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HEADQUARTERS 442D INFANTRY
APO #464, U. S. ARMY

3 September 1944.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO: Commanding General, Hq 88th Infantry Division, APO #88,
U. S. Army (Attention: Adjutant General).

1. Transmitted herewith historical report of this organization (less 100th Battalion and Antitank Company) for the month of 1 - 31 August 1944.

2. Previous reports covering history of this organization prior to 1 August 1944 were submitted to the Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division, APO #34, U. S. Army, to which division this regiment was formerly attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

4 Incls.

- Incl 1 - History as per par 13, AR 345-105, with Exhibits "A" and "B".
- Incl 2 - Narrative of Events from 1 Aug 44 to 31 Aug 44.
- Incl 3 - Unit Journal.
- 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 - 31 AUGUST 1944

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1. Original Unit.
No change.

2. Changes in Organization.

100th Infantry Battalion (Sep) redesignated as the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry. 442d Infantry (less Antitank Co) reorganized in accordance with T/O&E 7-11, 26 Feb 44 w/c 1 and allied tables, as amended by Sec IV, Cir 122 and Sec V, Cir 146, WD, 1944, with an authorized strength of 146 O's, 5 WO's, 2897 EM. All as per Sec V, GO 132, Headquarters Fifth Army, 2 August 1944.

442d RCT detached from 34th Infantry Division. 100th Bn attached IV Corps, 442d Infantry to II Corps, 85th Division, per telegram Hq II Corps, 13 August 1944.

442d RCT (less 100th Bn) detached from 85th Division, attached to 88th Infantry Division effective 181200 Aug 44, per letter Hq II Corps, 17 August 1944, Subject: Operations.

232d Engineer (C) Co reorganized according to T/O&E 5-17, 13 March 1944, as directed by letter AG 400-2 Hq Fifth Army, 15 August 1944. Reorganization involved changes in equipment only.

3. Strength.

| | O's | WO's | EM |
|------------------------------------|-----|------|------|
| a. At beginning of period 1 Aug 44 | 83 | 6 | 1741 |
| b. At end of period 31 August 44 | 119 | 6 | 1755 |
| c. Net increase month 1-31 Aug 44 | 36 | 0 | 14 |

4. Stations.

442d Infantry was in bivouac at VADA, Italy from 24 July to 16 August. On 16 August moved to assembly area vic CASTELFIORENTINO; on 19 August vic GIOGOLI. On 20 August the 442d Infantry entered the front line along the southern bank of the Arno River, west of FLORENCE. Regimental CP established near town of SCANDICCI, approximately three miles southwest of FLORENCE, remaining in this position as of 31 August 1944.

5. Marches.

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

6. Campaign.

- a. Name of: Italian.
- b. Duration: 442d Infantry in line from 20 August 44 to end of period.
- c. Purpose: Destruction of German Army in Italy.
- d. Authority: Commanding General, Fifth Army.

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7. Battles.

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- a. Name: FLORENCE sector.
- b. Date: 20 August 44 to 31 August 44, regiment remaining on the line at close of this report.
- c. Campaign of which battle was a part: Italian.
- d. Forces Engaged: German infantry, artillery and armored forces. The 8th Co, 71st PGR was identified through prisoners of war.
- e. Result: 442d Infantry held position along South bank of Arno River as ordered, sent out patrols and directed harassing artillery and automatic weapons fire on enemy positions. Neutralized minefields and reconnoitered river crossings for possible future movement. At end of period OPL was established on North bank of Arno.

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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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

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442D INFANTRY

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1 August Training resumed. A mine accident occurred on August 2d in the 3d Battalion area, causing ten deaths and one fatal injury. A crate of TNT exploded while being loaded on a truck of the 109th Engineer Battalion after a mine laying demonstration. Seven of the casualties were enlisted men from the 109th Engineer Bn, two from the 232d Engineer Co, and two from Co M, 442d Infantry.

The regiment continued with one battalion on the alert to meet a possible amphibious operation from the west against the assigned 34th Division sector.

4 August 2d Bn and 100th Infantry Bn moved to Division Rest Center near Vada, remaining until 8 August, at which time the 3d Bn succeeded them. Passes to Rome continued to be authorized for a quota of O's and EM.

6 August A retreat parade of 3d Battalion was held commemorating the first combat appointment of an enlisted man to commissioned status. 2d Lt Shoichi Kozumi, Co L, formerly platoon sergeant, had the distinction of being this recognized for leadership and ability during combat.

