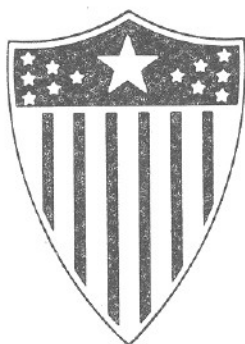


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NARRATIVE

The 442d Infantry Regiment continued its numerous assignments of guarding POW enclosures, salvage dumps, petrol points, medical depots, and a hospital.

The Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest tribute accorded by the United States government for service in the armed forces, was awarded, posthumously, to Private Sadaso Munemori of Los Angeles, California, by order of the Secretary of War. This was the first award of its kind to be granted to a member of the 442d Regimental Combat Team. Private Munemori, a member of Company A, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty for his actions on 5 April 1945. During an assault against strong mountain defenses of the enemy machine gun, rifle and grenade fire, Private Munemori made a frontal one-man attack and destroyed two machine guns. While withdrawing under murderous fire, Private Munemori, observing a live grenade rolling toward two of his comrades, dived on the missile and smothered its blast with his body. By his heroic actions, Private Munemori saved two of his men at the cost of his own life and did much to clear the path for his company's victorious advance. Mrs. Nawa Munemori, mother of Private Munemori, received the Medal of Honor and a personal message from the President in a ceremony at Fort MacArthur, California.

Other awards to members of the 442d Infantry Regiment, authorized by General Orders received this month include two (2) Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star, thirteen (13) Silver Stars, one (1) Legion of Merit, one (1) Soldier's Medal and thirteen (13) Bronze Star Medals.

On 6 April 1946, the 442d Infantry Regiment led by the Regimental Commander headed about five thousand troops through the streets of Leghorn in observance of Army Day. The following day in a special memorandum published within the regiment, the Regimental Commander commended the men of the regiment for the exceptional soldierly appearance and for the superior manner in which they conducted themselves during the ceremony. He stated, "No commander could be so justly proud of an organization which so consistently distinguishes itself in the field of combat and again while performing normal garrison duties than I was today when the Peninsular Base Section Commanding Officer singled out our troops as being outstanding in both appearance and in marching ability."

Following the parade, one Silver Star Award, three Bronze Stars Award, one Fifth Army Commendation Award, and nine 92d Infantry Division Commendations Awards were presented to members of the 442d Infantry Regiment by the Commanding Officer. Again on 10 April 1946, another Silver Star Award was presented to a member at the Regimental Headquarters.

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The 442d Infantry Regiment was honored by an invitation to lead the Liberation Day Parade of the city of Carrara, Italy. The Provisional Battalion of three hundred men from this regiment participated in the celebration. Highlight of the day was the presentation of the Partisan Brigade Banner to Lieutenant Colonel PURSALL. Following the ceremony, the athletes of Carrara and U. S. Army personnel competed with each other in a series of sport events. In boxing, both sides were evenly matched, with the U. S. Army personnel winning two bouts while losing two. The 442d basketball team proved too speedy and deceptive for the Carrara team, and convincingly defeated them. The Carrarans evened the score by trouncing the 442d tennis team in both the singles and doubles tennis matches. The celebration was climaxed by a successful dance.

On 19 April 1946, the 442d Provisional Battalion, numbering five hundred and seventy-six (576) men, inaugurated a series of weekly Peninsular Base Section retreat ceremonies in Piazza Alberto, Leghorn, Italy. Different services of the Peninsular Base Section will perform every Friday, with the 442d to have this honor every ninth week. In addition, the regiment is scheduled to hold its own ceremony every Tuesday, the first of which was held on 23 April 1946.

Upon his departure to the United States, Colonel J. W. LOEF, Commanding Officer of the Auxiliary Troop Command to which the 442d Infantry Regiment is attached, sent a letter of appreciation to the Commanding Officer of this regiment, for services rendered. He emphasized the consistently superior type of work performed by this unit since it was placed under his command, and the high standards of discipline and devotion to duty maintained by the men of the regiment.

