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TOGAMI, H.K.

CECIL F. SLUSHER, 35675513, Sergeant, Company "B", *** Armored Infantry Battalion, *** Armored Division, for gallantry in action on 20 November 1944, near Turini, France. Though twice wounded during an enemy counter-attack against his battalion's OP on Hill 1926, Sergeant Slusher continued to fire against the enemy and thus set an example of encouragement for his comrades in repelling the attack. By his conspicuous gallantry in the face of enemy fire, fearless determination and disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Slusher made possible the retention of the battalion OP against superior enemy numbers. Entered the service from Tinsley, Kentucky.

HENRY K. TOGAMI, 38352027, Corporal, FA, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 18 October 1944. Corporal Togami was a member of an artillery forward observer party supporting the attack of an infantry company whose mission was to capture the town of Bruyeres, France, and also a commanding hill to the north of that town. When the attack of the company began the enemy immediately placed machine gun, mortar and artillery fire on the hill where observation was being established, and in the vicinity of the attacking troops. Under this heavy concentration of hostile fire, Corporal Togami coolly directed the establishment of communications and the organization of the OP. On numerous occasions during the next five hours he voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole, and worked his way forward several hundred yards, without protection of the infantry, to seek positions for better observation. This enabled him to locate enemy targets, bring effective artillery fire to bear, and aided the company in taking its objectives. During one of these movements he received painful shrapnel wounds but he determinedly remained in his hazardous position until his mission was completed. Entered service from Blue Water, New Mexico.

WILLIAM F. HANRAHAN, A-20717, Private, Canadian Army, Sixth Company, Third Regiment, *** Special Service Force, for gallantry in action near Castillon, France, on 9 September 1944. During an enemy counter-attack which resulted in complete encirclement of Private Hanrahan's platoon, the light machine gun protecting its right flank failed to function due to a defective extractor. Seeing that both members of the gun crew were out of action and that the entire right flank of the platoon was dangerously exposed, Private Hanrahan ran to the gun, completely disregarding intense enemy fire, quickly disassembled it, replaced the broken extractor and reassembled the weapon. Then operating the gun by himself, he returned the enemy fire, silencing one enemy machine gun and driving off the enemy who had succeeded in reaching hand grenade range. The coolness and bravery displayed by Private Hanrahan saved his platoon from destruction, and is worthy of the highest praise. Entered the service from London, Ontario, Canada.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Group Commander to the following named individuals:

EDWARD H. THOMAS, O-391315, Major, First Battalion, Second Regiment, *** Special Service Force, for meritorious achievement in support of combat operations on Mt. La Difensa, near Aignano, Italy on 25-26 November 1943. Entered the service from Nashville, Tennessee.

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY GROUP
APO 23, U. S. Army

16 December 1944.
(Date)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF OFFICERS

Pursuant to paragraph 2, Special Orders Number 36, this headquarters, dated 7 November 1944, the Awards and Decorations Board met at Headquarters Sixth Army Group on 16 December 1944 for the purpose of reviewing the recommendation for the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Corporal Henry K. Togami, 38352027, FA, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion.

FINDINGS

The board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds that the recommendation (justifies) (~~does not justify~~) the award of a higher decoration and recommends award of the Silver Star with
the following citation:

HENRY K. TOGAMI, 38352027, Corporal, FA, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 18 October 1944. Corporal Togami was a member of an artillery forward observer party supporting the attack of an infantry company whose mission was to capture the town of Bruyeres, France, and also a commanding hill to the north of that town. When the attack of the company began the enemy immediately placed machine gun, mortar and artillery fire on the hill where observation was being established, and in the vicinity of the attacking troops. Under this heavy concentration of hostile fire, Corporal Togami coolly directed the establishment of communications and the organization of the OP. On numerous occasions during the next five hours he voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole, and worked his way forward several hundred yards, without protection of the infantry, to seek positions for better observation. This enabled him to locate enemy targets, bring effective artillery fire to bear, and aided the company in taking its objectives. During one of these movements he received painful shrapnel wounds, but he determinedly remained in his hazardous position until his mission was completed. Entered service from Blue Water, New Mexico.

