

HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
APO 464, U. S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U. S. Army.

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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 for month of 1 - 31 August 1945.

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). (9985) INRG-442-0.3
- c. Unit Journal. (Incl. 3). (23457) INRG-442-0.7

For the Commanding Officer:

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E. E. KOBAYASHI,
2d Lt, Infantry,
Adjutant.

3 Incls - as listed.

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HISTORICAL REPORT AS PER AR 345-105
FOR MONTH OF 1 - 31 AUGUST 1945

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1. Original Unit.
No change.

2. Changes in Organization.

Effective 050001B August 45, the 442d Infantry Regiment was relieved of attachment to MTOUSA POW Command for operations and was detached from Fifth Army and was attached to Peninsular Base Section. Auth: Confidential Directive No. 39, Hq MTOUSA POW Command, dtd 6 Aug 45, and Ltr Hq PBS, file AG 370.5 BPGCT, subj: Unit Assignments and Attachments, dtd 8 Aug 45.

Effective 20 Aug 45, the 442d Infantry Regiment was attached to Auxiliary Troops Command for operational control per Ltr from Hq PBS, file AG 370.5 BPGCT, dtd 27 Aug 45.

3. Strength. *

	O's	WO's	EM
a. At beginning of period 1 Aug 45:	163	5	3862
b. At end of period 31 Aug 45:	<u>150</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3795</u>
c. Net gain or loss for period:	- 13	0	- 67

* Assigned Strength

4. Stations.

1 - 31 August 45: Regiment on POW guard duty at Pisa-Leghorn-Florence Area. 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Rescinded by par 12 C3, AR 345-105.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.

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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 1945

The month of October was featured with redeployment of high-point men and the necessary changes that follow such a loss of personnel. A total of approximately 38 officers and 1450 enlisted men left the regiment for Redeployment Depots for eventual shipment to the USA. Many of the men were of the original 442d RCT who have been through all four campaigns. The last of the original members from Hawaii left the regiment on 29 October.

October was a month replete with ceremonies, awards and commendations for the regiment. In four ceremonies throughout the month, the 100th Bn was presented the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation, the 232d Engrs (C) Co a Fifth Army Commendation, and Service Co the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. A total of 129 awards were presented to officers and enlisted men. The Italian Cross for Meritorious Warfare was presented to the Regimental Commander by the Italian government. The Medical Detachment was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque and the 232d Engrs (C) Co the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation. Letters commending the combat team not only for its excellent combat record but also for the part it has played since the cessation of hostilities were received from the Honorable HAROLD L. ICKES, Secretary of Interior, General JOSEPH MCNARNEY, Commanding General of Mediterranean Theater of Operations and Brigadier General FRANCIS H. OXX, Commanding General of Peninsular Base Section.

A total of 44 new officers and 243 enlisted men joined the regiment throughout the month.

The 442d Infantry Regiment continued its assignment of guarding prisoners of war and military installations during October. An active sports program was in progress, highlighted by a regimental football team. Close to 200 men took advantage of the educational opportunities offered by the Information and Education Section and attended the University Training Center at Florence.

Per General Order 275, Hq PBS, dtd 25 Oct 45, the 206th Army Ground Forces Band was inactivated. In accordance with Confidential Letter, Hq MTOUSA, file AG 322.011/952 C-0, dtd 26 Oct 45, the 442d Infantry Regiment was placed in Category I (occupational troops), effective same date.

The month closed with little change in company positions. Company I moved to the vicinity of Pisa. 100th Bn Headquarters Co and 2d Bn Headquarters Co moved to new quarters in Leghorn.

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LIST OF DECORATIONS

October 1945

Distinguished Unit Citation.	1
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.	1
Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star Medal.	2
Silver Star Medal, Posthumous...	3
Silver Star Medal.	20
Soldier's Medal	1
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.	5
Bronze Star Medal, Posthumous.	10
Bronze Star Medal.	51
Division Commendation.	1
Good Conduct Medal	455
Combat Infantryman Badge	<u>4</u>
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NOTE: Amendment of GO, changing Bronze Star
award to Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star 1

EXHIBIT "A"

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GENERAL ORDERS #142, HEADQUARTERS 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION
29 September 1945

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)