Sixteen (16) new Japanese American replacements from the 88th Division were transferred to the 442d Infantry Regiment. As most of the men were drivers, clerks, and assistant tank operators, Service Company and Anti-Tank Company received a major share of them.

Thirty-five (35) enlisted men and nine (9) officers left the regiment to be discharged, to go on their reenlistment furloughs or to be assigned to the Zone of Interior. Prior to their departure, a pilgrimage to the U. S. Military Cemeteries in Castelfiorentino, Vada and Follonica, conducted by the Regimental Chaplain for these men, was made possible through the sympathetic consideration of the Regimental Commander.

Five (5) men from the 442d Infantry Regiment were assigned on temporary duty to the American Embassy and Military Attache in Rome, Italy. The work of these men consist of translating and filing numerous Japanese documents.

A devastating tidal wave, the worst in the history of the Hawaiian Islands, caused anxiety to many in the 442d Infantry Regiment, which is largely composed of residents of Hawaii. Telegrams were forwarded by the Regimental Headquarters to the Territorial Emergency Committees of six main

islands of Hawaii, requesting information as to the effect of the seismic waves to immediate relatives of members of the regiment and extending condolence to those affected by the disaster. Reply to these telegrams were received stating that few relatives of members of the regiment were affected by the tidal wave.

The I & E Section continued its weekly Bull Sessions, holding meetings in each unit of this command and sending one man to participate in the Radio Bull Session broadcast over the local radio station every week. Topics of discussion during the month were: "Independence for Indonesia," "The People Run America," "Progress in Affairs of France," "What is Your Insurance Worth," and "Outlook For Germany."

In a Photography contest conducted by the American Red Cross for all military personnel in Leghorn, the members of this regiment won four of the six prizes awarded.

Two USO Shows, "Treasures of Music" and "Kempy" played on different occasions at the 100th and 3d Battalions. Both shows proved to be highly entertaining and were enthusiastically applauded. "Treasures of Music," a well rounded musical show with a classical trend, featured ballet dances, an instrumental quartet, and melodies from operas and musical shows. "Kempy", a hilarious Broadway comedy hit, added a personal touch in its performance by including slang phrases used by the 442 men.

The 442d athletes maintained their successful record throughout the month. The baseball team opened the 1946 baseball season in the Peninsular Base Section Baseball League by routing the 339 PWE nine 22 to 0, with the opposition barely managing to squeeze in a single hit. The basketball team made a barnstorming tour of northern Italy and defeated every team they met. Its record was slightly marred by the loss of one game to the 349th Infantry Regiment of the 88th Division, champion of the Class B Bracket in its sector, but by winning two of three games with them, the 442d team won the series. The speed, the smooth performance, and the dogged fighting spirit that carried the 442d basketball team to victory over towering opponents won it a reputation among U. S. Army personnel throughout Europe; and the team was invited to play a series of games in Bremen, Germany against the best teams in that area. In other fields of sport, the 442d softball team defeated the 3271 Ordnance Company and the 4079th Quartermaster Battalion; and two members of this regiment aided the MIO Boxing Team in winning the Inter-Theater Boxing Championship over the ETO Boxing Team in an engagement at the Yankee Stadium in Leghorn.