William R. Watson
Member 198

Member

F. R. Fuller, Col. Inf.
President

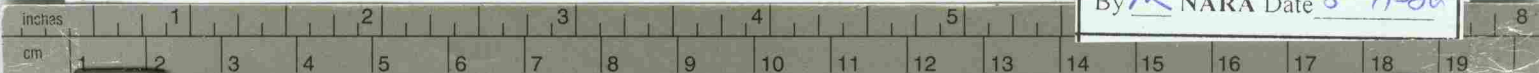
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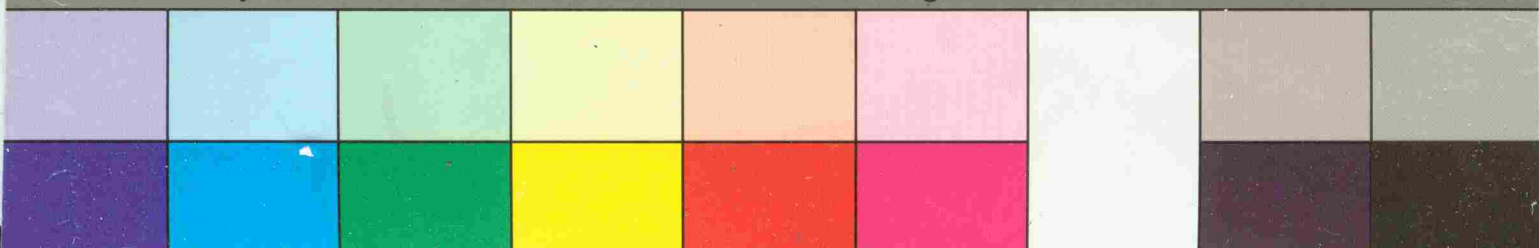
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201- OPL. H.K. TOGAMI

14 Dec 44
(Date)

MEMORANDUM TO: Board Members.

The attached recommendation for the award of the BRONZE
STAR MEDAL is submitted for consideration prior to
formal board meeting. Please indicate recommendations or remarks.

Col. Fuller

1 favor approval FRR

Col. Watson

Recommend Silver Star
today.

Col. ~~Cullerton~~

Col. Gottong

Silver Star recommended GH

Capt. Maltais

Rec Silver Star GH

Final recommendation
at Board Meeting

SS

16 Dec

R. J. M.

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HEADQUARTERS 522D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A. P. O. #758, U. S. ARMY

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200.6

14 November 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team,
A. P. O. #758, U. S. Army.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, A. P. O. #758, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Circular 25, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 7 November 1944, it is recommended that HENRY K. TOGAMI, 38352027, Corporal, FA, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action.

2. a. At the time the deed was performed, and at the present time, his rank and organization are: Corporal, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion.

b. (1) Previous award: Purple Heart - GO 29, Hq 27th Evacuation Hospital, dated 18 October 1944.

(2) A similar recommendation has not been previously submitted.

c. Entire subsequent service of Cpl Togami since performance of act cited has been honorable.

d. I do not have personal knowledge of the action described.

3. On 18 October 1944 CORPORAL HENRY K. TOGAMI, 38352027, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion, was a member of an artillery forward observer party of this battalion, supporting the attack of a front line infantry company. The mission of our infantry was to attack and take the town of BRUYERES, FRANCE and also a commanding hill to the north of the town. The forward observer party moved to the only likely point of observation on a hill in the vicinity. When the attack of our infantry jumped off the enemy immediately placed machine gun, mortar and artillery fire on the hill and the vicinity of our infantry. Under this heavy concentration of hostile fire, Cpl Togami with complete disregard for his own personal safety coolly directed the establishment of communications and the organization of the OP. Numerous times during the next five (5) hours he voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole, and worked his way forward several hundred yards without the protection of the infantry, to seek positions of better observation. This enabled him to locate enemy

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targets and bring effective artillery fire upon them. This courageous action neutralized numerous enemy strongpoints and thus enabled our infantry to advance and take its objectives. (It was during one of these movements that he received painful shrapnel wounds which pierced both of his feet, but he determinedly remained in his hazardous position until his mission was completed.)

