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HEADQUARTERS 442D INFANTRY
APO #758, U. S. ARMY

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31 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO #758, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith historical report of this organization (less Antitank Co) for the month of 1 - 30 September 1944.

2. Previous reports covering history of this organization prior to 1 September 1944 were submitted through channels to the Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #464, U. S. Army, to whose command this regiment was formerly assigned.

For the Commanding Officer:

Harry B. Farr
HARRY B. FARR,
Capt, 442d Inf,
Adjutant.

- 4 Incls:
- Incl 1 - History as per par 13, AR 345-105, with Exhibits "A" and "B".
- Incl 2 - Narrative of Events. *See INRG-442-0.3*
- Incl 3 - Unit Journal. *See INRG-442-0.7*
- Incl 4 - Unit Journal File (regimental orders, maps, overlays etc).

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HISTORY OF 442D INFANTRY PER PAR 13, AR 345-105
FOR MONTH OF 1-30 SEPTEMBER 1944

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1. Original Unit.
No change.

2. Changes in Organization.

Effective 1200 6 Sept 44, the 442d RCT was detached from the 88th Infantry Division and reverted to II Corps control. Effective upon arrival at Castiglioncello, Italy (6 Sept 44) the 442d RCT was detached from II Corps and reverted to Fifth Army control. Above changes directed by II Corps Staff Message, dated 5 Sept 44, to Commanding General, 88th Division and Commanding Officer, 442d RCT.

Effective upon arrival at Castiglioncello, Italy (7 Sept 44) 100th Bn, 442d Infantry detached from Task Force No. 45 and reverts to control of parent unit, per Memorandum No. 46, Task Force No. 45, 5 Sept 44.

Effective upon arrival at Naples, Italy (12 Sept 44) the 442d RCT detached from Fifth Army, and assigned to Seventh Army, and attached to NATOUSA for administration and to SOS NATOUSA for supply, in accordance with secret letter AG 370.5-Y, Headquarters Fifth Army, 5 Sept 44.

3. Strength.

	<u>O's</u>	<u>WO's</u>	<u>EM</u>
a. At beginning of period 1 Sept 44 *	119	6	1755
b. At end of period 30 Sept 44	186	7	3313
c. Net increase month 1-30 Sept 44	67	1	1558

*Strength figure reported 31 Aug 44 did not include the 100th Bn, 442d Infantry.

4. Stations.

1-5 Sept 44 442d RCT (less 100th Bn, 442d Inf and Antitank Co) on line along Arno River, near FLORENCE, Italy.
1-6 Sept 44 100th Bn, 442d Infantry on line along Arno River, near PISA, Italy.
6-9 Sept 44 Entire Combat Team in bivouac in assembly area near CASTIGLIONCELLO, Italy.
10-11 Sept 44 Enroute to Naples, Italy.
12-20 Sept 44 Bivouac at Staging Area No. 2 (Nevada Area), near NAPLES, Italy.
21-26 Sept 44 Bivouac at Staging Area No. 1 (Bagnoli), near NAPLES, Italy.
27-29 Sept 44 Enroute to MARSEILLES, FRANCE.
30 Sept 44 Set up bivouac in Staging Area near SEPTEMES, FRANCE.

5. Marches.

Rescinded by par 12, C3, AR 345-105.

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6. Campaign.

- a. Name of: Italian - Fifth Army Offensive.
- b. Duration: 442d Infantry in line at beginning of period (1 Sept 44) until 6 Sept 44.
- c. Purpose: Breakthrough of Gothic Line - Destruction of German Army in Italy.
- d. Authority: Commanding General, Fifth Army.

7. Battles

a. 442d Infantry (less 100th Bn, 442d Inf and Antitank Co)

- (1) Name: FLORENCE sector.
- (2) Date: Regiment in line at beginning of period (1 Sept 44) until 5 Sept 44.
- (3) Campaign of which battle was a part: Italian.
- (4) Forces engaged: German infantry, elements of the 71st PGR, 29th PGD being identified through prisoners of war. German artillery (SP's and 170mm) shelled the forward battalions and regimental area daily. Extensive minefields and demolitions encountered.
- (5) Result: 442d Infantry effected crossing of the Arno River West of Florence on 1 Sept 44, occupied the towns of Peretola and San Mauro on the North Bank. Sent out patrols to Sesto and San Martino, approximately six kilometres North of the Arno. Directed artillery fire on enemy defensive positions, cleared minefields in regimental sector.

b. 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry.

