

HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
APO #758, U. S. ARMY

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13 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO: Commanding General, 44th AAA Brigade, APO #758, U. S. Army.

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Narrative of Events (Incl. 2). (9985) INK6-442-0.3

Unit Journal (Incl. 3).

Unit Journal File - field orders, maps, overlays, etc. (Incl. 4).

For the Commanding Officer:

Harry B. Farr
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Capt, 442d Inf,
Adjutant.

4 Incls - As listed.

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HISTORY OF 442D INFANTRY AS PER AR 345-105, PAR 13,
FOR MONTH OF 1 - 31 DECEMBER 44

1. Original Unit.

No change.

2. Changes in Organization.

None.

3. Strength.*

	<u>O's</u>	<u>WO's</u>	<u>EM</u>
a. At beginning of period 1 Dec 44	133	6	2280
b. At end of period 31 Dec 44	<u>151</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2699</u>
c. Net increase month 1 - 31 Dec 44	18	0	419

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4. Stations.

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5. Marches.

Rescinded by par 12, C3, AR 345-105.

6. Campaign.

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- b. Duration: 442d Infantry in line from beginning of period (1 Dec 44) to end of period (31 Dec 44).
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- d. Authority: Commanding General, Seventh Army.

7. Battles.

- a. Name and date: MARITIME ALPS SECTOR (Vic Menton, Moulinet, Sospel).
Regiment in line during entire month.
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8. Commanding Officer:

Colonel C. W. PENCE, O-10283, Infantry.

9. Losses in Action:

See Exhibit "A" attached.

10. Present and Former Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.

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KILLED IN ACTION
Month of December 1944

1. Suzawa, Jiro	Pfc	30105936	Co L
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MISSING IN ACTION
Month of December 1944

1. OLIVER, HARRY E.	2ND LT	01320167	Co I
2. Funai, George T.	Pfc	39377167	Co I

WOUNDED IN ACTION
Month of December 1944

1. Matsura, Setsuo J.	Pfc	19060184	Co M
2. Yamaki, Joe T.	T Sgt	39680090	Co H
3. Tanaka, Mitsugi L.	Pvt	37363813	Co L
4. OSHIRO, WILLIAM G.	2ND LT	01998050	Co L
5. Tanaka, Yoshikatsu	Pfc	30105945	Co H
6. Karatsu, James S.	Sgt	37345369	Co H
7. Fujikawa, Genji	Tec 5	30102070	Co A
8. Arai, William E.	Sgt	39000870	Co B
9. Tachihara, Ben T.	Pfc	39865455	Co H
10. PERLSWEIG, BERNARD I.	2ND LT	01311537	Hq Co 3rd Bn.
11. Nakashima, Richard Y.	Pvt	30105382	Hq Co 3rd Bn
12. Kawamoto, Mitsuo	Pvt	36467845	Co F
13. Ishida, Masaru	Pvt	39929832	Co B
14. Oshita, Mitsuye	Pvt	37709410	Co B
15. Fujimoto, Haru	Cpl	39230855	Co E
16. Zaima, George I.	Pfc	38507064	Co H
17. Tsukahara, Theodore	Pfc	39918413	AT Co

EXHIBIT "A"

SUMMARY OF AWARDS

1-31 Dec 1944

Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumous)	1
Silver Star (Posthumous)	2
Silver Star	9
Bronze Star (Missing In Action)	3
Bronze Star	18
3d Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	1
2d Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	5
Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart	30
Purple Heart	142
Combat Infantryman's Badge	269
Good Conduct Medal	42

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EXHIBIT "B"

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

December 1944

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (CO No. 13, Hq Sixth Army Group, 13 Dec 44)

MASANAO OTAKE, O-1703069, Second Lieutenant, Company "C", 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 17 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. In the 100th's attack on Hill 578, it became necessary to send some riflemen to an isolated farmhouse, situated on flat open ground, to secure the battalion's left flank. Lieutenant Otake, who was assigned the task of leading a squad of eight men to capture the enemy occupied farmhouse, dashed out toward the building, running through a hundred yards of open field raked by machine gun and small arms fire. Inspired by his example, his men immediately followed, and after a brief fire-fight succeeded in capturing the farmhouse. Observing that Lieutenant Otake and his men were in a vulnerable position, an enemy platoon launched a determined counter-attack against the farmhouse. Though greatly outnumbered, Lieutenant Otake urged his men to hold their hard earned position, and while gallantly resisting the enemy assault he was mortally wounded by several machine pistol bullets and died a short while later. By complete disregard for his personal safety, gallant leadership and determination of purpose, Lieutenant Otake exemplified the finest traditions of the United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs Kikuno Otake (Mother), Lahaina, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 150, Hq 34th Inf Div, 7 Dec 44)