4. The following information is submitted:

- a. Character of terrain: Mountainous and heavily wooded.
- b. Hostile observation: Excellent observation from dominant terrain.
- c. Character of enemy fire: Very heavy concentrations of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire.
- d. Visibility: Fair. Time of day: Midday.
- e. Location of the enemy: Strategically located in the town of BRUYERES, FRANCE and strongly intrenched on hill beyond and overlooking this town.
- f. Morale of our troops: Excellent. Of enemy: Unknown.
- g. Casualties sustained: Two in forward observer party.
- h. Effects or results of deed in question: As a result of Cpl Togami's courage and determination, effective artillery support was given our infantry, disorganizing the enemy, and provided excellent cover for the advance of our own troops.

5. Proposed citation: HENRY K. TOGAMI, 38352027, Corporal, FA, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944 at BRUYERES, FRANCE. Cpl Togami was a member of an artillery forward observer party supporting the attack of a front line infantry company. The mission of the infantry was to attack and take the town of BRUYERES, FRANCE and also a commanding hill to the north of the town. The forward observer party moved to the only likely point of observation on a hill in the vicinity. When the attack of our infantry jumped off the enemy immediately placed machine gun, mortar and artillery fire on the hill and the vicinity of friendly infantry troops. Under this heavy concentration of hostile fire, Cpl Togami with complete disregard for his own personal safety coolly directed the establishment of communications and the organization of the OP. Numerous times during the next five (5) hours he voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole, and worked his way forward several hundred yards without the protection of the infantry, to seek positions of better observation. This enabled him to locate enemy targets and bring effective artillery fire upon them. (This courageous action neutralized numerous enemy strongpoints and thus enabled our infantry to advance and take its objectives. (It was) during one of these movements (that) he received painful shrapnel wounds which pierced both of his feet, but he determinedly remained in his hazardous position

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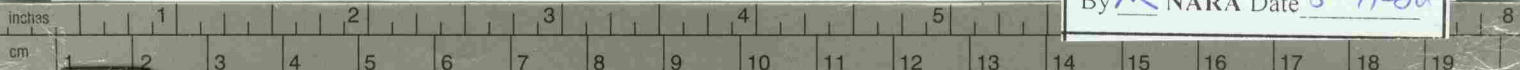
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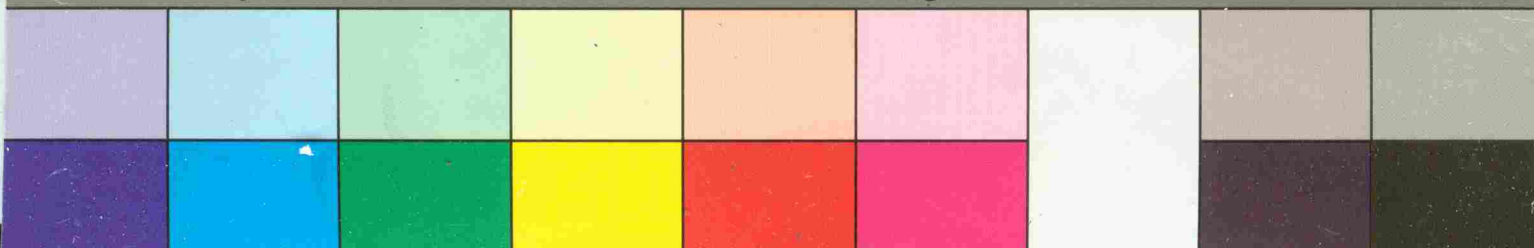
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until his mission was completed. (The extreme courage, initiative and determination displayed by Cpl Togami undoubtedly played a vital role in the successful attack and capture of our infantry's objectives.) Entered military service from Blue Water, New Mexico.

[Signature]
BAYA M. HARRISON JR
Lt/Col, 522d FA Bn
Commanding

1 Incl - Certificate.

201- Togami, Henry K. (Enl) 1st Ind. VRM/h
HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, APO #758, U. S. Army,
16 November 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Army,
APO #758, U. S. Army.