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9 August Battle honors for participation in the Italian Campaign were awarded to the 442d Infantry and 332d Engineer Co by letter AG 200.6/351 P-0, Hq NATOUSA, 2 August 44, Subj: Battle Participation Awards. This award entitles the regiment to carry a battle streamer on the regimental colors and individuals to wear a bronze star on the service ribbon for the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations.

10 August 100th Infantry Battalion (Sep) redesignated as the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry. 442d Infantry (less AT Co) reorganized in accordance with T/O & E 7-11 (26 Feb 44 w/c 1 and allied tables, as amended by Sec IV, Cir 122 and Sec V, Cir 146, WD, 1944, with an authorized strength of 146 O's, 5 WO's, 2897 EM. All as per Sec V, GO 132, Hq Fifth Army, 2 Aug 44.

12 August 33 O's on TD to this organization relieved from TD and assigned per par 11, SO 169, Hq 34th Infantry Division, 11 August 44.

15 August 442d RCT detached from 34th Infantry Division. 100th Bn attached IV Corps; 442d to II Corps, 85th Division, per telegram Hq II Corps, 13 Aug 44.

16 August 442d RCT (less 100th Bn and AT Co) moved by truck to assembly area vic CASTELFIORENTINO, as Division reserve of 85th Infantry Division. Distance of move - 58 miles.

17 August 442d RCT (less 100th Bn) detached from 85th Division, attached to 88th Division effective 181200 B, per letter Hq II Corps, 17 Aug 44, Subj: Operations.

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232d Engineer (C) Co reorganized according to T/O&E 5-17, 13 March 1944, as directed by ltr AG 400-2 Hq Fifth Army, 15 Aug 44. Reorganization involved changes in equipment only.

Swimmers from the 442d Infantry and 100th Bn, 442d Infantry, representing the Fifth Army, won the team championship in the theatre-wide swimming meet held in Rome 19-20 August 44. The competition included Olympic and national champions drawn from all Allied forces in the Mediterranean area. Pfc Charles Oda scored three firsts, Pvt Halo Hirose one. Others on the team were: Capt Katsumi Kometani (Coach), Pfc Yujiro Takahashi, Pvt John Tsukano, Pvt Kenneth Oshima, Tec 5 Itsuhi Oshita from the 100th Bn; and Tec 5 Thomas Tanaka, Pvt Mike Mizuki, Pfc Robt Iwamoto, Pvt Jos Yasuda and Pfc Asami Higuchi, from the 442d Infantry.

19 August 442d RCT (less 100th Bn and Antitank Co) moved by truck convoy from vicinity of CASTELFIORENTINO to assembly area near GIOGOLI. Remained in bivouac one day.

20 August On the night of 20-21st August, the Combat Team moved up into the line relieving elements of the First British Division (Eighth Army) and took over sector South of the Arno River, on the southwestern outskirts of FLORENCE (FIRENZE). The regimental zone covered a front of six miles. The 3d Battalion held the left, with the 2d Battalion across the Greve River on the right. The 1st Bn, 349th Infantry was in reserve. Our battalions were supported by the 522d Field Artillery Bn, 232d Engineer Co, 337th Field Artillery Bn, and 760th Tank Battalion.

Combat commissions for two EM were approved by telegram Hq Fifth Army, 21 Aug 44, Technical Sergeants Takeji B. Kinoshita, Co I, and Masao Chomori, Co F, being appointed 2d Lieutenants, effective 26 August 44.

21-26 Aug The regiment remained in position on the south bank of the Arno River. Harassing artillery and automatic weapons fire were exchanged with the Germans who possessed the north bank. Patrols on both sides were intensely active. The rifle companies of both battalions maintained constant reconnaissance and combat patrols in enemy territory and posted ambush patrols and listening posts at crossroads and other vantage points to intercept German scouting parties. Capt Hempstead, Commanding Officer of Co M, was killed on 23 August while leading a combat patrol into Colembano, a German crossing-point. In the ensuing firefight, 8 Germans were killed. Our other losses: Lt Potter, Co M, wounded and taken prisoner, 1 EM KIA, 3 EM WIA.