- (1) Name: PISA sector.
- (2) Date: Battalion in line at beginning of period (1 Sept 44) until 6 Sept 44.
- (3) Campaign of which battle was a part: Italian.
- (4) Forces engaged: German infantry, artillery, minefields.
- (5) Result: 100th Bn, 442d Inf crossed the Arno River 4 kilometres East of Pisa on 1 Sept 44, secured phase line and sent out patrols. On the 3d the battalion advanced to the River Serchio, 6 kilometres North of Pisa, held position until relieved 6 Sept 44.

8. Commanding Officer.

Colonel C. W. Pence, Infantry.

9. Losses in Action.

See Exhibit "A" attached.

10. Present and Former Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.

See Exhibit "B" attached.

11. Photographs of Personnel, Important Scenes, or Events.

None available.

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SUMMARY OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 1944

SILVER STAR	5 (2 Posthumous)
BRONZE STAR	25 (1 Posthumous)
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EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE	3
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	100

EXHIBIT "B"

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR - SEPTEMBER 1944

GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, 10 Sept 44 (Posthumous)

ATSUSHI SAKAMOTO (59020224), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 and 17 July 1944, in the vicinities of Molino A Ventoabbto and Luciano, Italy. As two platoons of an assault company fought their way up Hill 140, they were subjected to a concentrated mortar barrage which killed one man and wounded several. Although the platoons were seriously disorganized, Sgt Sakamoto gained control and successfully led his men through a deadly counter-attack by a superior enemy force, enabling the company to hold the hill until they were relieved by another company in the morning. On another occasion Sgt Sakamoto led his platoon in an attack on the village of Luciano although aware of the fact that the enemy, consisting of approximately 30 men, were heavily armed with machine guns, machine pistols, rifles and a tank. Approaching a bend in the road leading into the village, Sgt Sakamoto moved forward alone, attempting to draw enemy fire. Sighting a machine gun nest he crept forward to fire his sub-machine gun when he was shot and instantly killed by a machine-pistol sniper. The courageous leadership displayed by Sgt Sakamoto is exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Poston, Arizona. Next of kin: Mrs. Setsu Sakamoto (Mother), 226-8-B, Poston, Arizona.

GO 92, Hq 34th Inf Div, 3 Sept 44

JACK S. SAKAMOTO (30102608), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, in the vicinity of Castellina, Italy. When an enemy machine gun from the right flank held up the advance of an assault platoon, Pfc Sakamoto on his own initiative, carried his rifle and a grenade launcher and crept up to a point within 25 yards of the gun. Unable to fire from his concealed position, he stood up in the open in clear view of the enemy to fire his grenade at the nest, scoring a direct hit. This resulted in two enemy dead and the enemy machine gun neutralized. Then, with the mission of preventing enemy infiltration through the lines, Pfc Sakamoto fired five grenades at the enemy causing them to withdraw from the platoon front. In need of more grenades he ran back to the supporting platoon through heavy enemy fire and secured additional grenades. Returning, he became engaged in a fire fight with a machine pistol firing from the left flank. While so engaged he was seriously wounded by a mortar shell fragment. The courageous efforts of Pfc Sakamoto led to the company's successful occupation of the hill and prevented probable heavy casualties. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

GEORGE S. MIYAOKA (39081264), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 July 1944, in the vicinity of Colle Salvetti, Italy. When his company was halted by two machine guns less than one hundred yards away, Pfc Miyaoka voluntarily advanced to destroy one of the guns. Under continual fire from a machine gun, a machine pistol and supporting sniper fire, he crept and crawled, utilizing the scant cover afforded by the rolling ground, to within 20 yards of the gun. As the enemy squad started to withdraw after Pfc Miyaoka neutralized the machine gun nest with a fragmentation grenade, he shot and killed three of the enemy, wounded one and captured one. After sending the prisoner

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to the rear, he personally bandaged the wounded enemy. The voluntary and courageous actions of Pfc Miyaoka cleared the way for the advance of the entire company. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