Approved.

[Signature]
V. R. MILLER,
Lt. Col., 442d Infantry,
Commanding.

1 Incl: n/c

200.6, Togami, Henry K. 2nd Ind. GNO/gfw
HEADQUARTERS, 44TH AAA BRIGADE, APO 758, U. S. Army, 27 November 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Sixth Army Group, APO 23, U. S. Army.

Approved.

[Signature]
RALPH C. TOBIN,
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding.

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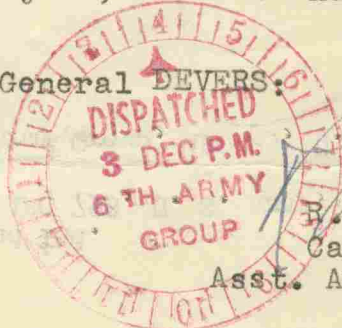
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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY GROUP, APO #23, U. S. Army, 3 December 1944.

THRU: CG, 44 AAA Brigade, APO 758, U. S. Army.

TO : CO, 442d Regimental Combat Team, APO 758, U. S. Army.

Returned without action for resubmission with certificate of one (1) additional eyewitness, in accordance with inclosure #1 to ETOUSA letter, AG 200.6 MFGA, subject, "Awards and Decorations", dated 12 June 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:



B. J. MALTAIS,
Capt., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

200.6- Togami, Henry K. 4th Ind. A. H. WHITE GNO/gfw
HEADQUARTERS, 44TH AAA BRIGADE, APO 758, U. S. Army, 6 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team, APO 758, U.S. Army.

Inviting attention to 3rd Ind.

By command of Brigadier General TOBIN:

George N. Otto
GEORGE N. OTTO,
Major, CAC,
Adjutant.

200.6 - Togami, Henry C. 5th Ind. TMK/h
HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, APO #758, U.S. Army, 6 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 522d Field Artillery Battalion, APO #758, U.S. Army.

For compliance with 3d Indorsement and return of entire communication to this headquarters with the least practicable delay.

By order of Colonel PENCE:

1 Inc n/c

T. M. Kobayashi
T. M. KOBAYASHI,
C. W. O., U. S. A.,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HQ 522D FA BN, A. P. O. #758, U. S. ARMY, 7 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team,
A. P. O. #758, U. S. Army.

Attached hereto affidavit in compliance with 3d indorsement.

For the Battalion Commander:

William P. Wright Jr.
WILLIAM P. WRIGHT JR
Major, 522d FA Bn
Adjutant

2 Incls:
1 incl added (Affidavit)

200.6 - Togami, Henry C. 7th Ind. TMK/h
HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, APO #758, U. S. Army, 8 December 1944.

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

3d Indorsement complied with.

For the Commanding Officer:

T. M. Kobayashi
T. M. KOBAYASHI,
C. W. O., U. S. A.,
Assistant Adjutant.

2 Incls: n/c

200.6- Togami, Henry C. 8th Ind. GNO/gfw
HEADQUARTERS, 44TH AAA BRIGADE, APO 758, U. S. Army, 10 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Sixth Army Group, APO 23, U. S. Army.

3rd Indorsement complied with.

For the Commanding General:



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George N. Otto
GEORGE N. OTTO,
Major, CAC,
Adjutant.

