOKAWA, 30111008, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action on a ridge overlooking Forno, Italy on 15 and 16 April 1945. During a night attack, Private First Class Shimokawa was wounded in the right knee by a grenade fragment. He refused to be evacuated as the platoon strength had been cut down to 20 men, and continued to fire at the enemy. Throughout the night the hostile forces threw a counterattack with grenade fire. When the objective was secured the next day, Private First Class Shimokawa returned to the aid station for medical treatment. His devotion to duty is a great credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

GENERAL ORDERS #14, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, AFO 512, 16 January 1946.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

GEORGE NISHIMURA, 39929205, Private, Infantry, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Foce Il Cuccu, Italy on 19 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by machine gun fire, Private Nishimura, on his own initiative, stood up with his automatic rifle and neutralized one machine gun by killing its crew, capturing three others and causing the rest to withdraw. Later, when it became necessary for the platoon to withdraw in face of superior enemy force, he sued upon the enemy again and covered his platoon's withdrawal. Private Nishimura's continuous desire to safe-guard his comrades, and his gallantry, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered service from Hunt, Idaho.

MITSURU TAKAHASHI, 39927787, Private, Infantry, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Mount Folgorito and Tendola, Italy on 6 April and 20 April 1945. On 6 April 1945, when his platoon was pinned down by an enemy machine gun, Private Takahashi, advanced despite the fire and knocked out the position. On 20 April 1945, near Tendola, Italy, during an ambush, although wounded in the chest, he defeated an enemy attempt to flank his platoon, continuing to hold off the enemy until loss of blood rendered him unconscious. Private Takahashi's heroism is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States and is deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

R. ASHAI CHINO, 37582340, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Mount Folgorito, Italy, on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Chino, in the vicinity of Mount Folgorito, Italy, although wounded in the side by a bullet, continued to attempt to silence the machine gun which had wounded him. When the position of the squad became untenable, on his own initiative and under mortar and machine gun fire he sought a route for evacuating the squad, returning to convey them to the squad. On 5 April 1945, despite his wound, he volunteered to silence a sniper who had already killed one man and wounded four others. On 6 April 1945, in charge of a detail escorting prisoners to the Company Command Post, he refused to take cover when fired upon, because to do so might enable some of the prisoners to escape. His actions are an indication of a high degree of devotion to the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered service from Pine City, Minnesota.

GENERAL ORDERS #13, HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM,
U. S. ARMY, APO 782, 25 March 1946.

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

MARK E. NAKAZAWA, 38669160, Private First Class, Medical Department,
Medical Detachment, 442d RCT, Italy, 20 April 1945. Entered military
service from McGehee, Arkansas.

JOHN H. EMOTO, 37364296, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company C,
100th Battalion, 442d RCT, Italy, 5 April 1945. Entered military
service from Ft. Logan, Colorado.