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lines. Fatally wounded shortly after delivering the ammunition, Private First Class Tsumaki was an inspiration to his comrades and by his courage, determination, and gallantry reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Next of kin: Minoru Tsumaki (Brother), Pocatello, Idaho.

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

HERBERT J. P. SULLIVAN, O-405772, Captain, CAC, *** AAA Gun Battalion, for gallantry in action near Cima Pongoira, Italy on 17 October 1944. From an exposed forward observation post Captain Sullivan was adjusting artillery fire on enemy positions when the enlisted man assisting him received penetrating wounds of the head. Although fully exposed to the enemy's fire he administered first aid and with the help of an enlisted man, succeeded in evacuating the wounded man down the face of a forty foot cliff to where further evacuation could be effected by litter. While in this position they received a second concentration of enemy mortar fire. Unmindful of his own safety Captain Sullivan covered the injured man with his own body in order to protect him from further injury by the flying rock fragments and shrapnel. By his gallantry and devotion to his men Captain Sullivan reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

JAMES Y. MIZUNO, O-1695699, Second Lieutenant, FA, Battery "B", *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action near LaHoussiere, France, on 5 November 1944. Assigned the task of attacking and clearing a strongly held ridge, the company with which Lieutenant Mizuno was serving as forward artillery observer advanced against the enemy through heavy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire. Although painfully wounded during the action in the right shoulder, he crawled 400 yards over difficult and open terrain to obtain aid for his more seriously wounded radio operator. After receiving hasty first aid treatment he returned to his forward position and continued to direct the effective artillery fire. Lieutenant Mizuno's initiative, determination, and courageous action in the face of extreme danger contributed immeasurably in the subsequent attainment of the objective. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

FRANK S. OKUSAKO, O-1693640, Second Lieutenant, Inf., Company "H", *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Bruyeres, France on 20 October 1944. When a food and ammunition carrying party was ambushed by a superior enemy force, Lieutenant Okusako led an 8-man patrol to the aid of the entrapped soldiers. While encircling the enemy's position for an attack on the rear the patrol encountered another enemy force of 45 men, armed with machine guns, machine pistols, grenades, and light arms. Constantly exposing himself to the enemy fire Lieutenant Okusako fearlessly directed the fire and movement of his men, killing fifteen of the enemy with his own machine gun and neutralizing two enemy machine gun nests with rifle grenades. Although severely wounded in the chest and shoulder, he continued to encourage his men until forced by the severity of his injuries to retire to the aid station. By his gallantry, courage and superior tactical leadership Lieutenant Okusako inspired his men to hold off a numerically superior enemy and played an important part in freeing the supply route of the enemy's forces. Entered the service from Newcastle, California.

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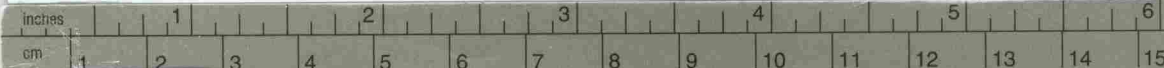
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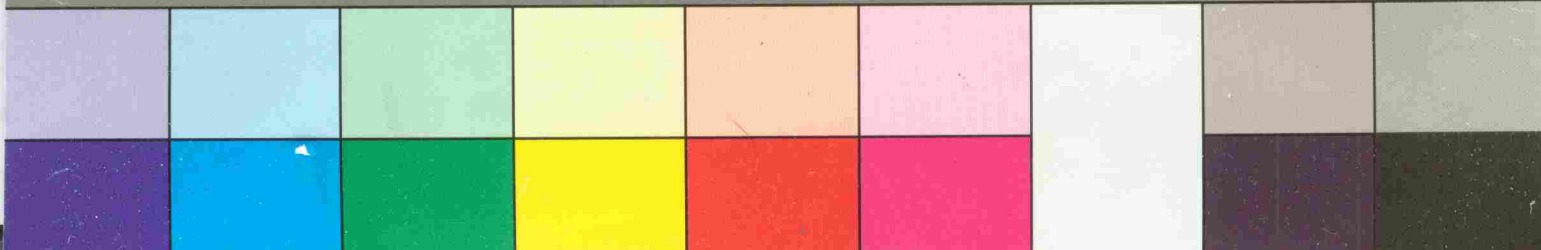
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HEADQUARTERS, 6TH ARMY GROUP
APO 23, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 8)

February 1945

Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star. I
Award of the Silver Star. II
Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal. III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal. IV

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Group Commander to the following named individuals:

