

HEAD QUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
APO 782, U. S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

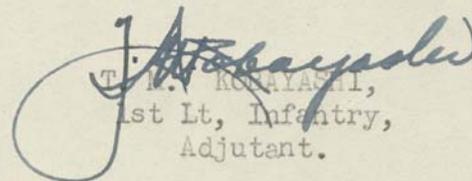
TO : Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U. S.
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1. In compliance with AR 345-105, 18 November 1929, with Changes 4, 10 August 1944, transmitted herewith historical report of 442d Infantry Regiment for the month of 1 - 28 February 1946.

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. KONOYASHI,
1st Lt, Infantry,
Adjutant.

3 Incls:
As listed.

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HISTORICAL REPORT AS PER AR 345-105
FOR MONTH OF 1-28 FEBRUARY 1946

1. Original Unit.

No change.

2. Changes in Organization.

The 2d Battalion was inactivated on 10 February 1946, per General Orders Number 14, Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, dated 24 January 1946.

3. Strength. *

	<u>O'S</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>EM</u>
a. At beginning of period 1 February 1946:	95	0	1894
b. At end of period 28 February 1946:	93	0	1871
c. Net gain or loss for period:	-2	0	-23

*Assigned strength.

4. Stations.

1-28 February 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Rescinded by par 12, C3, AR 345-105.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, O15847, 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

February 1946

Bronze Star Medal 2

Exhibit "A"

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

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

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

NARRATIVE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Co B	Pen Beach
Co C	Leghorn
Co D	Leghorn
Hq and Hq Co, 3rd Bn	Pisa Staging Area
Co I	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