Compilation of the awards presented to members of the regiment as of 30 April 1946 shows the following breakdown:

Distinguished Unit Citation	5
Meritorious Service Unit Flaqué	2
Unit Commendation	1
Medal of Honor	1
Distinguished Service Cross	48
Distinguished Service Medal	1
Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star Medal	13
Silver Star Medal	343
Legion of Merit	17
Oak Leaf Cluster to Croix de Guerre	1
Croix de Guerre	12
Soldier's Medal	13
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	35
Bronze Star Medal	807
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 April 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
Cannon Co	Navacchio
Service Co	Tombolo
Medical Det	Leghorn

LIST OF DECORATIONS

April 1946

Medal Of Honor	1
Oak Leaf Cluster For Silver Star	2
Silver Star	13
Legion of Merit	1
Soldier's Medal	1
Bronze Star Medal	13
Good Conduct Medal	102

Exhibit "A"

II __ MEDAL OF HONOR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), a Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty was awarded posthumously by the War Department in the name of Congress to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class Sadao S. Munemori (Army Serial No. 39019023), an assistant squad leader of Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, Army of the United States fought with great gallantry and intrepidity on 5 April 1945 near Seravezza, Italy. When his unit was pinned down by grazing fire from the enemy's strong mountain defenses and command of the squad devolved on him with the wounding of its regular leader, he made frontal, one-man attacks through direct fire and knocked out two machine guns with grenades. Withdrawing under murderous fire and showers of grenades from other enemy emplacements, he had nearly reached a shell crater occupied by two of his men when an unexploded grenade bounced on his helmet and rolled toward his helpless comrades. He rose into the withering fire, dived for the missile, and smothered its blast with his body. By his swift, supremely heroic action, Private Munemori saved two of his men at the cost of his own life and did much to clear the path for his company's victorious advance.

GENERAL ORDERS #253, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 26 September 1945.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR SILVER STAR

BUDDY KAGAWA, 30104923, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Luciana, Italy, on 16 and 17 July 1944. As a squad leader of a rifle company of the 442d Regimental Combat Team, Staff Sergeant Kagawa led his men in a company attack on the town of Luciana, Italy. When strong enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire suddenly cut off platoon communications to the company command post, Staff Sergeant Kagawa, realizing the seriousness of the situation, rushed fifty yards through the intense enemy fire and crawled the remaining forty yards to the command post. Reporting the situation, he obtained vital fire support which enabled his platoon to withdraw safely and reorganize. The following day, his company again resumed its attack on the town. Meeting fanatic resistance as his men entered the town, Staff Sergeant Kagawa, without regard for his own safety, exposed himself in order to locate the machine gun emplacement that was delaying his squads advance. Aggressively leading his men, he rushed toward the building in which the machine gun nest was located, hurled grenades and directed effective fire upon the enemy, and succeeded in destroying the position. A second machine gun nest opened fire from a nearby house, and, accompanied by one of his men, he advanced toward the emplacement firing continuously. Although wounded, he led his men in a ferocious assault of the position, capturing the gun and seven hostile troops, sustaining a second wound in this encounter. Staff Sergeant Kagawa's aggressive leadership and inspiring courage resulting in the taking of two machine gun positions and the capture of seven prisoners were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American Infantryman. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

EDWARD B. KAHOLOKULA, 20011428, Private First Class, Company B, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Pastina, Italy, on 12 July 1944. As acting squad leader of a rifle company in the 442d Regimental Combat Team, Private First Class Kaholokula led his men in a company assault on the town of Pastina when heavy sniper fire halted the advance. Without thought for personal safety, he climbed a small shrub-covered hill and observed fifteen enemy troops in the ravine below. Boldly exposing himself to the enemy, he fired rapidly and accurately, killing three. A sniper's bullet struck his helmet, and he fell to the ground. Hearing movement on the other side of the hill, Private First Class Kaholokula crept forward despite concentrated machine gun and pistol fire and again engaged the enemy, killing two and forcing the others to flee. With this enemy strongpoint secured by the selflessness and courageous deed of Private First Class Kaholokula, the company was able to proceed and capture the objective. His inspiring leadership and gallantry were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American Infantryman. Entered service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

GENERAL ORDERS #258, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
APO 512, U. S. ARMY, 2 October 1945.