MASAKI FUJIKAWA (30104553), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, in Italy. When their attack was met with extremely heavy enemy fire of all types, the company was forced to withdraw. Pfc Fujikawa's squad lost contact with the remainder of the company and were forced to spend the night in enemy territory. Upon reconnoitering the next morning to discover a means of escape, Pfc Fujikawa observed several of the enemy digging-in on the reverse slope of the hill. Pfc Fujikawa notified the platoon leader and then took up a position from which he fired upon and killed one man to their rear. When the platoon leader was pinned down by two enemy machine guns, Pfc Fujikawa located their position and silenced both machine guns with accurate rifle fire. The main body of the enemy troops, sensing an attack, attempted to withdraw to a wooded area to the rear. Pfc Fujikawa and two comrades, however, laid such heavy and accurate fire upon the enemy that only four of them escaped. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Pfc Fujikawa was instrumental in killing and wounding 60 of the enemy and his actions reflect highly upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Makalapu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs Uno Fujikawa (Mother), Makappapu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

THOMAS HIGA (30101597), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 5 November 1943, in Italy. When the enemy concentrated a heavy barrage upon his platoon area, Pfc Higa was seriously wounded in the back. Disregarding his wounds, Pfc Higa carried two men 150 yards to a sheltered ledge. Pfc Higa then went back through the heavy fire and helped carry a litter case to the aid station. When Pfc Higa's wounds were examined, they were determined to be serious enough to warrant immediate evacuation. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Higa while painfully wounded, reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KEIJIRO UMEBAYASHI (30101999), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "B", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 26 June 1944, in Italy. As his company was advancing, Sgt Umebayashi noticed a battery of enemy 150mm field guns firing. After reporting this to his company commander, who ordered an attack on the position, Sgt Umebayashi continued to lead his squad. Enemy automatic weapons fire stopped his company, but Sgt Umebayashi urged his squad to follow him and advanced through the area, exposed except for the scanty concealment offered by a few bushes. After reaching a point close enough for close-in fighting, an ex-

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (Cont'd)

change of hand grenades followed. One grenade that Sgt Umebayashi threw wounded one of the enemy and caused the three remaining enemy soldiers to attempt to flee. Firing his M-1 rifle rapidly, Sgt Umebayashi killed all three of the enemy, one of whom was an officer. With this delaying force eliminated, Sgt Umebayashi's company continued its advance, captured the battery of 150mm field guns, and cut off a road which was being used by the enemy as an escape route. Sgt Umebayashi's courage and skillful leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

TADASHI FURUIKE (30104729), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, in Italy. When their attack was met with extremely heavy enemy fire of all types the company was forced to withdraw. Sgt Furuike's squad lost contact with the remainder of the company and were forced to spend the night in enemy territory. When the squad attempted to find an escape route the next morning, they discovered several of the enemy digging in on the reverse slope of the hill. Noting an enemy machine gun position, Sgt Furuike deployed his squad and then with accurate fire killed one of the gunners and wounded another. The main body of the enemy troops, sensing an attack, attempted to withdraw to a wooded area to the rear. Sgt Furuike and two comrades, however, laid such heavy and accurate fire upon the enemy that only four of them escaped. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Sgt Furuike was instrumental in killing and wounding 60 of the enemy and his actions reflects highly upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

TERUO IHARA (01695695), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "E", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, in Italy. When their attack was met with extremely heavy enemy fire of all types the company was forced to withdraw. Lt Ihara was with a squad which lost contact with the remainder of the company and were forced to spend the night in enemy territory. When the squad attempted to discover an escape route the next morning, they discovered several of the enemy digging-in on the reverse slope of the hill. Lt Ihara deployed his squad and aided in knocking out a machine gun nest located on a terrace above his squad's positions. As Lt Ihara was crawling forward to locate enemy positions, he encountered an enemy soldier whom he instantly killed with accurate fire. The main body of the enemy troops, sensing an attack, attempted to withdraw to a wooded area to the rear. Lt Ihara and two comrades, however, laid such heavy and accurate fire upon the enemy that only four of them escaped. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Lt Ihara was instrumental in killing and wounding 60 of the enemy and his actions reflect highly upon himself and the Armed forces of the United States. Home address: Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR (cont'd)

RICHARD HAMASAKI (01683429), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "A", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1944, in Italy. Lt Hamasaki was ordered to lead a six-man patrol to clear a group of buildings of any enemy troops that might be there. After moving out a short distance, the patrol received sniper fire. Lt Hamasaki dashed to a nearby vineyard and crawled forward to escape observation, and his men followed his example. Lt Hamasaki found no enemy soldiers in the first building, so he and another man set out for the next one, fifty yards away. Taking advantage of every means of cover and concealment, Lt Hamasaki crawled to this building. When he arrived near the doorway, he suddenly lunged into the building, his sub-machine gun at his hip ready to fire. Three enemy troops, caught by surprise, raised their hands in surrender. Leaving the enemy prisoners under guard of his companion, Lt Hamasaki searched the remainder of the buildings and came across another enemy soldier totally unaware of what was taking place. His mission accomplished, Lt Hamasaki led the patrol back to the company area with the four prisoners. Lt Hamasaki's courage and skillful leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)