Other typical patrols: On the night of 24 August Lt Graham and 1 EM from Co K crossed the Arno and reconnoitered the far side. On the following night, the same officer and a squad from Co K patrolled the south bank, which was found to be heavily mined and booby-trapped. Patrols from Cos E, F, and G crossed the river on the same night, obtained information as to the height and slope of the river banks, depth of water, location of fords, and composition of railroad em-

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bankment on the far side. This information was necessary for possible future tank movements and engineering construction. All patrols from the 2d Battalion met resistance from German infantry.

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An incident of note occurred on 23 August. Following the Co M patrol skirmish in which Capt Hempstead was killed, four litter bearers from the 442d Infantry advanced under a Geneva flag, and evacuated two of the wounded. Both our own and German riflemen covered the litter bearers while they worked. Following this, S/Sgt J. Kanaye, a medic, met a German aide man under the same convention and obtained information concerning the capture of Lt Potter. On the following day, Chaplain Yamada, 3d Battalion chaplain, with a squad of 10 litter bearers and S/Sgt Kanaye, returned to the scene of the action, and once again met a German party under the Geneva flag and removed our two remaining dead.

25 August The regimental CP and surrounding area were heavily shelled by 170mm and high-velocity SP guns.

Information brought back by patrols on the 26th and 27th indicated that the Germans remained in strength on their front, and had laid extensive minefields along the river banks. A patrol from Co K, on the night of 27 August, observed an enemy party laying mines by moonlight. The patrol returned to their company and called down artillery fire upon the Germans.

28 August A Detachment of 26 Officers and 22 EM from the Brazilian Expeditionary Force was attached to the 442d Infantry as observers and to acquire combat experience. They joined the front line companies and were released 1 September.

On the night of the 28th, a patrol from G Co crossed the Arno and penetrated 800 yards into the enemy positions on reconnaissance. Enemy machine gun and mortar fire held up our other patrols at the river line.

29 August Four German prisoners of war were taken by a patrol from Co K. II Corps had indicated a pressing need for such prisoners, for intelligence purposes.

On the night of 30-31st August, five more Germans were captured by a combined patrol from E and G Cos. The Germans were members of the 8th Co, 71st PGR.

On the 30th and 31st, our patrols found evidences of a German withdrawal along the river line. This information was confirmed by reports from the 6th Gordons, 13 Corps (British) on the right, and the 6th South African Division on the regimental left. Enemy demolitions were heard and air observation disclosed that the Germans were blowing bridges south of Campi Bisenzio. Prisoner of War and partisan information indicated that the new enemy OPL was located South of Campi Bisenzio and running east to the town of Sesto, with the MLR running east and west through the southern edge of Prato.

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GENERAL ORDERS NO 82, HQ 34TH INF DIVISION, 22 AUGUST 44

Award of the Silver Star * * * * *

MITSUO SUZUKI (30105560), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 27 June 1944, in the vicinity of Sassetta, Italy. When the third battalion was halted because of concentrated enemy fire, Sgt Suzuki voluntarily accompanied a combat patrol which was sent out to test the enemy's disposition. The enemy was firing from a machine gun emplacement in a concrete building and from machine pistols and rifles emplaced in heavily wooded slopes on its flanks. One of the men had crawled within 15 yards of the machine gun nest but was mortally wounded immediately after pulling the pin from his grenade. Hearing his call, Sgt Suzuki crawled from his position 20 yards away, under constant enemy fire to the wounded soldier and securing the grenade from him, threw it into the machine gun emplacement in the building. Although wounded immediately afterwards, his work was accomplished by the one grenade which enabled the platoon to advance. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

Award of the Silver Star (Posthumously) * * * * *

YOSHIHARU N. AOYAMA (39024484), Corporal, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944, in the vicinity of Castellina, Italy. Cpl Aoyama crawled through heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire to rescue an artillery forward observer who had been wounded by shrapnel. While rendering first-aid to the wounded artillery man, Cpl Aoyama suffered a direct hit from an enemy artillery shell and both his legs were blown off below the knees. The artillery man was also hit again, by the same shell, though not seriously. Cpl Aoyama attempted to render himself first-aid and retained control of himself until reached by his platoon leader and a medical aid man. When evacuated to the rear. When asked how he was, Cpl Aoyama replied "I'm all right, the others need help more than I do. Treat them first." He continually refused to accept aid until the others had been treated. Not until the medical aid men started to treat him was it discovered the extent of his injuries. Ultimately evacuated, Cpl Aoyama died the next day. The extreme physical and moral courage of Cpl Aoyama and his concern for his fellow comrades when himself mortally wounded reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Heart Mountain, Wyoming. Next of kin: Mrs. Tomi Aoyama (Mother), 25-5-C, Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