JAMES K. UEJO, 30102129, Corporal, Inf., Company "D", 100th Battalion, ***1 Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on 28 October 1944, during an attack against an enemy-held hill. Disregarding the heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire that had wounded three of his comrades during the action, Corporal Uejo made his way to the injured men and rendered first aid. Upon observing that one was in need of immediate evacuation he unhesitatingly left his position to contact a litter team of an adjacant unit and while leading it back to the position was fatally wounded by a mortar shell. By his outstanding loyalty to his unfortunate comrades and self-sacrificing efforts Corporal Uejo reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Kane Uejo (Mother), P. O. Box 56, Kalaheo, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

NOBUAKI TOMITA, 30105865, Private First Class, FA, Battery "B", *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action near LaHoussiere, France on 5 November 1944. Assigned the task of attacking and clearing a strongly held ridge, the company with which Private First Class Tomita was serving as radio operator advanced against the enemy through heavy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire. Upon observing that the forward observer and assistant radio operator had been wounded he left his place of comparative safety and determinedly worked his way to within 60 yards of the enemy, to evacuate the more seriously wounded of the two men. He then remained with the forward elements, efficiently and fearlessly manning his radio under continuous and concentrated hostile fire until mortally wounded the next morning. By his courage, initiative, and determination Private First Class Tomita reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs. Toki Tomita (Mother), Lanai City, Lanai, Territory of Hawaii.

KENICHI TSUMAKI, 39683559, Private First Class, Inf., Company "K", *** Regimental Combat Team, for gallantry in action in France on 29 October and 7 November 1944. When his company's radio was damaged by enemy hand grenade fragments, Private First Class Tsumaki volunteered to carry a new one to the forward company. Though the artillery shells were falling along the supply route, he valiantly moved forward toward the front lines, crawling through enemy small arms fire for the last 75 yards to successfully reach his destination. On 7 November 1944, when the company was badly in need of ammunition he voluntarily carried two boxes of ammunition for a distance of 150 yards through heavy enemy fire to the front

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

BMH/cis

21 December 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Silver Star Medal.

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 421st Field Artillery Group,
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 JAMES Y. MIZUNO, 01695699, FA, Second Lieutenant, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion, be awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action.

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

b. Previous award: Purple Heart - General Orders #75, Hq 27th Evac Hospital, 5 Nov 1944. A similar recommendation has not been previously submitted.

c. Entire subsequent service of Lt Mizuno since performance of act cited has been honorable.

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

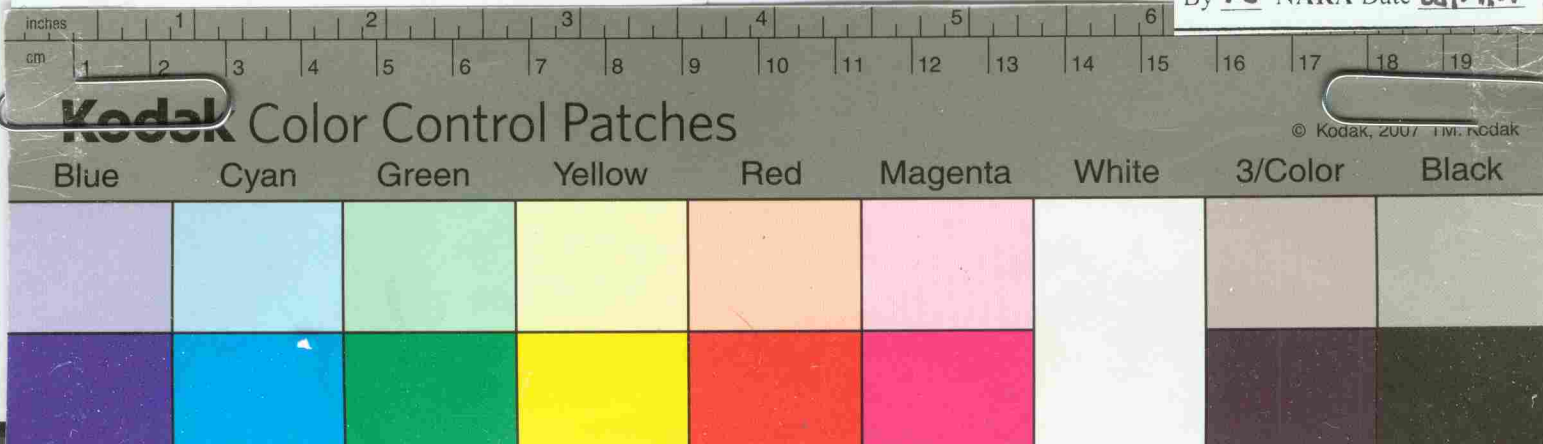
3. 2d Lt James Y. Mizuno, 01695699, FA, Battery B, 522d Field Artillery Battalion was accompanying Company F, 442d Infantry Regiment, as an artillery forward observer on 5 November 1944, approximately 1 1/2 miles NE of LaHOUSIERE, FRANCE. The mission of the company was to attack and clear a strongly held ridge. Due to the thick undergrowth and heavily wooded terrain, Lt Mizuno, in order to facilitate observation and afford maximum artillery support for the advance of our infantry, accompanied the assault platoon in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and continuous machine gun fire until pinned down by the increased tempo of enemy fire from strategically dug-in positions, which caused a number of casualties. During this intense and deadly fire, Lt Mizuno fearlessly worked his way forward several times to seek positions of better observation. It was during one of these movements that he received a painful wound from a shell fragment which pierced his right shoulder. The same enemy shell