WENDELL S. FUJIOKA (30104174), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944, in Italy. Home address: Mill Camp, Pahala, Kau, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Tsukasa Fujioka (Father), 802 Ala Moana Road, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

SABURO YOSHIMURA (30104522), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action from 6 to 15 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr Bert Yoshimura (Brother) 508 Kauwila Street, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KENNETH SHIBATA (38148743), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Haybro, Colorado. Next of kin: Mrs Sakino Shibata (Mother), Box #10, Haybro, Colorado.

JOHN A. JOHNSON (0320297), Major, Infantry, Headquarters, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 14 January 1944, in Italy. Home address: Koloa, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs Betsy K. Johnson (Wife), Koloa, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ALLEN H. OKAMOTO (33794480), Private First Class, Infantry,

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (cont'd)

Company "I", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 7 July 1944, in Italy. Home Address: Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

LIZO HONMA (30104663), Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 4 and 5 July 1944 and 6 April 1945, in Italy. Home address: 28 Miles Volcano, Territory of Hawaii.

SHIGEO AOKI (30105873), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 23 August 1944, in Italy. Home address: Lahaina, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

SADAO SASAKI (30104345), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 26 June 1944 to 5 April 1945, in Italy and France. Home address: Waialua, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KENJI NOBORI (30105513), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "C", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 7 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

KOSEI TAMANAHA (30105293), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, 23 August 1944, and 14 April 1945, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD N. FUKANO (39001911), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Scottsburg, Indiana.

TOSHIO YAGI (30105867), Corporal, Infantry, Company "K", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 14 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Lanai City, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

JAMES T. MASUDA (30101053), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "B", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 26 July 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

WALLACE DOI (30105713), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "L", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 23 August 1944, in Italy. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (cont'd)

LESTER N. FITZHUGH (1285729), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 6 November 1943, in Italy. Home address: Lancaster, Texas.

EUGENE D. HARRISON (1307967), Captain, Infantry, Company "L", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 13 July 1944 to 31 October 1944, in Italy and France. Home address: Sciotoville, Ohio.

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NEIL K. KOSASA (30104748), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 442nd Infantry Regiment. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Italy and France. Home address: Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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GENERAL ORDERS #92, HEADQUARTERS 92D INFANTRY DIVISION
1 October 1945

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

HIDENOBU E. PESTANA, (30105993), Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 24 April 1945, in Italy. Sergeant PESTANA's company was ordered to seize and occupy the town of San Terenzo. One platoon passed thru the town and made an encircling movement to engage the enemy from the rear. During this movement, the platoon was surprised by a well-concealed enemy machine gun and snipers which inflicted heavy casualties and pinned it down. Disregarding personal risk in this desperate situation, Sergeant PESTANA crawled 50 yards toward the machine gun, purposely exposing himself now and then to divert hostile fire from his comrades. He successfully reached a point within 15 yards of the emplacement, exposed himself in a kneeling position, and fired his M-1, killing the gunner and silencing the weapon. Then, skillfully working his way under fire, he reached a house from which a sniper had killed his platoon leader and wounded many others. Under the covering fire of his comrades, he approached the house and forced the sniper to surrender with his M-1. Sergeant PESTANA's high aggressiveness reflects great credit on the traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Lahaina, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ETSUO KATANO, 01998640, First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious services in combat, from 4 to 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

HUGO S. O'KONOGI, 0527069, Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 5 to 8 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

THOMAS N. KIYOSAKI, 30105979, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 10 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Paia, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

PAUL NISHIMUTA, 38699574, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

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GENERAL ORDERS #93, HEADQUARTERS 92D INFANTRY DIVISION
2 October 1945

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

ROBERT M. BRYAN, 0538953, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 8 April 1945, in Italy. A rifle platoon had cleared a wooded area and encountered hostile fire that covered open ground which extended for five hundred yards. First Lieutenant BRYAN, platoon leader, called for a rolling barrage to cover the platoon's attack over the exposed ground. Following the barrage, the platoon advanced to within two hundred yards of woods on the other side when it was again stopped by enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire. Realizing the necessity for immediate action, First Lieutenant BRYAN rose in full view of the enemy then, calling to his men to follow him, charged across the open ground, firing from the hip into the enemy positions. The enemy stubbornly held their positions and continued to return fire until First Lieutenant BRYAN killed a machine gunner. Enemy resistance then weakened and later the foe was forced to withdraw. First Lieutenant BRYAN's gallant leadership reflects great credit on the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