SEIKICHI GANEKO (30103593), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 27 June 1944, in the vicinity of Sassetta, Italy. When the combat patrol of which he was a member was halted by machine gun fire from an emplacement in a concrete building supported by other enemy emplacements in its background, Sgt Ganeko advanced alone to destroy the machine gun nest from a closer position. Although aware of the fact that the gun was supported by another machine gun, four machine pistols and about 6 snipers on its flanks less than 100 yards away, he proceeded to crawl over open ground towards the gun. Within 15 yards of the building he pulled the pin from a hand grenade and prepared to throw when a sniper's bullet mortally wounded him. Unable to throw the granade, but aware of the fact that the grenade endangered the men around him, he called out "Hey! Somebody get the grenade from me, I'm shot!" Although dying from his wound he managed to hold down the handle until

a comrade reached him and relieved him of the grenade. The outstanding courage and disregard for personal safety of Sgt Ganeko is worthy of the highest praise and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kekaha, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr Chosho Ganeko (Father), Mana, Kehaha, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

GENERAL ORDERS NO 88, HQ 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 29 AUG 44

Award of the Soldier's Medal * * * *

TADAO BEPFU (30104856), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism not in action on 23 July 1944, in the vicinity of Santa Luce, Italy. When a heavy truck of a convoy turned completely over and trapped most of the 25 troops riding, Sgt Beppu successfully directed the rescue and evacuation of every injured man with a minimum loss of time. Although he received a serious laceration and was suffering from concussion, he personally effected the rescue of 10 injured men. Although in need of immediate medical attention, he refused it until the last injured man was on the way to the hospital. While pulling the last three men from under the truck, he was exposed to the danger of the truck crushing him. The courageous actions displayed by Sgt Beppu enabled the injured men to receive immediate medical attention. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

GENERAL ORDERS NO 78, HQ 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 15 Aug 44

Award of the Bronze Star Medal * * * *

JOU OKITSU (39230257), Private, Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 26 June 1944, in the vicinity of Suvereto, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

KAZUMA CYAMA (30100730), Sergeant, Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, in the vicinity of Casale, Italy. Entered military service from Waipahu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

GENERAL ORDERS NO 85, HQ 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 26 Aug 44

GEORGE M. HATA (39204721), Private, Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 27 and 28 June 1944, in the vicinity of Sassetta, Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

ISAAC I. IKEHARA (30105604) Staff Sergeant, Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 4 July 1944, in the vicinity of Molino A Ventoabbto, Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

HIROSHI H. FUJITA (19036240), Staff Sergeant, Infantry. For heroic achievement in action from 20 July 1944 to 22 July 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Poston, Arizona.

TAKEJI B. KINOSHITA (30106343), Technical Sergeant, Infantry. For

heroic achievement in action on 26 June 1944 in the vicinity of Suvereto, Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

EDWARD E. ANDROVETTE (O-1311465), Second Lieutenant, Infantry. For heroic achievement in action from 20 July 1944 to 22 July 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Mountain Lakes, N. J.

NORMAN R. GILBERT (O-1311636), First Lieutenant, Infantry. For heroic achievement in action from 20 July 1944 to 22 July 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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SUMMARY OF BATTLE CASUALTIES

1 - 31 August 1944

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| KILLED IN ACTION | 10 |
| WOUNDED IN ACTION | 37 |
| WOUNDED IN ACTION (Not Evacuated) | 15 |
| MISSING IN ACTION | 3 |

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LIST OF KIA PERSONNEL
For the Month of August 1944

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. | Takenaka, Tooru | Pfc | 30106173 |
| 2. | Oba, Sanichi G. | Sgt | 30105928 |
| 3. | Iriguchi, Tadayoshi | Pfc | 30106075 |
| 4. | Watanabe, Kiyotoshi | Pvt | 30103943 |
| 5. | Takemoto, Haruo | Pfc | 30104458 |
| 6. | HEMPSTEAD, ROBERT L. | CAPT | O-414341 |
| 7. | Shimizu, Gordon S. | Pfc | 30104494 |
| 8. | Madokoro, Harry F. | Pfc | 39916617 |
| 9. | Kanzaki, Akira | Pfc | 39914563 |
| 10. | Masuda, Kazuo | S/Sgt | 39166362 |

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LIST OF WIA PERSONNEL
For the Month of August 1944