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4. The following information is submitted:

- a. Character of terrain: Hilly and heavily wooded.
- b. Hostile observation: Limited.
- c. Character of enemy fire: Intense and continuous artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire.
- d. Visibility: Good but limited.
- e. Location of the enemy: Enemy strategically intrenched on ridge and immediate vicinity.
- f. Morale of our troops: Excellent. Of enemy: Unknown.
- g. Casualties sustained: Several in assault platoon and two in forward observer party.
- h. Effects or results of deed in question: As a result of Lt Mizuno's determination and courageous action, the life of a soldier was probably saved, and enabled the infantry to get artillery fires when and where needed and to advance against stubborn opposition.

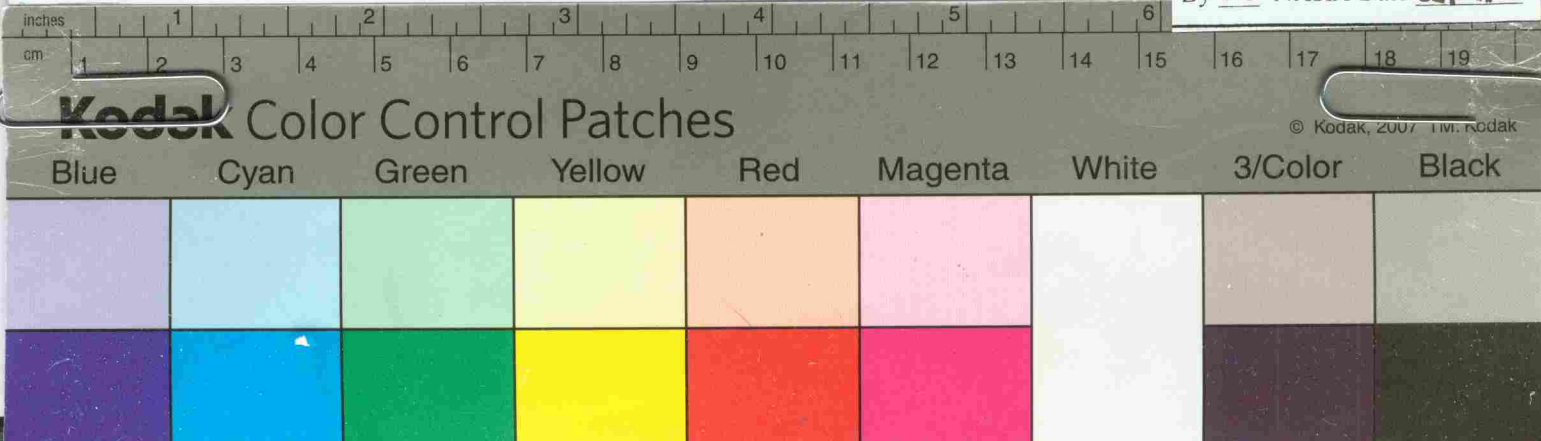
5. Proposed citation: JAMES Y. MIZUNO, 01695699, Second Lieutenant, FA, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 November 1944 approximately 1 1/2 miles NE of LAHOUSIERE, FRANCE. Lt Mizuno was artillery forward observer working with a front line infantry company. The mission of the company was to attack and clear a strongly held ridge. Due to the thick undergrowth and heavily wooded terrain, Lt Mizuno, in order to facilitate observation and afford maximum artillery support for the advance of our infantry, accompanied the assault platoon in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and continuous machine gun fire until pinned down by the increased tempo of enemy fire from strategically dug-in positions, which caused a number of casualties. During this intense and deadly fire, Lt Mizuno fearlessly worked his way forward several times to seek positions of better observation. It was during one of these movements that he received a painful wound from a shell fragment which

