

HEADQUARTERS 442D INFANTRY REGIMENT
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

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15 June 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

1. In compliance with AR 345-105, 18 November 1929, with Changes 4, 10 August 1944, transmitted herewith historical report of 442d Infantry Regiment for the month of 1-31 May 1946.

2. Above history consists of:

- a. Report as per par 13, AR 345-105, with Exhibit A (Incl. 1).
- b. Narrative of Events (Incl. 2).
- c. Unit Journal (Incl. 3).

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

T. M. KOBAYASHI,
1st Lt, Infantry,
Adjutant.

3 Incls:
As listed.

HISTORICAL REPORT AS PER AR 345-105
FOR MONTH OF 1-31 May 1946

1. Original Unit.
No change.
2. Changes in Organization.
No change.
3. Strength.*

	<u>O'S</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>EM</u>
a. At beginning of period 1 May 1946:	70	0	1855
b. At end of period 31 May 1946:	61	0	1830
c. Net gain or loss for period:	-9	0	-25

*Assigned strength.
4. Stations.
1-31 May 1946, Regimental CP in town of Leghorn, Italy.
5. Marches.
Rescinded by par 12, C3, AR 345-105.
6. Campaigns.
None.
7. Battles.
None.
8. Commanding Officer.
Colonel V. R. MILLER, 015847, Infantry.
9. Losses in Action.
None.
10. Present and Former Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.
See Exhibit "A" attached.
11. Photographs of Personnel, Important Scenes or Events.
None Available.

LIST OF DECORATIONS

May 1946

Soldier's Medal	1
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$
Total	$\frac{3}{2}$

Exhibit "A"

GENERAL ORDERS #69, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 27 April 1946.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION IV, GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 17, 1946

So much of paragraph 2, Section IV, General Orders Number 17, this headquarters, dated 17 January 1946, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to SADAMI KATAHARA, 0353468, Captain, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.

GENERAL ORDERS #17, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 17 January 1946.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SADAMI KATAHARA, 0353468, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company,
100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious achieve-
ment in connection with military operations in Italy from 5 April to
2 May 1945. Entered service from Hamakuapoko, Maui, Territory of Ha-
waii.

GENERAL ORDERS #57, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
U. S. ARMY, APO 512, 9 April 1946.

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

GEORGE E. NAKAMURA, 39918270, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 442d Regimental Combat Team for heroism in the vicinity of Leghorn, Italy on 23 December 1945. When Technical Sergeant George E. Nakamura, at the scene of the burning Cannon Company kitchen, saw that the fire threatened to ignite ten cans filled with gasoline, thus endangering the company's supply building, he covered his face with a piece of canvas and, without regard for his own personal safety, braved the flames to drag the hot cans, one at a time, to a point of safety. This prompt and brave act on the part of Technical Sergeant Nakamura saved the supply building and much valuable government property, including ammunition, which, if the fire had reached it, would undoubtedly have gone off and resulted in the death or injury of many persons fighting the fire. His courage and resourcefulness are exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Fort Douglas, Utah.

NARRATIVE

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

The Soldiers Medal was awarded to Technical Sergeant George E. Nakamura of Cannon Company. On 23 December 1945, Technical Sergeant Nakamura while at the scene of the burning Cannon Company Kitchen, covered his face with a piece of canvas and without regard for his personal safety braved the flames to drag ten hot cans filled with gasoline one at a time to a point of safety. This prompt act saved the supply building in the vicinity and much valuable government property, including ammunition, which, if the fire had reached it, would undoubtedly have gone off and resulted in death or injury of many persons fighting the fire.

Four enlisted men reenlisted in the Regular Army in the month of May 1946. Two of them signed for three years while the other two signed for eighteen months.

A total of fifteen (15) officers and enlisted men left the regiment in the month of May 1946. Three officers and nine enlisted men left for the United States to be discharged, while four enlisted men left to spend their reenlistment furlough. One enlisted man was granted forty-five days temporary duty in the United States and another enlisted man was transferred to Headquarters USFET.

Several members of this regiment enjoyed the opportunity of attending the concert of the Milan Symphony Orchestra which performed under the renowned leadership of the great Arturo Toscanini at the La Scala House in Milan. Those who attended the concert were given three-day passes to make the jaunt to Milan from Leghorn, Italy possible.

In volleyball, a game in which height is generally considered a predominant factor for a championship team, the 442d team composed of members averaging 5'6" defeated all opponents who ranged from 5'5" to 6'1". They first won the Peninsular Base Section Zone Championship and later in the MTO Championship Tournament held at the Victory Red Cross in Leghorn, Italy, this 442d team composed of members from one company only, defeated all comers, thus becoming the MTO Champions.

Feeders of the championship team are T/4 Munsharu Furuken, Pfc Iwao Takeshita, and Pfc Teichi Arakaki, while the spikers are T/4 Francis Rathburn, Cpl Clarence Uaiwa, and Pfc Seichi Matsu.

The well-known 442d Basketball team returned from Germany after playing a series of exhibition games at Bremen and Frankfurt. Though the team failed to win all the games they played, they never failed to impress the fans with their spectacular brand of basketball.

The 442d Baseball Team continued its winning streak and maintained its undefeated record humbling all opponents they met by lopsided scores. This team defeated the 86th Ordnance 29 to 0, the 3196th Signal Service Company 11 to 5, the 6677th D.T.C. 17 to 4, the 188th MP's 13 to 7, and the 488th Fort Battalion 20 to 1.

Two fielders colliding when the 110th Quartermaster had the bases filled, marred the heretofore unblemished record of the 442d Softball Team. However, this team won all the other games they played, thus they still maintained their lead in the ARNO SOFTBALL LEAGUE.

Three 442d men participated in a discussion entitled "Report on Japan," broadcast through the American Expeditionary Station in Leghorn. In addition to this, "Prejudice", and "Proposals for a World Government" were topics for discussion in the monthly Bull Sessions throughout the 442d Infantry Regiment.

"The Hawaiian Serenaders," composed of a group of musicians from this regiment entertained the 442d men at the "Go For Broke Club" with nostalgic music of sweet Hawaii on May 1st, Lei Day in Hawaii. The sweet music became so renowned throughout the Peninsular Base Section that they were engaged for a radio program every Thursday night at seven o' clock to bring music of Hawaii to men of the U. S. Armed Forces in the Leghorn area.

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

Distinguished Unit Citation	6
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque	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	14
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	36
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 headquarter, 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 May 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	Tombole
Co K	Tombole
Co L	Pisa Staging Area
Co M	Aversa
Anti Tank Co	Pisa Staging Area
Cannon Co	Navacchio
Service Co	Tombole
Medical Det	Leghorn