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

ARTHUR M. FUKUOKA, 39916372, Private First Class, Company M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroism on 1 September 1945 near Marina di Pisa, Italy. Upon noticing a swimmer in great difficulty about 100 yards from shore, Private First Class Fukuoka, in spite of the dangerous waves and strong undertow and though other men dared not venture out to the struggling man, completely disregarded the fact that he himself was not an expert swimmer and plunged into the dangerous water. Battling against the rough water he reached the drowning man and guided him to within reach of others who had come to his aid. Exhausted by his efforts, Private First Class Fukuoka was swept under the waves by a undertow, thus losing his life after rescuing another. His courage and self-sacrifice in giving his own life to save that of another is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Yuri Fukuoka, (Mother), '26-10-I, Manzanar, California.

GENERAL ORDERS #268, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 16 October 1945.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

HARRY S. SHIBAO, 38009256, Private First Class, Medical Detachment,
100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in
connection with military operations near Bruyeres, France on 18 October
1944. Entered service from Fort Bliss, Texas.

GENERAL ORDERS #307, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 1 December 1945.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

JAMES W. LOVELL, 0334033, Major, Infantry, 100th Infantry Battalion,
for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in
Italy from 29 January to 8 February 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS #310, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 5 December 1945.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

LOUIS FURUSHIRO, 39085912, Private First Class, Company B, 100th
Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in con-
nection with military operations near Seravezza, Italy, on 6 April 1945.
Entered service from Clarksburg, California.

EDWIN K. MIYAKE, 39155433, Private First Class, Company B, 100th
Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in con-
nection with military operations near Casteloggio, Italy, on 14 April
1945. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

GENERAL ORDERS #311, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 6 December 1945.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

SETZUO YAMASHIRO, 30104473, Private First Class, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Casala, Italy, on 18 April 1945. During the rescue of a patrol from another company, Private First Class Yamashiro dashed across fifty yards of open ground under enemy fire to a strategic house. He was seriously wounded, but he helped his comrades fire a machine gun on hostile positions. Although the enemy concentrated their efforts on the automatic weapon, he maintained his post and pinned down a large portion of the hostile forces, enabling another squad to rescue the patrol. Private First Class Yamashiro's courageous actions were exemplary and reflect the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

GENERAL ORDERS #312, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 10 December 1945.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

TAKASHI UYENO, 39365275, Private First Class, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Casala, Italy on 18 April 1945. Although seriously wounded, Private First Class Uyeno, with three fellow soldiers, attempted to dash across exposed ground, subject to intense enemy fire, in order to set up a machine gun position and relieve some of their hard pressed comrades in a nearby house. Upon reaching the building he saw that two of his fellow soldiers who had made the dash with him were casualties in the open field and again disregarding the enemy fire he rushed to the field to retrieve the machine gun. Setting it up in an exposed position he pinned down a large force of the enemy until a rescue was effected. By his heroic action Private First Class Uyeno not only accounted for many Germans killed and wounded, but facilitated the rescue of the entire group. Entered service from Lupton, California.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PAUL H. NOMURA, 36467711, Private, Company B, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations near Seravezza, Italy on 6 April 1945. Entered service from Detroit, Michigan.

YOSHITAKA TAKAKI, 39919480, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations near Seravezza, Italy on 5 April 1945. Entered service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

EDWARD M. YAMANE, 30104050, Staff Sergeant, (then 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 service from Hilo, Hawaii.

JOSEPH Y. KIYONAGA, 01999534, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company M, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations near Gragnana, Italy, on 15 April 1945. Entered service from Kaunakakai, Molokai, Territory of Hawaii.

GENERAL ORDERS #315, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 14 December 1945.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

HISASHI IWAI, 39378500, 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. Next of kin: Ishiro Iwai, (Father), 28-7-B, Hunt, Idaho.

GENERAL ORDERS #321, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APC 512, 22 December 1945.

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

MITSUYOSHI FUKUDA, 0372977, Major, Infantry, Headquarters, 100th
Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for services in Italy and France
from 22 September 1943 to 7 July 1945. Entered service from Honolulu,
Territory of Hawaii.