HIROSHI KANAZAWA (39916447), Private First Class, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 July 1944, in the vicinity of Castellina, Italy. When eight men of the Company were wounded during an engagement with the enemy, Pfc Kanazawa efficiently administered first aid and evacuated all eight of them. Three times, on his own initiative, he crawled forward under enemy mortar, automatic and small arms fire to render first aid to his wounded comrades 50 yards in front of friendly lines. During the afternoon, Pfc Kanazawa gave first aid to every wounded man in the Company. Pfc Kanazawa's fearlessness, determination and devotion to duty was an inspiration to his fellow comrades and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Minidoka, Hunt, Idaho.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 13, Hq 6th Army Group, 13 Dec 44)

KOICHI K. SEKIMURA, 30103033, Private First Class, Company "C", 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in the town of Biffontaine, France. When his platoon, engaged in fierce house-to-house fighting, was denied advancement by the enemy in a building well defended with automatic weapons and rifles, Private Sekimura voluntarily advanced on the enemy-occupied building. Although under heavy machine pistol fire, Private Sekimura, utilizing the corner of a building for cover, succeeded in throwing two fragmentation grenades into the enemy-occupied position, wounding three, causing the abandonment of the structure by the enemy, and thereby contributed immeasurably to the subsequent occupation of the town. Entered the service from Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 121, Hq 7th Army, 6 Dec 44)

THOMAS T. MAKATA, 30102090, Corporal, Infantry, Company D, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20-21 August 1944, near Riglione di Pisa, Italy. When an enemy patrol approached his machine gun position, Corporal Makata after instructing his assistant to man the weapon, left his place of safety at the machine gun emplacement and crawled toward the enemy patrol in order to determine its exact location and direct effective fire against it. While returning

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to his gun position he was seriously wounded by a rifle grenade fired by a member of the enemy patrol. Despite his wound, and at the risk of drawing additional enemy fire, Corporal Mekata called out the position of the enemy patrol to his assistant gunner. By this means, his assistant was able to effectively direct fire against the enemy patrol, causing it to withdraw. His undaunted determination and utter disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs Dolores H. Mekata (Wife), 817 Cloud Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 121, Hq 7th Army, 6 Dec 44).

PAUL M. CORBIN, 01289550, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. When it was discovered that the major portion of his battalion was surrounded by the enemy one and one-half miles from friendly front lines and in serious need of rations, ammunition and water, Lieutenant Corbin assisted in organizing and leading a supply train through enemy held territory to the encircled battalion. Although Lieutenant Corbin and his train twice encountered enemy patrols which ventured to come within ten yards of them and were fired upon several times from emplaced enemy positions, by superior leadership and the audacity of his actions, he was able to successfully reach the besieged battalion with the supply train intact. His gallant leadership and fearless determination were largely responsible for enabling the battalion to hold its ground, and subsequently achieve a significant local advance. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 126, Hq 7th Army, 18 Dec 44)

CLARENCE M. KOMIYAMA, 30105752, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 17 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. During an intense artillery barrage, Private First Class Komiyama and several of his comrades were wounded. Although suffering from a painful shrapnel wound, he crawled to the other wounded men and rendered them first aid. When the shelling lifted and aid arrived from the company, he refused to be treated before he had cared for the five wounded men. Only after having supervised the evacuation of all the casualties did he consent to receive treatment for his wounds. Private First Class Komiyama's disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AKIRA KONDO, 30106277, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Kondo and his mortar squad were pinned down in an open field. During the course of the barrage, one man was seriously injured. Sergeant Kondo, realizing that his men were dangerously exposed, ordered them to take cover. While going to the rescue of his wounded comrade, Sergeant Kondo was wounded. Despite his injury he calmly administered first aid to the stricken soldier, then amid the terrific artillery barrage, he carried him to safety. Sergeant Kondo's daring rescue of a wounded comrade in the face of intense enemy artillery fire exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

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ARTHUR TASAKA, 32972823, Private, Infantry, Company "G", 2d Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. During an attack against a strongly defended enemy held position, two squads of his platoon were pinned down on an exposed embankment by fierce bursts of enemy fire. When one of his comrades was wounded, Private Tasaka, with complete disregard for his own safety, braved withering rifle fire to aid his injured companion. With exceptional coolness, he administered first aid to the seriously wounded man. Private Tasaka's courageous action was in a large measure responsible for saving the life of his comrade. Entered military service from New York City, N. Y.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 117, Hq 7th Army, 30 Nov 44)