SHINYEI MATAYOSHI (30103657), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 July 1944, in the vicinity of Pieve di S. Luce, Italy. During an attack by his company, the leading elements were pinned down by machine gun fire and rifle fire, whereupon Sgt Matayoshi voluntarily crawled forward over open ground exposed to enemy fire to a point within 15 yards of the machine gun emplacement. Although the enemy continued firing the machine gun and throwing grenades at him, Sgt Matayoshi calmly trained his Thompson sub-machine gun on the enemy in the machine gun pit, pinning them down temporarily. He then threw one hand grenade which fell short, then another which scored a direct hit, killing one and mortally wounding another. Immediately the wounded enemy surrendered followed by three other riflemen who were supporting the machine gun emplacement. The outstanding courage displayed by Sgt Matayoshi is a distinct credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Makaweli, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

(POSTHUMOUS) - AKIO NISHIKAWA (30104867), Private, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 July 1944, in the vicinity of Pgio Casale, Italy. When one of his comrades was wounded on the forward slope of a bald hill, Pvt Nishikawa ran for a distance of a hundred yards through concentrated 88mm artillery and mortar shellings to render first aid. Although advised by others in the platoon to wait until the enemy ceased shelling, he paid no heed to their warnings and proceeded to rescue the man with the words "Gotta go!" Finally reaching the wounded man, he proceeded to administer first-aid. It was while so engaged that he was mortally wounded by a shell fragment from an 88mm shell. The outstanding devotion to his comrades and his gallantry in the face of enemy fire has won for him the profound admiration and respect of the men of his company. Entered military service from Paia, Maui, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Heigoro Nishikawa (Father), Paia, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR PERIOD 1 - 30 SEPT 44

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT IN ACTION NEAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
Hisao Yanazaki	Pfc	30106245	Suvereto, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 90, Hq 34th Inf Div, 2 Sept 44
Harry N. Yamashita	Cpl	30101944	Orciano, Italy	15 Jul 44	GO 90, Hq 34th Inf Div, 2 Sept 44
Hayao R. Miyahara	T Sgt	39019817	Suvereto, Italy	27 Jun 44	GO 90, Hq 34th Inf Div, 2 Sept 44
Sadao Nishida	T Sgt	30102977	Suvereto, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 90, Hq 34th Inf Div, 2 Sept 44
Paul E. Corbin	1st Lt	0-1289550	Orciano, Italy	15 Jul 44	GO 90, Hq 34th Inf Div, 2 Sept 44
Thomas S. Espineda	Pvt	39919498	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Arthur A. Kaisaki	Pvt	39918221	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Kiyoshi Nambu	Pvt	30103586	Belvedere, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Heichi Oka	Pvt	30106126	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Masaharu Okamura	Pvt	39914781	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Sadao Sakamoto	Pvt	30103956	Castellina, Italy	6, 11 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Sueo Takahashi	Pvt	39916516	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Yuzo Kihara	Pvt	30102316	Belvedere, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Frank K. Miyauchi	Pfc	30105991	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
John N. Naganuma	Pfc	30105922	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Jim T. Suzuki	Pfc	39914222	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Rikio Tsuda	Pfc	30105367	Belvedere, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Toshio R. Mizusawa	Cpl	30100665	Belvedere, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Hiroshi J. Shimamura	Sgt	30105810	Luciano, Italy	16-18 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Albert K. Nakama	S Sgt	30105144	Pisa, Italy	20-22 Jun 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Henry C. Oyasato	S Sgt	30104862	Suvereto, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
William Y. Thompson	S Sgt	30103948	Castellina, Italy	6 Jul 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Robert N. Kadowaki	2d Lt	0-2046477	Belvedere, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Tadao Sako	Pfc	39912808	Suvereto, Italy	26 Jun 44	GO 93, Hq 34th Inf Div, 5 Sept 44
Akio Nishikawa (Posthumous)	Pvt	30104867	Molino A Vento- abbto, Italy	3-6 Jul 44	GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, 10 Sept 44

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AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART - SEPT 1944