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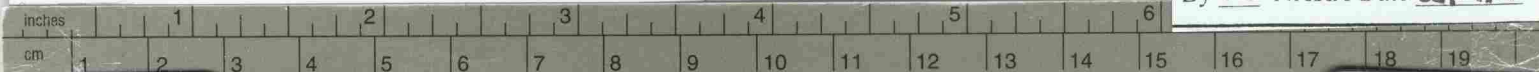
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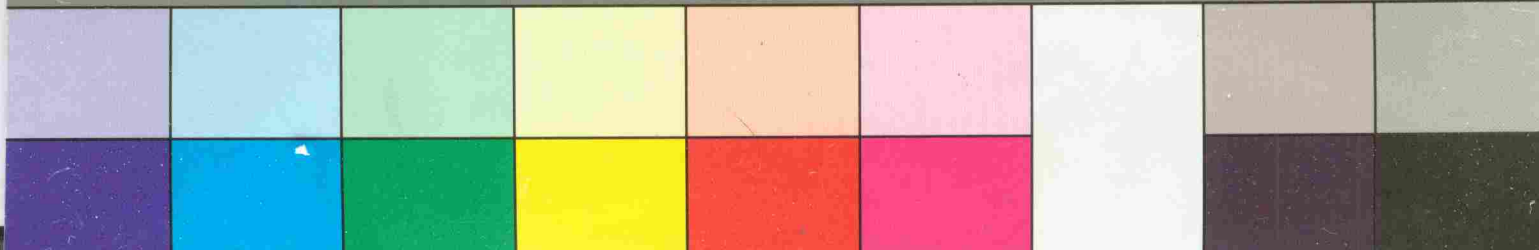
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13 January 1945

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I certify that the following statement of facts is correct:

2d Lt James Y. Mizuno, 01695699, FA, 522d Field Artillery Battalion was accompanying Company F, 442d Infantry Regiment, as an artillery forward observer on 5 November 1944, approximately 1 1/2 miles NE of LAHOUSIERE, FRANCE. The mission of the company was to attack and clear a strongly held ridge. Due to the thick undergrowth and heavily wooded terrain, Lt Mizuno, in order to facilitate observation and afford maximum artillery support for the advance of our infantry, accompanied the assault platoon in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and continuous machine gun fire until pinned down by the increased tempo of enemy fire from strategically dug-in positions, which caused a number of casualties. During this intense and deadly fire, Lt Mizuno fearlessly worked his way forward several times to seek positions of better observation. It was during one of these movements that he received a painful wound from a shell fragment which pierced his right shoulder. The same enemy shell seriously wounded his assistant radio operator. Unable to evacuate his radio operator because of his own wound, he crawled back over 400 yards to bring aid to evacuate the wounded soldier. The area traversed was over extremely difficult terrain and at several points in full view of the enemy. After receiving a hasty first aid treatment, Lt Mizuno returned to join the assault platoon and continued to direct effective artillery fire which enabled the company to successfully attain its objective. He remained with the most forward elements despite his painful wound until ordered by the Company Commander to retire in order to receive proper medical attention and treatment.