EDWARD OGAWA, 39913809, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 18 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. The platoon of which Private First Class Ogawa was a member was assigned the task of occupying an isolated farmhouse in order to secure the battalion's right flank while it advanced against an enemy held hill. This farmhouse was situated on open flat terrain covered by enemy fire. As his platoon dashed across the open field to the farmhouse, a hundred yards away, Private First Class Ogawa ran along the right flank of the group and screened their movement by firing his BAR at four enemy held machine gun positions which he had previously spotted. By thus pinning down the enemy machine gunners, he enabled his platoon to reach their objective with only one casualty. After reaching the farmhouse he placed himself at a strategic but exposed position and resumed fire on the enemy positions. It was while he was so engaged that he was mortally wounded by a sniper. By his heroic conduct Private First Class Ogawa contributed materially to the success of his battalion's mission. Next of kin: Thomas Ogawa (Father), c/o Temple Noodle House, Salt Lake City, Utah.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 117, Hq 7th Army, 30 Nov 44)

GEORGE H. GRANDSTAFF, 01307223, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 22-23 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. When it was discovered that the major portion of his battalion was surrounded by the enemy one and one-half miles from friendly front lines and in serious need of rations, ammunition and water, Captain Grandstaff personally organized and led a supply train through enemy held territory to the encircled battalion. Although Captain Grandstaff and his train twice encountered enemy patrols which ventured to come within ten yards of them and were fired upon several times from emplaced enemy positions, by superior leadership and the audacity of his actions, he was able to successfully reach the besieged battalion with the supply train intact. His gallant leadership and fearless determination were largely responsible for enabling the battalion to hold its ground, and subsequently achieve a significant local advance. Entered military service from Azusa, California.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (CO No. 15, Hq Sixth Army Group, 30 Dec 44)

EDWIN R. SHOREY, O-349210, Captain, Inf, Cannon Co, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Sassetta, Italy, on 26 June 1944. In an attempt to recover a jeep, rendered inoperative in an exposed position by 88mm fire, Captain Shorey, with his motor sergeant and driver, came under such heavy enemy fire that it was necessary to seek cover behind a small shed-like construction.

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While in this position the motor sergeant was wounded. Captain Shorey unhesitatingly threw his body across that of the injured man, protecting him from the burst. Despite the uninterrupted shelling of the area, Captain Shorey continued to administer first aid to the sergeant, and during a lull in the enemy's shelling evacuated him to the aid station. Entered the service from Madison, Wisconsin.

GEORGE E. SATO, 39913340, Staff Sergeant, Company "H", 442d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action in France. On 15 November 1944, a reconnaissance patrol of twelve men from the Third Battalion found itself pinned down in a clearing by two enemy machine guns, mortars and small arms fire. Sergeant Sato, heavy machine gun section leader, observing from his OP the predicament of the patrol which had already suffered six casualties, and was in danger of complete extermination, unhesitatingly moved one of his machine guns to the edge of the woods, sacrificing security for effectiveness of fire. Ordering his men to take cover, he turned his weapon upon one of the enemy machine guns and killed its entire crew of three. Disregarding the hail of bullets which he attracted from other enemy positions as a result of his action, Sergeant Sato gallantly stood his ground, neutralized two other enemy positions, and by accurate protective fire enabled the patrol to withdraw to the safety of the woods. Entered the service from Hunt, Idaho.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FOR HEROISM AT</u>	<u>PER</u>
Robert M. Akita	Tec 4	Hq Co 2d Bn	Bruyeres, France	GO 13, Hq 6th Army Gp, 13 Dec 44.
Harry H. Kamikawa (Missing In Action)	Sgt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
George W. Suyama (Missing In Action)	Sgt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
William S. Yamaka (Missing In Action)	Fvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Tokio Miyahara	Tec 4	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Shiro R. Yamaguchi	Cpl	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Shuji Akiyama	Tec 5	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Tokuo Azeka	Tec 5	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Henry Y. Nakasone	Pfc	Med Det	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
George Akiyama	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Mitsuo Furumoto	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Kiyoshi Kami	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Terry T. Kohaya	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Takashi Kusunoki	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Masato W. Kutaka	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44

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Matsumi Masaki	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Masaru Abe	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Walter M. Matsumoto	Pfc	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Tadashi Miyoto	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Edwin I. Nakashima	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44
Paul H. Yokoi	Pvt	Co A, 100th	Biffontaine, France	GO No. 15, Hq 6th Army Gp, 30 Dec 44

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