GO 49, Hq 118th Sta Hosp, 25 Aug 44

Nobukazu W. Kuwada Pfc 39914156

GO 21, Hq 6th Gen Hosp, 19 Aug 44

Rukichi Matsumura Pvt 30105547

Shineichi Tajiri Pfc 39914819

Daniel Y. Tanaka S/Sgt 30106260

GO 22, Hq 6th Gen Hosp, 22 Aug 44

Edward M. Omura Pvt 30104741

Danny Y. Teruya Pfc 30105102

GO 102, Hq 21st Gen Hosp, 12 Aug 44

Masato Suehiro Pfc 30105129

Koy I. Tanagi Pfc 39916385

GO 72, Hq 16th Evac Hosp, 29 Aug 44

Riko Fujioka 1st Sgt 30103939

Ken K. Sueoka Sgt 30104836

GO 75, Hq 16th Evac Hosp, 1 Sept 44

Isaac I. Ikehara S/Sgt 30105604

Yukito Murakami Pfc 39153521

Tokio Shiomichi Pfc 39914151

GO 76, Hq 16th Evac Hosp, 2 Sept 44

Edgar H. Graham 2d Lt 0-1311641

Glenn H. Nakasone S/Sgt 30105241

Frank Ishikawa Pfc 30105044

Toshiaki Mimura Pfc 30105753

Hiroto Nishita Pfc 30104998

Jiro Matsumoto Pvt 39916758

GO 8, Hq 442d Infantry, 20 Sept 44

Sakae Takahashi Capt 0-409160

Herbert Yamamoto 1st Lt 0-343588

Albert T. Tovey 1st Lt 0-1304586

Charles O. Farnum 1st Lt 0-397343

William S. Oda 2d Lt 0-1695694

Edgar H. Graham 2d Lt 0-1311641

Matsuhei Nishimura 2d Lt 0-294414

Tetsuo Hayashi T/Sgt 30100384

Robert Ozaki T/Sgt 30100373

Frank Yamasaki S/Sgt 39016689

GO 8, Hq 442d Inf, 20 Sept 44 (Cont)

Satoru Okamura S/Sgt 30101588

Keijiro Umebayashi S/Sgt 30101999

Masayuki Kondo S/Sgt 30100088

Robert Nagata Sgt 30105775

Isao Takiyama Sgt 30105414

Takao Miyao Sgt 30101194

Juichi Muranaka Cpl 30100452

Shigemi Honma Cpl 30102518

Yoshio Tatsukawa Tec 5 37703996

Richard Hamada Pfc 30102210

Terumi Kawasaki Pfc 30102193

Wallace Onuma Pfc 30102188

Migi Hasegawa Pfc 30104386

Yoshiyuki Tomiyama Pfc 30105866

Toshio Nakamura Pfc 30104972

Kiyoshi Izumi Pfc 30101217

Isao Kawauchi Pfc 30106265

Tetsuo Tateishi Pfc 30100401

Ken Higashi Pfc 39914527

Kozo Hiromura Pvt 39914543

Kosaku Isobe Pvt 30104335

Nolan Miyazaki Pvt 30104386

Akira Iwatsura Pvt 38510354

GO 6, Hq 442d Infantry, 13 Sept 44

Eldon L. Good 1st Lt 0-1308230

Harold M. Brown 2d Lt 0-1306698

Joseph C. Ryan 2d Lt 0-539824

Mitsuo Tsuruda T/Sgt 39168006

Takaaki Okazaki T/Sgt 39379100

Fred Murakami S/Sgt 30104400

Tsutomu Yoshida S/Sgt 30106310

George Takemoto S/Sgt 30104287

Ralph Arashiro Sgt 30101045

Edward Yamasaki Tec 5 30104642

George Zaima Pfc 38507064

Fred Yamamoto Pfc 37557450

Charles Igarashi Pfc 30104281

Toshio Hayashida Pfc 30104157

William Otani Pfc 19058941

Mitsugi Tagawa Pfc 39914777

Kaoru Noda Pfc 30104007

Seiyei Arakaki Pfc 30105339

Miyoshi Kurasaki Pfc 30103693

Kimimoto Uchida Pfc 19074521

Shiunji Inouye Pvt 30104301

Shuki Hayashi Pvt 39916610

Mamoru Hiranaka Pvt 30106185

Kuniji Sagara Pvt 30104286

Joseph Wakamatsu Pvt 39913345

Thomas Inada Pvt 30105759

Tamotsu Yukawa Pvt 39920545

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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART
SEPTEMBER - 1944