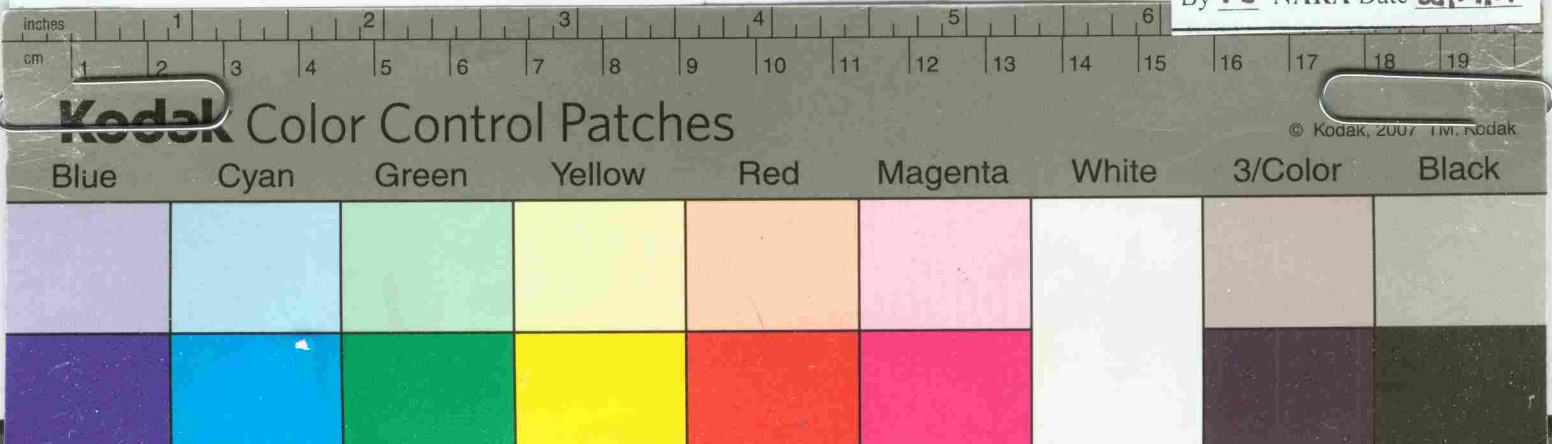
Lt Mizuno's courageous action and determination with complete disregard for his personal safety in the face of extreme danger probably saved the life of a soldier and undoubtedly played a vital role in the successful accomplishment of the infantry company's mission.

Jack Andrews
JACK ANDREWS
Capt, 522d FA Bn

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13 January 1945

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I certify that the following statement of facts is correct:

2D LT JAMES Y. MIZUNO, 01695699, FA, 522d Field Artillery Battalion, was a forward observer attached to my company on 5 November 1944 near LAHOUSIERE, FRANCE. My company was spearheading the attack of the battalion and our first mission was to clear a strongly held ridge. The character of the terrain offered little observation and Lt Mizuno voluntarily accompanied the assault platoon to render maximum artillery support for our advance. Our progress was slow as the enemy directed a withering small arms and machine gun fire from dug in positions and continuous artillery and mortar shells rained down upon our forces. During the course of the attack, Lt Mizuno, on numerous occasions worked his way forward courageously and at one time up to within 60 yards of the enemy to direct effective artillery fires upon enemy strongpoints. It was during one of these audacious movements that he was painfully wounded, but remained with the most forward elements, considering only the mission to be performed until I personally ordered him to withdraw to receive proper medical treatment. Lt Mizuno's display of outstanding bravery, determination, initiative and cool efficiency in the face of extreme danger aided materially in the successful attainment of my company's objective.

Joseph W. Hill
JOSEPH W. HILL
Capt, 442d Inf
Comdg Co F.

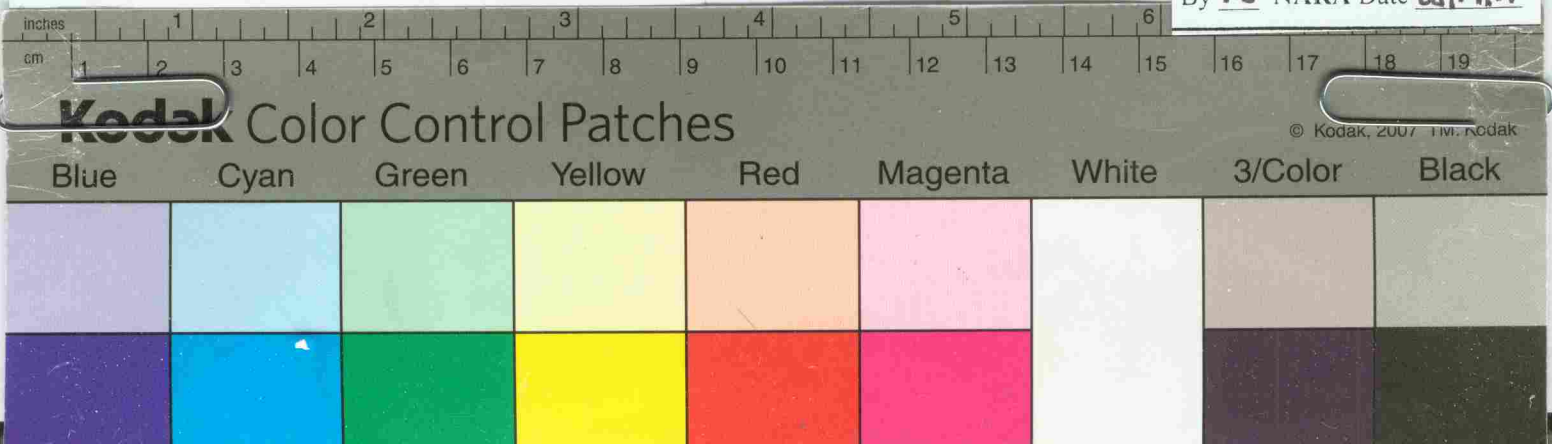
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23 Jan 45
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MEMORANDUM TO: Board Members.