GENERAL ORDERS #4, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 7 January 1946.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

CHARLES I. ISUKISHIMA, 37364169, Private First Class, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near the town of Forno, Italy, on 16 April 1945. During an assault against a numerically superior enemy force that was entrenched in an almost inaccessible ridge overlooking the town of Forno, Private First Class Isukishima was severely wounded by an enemy grenade. Despite this injury he refused evacuation to have his wounds treated and because of the larger number of casualties which the enemy had inflicted on the advancing troops, elected to remain in position and defend the costly ground which he and his comrades had so recently gained. Remaining in position all night he returned the enemies fire and at dawn the troops again assaulted the German position, this time meeting with complete success. By his courage and devotion to duty, Private First Class Isukishima reflected great credit upon himself and the military service in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered service from Fort Logan, Colo.

GENERAL ORDERS #7, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 11 January 1946.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

RIHACHI R. NAGATA; 30103443, Private First Class, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Mount Cerrata, Italy on 6 April 1945. During an attack against heavily derended enemy positions on 6 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mount Cerrata, Italy, when his platoon's advance was held up, Private First Class Nagata crawled under intense hostile fire to within fifty yards of the enemy position and fired rifle grenades neutralizing the position, enabling the platoon to resume its advance. Later on 20 April 1945, near the town of Tendola, Italy, while giving flank protection to his withdrawing platoon, he exposed himself to mortar and small-arms fire to go to the aid of a wounded companion. Private First Class Nagata's intelligent sense of combat and his gallant devotion to a helpless companion under fire are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States and are deserving of recognition. Entered service from Hilo, Hawaii.

TED T. YAMASAKI, 39094139, Sergeant, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Mount Fragolita, Italy on 5 April 1945. Leading his squad to assault heavily derended enemy positions, Sergeant Yamasaki, without regard for his own personal safety, succeeded in killing a sniper who had pinned down the squad, despite the fact that he himself was being fired upon by a machine pistol. Locating a machine gun, and with the utmost courage, he crawled up a cliff to destroy the position with a grenade, killing one of the crew and shooting one more as they fled. Sergeant Yamasaki's conspicuous gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest tradition of the Army of the United States.

GENERAL ORDERS #11, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 15 January 1946.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

CHARLES B. ISHIMARU, 38375583, Private First Class, Company L, 442d
Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in action in the vicinity
of Mount Folgorito, Italy on 5 April 1945. Entered service from Enumclaw,
Washington.

GENERAL ORDERS #15, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 16 January 1946.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

RAITO NAKASHIMA, 39936423, Private, Infantry, Company B, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Casteloggio, Italy on 14 April 1945. While fighting off counterattacks by superior enemy forces, Private Nakashima saw four enemy troops attempting to infiltrate into his company's position through a draw. Exposing himself, he threw a hand grenade at them, killing two and wounding one. Attempting to throw a second grenade, he was wounded twice. In spite of the intense pain, he continued firing at the enemy until he collapsed. His intrepid deed exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: (Father), Mr. Sam Nakashima.

VICTOR HADA, 36468392, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in action near Vic. Azzano, Italy on 5 April 1945. When a member of his squad was wounded in a heavy mortar concentration, Private First Class Hada, motivated by his selfless devotion to his comrades, left his covered position and sought to rescue the man, although he had to crawl through the impact area to do so. In his gallant attempt, he was mortally wounded. His sacrifice of his own life in an attempt to aid his comrade is in the highest tradition of the United States Army and is deserving of highest praise. Entered service from Fort Dupont, Colorado.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR SILVER STAR

KENNETH NAGANUMA, 30105918, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company K, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Tendola, Italy on 22 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Naganuma displayed aggressive leadership, courage, and determination as he led his comrades in the attack on a strategic hill. With utter disregard for safety, he silenced two machine pistols and rescued a wounded comrade under a screen of fire. He aided in capturing 2 machine pistols, 3 machine guns, killing four of the enemy and capturing nine. His heroic action is in keeping with the finest tradition of the services and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Lahaina, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

RAYMOND DREBIN, 01300944, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Seravezza, Italy, on 6 April 1945. In the assault to capture enemy held hills, First Lieutenant Drebin led his platoon in the attacks, and through his superior leadership successfully wrested heavily defended enemy bunkers.

