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COMPANY L

(Company)

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

By jac Date 19 Oct 45

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

Date 12 May 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that (Name) George Nishimura (Rank) Pvt (ASN) 39929205 (Orgn) Company L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, Infantry, be awarded the (Name of Medal) Silver Star for gallantry in action

2. Detailed description of action. (Be specific. Do not use general statements. Use reverse side for continuation of description. Use ink or type.)

On 19 April 1945, in the vicinity of Foce Il Cuccu, Italy, Pvt George Nishimura, was a member of a combat patrol platoon whose mission was to infiltrate 1000 yards through enemy lines and take Foce Il Cuccu which dominated an important road junction. At a point 400 yards from its objective, the platoon encountered a company of enemy troops who were well entrenched on top of a hill. After a ~~furious~~ fire fight the platoon was pinned down by a heavy machine gun, 3 light machine guns, many "burp" guns, snipers; potato masher grenades and light mortar shells falling on the rear of the platoon. Pvt Nishimura, on his own initiative, ~~and~~ ~~with~~ disregarding personal safety, crawled forward 15 yards. He then stood up and opened fire with his BAR killing two members of the heavy machine gun crew, compelling 3 others to surrender, forcing an unknown number to withdraw. He took the enemy's position and motioned the platoon to advance. After the platoon advanced 100 yards under slight resistance, the enemy threw mortar and artillery fire, with machine gun fire from the front and the right flank which forced the platoon to abandon the area. As it became necessary to withdraw, Pvt. Nishimura voluntarily remained in the spot to give the platoon protective fire. His fire temporarily silenced enemy small arms fire and prevented the enemy from making a counter-attack. Through Pvt Nishimura's effective BAR fire, the platoon was able to withdraw safely and to prepare to attack again.

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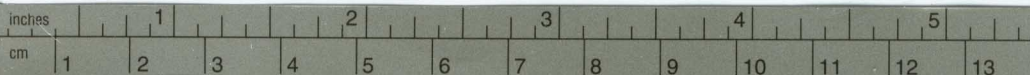
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3. a. Character of terrain **Mountainous**  
 b. Hostile Observation **Fair**  
 c. Visibility **Fair** Time of day **1630**  
 d. Morale of our troops **Good** of the enemy **Fanatic**  
 e. Casualties sustained **None**  
 f. Character of enemy fire **1 HMG, 3 LMG, 3 Mortars, Small arms**  
 g. Effects or results of deed in question **knocked out 1 HMG, killed 2 members of HMG, captured 3, causing rest to withdraw**

4. I have personal knowledge of the action described.

5. a. Rank and organization at time of incident: **Private, 442 Infantry**

b. Rank and organization at present: **Private, 442 Infantry**

6. The entire subsequent service of the individual recommended has been honorable.

7. Previous awards: **None**

8. Proposed Citation: (Name) **NISHIMURA, GEORGE** (Rank) **Private**  
 (ASN) **3992905**, Infantry, (Company) **"L"**, **442d Regimental**  
**Combat Team, for Silver Star For Gallantry In Action**

On **19 April 1945** (Location) **Face Il Cuccu**

When his platoon was pinned down by machine gun fire, Pvt. Nishimura on his own initiative, stood up with his BAR and neutralized one machine gun by killing its crew, capturing 3 others, and causing the rest to withdraw. Later, when it became necessary for the platoon to withdraw in face of a superior enemy force, he opened up with his BAR again and covered its withdrawal. Pvt. Nishimura's continuous desire to safe guard his comrades in ~~place~~ himself and his gallantry is of the highest traditions of the United States Army.

Entered military service from (City) **Hunt** (State) **Idaho**  
 Home town: (City) **Gresham** (State) **Oregon**  
 Next of kin **Mrs. K. Nishimura** Mother **34-5-B**

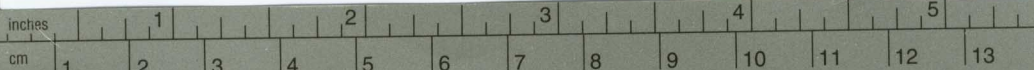
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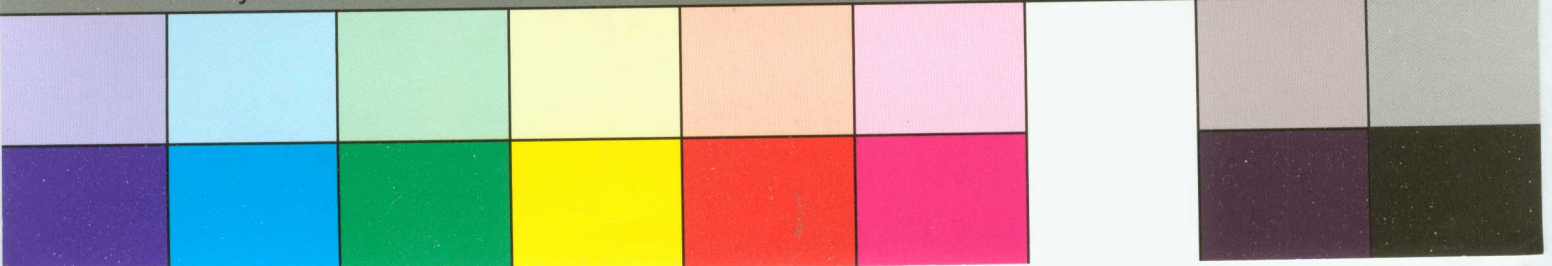
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COMPANY L , 3rd BN, 442d RCT, APO #464, US Army 12 May 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 3rd. Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team

Approved

*Eugene D. Harrison*  
EUGENE D. HARRISON  
Capt. Inf.  
Commanding

2nd End  
HEADQUARTERS 3RD BATTALION, 442d RCT, APO #464, US ARMY, 24 August 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team

Approved

*William Aull*  
WILLIAM AULL  
Capt., Inf.  
Executive Officer  
Commanding (acting)

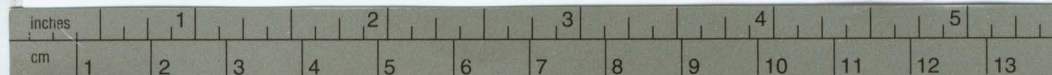
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HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, APO #464, U.S. ARMY, (date)

TO: Commanding General, 5th Army,  
APO #464, U.S. ARMY

*DS.*  
V. R. MILLER  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

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