HIDEO ARAKAWA, 30105050, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 8 July 1945, in Italy. Private First Class ARAKAWA and another soldier were paddling a boat toward shore. Private First Class ARAKAWA's companion, who had only recently learned the rudiments of swimming, dived into the water and managed to swim some 15 yards before floundering 50 yards from shore. Private First Class ARAKAWA, though himself not an expert swimmer and had never had lessons in life-saving, immediately dived into the water after his comrade. In panic the drowning man seized him so firmly that both men began to sink but after violent effort and much loss of strength, Private First Class ARAKAWA released himself and towed the victim by the hair to the shallow boat which he found useless because of the possibility of its capsizing. He then turned around and towed his comrade 50 yards to shore. His courageous bravery resulted in saving his companion's life. Entered military service from Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

NOBUICHI TANAKA, 39916443, Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 and 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hunt, Idaho.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TOMIO NAKAYAMA, 39934483, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Fort Douglas, Utah.

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

VIRGIL R. MILLER, 015487, Colonel, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 29 October and 7 November 1944, in France and on 10 April 1945, in Italy. When his troops were halted by a large enemy force defending well dug in positions on a strategic hill in the combat team's four-day battle to rescue the "Lost Battalion", Colonel MILLER (then Lieutenant Colonel) exposed himself to the hazards of intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to personally direct the assault of his companies. On 7 November 1944 in the vicinity of La Croisette, France, when the enemy infiltrated in strength and threatened the entire flank of a battalion, he proceeded to one of the company areas and directed a skillful maneuver which prevented the encirclement of a friendly battalion. Again on 10 April 1945 in the vicinity of Massa, Italy, Colonel MILLER proceeded to a company operating on the rearward slope of Cle Tecchione, under concentrated shelling from hostile coastal guns and mortars. Disdaining sporadic shellfire, he inspected the condition of the company, encouraged the troops, and gave the company commander specific instructions on the plan of attack. Colonel MILLER's complete disregard for personal safety in repeatedly exposing himself to the hazards of hostile fire in his desire to obtain maximum coordination between the different elements of his command was a constant source of inspiration to the officers and men of his organization and reflects high credit on the traditions of the United States Army. Entered the United States Military Academy from Winneconne, Wisconsin.

TOSHIO ENDO, 30105965, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 8 April 1945, in Italy. When a platoon captured 8 heavy mortars and secured a foothold on an enemy strongpoint, it was subjected to intense hostile machine gun fire. Unable to effectively engage the machine guns with small arms, he obtained 40 rounds of captured mortar ammunition from a nearby building and fired them, sighting and firing himself. He silenced two enemy machine guns with the captured mortars. A few minutes later, under heavy hostile fire, Sergeant ENDO obtained and fired another 40 rounds that turned back a counterattack spearheaded by a tank and half track. During the rest of the afternoon he repulsed 2 more armor spearheaded counterattacks, singlehandedly firing 140 rounds throughout the action. His outstanding performance reflects great credit on the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Paia, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

MASA AGINA, 30106197, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. As a platoon attacked a hill with 2 squads abreast, Private First Class AGINA, the first scout, was well ahead of the rest of the men when he suddenly came upon a pocket of 15 enemy troops supporting an automatic gun emplacement. Assuming a prone position, he signaled for the rest of the platoon to take cover. He then asked for fire to cover him while he crawled 20 yards under enemy fire to within hand grenade throwing distance of the gun position. Exposing himself in a kneeling position, Private First Class AGINA threw 2 grenades at the

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR (cont'd)

foe and then charged the position with his submachine gun. He killed 7 of the foe, wounded one, and forced the surrender of the remaining 7. His outstanding courage reflects great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military Service from Lihue, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

KIYOSHI TAKEUCHI, 30104165, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Private First Class TAKEUCHI, an acting assistant squad leader, was assigned as a platoon's left flank security. The platoon encountered the crossfire of 2 well-concealed hostile machine guns emplaced to its left and front. Observing that his platoon was in an untenable situation, Private First Class TAKEUCHI discovered the location of the two guns and crawled toward the nearest one. After crawling 20 yards under fire to within grenade range, he quickly threw 2 grenades that destroyed the machine gun and its crew of three. He then dashed from cover to within 30 yards of the second emplacement. Under fire, he exposed himself from behind a rock and fired burst after burst with his submachine gun and silenced the emplacement. His outstanding courage reflects great credit on the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Pahala, Hawaii.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

ALBERT K. KARIYA, 39375146, First Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Winatchi, Washington.