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

Col. Fuller

✓ Concur *FRT*

Col. Watson

Col. ~~Gulleton~~

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Col. Gottong

Concur *HR*

✓ *Major*
Capt. Maltais

Concur *Jm*

Final recommendation
at Board Meeting 7/5

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

1 February 1945
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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 24 January 1945 for the purpose of reviewing the recommendation for the award of the Silver Star to 2d Lt James Y. Mizuno, 01695699, 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 the Silver Star and recommends its approval with the following citation:

JAMES Y. MIZUNO, 01695699, Second Lieutenant, FA, Battery "B", 522d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action near LaHoussiere, France, on 5 November 1944. Assigned the task of attacking and clearing a strongly held ridge, the company, with which Lieutenant Mizuno was serving as forward artillery observer, advanced against the enemy through heavy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire. Although painfully wounded during the action in the right shoulder, he crawled 400 yards over difficult and open terrain to obtain aid for his more seriously wounded radio operator. After receiving hasty first aid treatment he returned to his forward position and continued to direct the effective artillery fire. Lieutenant Mizuno's initiative, determination, and courageous action in the face of extreme danger contributed immeasurably in the subsequent attainment of the objective. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

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President

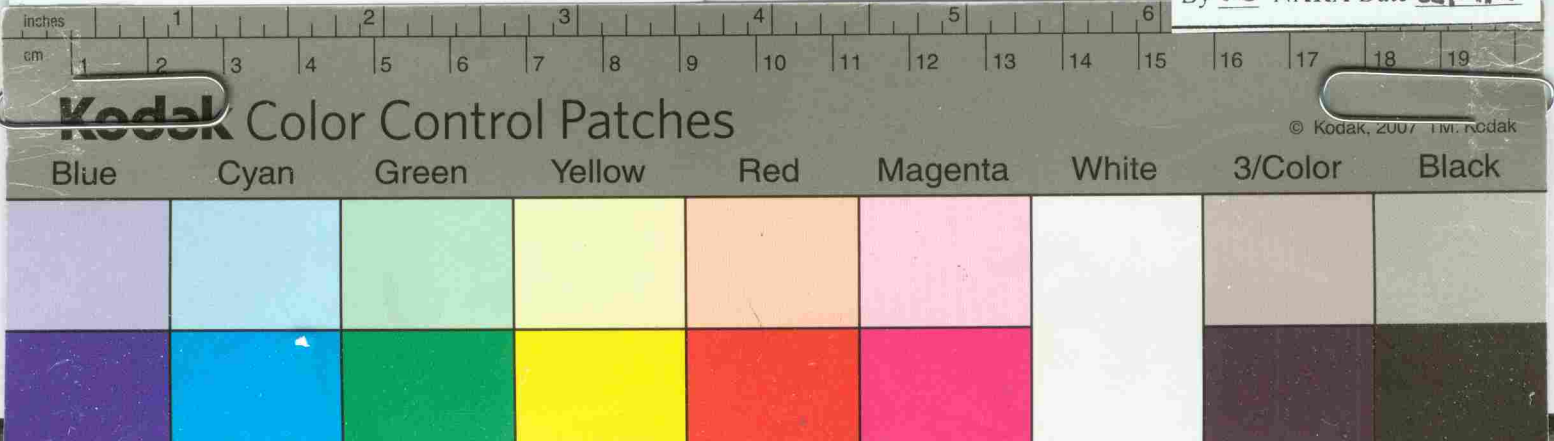
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HEADQUARTERS, 421st Field Artillery Group, APO #758, U. S. Army,
27 December 1944.

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

Approved.

For the Commanding Officer:

William O. Nisbet
WILLIAM O. NISBET,
Captain, F. A.,
Adjutant.

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2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 44TH AAA BRIGADE, APO 758, U. S. Army, 2 January 1945.

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

Approved.

Ralph C. Tobin

RALPH C. TOBIN,
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding.

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