22 June First contact of 442d Infantry with enemy troops occurred approximately 1600 21 June. Ffc H. Aramaki and Pfc I. Nakamura, of Cannon Co, while acting as road guides at Sansano, took prisoner three German infantrymen (stragglers) turning them over to 34th Division MP's. 24 June The Combat Team moved out via truck convoy to new assembly area vic GRAVASANNO. CP at new area opened 0930. At the same hour two PW's were taken by 1st Sgt James Sakamoto and S Sgt Yano of Antitank Co, who came upon them resting in a concealed location at the new assembly area. prisoners offered no resistance. The prisoners were Turkomen, members of an East Asian (Turkestan) organization. Their clothing was worn and dirty but they appeared well nourished, were not wounded and were apparently stragglers. 25 June On this day the regiment made an approach march of 15 miles to a position immediately behind the front lines and were scheduled to take over on the following day. First elements departed bivouac at GRAVASANNO approximately 0945; last elements closed 1845. Artillery firing overhead. Visit by Major General RYDER with final instructions re the following day's operations. The basic plan was to have 2d and 3d Bns jump off with the 100th Inf Bn in reserve, forward elements to pass thru the 142d Infantry Regiment and 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment at 0600 26 June. First day of combat. The regiment left assembly area and 26 June moved up at 0400. The objective was to push along the road leading through and beyond Survereto and Belvedere. Fighting was continuous throughout the day, losses were suffered, prisoners taken and by night the position of the forward elements was approximately 267985. The towns of Survereto and Belvedere were cleared out and our strength was astride the road immediately south of Sassetta. Early in the day while on forward reconnaissance, the armored car of General RYDER and the jeep of Colonel PENCE were attacked and captured by the Germans and later recovered by our units. During the day, the 100th Infantry Bn cleaned out the town of Belvedere, reporting 50 enemy killed. The battalion took 50 prisoners and the following enemy materiel: 1 - tank 8 - jeeps 2 - amphibious jeeps 1 - 105mm gun 1 - CP intact 4 - trucks 2 - motorcycles

Further report on first day's action. Co F engaged enemy forces at 1130 26 June. Received direct fire from German 88mm gun and three M-4 tanks. 2 EM KIA, 10 EM WIA and 12 MIA. Engagement ceased 1800. Also engaged approximately one company of enemy infantry.

Co E attacked and captured Hill 104 0700. Proceeded to next objective. Attacked and captured Hill 127 1330. Co G relieved 2d Bn, 142d Infantry, gained objective, Hill 101 at 0630. Moved along both sides of Massaro River, met resistance at the junction of Lodama and Massaro at 1230.

27 June

The plan for the 2d day of operations was to follow artillery fire into Sassetta, with the 100th Bn leading and the 3d Bn on its left, with the 2d Bn coming up in reserve. The units were to reorganize North of Sassetta for a further attack.

The regiment cleaned out Sassetta against stiff resistance and pushed on. The regimental CP moved up to approximately 3 miles South of Sassetta at 1145. Antitank Co reported two enemy tanks destroyed South of Sassetta.

On the 28th, the 2d Bn pushed through and beyond the 3d Bn, left of the road between Sassetta and Castegnetta. The 100th continued and took the road junction North of Sassetta at 0910, reached Al Grillo at 1620 and the stream at 275060 (See Sheet 119-III Campiglia, 1/50,000). The 2d Bn reached its objective, the stream junction 262061 (See Sheet 119-IV Cecina, 1/50,000) at 2040. Fighting continuous throughout the day.

29 June

A strong motorized reconnaissance patrol was sent out on Divisional order, consisting of two rifle platoons, one machine gun section, one 81mm mortar section. This patrol operated with 34th Division Reconnaissance troops to Casale and Guardistallo. At approximately 0800 the 135th Infantry passed through our lines. At 0950 the 3d Bn was ordered to Monteverdi where they maintained a roadblock supported by Cannon Co. During the day the 100th and 2d Bns moved by foot to vicinity of Bibbona and bivouacked. On the 30th the 100th and 2d Bn were at the assembly area near Bibbona. The 3d Bn was released from its roadblock and closed in to the assembly area at 0050 l July. The combat patrol returned approximately 0840, reporting slight contact with the enemy and no casualties. During the day the enemy counterattacked the 133d Infantry near Cecina. Enemy artillery fire fell in the assembly area. The regiment was alerted for 1/2 hour movement, but the counterattack was checked later in the day and the 442d was not called up.