GO 76, Hq 16th Evac Hosp, 2 Sept 44

Ted T. Tanouye	T Sgt	39019913
Takehiro Oshiro	Pfc	30105483

GO 8, Hq 442d Infantry, 20 Sept 44

George S. Shepherd	2d Lt	0-1313652
Satoru Okamura	S/Sgt	30101588
Keiso Nakagawa	Tec 3	30101485
George S. Iida	S/Sgt	30105400
Kimimoto Uchida	Sgt	19074521
James Kubokawa	Pfc	30101142
Tetsuo Tateishi	Pfc	30100401
Goro Sadaoka	Pfc	30103567
George Shirai	Pfc	30102688
Shigeki Horikawa	Pvt	30101399
Isamu Watanabe	Pvt	30101816

DIVISION CITATION - 34TH INF DIVISION

GO 96, Hq 34th InfDiv, 10 Sept 44

Kiichi Koda (Posthumous), Pfc, Inf, Co A, 100th Bn, 442d Inf. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 Jun 44 in the vicinity of Belvedere, Italy. Entered military service from Waipahu, Oahu, T.H. Next of kin: Mrs. Shizu Koda (Mother), Box 310, Waipahu, Oahu, T. H.

GO 92, Hq 34th Inf Div, 3 Sept 44

Frank T. Okita (39913366), Pfc, Med Dept, Med Det, 442d Inf. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 6 July 44 in the vicinity of Castellina, Italy. Entered military service from Hunt, Idaho.

GO 91, Hq 34th Inf Div, 3 Sept 44

Kenichi Yoshimoto (30100494), Sgt, Inf, Co B, 100th Bn, 442d Inf. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 June 44, in the vicinity of Suvereto, Italy. Entered military service from Lihue, Kauai, T. H.

Conrad C. Tsukayama (30101946), T/Sgt, Inf, Co D, 100th Bn, 442d Inf; For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 27 June 44, in the vicinity of Sassetta, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, T. H.

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DIVISION CITATIONS (CONT) - 34TH INF DIV

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GO 96, Hq 34th Inf Div, 10 Sept 44

Torao Mori (30102105), Pfc, Inf, Co A, 100th Bn, 442d Inf. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 June 44 in the vicinity of Belvedere, Italy. Entered military service from Anahola, Kauai, T. H.

Soko Higa (30100317), Pfc, Inf, Co A, 100th Bn, 442d Inf. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 June 44, in the vicinity of Belvedere, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, T. H.

Chikami Hirayama (30102454), S/Sgt, Inf, Co A, 100th Bn, 442d Inf. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 June 44, in the vicinity of Belvedere, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, T. H.

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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

442nd Inf Regt.

1 - 30 Sept 1944

13 Jul 44 HSP

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Date Initials

1 Sept Company G established a strongpoint on the North bank of the Arno, and at 1900 Company F, supported by tanks and engineers, crossed at this bridgehead and occupied the town of Peretola. On the same night, at approximately 2100, K Company also crossed the river and entered San Mauro. Both companies immediately set up outpost guards and sent out patrols.

As in all areas long occupied by the Germans, the new sector was found to be saturated with mines. Antipersonnel mines in trees, booby-trapped houses, trip wires and fields of tellermines comprised a major hazard. Lt Lang, 3d Battalion Graves Registration Officer, while on a mission to recover the body of one of our casualties, was himself killed when his jeep set off a tellermine. In the same accident Chaplain Yamada and an enlisted man were wounded. Squads of minesweepers from the 232d Engineer (C) Co and from the A&P Platoons of the Battalion Headquarters Companies, went over the areas, neutralizing or taping off the suspected charges.

2 Sept A patrol from Company K, operating from San Mauro, reached as far as the town of San Martino, reconnoitering Campi Bisenzio on the way, and returned without making contact with the enemy. A patrol from the 2d Battalion, starting from Peretola, penetrated as far as Sesto, made contact with a British patrol there and returned without casualties.