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In assaulting both hills, First Lieutenant Drebin led his troops through the minefields, then into the attack by creeping toward the enemy machine gun nests with the aid of two men and succeeded in knocking out the nests. Nine Germans were killed, twenty-nine were captured, and a vast quantity of materials were captured. His cool leadership was responsible for the success of his platoon's attack. His courage and exceptional devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and upon the Army of the United States. Entered service from Seattle, Washington.

KATSUMI KOMETANI, 0476008, Captain, Infantry, Medical Detachment, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Fort Bastione, Italy, on 18 April 1945. When a combat patrol was isolated approximately a mile from the front lines and in urgent need of litter crews, Captain Kometani volunteered to lead the crews over two miles of mountainous terrain to the patrol. Although under harassing fire and in danger of enemy patrols, he led the men forward; until, three hours later, the party reached the patrol. Largely because of his efforts, the wounded were saved from suffering and the patrol was able to extricate itself from a difficult situation. His courage and able services has on this and numerous other occasions, contributed materially to the welfare of the men of the battalion, and his devotion to duty, and able leadership, reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States.

GENERAL ORDERS #22, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 22 January 1946.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

THOMAS SAGIMORI, 39009726, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Mount Folgorito, Italy on 5 April 1945. Despite heavy enemy fire, Technical Sergeant Sagimori led his platoon to secure a ridge and he killed four of the enemy. He then exposed himself further to attack a machine-gun nest, throwing a grenade and killing one of the enemy and wounding another. In this action, Sergeant Sagimori was fatally wounded. Sergeant Sagimori's gallantry is in accord with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Suye Sagimori (Mother), 4-11-C, Topaz, Utah.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

TOM YAGI, 39089939, Private First Class, Medical Detachment 3d Battalion 442d Regimental Combat Team for gallantry in action near Monte Folgorito and Tendola, Italy from 5 to 20 April 1945. Private First Class Yagi gave aid to his wounded comrades under the most dangerous of conditions, selflessly tending to their needs before his own. His magnificent courage was demonstrated during a mortar barrage when he went to rescue a wounded comrade, attempting to shield the wounded man against the shell fragment, and in so doing was wounded himself. His courage was exceptional, his devotion to his comrades was in keeping with the finest tradition of the United States Army Medical Corps and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered service from Fairfield, California.

EJI SUYAMA, 19059289, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action, on the peak of Mount Folgorito, Italy on 7 April 1945. Through the courageous and speedy action of Technician Fourth Grade Suyama, two machine gun positions were overrun by his patrol, he, personally destroying one, killing two and capturing seven of the enemy. Then under fire, he rescued a wounded comrade. His actions are a credit to the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Seattle, Washington.

GENERAL ORDERS #25, HEAD QUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 26 January 1946.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

NORMAN UGAI, 37148529, Corporal, Infantry, Cannon Company, 442d
Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in action near Sarzana,
Italy, from 18 to 27 April 1945. Entered service from Fort Leaven-
worth, Kansas.

GENERAL ORDERS #33, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 18 February 1946.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

MASAO B. SHIMIZU, 39080840, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry,
Company A, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team for heroic achieve-
ment in action in the vicinity of Seravezza, Italy on 5 April 1943. En-
tered service from Sacramento, California.

JAMES S. CURA, 30105377, Sergeant, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for
heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Tendola, Italy on 22 April
1945. Entered service from Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.