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

### REPORT OF BATTLE CASUALTIES AS OF 30 JUNE 44

### KILLED IN ACTION

Name	Rank	ASN
Ensminger, Ralph Burt, Howard Y. Fritzmeier, Fred	Capt 1st Lt 2d Lt	0-406093 0-1306236 0-1325796
Takemoto, Tami Ganeko, Seikichi Masuda, Dick Kami, Mitsuo Muranaga, Kiyoshi Hiraoka, Satoru Watanabe, Hiroshi Kato, Kenji Kameda, Fred Y. Kimura, Tsuguo Matumoto, Kiyuichi Hirano, Robert Wasano, Shigeo Luna, Leonard Miyamoto, Yasuo Yamaura, Gordon C. Matsushita, Shizuo	lst Sgt S/Sgt S/Sgt Pfc	39387626 30103593 39011190 30103892 37356488 30103631 30104272 30104564 30103017 30106061 30106061 30106061 30106156 30103928 30104172 39465653 30106333
Hillock, John Zukowski, Edw	2d Lt 2d Lt	0-540410 0-1304986
Ishida, Bill K. Sogimori, Thos. Fukushima, Geo. Tamayei, Masao. Saito, Melvin Suzuki, Mitsuo Yamauchi, Geo. Togioka, Noboru Nakamura, Sam Murai, Teruo Ino, Yoshitomo Muraoka, Robt Kawamoto, Iwao Ishikawa, Toshio Higa, Geo. Tamashiro, Masanobu	lst Sgt T/Sgt S/Sgt S/Sgt S/Sgt S/Sgt S/Sgt S/Sgt Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc	39085931 39009726 30103583 30104800 30104638 30105560 39913360 39983617 30102869 30104109 30105033 30105632 30105632 30105632 30105632 30105632

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Takamoto, Yoshio	Pfc	30104512
Fujita, Masato	Pfe	30106239
Ito, Takao	Pfe	30105579
Kawabata, Tadashi	Pfc	37705766
Ouchi, Richard	Pfc	30104991
Tanaka, Yoshikatsu	Pfe	30105945
Yoshihara, Sam	Pfc	39914784
Furutani, Koichi	Pfc	30106181
Hashimura, Sadao	Pfc	30105881
Nagata, Masaharu	Pfc	30106116
Okuda, Koichi	Pfc	30102729
Aoki, Yoshiji	Pfc	30104268
Kawahara, Richard	Pfe	30104207
Masuda, Iwao	Pfe	30103571
Hagio, Wm	Pfc	30104299
Matsuo, Theodore	Pvt	30104639
Yasui, Hideo	Pvt	39171202
Okabe, Wm.	Pvt	30103625
Masuda, Tsugimi	Pvt	30104471
Yorita, Richard	Pvt	30105218
Okamoto, Takashi	Pvt	36691834
Okinaga, Mitsuo	Pvt	30102857
Nakashima, Kichard	Pvt	30105382
Nakamura, Minoru	Pvt.	30105921
Shoji, Kobe	Pvt	39919588
Aoki, Lloyd T.	Pvt	30105294
Hayashi, Mitsuru	Pvt	39914544

## MISSING IN ACTION

Imai, Tsugeo Tamura, Yochi Shibata, Walter Horinouchi, James Tateishi, Masao Morikawa, Akira Nezu, Shigeki Matsuoka, Yoshio	S/Sgt Sgt Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc Pfc	30102599 30103569 38352749 30105749 30105342 30104808 39914529 37702242
Matsuoka, Yoshio	Pvt	37702242
Tanaka, Ben T. Iwashiro, Robt	Pvt	39227167 30104242
Tsukayama, Toshi	Pvt	30104038

TOTALS KIA WIA	0's 3 2	EM 17 43
MIA	-	11
CAS	5	71

#### NARRATIVE OF EVENTS 9-30 JUNE 44

UNIT: 442D Regimental Combat Team, consisting of 442d Infantry Regiment 522d F. A. Bn (105mm How) 232d Engineer (C) Co 206th Army Band

COMMANDING OFFICER: Colonel C. W. PENCE, 010283, Infantry. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Colonel (then Lt Col) V. R. MILLER, 015847, Infantry.

- 9 June Advance party left bivouac at Anzio and arrived vic TARQUINIA (Mole del Mignone) 2100 hrs 9 June 44. Troops began to arrive via truck convoy through Rome at 0130 10 June. Closed in (less 2d Battalion) at 0330 11 June.
- 10 June 442d RCT attached 34th Infantry Division, per par 1, GO 44, Hq 34th Inf Div, dated 12 Jun 44.
- 11 June 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate) attached 442d Inf Regt. 522d F. A. Bn (105mm How) attached 34th Division Artillery. 232d Engr (C) Co attached 109th Engineer Bn (C). 206th Army Band attached Hq Co, 34th Inf Division. All above attachments directed by par 2, GO 44, Hq 34th Inf Division, 12 Jun 44.
- 12 June Visit by Major General CHARLES W. RYDER, Commanding General, 34th Inf Division.
- 14 June Training in progress. Daily passes to Rome authorized for 10% of personnel.
- 17 June 2d Battalion joined the regiment, closing in at 1500.
- Operational Instruction #45, Hq 34th Inf Div, dated 21 June, 1944 directed movement to new bivouac area near GROSSETO. A t 0300 21 June the Combat Team began movement by truck convoy to new assembly area and closed in at 0010 22 June. Brigadier General SHERMAN, Assistant Division Commander, visited assembly area at 0900 June 22.
- 22 June
  Regimental Special Police Detachment organized.