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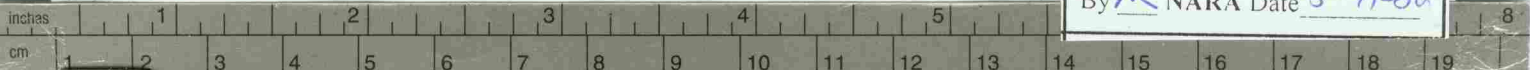
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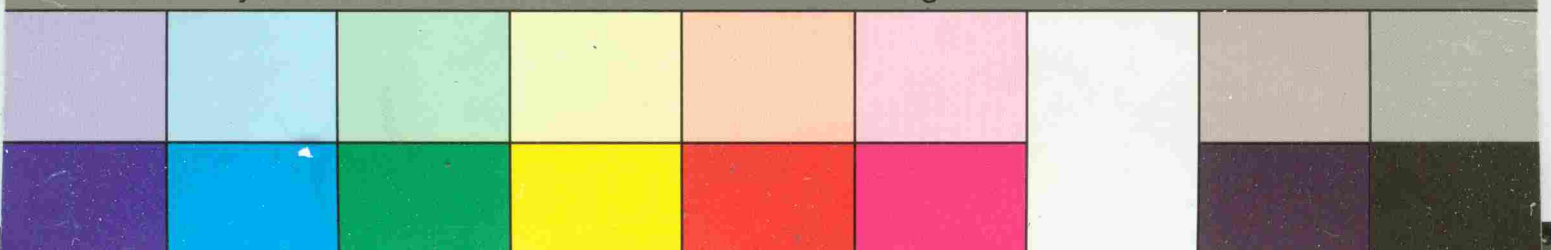
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13 November 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the following statement of facts is correct:

On 18 October 1944 CORPORAL HENRY K. TOGAMI, 38352027, Btry B, 522d FA Bn, was a member of an artillery forward observer party which was with a front-line infantry company. The infantry was to attack and take the town of BRUYERES, FRANCE and a hill to the north of the town. The observer party moved to the only point of observation in the vicinity. The enemy immediately placed machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire on the point. Under this fire Cpl Togami directed the establishment of communications and the organization of the OP. Several times during the next five (5) hours he voluntarily left the protection of his foxhole to seek better observation. Despite constant enemy fire and the absence of protection from the infantry, Cpl Togami worked his way forward several hundred yards to different places so that better observation could be had of all parts of enemy territory. This enabled him to locate a number of enemy targets and bring artillery fire upon them, thus enabling our infantry to advance to their objective. One of these targets was a Mark VI tank. It was during one of these movements that a 88mm shell landed three (3) yards from him. Shrapnel pierced both of his feet.

Cpl Togami's heroic determination to accomplish his mission with complete disregard for his personal safety was an inspiration to the officers and men serving with him and a credit to his unit.

Forrest R. Blackburn
FORREST R. BLACKBURN
1st Lt, 522d FA Bn

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A. P. O. #758)

6 December 1944

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority for administering oaths in cases of this character, one George Shiozawa, Technician Fifth Grade, ASN 39914153, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:-

" I was a member of the artillery forward observer party of which Corporal Henry K. Togami, 38352027, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion, was also a member, and I am an eyewitness to the accounts described below:

"On 18 October 1944 our forward observer party was working with a front line infantry company of the 442d Infantry Regiment on the outskirts of BRUYERES, FRANCE. When the infantry began pushing towards it's objectives, the Jerries started shell-ing our positions very heavily with mortar and artillery, and the situation was really "hot." Corporal Togami directed the necessary arrangements of the OP and communications. While the enemy was still throwing this mean barrage, he several times left the safety of his foxhole to look for better points of observations, often going forward several hundred yards. He received a serious wound during one of these trips when an artillery shell landed close to him, but he stuck to his job and located several targets and called for friendly artillery and under the cover of our artillery, the infantry advanced and captured BRUYERES and also a hill overlooking this town."

Further deponent sayeth not:

George Shiozawa
GEORGE SHIOZAWA, 39914153
Tec 5, Btry B, 522d FA Bn

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of December 1944,
at A. P. O. #758, U. S. Army.

William P. Wright Jr
WILLIAM P. WRIGHT JR
Major, 522d FA Bn
Summary Court

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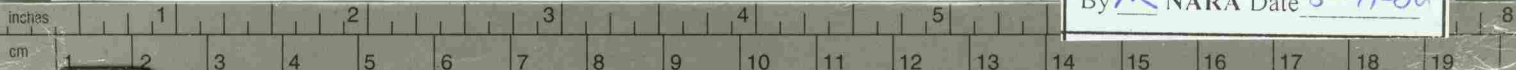
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