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1. | Komoto, George | Pfc | 39913362 |
| 2. | Okada, Hiroshi | Pfc | 30105078 |
| 3. | Otake, Hiroshi | Pfc | 30105690 |
| 4. | Teshima, George M. | Pfc | 38351198 |
| 5. | Sakai, Lawson I. | Pfc | 37347230 |
| 6. | Miyaya, Clement K. | Pfc | 37705318 |
| 7. | Teramae Ted A. | Sgt | 30105053 |
| 8. | Shimada, Sumio F. | Pfc | 37357464 |
| 9. | Morikawa, Harumi | Pfc | 30105782 |
| 10. | Doi, Wallace T. | S/Sgt | 30105713 |
| 11. | Nakamura, Thomas T. | Pfc | 30104419 |
| 12. | Yokoyama, Satoshi T. | S/Sgt | 39082479 |
| 13. | ALTESMAN, ALBERT | 1ST/ LT | 0-1306526 |
| 14. | Ono, Frank H. | Pfc | 35893759 |
| 15. | Yamashita, Daniel T. | S/Sgt | 30105282 |
| 16. | Mayeda, Ben T. | Tec 5 | 39085656 |
| 17. | Oshiro, Mitsuo | Pfc | 30104551 |
| 18. | Iwamoto, George | T/Sgt | 19060327 |
| 19. | Hashizume, Oliver Y. | Sgt | 30104484 |
| 20. | Hiraoka, Norman I. | Pfc | 30104132 |
| 21. | Akamine, Takemori | Pfc | 30104046 |
| 22. | Matsuzaki, Edwin I. | Pfc | 30105812 |
| 23. | Yatabe, Takeshi | Pfc | 39918194 |
| 24. | Nakanishi, Tamotsu | S/Sgt | 30105996 |
| 25. | Sueoka, Ken K. | Sgt | 30104836 |
| 26. | Fujioka, Rikio | 1st Sgt | 30103939 |
| 27. | Murakami, Isamu | T/Sgt | 30104935 |
| 28. | Maeda, Isamu | Pfc | 30104505 |
| 29. | Matsumoto, Jiro | Pvt | 39916758 |
| 30. | Nishita, Hiroto | Pfc | 30104998 |
| 31. | Miyabara, Raymond Y. | Pfc | 30105988 |
| 32. | Mimura, Toshiaki | Pfc | 30105733 |
| 33. | Shiomichi, Tokio | Pfc | 39914151 |
| 34. | Ikehara, Isaac I. | S/Sgt | 30105604 |
| 35. | Murakami, Yukito N. | Pfc | 39153521 |
| 36. | Oshiro, Takehiro | Pfc | 30105483 |
| 37. | GRAHAM, EDGAR H. | 2ND LT | 0-1311641 |

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LIST OF PERSONNEL WIA BUT NOT EVACUATED
For the Month of August

| | | | |
|-----|---|-----------|--------|
| 1. | Arashiro, Ralph T. | 30101045 | Sgt |
| 2. | Igarashi, Charles M. | 30104281 | Pfc |
| 3. | Graham, Edgar H. (Wounded the second time -- evacuated to hosp.) | 0-1311641 | 2nd Lt |
| 4. | Nitahara, Robert | 30102513 | Pfc |
| 5. | Tsuruda, Mitsuo D. | 39168606 | T/Sgt |
| 6. | Zaima, George I. | 38507064 | Pfc |
| 7. | Inouye, Shiunji | 30104301 | Pvt |
| 8. | Iida, George S. | 30105400 | S/Sgt |
| 9. | Hayashi, Shuki | 39916610 | Pvt |
| 10. | Fujiwara, Tsuguo | 32907232 | Pfc |
| 11. | Moseley, David | 0-315237 | 1st Lt |
| 12. | Nagasaki, Goro | 30105288 | Pfc |
| 13. | Matayoshi, Shinyei | 30103657 | S/Sgt |
| 14. | Muramoto, Mutsuo | 30106272 | Pfc |
| 15. | Kakesako, Tsutomu | 30105658 | S/Sgt |

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LIST OF MIA PERSONNEL
For the Month of August 1944

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|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Kuniyuki, Robert I. | Pfc | 30105684 |
| 2. POTTER, RALPH J. | 2ND LT | 0-1310877 |
| 3. Hoshino, Robert S. | Pfc | 39007822 |
| 4. Masuda, Kazuo | S/Sgt | 39166362 |

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