HARUDO HANAMURA, 39089076, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Monterey, California.

TOMEKICHI YAMASHITA, 39007676, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 7 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Hayward, California.

KAZUO ASAZAWA, 39086865, Corporal, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Presidio on Monterey, California.

DAVID ARAO, 39086865, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

KATSUMI ENOMOTO, 30104059, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 25 June 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Italy. Entered military service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (cont'd)

CHARLES Y. HANANO, 30104799, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

HARUO HIGA, 30106210, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 22 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Kekaha, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

FRANK G. HORINO, 37364705, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 22 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Fort Logan, Colorado.

HARRY J. KIYOMURA, 36948052, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in actions, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JIM M. TANAKA, 38670131, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 19 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 87

So much of Section II, General orders Number 87, this headquarters, 25 September 1945, which awards of Bronze Star Medal to First Sergeant Michael Y. Hagiwara, 39916438, Infantry, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster thereto, in lieu of a second award of the Bronze Star Medal

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GENERAL ORDERS #95, HEADQUARTERS 92D INFANTRY DIVISION
5 October 1945

AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

YOSHIO YOKOMIZO, 39928161, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. Private First Class YOKOMIZO's platoon was ambushed by elements of the enemy organized above a well-concealed machine gun. In the first burst of fire, his squad leader was seriously wounded, falling where he had been hit. Due to the wounds, the injured man was unable to move from a position exposed to hostile observation and fire. Private First Class YOKOMIZO began crawling forward dragging his BAR presenting a good target to the enemy. Disregarding the fire of the enemy directed solely at him, Private First Class YOKOMIZO managed to work to within 50 yards of the enemy machine gun. He opened fire and killed the gunner with his first burst and three more of the foe in subsequent exchange of fire. The remaining hostile troops fled in disorder and allowed his platoon to evacuate the wounded leader. Private First Class YOKOMIZO's courageous actions reflects great credit on the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

RICHARD T. YORITA, 30105218, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 8 April 1945, in Italy. Private First Class YORITA, gunner in a light machine gun section, decided to better his position so as to get a clearer field of fire and observation on enemy emplacements. Disregarding the raking machine gun fire which swept the terrain about him, he dashed from cover to within 30 yards with his machine gun to an abandoned foxhole. He set up his gun for action and with the first burst of his weapon he drew the fire of the hostile machine gun. Disregarding the fire, he duelled with the hostile gunner for 5 minutes until he had knocked out the hostile weapon. In the meantime, he had drawn the fire of another machine gun and he immediately turned his weapon on the new emplacement and engaged it while exposed waist-high from his foxhole. He silenced this weapon by killing the 2 occupants with well-aimed fire. Private First Class YORITA's courage and willingness to engage the foe exemplified the highest gallantry of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

HENRY K. KASHIWASE, 39087544, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 18 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Livingston, California.

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SHIGEO KAWAMURA, 39916609, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 8 April, in Italy. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (cont'd)

MITSUD KAWACHI, 30111228, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

TOSHIO KAWATOMORI, 30108671, Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 18 October 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

ROY K. KOMACHI, 39913871, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 26 June 1944 to 30 April 1945, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Hunt, Idaho.

KEN MATSUDA, 33905400, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 8 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

MOTOMU NAKASAKO, 37363126, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 7 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

FRANK K. NISHIMURA, 39919481, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

JAMES M. YANAGIDA, 30104255, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 9 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

DONALD M. OKAMOTO, 30105239, Private First Class, Company E, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Seravezza, Italy, on 21 April 1945. As gunner of a light machine gun squad which was accompanying an assault platoon from the 442d Regimental Combat Team during an attack on a heavily defended enemy position, Private First Class Okamoto gave his life in order to successfully protect his comrades and complete the mission which they had undertaken. When an attacking squad of his platoon was endangered by intense and accurate enemy fire, he leaped out of his comparatively well protected position and with utter disregard for his own safety, dragged his machine gun into the open where he could manipulate the weapon with complete freedom and maximum effectiveness. Opening up with a long burst, he thoroughly raked a German held house and the nearby ground with his fire. Surprised by the vehement and devastating force of his fire, the enemy drew back under cover. Temporarily free of the danger from the building, the attackers rushed to more adequate cover and leveling fire on the enemy, prevented him from regaining his advantage. Because Private First Class Okamoto was the greatest single threat to their defense, and because he presented such a vulnerable target, the enemy troops soon concentrated their fire on him. However, disregarding the bullets that whined close by or threw up spurts of dirt as they hit the ground around him, he remained out in the open and laid steady fire on the building. Largely due to his activity the enemy was unable to keep the assaulting squad in check as it advanced closer and closer to the structure, forcing enemy snipers around the building to take refuge in the house. But, exposed as Private First Class Okamoto was to the enemy fire, it was almost impossible for him to escape injury, and the inevitable bullet coming from an enemy machine gun fatally wounded him. His outstanding courage and self sacrificing heroism was an inspiring example to all who saw him and exemplified the highest traditions of the Army of the United States and the American Infantryman. Next of kin: Satsuyo Okamoto, (Mother), Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii,