On the night of 2 September, the 349th Infantry relieved the 442d and passed through our lines at approximately 2300. Company F was withdrawn South of the river. However K Company was kept in position at San Mauro, in accordance with Division order, and was not relieved until 5 September.

3 Sept General SIR HAROLD ALEXANDER, Commander of the Allied Armies in Italy, visited the regimental CP and the 2d Battalion.

4 Sept Visit by Commanding General, Brazilian Expeditionary Force, and staff.

Five Sergeants of the 442d Infantry were awarded combat commissions, as follows:

Name	Co	Authority	Commissioned
T/Sgt Teruo Ihara	E	Par 1, SO 247, Hq 5th Army, 3 Sept	2d Lt, Inf
T/Sgt Masami Yoshinari	Cn	44, as amended by ltr Hq 5th Army,	2d Lt, Inf
1st Sgt Wm S. Oda	G	4 Sept 44, Subj: Combat Appointment	2d Lt, Inf
T/Sgt Roy Futamata	Med	Par 1, SO 244, Hq 5th Army, 31 Aug 44,	2d Lt, Medical Administrative Corps
S/Sgt Jimmie Kanaya	Med	as amended by ltr Hq 5th Army 4 Sept 44, Subj: Combat Appointment	2d Lt, Medical Administrative Corps

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6 Sept. The 442d Combat Team moved by truck convoy from vicinity of SCANDICCI to an assembly area at CASTIGLIONCELLO. The route taken was South out of Florence along Highway 2 to Poggibonsi, thence West along Highway 68 to Collemezano, thence North along Highway 1 to destination. Distance covered - approximately 70 miles. Weather - rainy.

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Upon arrival at the new assembly area, clothing and equipment shortages were checked, vehicles overhauled, and general preparations made for an extended move. The 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry, rejoined the Combat Team at the assembly area.

10 Sept Entire Combat Team moved to staging area (2d Replacement Depot) vic NAPLES. Personnel moved via truck to PIOMBINO, thence to NAPLES by Liberty ship convoy, disembarking at 2400 11 Sept, final elements closing in approximately 1600 12 Sept. The voyage was made in fair weather and was without incident. Organic vehicles of the Combat Team moved to NAPLES in motor convoy, following Highways No 1 and No 7. Distance covered, approximately 300 miles.

Effective upon arrival at NAPLES, the 442d RCT was detached from Fifth Army, and assigned to Seventh Army, and attached to NATOUSA for administration and to SOS NATOUSA for supply, in accordance with secret letter AG 370.5-Y, Headquarters Fifth Army, 5 September 1944.

The following letter from Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark, Commanding General, Fifth Army, dated 7 September 44, addressed to the Commanding Officer, 442d Infantry, is quoted:

"I desire to commend you on the occasion of your departure from Fifth Army for the superior job you and your troops have done while assigned to Fifth Army.

"Assigned to Fifth Army in the latter part of May, your men took an active part in the capture of Leghorn. American troops of Japanese ancestry are well known to Fifth Army from the splendid showing which had previously been made by the 100th Infantry Battalion during the course of the past year. The conduct of your troops was exemplary both on the battlefield and in rest areas. Your men have demonstrated an eagerness for combat and have proven themselves to be better than anything the enemy has been able to put against them. The courage and determination which the men of the 442d Combat Team have displayed during their short time in combat has been an inspiration to all.

"It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have had the 442d Combat Team in the Fifth Army. I wish you every success in your new assignment."

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The following letter from Major General Charles L. Bolte, Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division, dated 18 August 1944, addressed to the Commanding Officer, 442d Combat Team at the time of its detachment from the 34th Infantry Division, is made a matter of record.

"The 442d Combat Team came to the 34th Division on 24 June 1944, well trained, capably led, and highly endowed with a spirit and determination to win. Immediately you won the admiration and cordial relationship of your new associates.

"To have had you earn your battle spurs with us during your introduction into combat from 26 June, near Grosseto, Italy, where you received your first baptism of fire and terminate the period of combat service with your triumphal drive on PISA on 27 July, has been a distinct pleasure to myself and this command. Hammering the enemy steadily and doggedly pushing obstacles before you, you liberated, in your short time with us, over 10 Italian towns, killed, captured, and wounded over 1000 Germans, and captured or destroyed considerable quantities of enemy artillery, tanks, pillboxes and transport. Your performance has been excellent.