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

HAJIME YAMANE, 30102180, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 18 October 1944. As Acting Platoon Sergeant in Company B, 100th Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, Technical Sergeant Yamane volunteered to flank a strong enemy force that was preventing his platoon's advance. Moving forward alone under the covering fire of his comrades, he dashed twenty yards through a clearing under hostile fire in order to engage the nearest enemy machine gun. Quickly crawling forward to an advantageous position, he destroyed the emplacement with several bursts of automatic rifle fire, killing two enemy gunners. Then, exposing himself to the enemy's weapons, he boldly rushed a second machine gun and silenced it by killing the gunner, and with a well thrown grenade, mortally wounded one of the enemy crew. By destroying the two machine gun positions, Technical Sergeant Yamane forced the enemy to withdraw, thus enabling his company to advance and occupy its objective. The outstanding courage and inspiring leadership of Technical Sergeant Yamane typified the finest traditions of an American Infantryman. Entered military service from Waipaha, Territory of Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR.

GENRO KASHIWA, 30104311, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Technical Sergeant KASHIWA was in charge of a platoon assigned to clear the summit of a mountain to prevent a hostile counterattack on his battalion's positions. After a personal reconnaissance, he directed one squad to attempt to move around the base of the summit and take the enemy from the rear while he led the other squad in a frontal assault. The plan worked excellently and his squad was able to almost reach the top before detected. Catching enemy soldiers ten yards away from their machine guns, he rushed forward and cut the Germans off from their weapons. After firing one shot with his tommy gun, the weapon jammed but the foe was confused and fled. He quickly seized an enemy machine gun and fired it on the fleeing soldiers, forcing them to seek shelter in a reinforced bunker and then he crawled alone to within grenade range and threw two grenades which forced the remaining six Germans to surrender. His outstanding courage reflects great credit on the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD H. KOGA, 30105087, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. A company of enemy troops launched a counterattack on a platoon in an effort to retake a town. A morning mist made it possible for the foe to infiltrate to within 100 yards of the platoon's positions before being detected. In the firefight that followed, a number of men were wounded. Technician Fifth Grade KOGA, an attached aid man, was responsible for caring for his wounded comrades. He left his slit trench during the heavy fighting and went to their aid. Though the enemy threw hand grenades and fired at him, he remained to administer aid. Thinking that the enemy could not see his brassard, he removed it and waved it at them. The enemy continued to fire upon him, with three of the bullets piercing his clothes, but doing no damage to him. One bullet perforated his right ear, but he kept at his work. Not until the attack was repelled and the wounded evacuated did he receive treatment for his wound. Technician Fifth Grade KOGA's courageous devotion to duty reflects the finest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR.

SADAICHI KOHARA, 30104510, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. Having advanced within 200 yards of the enemy, a patrol was suddenly pinned down by two hostile machine guns. Leaving his men under cover, Private First Class KOHARA advanced 10 yards before locating the two machine gun emplacements. Unable to advance thru the crossfire, the patrol was pinned down by this fire for a half an hour before he and a rifleman could advance 50 yards. Finally reach-

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ing a vantage point 20 yards from the first emplacement, Private First Class KOHARA threw a hand grenade and killed three of the foe. The two men were withdrawing when the rifleman was hit by a sniper. Private First Class KOHARA dragged him back to safety with his patrol. He returned to attempt to knock out the remaining machine gun but the resistance was too great. Calling for 81mm mortar fire, he immediately crawled 10 yards forward and adjusted the fire until the hostile weapon was neutralized. Later, while adjusting mortar fire on another hostile machine gun position, he was mortally wounded. His outstanding courage exemplified the finest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Kahala, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Keeichi Kohara (Father), Kahala, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