"Today, almost a year and a half after your historic activation, when you enthusiastically volunteered from the mainland of America and the territories of Hawaii and Alaska, to fight for your principles, you have indeed proven to all the world your devotion and loyalty to your country, your willingness and ability to fight alongside your fellow Americans, and your gallantry on the field of battle.

"Now you leave us, to carry on elsewhere with your high ideals and traditional fighting spirit. It is with sincere regret that the 34th Division relinquishes command of the 442d Combat Team, after such a short but efficacious association. We shall watch with interest your continued achievements and victories."

13 Sept - 17 Sept Period of rest; cleaning, repair and inspection of equipment. Quota of one-day passes to NAPLES and POMPEII authorized.

18 Sept Training resumed. 672 Japanese-American replacements from the United States joined the Combat Team and were assigned to the various companies. Replacements were assigned to the Combat Team per paragraph 46, SO 53, Hq 24th Replacement Depot, 17 September 1944. A ceremony of greeting for the replacements was held on 19 September.

21 Sept Strength of 442d Combat Team as of this date:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>O's</u>	<u>EM</u>
442d Infantry (less AT Co)	185	3302
522d Field Artillery Bn	33	523
232d Engineer (C) Co	6	180
206th Army Ground Forces Band	—	29
Total	224	4034

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - SEPTEMBER 1944

KILLED IN ACTION

Kamikawa, Shizuto	30105402	Pfc	1 Sept 44
Lang, Clarence E.	0-468312	2d Lt	1 Sept 44
Suwa, Nobuyuki	30104193	Pfc	1 Sept 44

DIED OF WOUNDS

Fujioka, Wendell S.	30104174	Pfc	7 Sept 44
Kanda, Takezo	30104986	Cpl	1 Sept 44

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Yamada, Masao	0-521875	Capt	1 Sept 44
Nakasone, Glenn H.	30105227	S/Sgt	1 Sept 44
Ishikawa, Frank T.	30105044	Pfc	1 Sept 44
Tanouye, Ted T.	39019913	T/Sgt	1 Sept 44
Kawakami, Kazuji	30105262	Sgt	1 Sept 44
Mizusawa, Toshio R.	30100665	Sgt	1 Sept 44
Shimabuku, Choriki	30102356	Pfc	1 Sept 44
Tomooka, Arato F.	39081018	Pfc	1 Sept 44
Ishii, Miyoji	30102932	Pfc	2 Sept 44
Sakaino, Ronald E.	30105599	Pvt	3 Sept 44
Tasaka, Henry	32908870	Pvt	3 Sept 44
Asato, Masanobu L.	30105876	Pfc	3 Sept 44
Yasunaga, Tim T.	30105370	Pfc	5 Sept 44
Uchima, Charles E.	30105361	Pfc	6 Sept 44

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EXHIBIT "A"

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- 21 Sept Combat Team moved from Replacement Depot #2 (Nevada Area) to Staging Area #1, Bagnoli, vic NAPLES, via truck. Distance 7 miles; weather rainy.
- 21-26 Sept Combat Team quartered in buildings (formerly University of Naples) in Staging Area #1, awaiting further movement. Vehicles and equipment loaded on board ship at Texas Staging Area, Naples, on 22d and 23d September.
- 26-27 Sept Entire Combat Team (less Antitank Co) moved from Staging Area #1 to Port of Naples. Personnel embarked by means of landing craft on U.S. Navy transports, USS THURSTON, DICKMAN, CHASE, HENRICO. The transports departed in convoy at 1200 27 September, sailed NW through the Tyrrhenian Sea, passed through the Strait of Bonifacio between Sardinia and Corsica and arrived at the port of MARSEILLES, FRANCE at 1200 29 September. Distance of voyage - 452 miles; weather - blowing; sea - heavy. Personnel debarked by means of rope ladders and landing craft and assembled in Marseilles. Entrained approximately 0100 30 September and travelled 10 miles to Staging Area near SEPTEMES, closing in at 0600 30 September. Morale - excellent.
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