MARION F. FELT. 01323116, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. First Lieutenant FELT led his platoon against hostile defenses consisting of dugouts and machine gun emplacements on Hill Georgia. Moving at the head of the platoon with his scouts, he led the way thru a minefield, and when the supporting barrage lifted, sent one squad to cover the vulnerable left flank and led the rest of the platoon directly toward the summit of the hill. Fifty yards from the top, they were subjected to heavy machine gun, mortar, rifle and grenade fire from the foe. When the mortar fire ceased momentarily, the flanking squad quickly neutralized some of the positions. First Lieutenant FELT then launched a grenade attack supplemented by the fire of his bazooka team on the remaining enemy dugouts. He crawled from squad to squad over exposed ground only 20 yards from the foe encouraging his men to keep up the fight in spite of the mounting casualty toll inflicted by enemy grenades. First Lieutenant FELT personally killed one enemy and wounded three during this action but, under his leadership, the depleted platoon won and held the summit of Hill Georgia. His aggressive leadership reflects great credit on the gallant traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Tauma, Washington.

GEORGE AKIYAMA, 38304513, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. The platoon of which Staff Sergeant AKIYAMA (then Private First Class) was a member, advanced in a company attack against entrenched enemy positions on Hill Georgia. Heavy machine gun, rifle, and grenade fire from the enemy began a fierce firefight during which the platoon suffered many casualties. One seriously wounded man lay only ten yards from the enemy and Staff Sergeant AKIYAMA crawled thru a mined area to his side and administered first aid, partially exposing himself to enemy fire in so doing. He helped the casualty to shelter and returned to the fight. A strategically located hostile machine gun nest to the front endangered the whole platoon. Staff Sergeant AKIYAMA voluntarily took a steel helmet full of gre-

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR (cont'd)

nades and crawled thru another minefield toward the enemy weapon. Coming into position, he threw a grenade but heavy hostile fire forced him to take cover. He then repeated this procedure until he had thrown six grenades and emptied two magazines from his sub-machine gun. Forced to withdraw for more ammunition, his platoon leader would not permit him to return because of the extreme danger. His extraordinary aggressiveness exemplifies the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Hodd River, Oregon.

TADASO ONO, 30104319, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 23 April 1945, in Italy. The leading elements of a platoon were pinned down by hostile small arms fire coming from a house 75 yards to its front. Staff Sergeant ONO and a comrade were in the lead. Working as a team, the two managed, under each other's covering fire to work their way to within 25 yards of the enemy position. Staff Sergeant ONO and his comrade opened up with heavy and rapid fire on the house, simulating a large group of attackers. The ruse worked as the enemy in the house surrendered. He and his comrade took 16 Fascist soldiers prisoner and 5 others who were found wounded within the house. Later, he was reconnoitering the area in front of his squad's defensive position when he observed a building hidden in a grove of trees. As he approached the building, the enemy opened fire. He hit the dirt and began firing on the building. By his well-aimed fire, 13 hostile troops were forced to surrender. His courageous actions reflects great credit on the military service. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

KIYOMI K. KOBASHI, 37595818, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Private First Class KOBASHI (then Private) was a scout advancing with his platoon leader and another scout upon enemy positions under a friendly artillery barrage. When the barrage lifted, he began climbing a steep slope and stumbled, his hand touching a trip wire loosened by the shelling. He warned the men behind him to detour the area and continued thru the minefield where he was soon fired upon by enemy machine gun fire which swept the area. The foe then used a large number of hand grenades which caused numerous casualties in the platoon but Private First Class KOBASHI continued crawling forward until within 15 yards of the hostile outposts. Exposing himself to fire at the enemy, he noticed 2 machine guns firing at his platoon. At that moment a grenade killed a member of the adjacent platoon and he immediately picked up the dead man's rifle, grenade launcher, and 6 rifle grenades. Then, exposing himself in order to aim, he fired a grenade into a machine gun emplacement, killing 2 of the enemy and silencing the weapon. His courageous actions reflects high credit on the United States Army. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

HITOSHI NAJITA, 30105592, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Haruo Najita (Brother), 1541 D Fort Street, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

DAVID NOVACK, 01298647, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

BEN T. FUKUTOME, 39914171, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 18 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Poston, Arizona.

BOB N. TAKIGUCHI, 39916518, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 19 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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HIROSE SUGIYAMA, 39004847, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 22 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California. Next of kin: Sgt. Shinobu P. Sugiyama (Brother), Company K, 442d Infantry Regiment, APO 464, US Army.

STANLEY HAYAMI, 37365140, Private, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 23 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Heart Mountain, Wyoming. Next of kin: Mr. Frank Hayami (Brother), B-8-2-B, Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

TOM T. NISHIMOTO, 36468457, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Poston, Arizona. Next of kin: Miss Lilly Nishimoto (Sister), 621 East Palmer Street, Detroit 2, Michigan.

ROBERT I. SAKAMOTO, 30111213, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 18 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs. Kuni Sakamoto (mother), 1029 Kama Lane, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

SEITOKU TAIRA, 30112062, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 22 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Seiko Taira (Father), Pihonua, Camp No. 3, Hilo, Hawaii.

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YUKIO E. TANIMOTO, 30102644, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 23 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Next of kin: Mr. Gunmatsu Tanimoto (Father), 1039 Fifth Avenue, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.

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WILLIAM B. LINGLEY, 01320058, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 7 April to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Glendale, California.

NOBORU NAGOSHI, 30106117, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 22 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii.

ITSUO SHIRAKI, 30106241, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 26 June 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Italy. Entered military service from Oloa, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD H. KOGA, 30105087, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

WILFRED M. TAIRA, 30106178, Technician Fifth Grade, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 21 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

MANABU AKAGI, 30106231, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, on 19 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

SHIGERU FUJIMOTO, 30106331, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Laupahoehoe, Hawaii.

SEICHI HIRAI, 30105518, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

SANJI KIMOTO, 30104053, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 26 June 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Italy. Entered military service from Kukuihaele, Hawaii.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

STANELEY, Y. KIMURA, 30106485, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 20 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

ICHIRO S. SUGIDONO, 39865648, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 18 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

WILLIAM H. MIYAGI, 36467852, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

THOMAS T. NIIDA, 37365180, Private, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Greeley, Colorado.

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GENERAL ORDERS #267, HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF
OPERATIONS, 14 October 1945

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

KEIJIRO UMEBAYASHI, 30101999, Staff Sergeant, 100th
Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for heroic achievement in
connection with military operations near Ponteserchio, Italy on
2 September 1944. Entered service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory
of Hawaii.

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GENERAL ORDERS #100, HEADQUARTERS 92D INFANTRY DIVISION
20 October 1945

AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

JOSEPH W. HILL, 0436574, Captain, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 19 and 20 April 1945, in Italy. Captain HILL's company was assigned the mission of cutting an enemy supply route. Under cover of darkness, he personally led his company from the last friendly outpost and into enemy territory. After four miles, the wire supply was exhausted and the company proceeded forward without telephone communications to the foot of a hill. Captain HILL was then successfully infiltrating a platoon into the foe's defenses when a hostile sentinel opened fire on him. Quickly dispersing his men, he worked his way under cover to within four yards of the sentinel and fired his pistol at point blank range, killing him. His shot alerted other enemy outposts and the company was immediately subjected to terrific automatic weapons and mortar fire. Despite this, Captain HILL continually exposed himself, directing his platoon in assaulting and securing their objectives. At dawn, he went forward on reconnaissance and discovered an enemy counterattack developing. Before the enemy could mount his assault, Captain HILL ordered his company to attack, driving the foe into retreat with 20 killed, 12 wounded, and 2 captured. The company then withdrew upon orders with only 6 casualties. His daring leadership exemplifies the heroic traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

SHIRO KASHINO, 39919567, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 14, April 1945, in Italy. Staff Sergeant KASHINO, then Private, led a platoon in an attack on an enemy OP located on a hill overlooking Carrara. Leaving one squad to support the assault as a base of fire, Staff Sergeant KASHINO led two squads to the foot of their objective where he sent one squad to the right and one to the left while he preceded alone to the peak on the reverse slope. Reaching the top, he encountered two enemy emplacements, each manned by two enemy soldiers. Opening up with his submachine gun, he killed two and wounded a third as they fled down the slope of the hill. Meanwhile, hostile forces began firing on the assault group from three sides and the platoon leader asked for volunteers to go back and ask for mortar support. He volunteered to go and, while descending the hill, noticed a number of his men who were wounded and under enemy machine gun fire. The foe fired at him but he delivered his message to the mortar section and returned to aid the wounded, found their strength depleted by casualties, and went back to the mortar section and obtained makeshift litters and bearers who, directed by him, evacuated the injured. He then returned to the top of the hill and reorganized his men for defense. At dawn, the foe counterattacked again but Staff Sergeant KASHINO fully exposed himself and wounded 2 and pinned down 3 more of the foe who were attempting to creep up on his position. His heroic gallantry exemplifies the highest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

JAMES M. HANLEY, Jr., 0231210, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 1 December 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Italy. Entered military service from Manda, North Dakota.

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