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COMPANY G, 2nd BN, 1st Ind. 442D RCT, APO #464, U.S. ARMY, 15 May 1945
(Date)
TO: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team.

Approved.

Jack W. Rodarme
JACK W. RODARME
Captain, Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION, 2nd Ind. 442D RCT, APO #464, U.S. ARMY, 26 May 1945
(Date)
TO: Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team.

Approved.

Robert A. Goepel
ROBERT A. GOPEL
Major, 442d Inf
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, APO #464, U. S. ARMY, 3rd Ind. 3 June 1945
(Date)
TO: Commanding General, 5th Army, APO #464, U. S. Army.

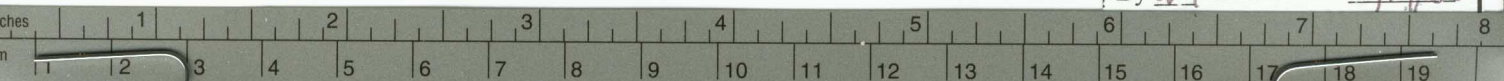
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V. R. Miller
V. R. MILLER
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding.

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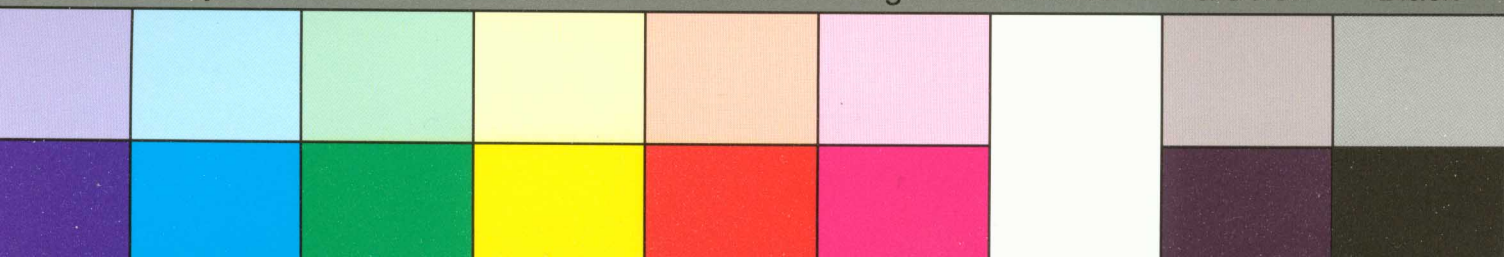
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HEADQUARTERS

(Company)

442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

APO #464 U. S. ARMY

Date 27 May 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

TO : Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that (Name) Takeshi Kudo (Rank) Pfc (ASN) 30104140, (Orgn) HEADQUARTERS, 442d Regimental Combat Team, Infantry, be awarded the (Name of Medal) Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat.

2. Detailed description of action. (Be specific. Do not use general statements. Use reverse side for continuation of description. Use in or type.) From 4 September 1944 to 25 April 1945, while the 442D Regimental Combat Team was in action in Italy and France, Pfc Takeshi Kudo was the driver and assistant ~~to~~ the regimental graves registration officer. Due in large measure to the exceptional qualities of this man, the graves registration officer was able to locate, recover and identify all persons of the Combat Team known to have been killed and twenty-one listed as missing in action. He was tireless, steadfast and persistent in his search for bodies over every type of terrain and under conditions where others would have preferred to wait. Regardless of the conditions of the bodies found, he displayed no repugnancy or hesitancy in identifying them and in the necessary handling of them. Moreover, he willingly and voluntarily accompanied the GRO in the searches, often in areas subjected to enemy mortar and artillery fire. On 4 September 1944, in the vicinity of Florence, Italy, while rifle companies were dug in on the south bank of the Arno River, Pfc Kudo accompanied the GRO in crossing the river, bearing a Red Cross flag, in search of one of ~~the~~ dead. ~~Fully aware that the enemy held no regard or respect for the emblem,~~ ^{He} led the group to the place of the fallen soldier. On 2 November 1944, in the vicinity of Belmont, France, in an area where enemy snipers were active, Pfc Kudo and the GRO searched ^{for} hours for a man who had been ^{missing in} ~~for~~ several days. Laboring on the assumption that the man might have been interred by the enemy or civilians, he dug a recently filled fox hole and disinterred the body. Between 5 and 25 April 1945, Pfc Kudo ascended high mountains day after day ~~tirelessly~~ to locate and evacuate the dead. ~~thereon~~. Altogether he helped in loc-

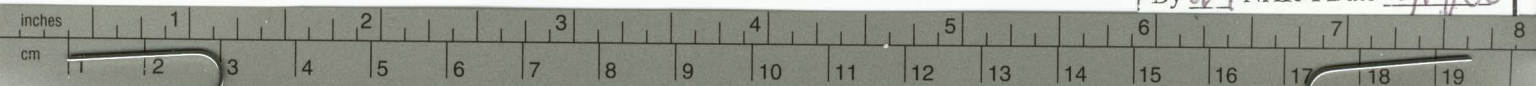
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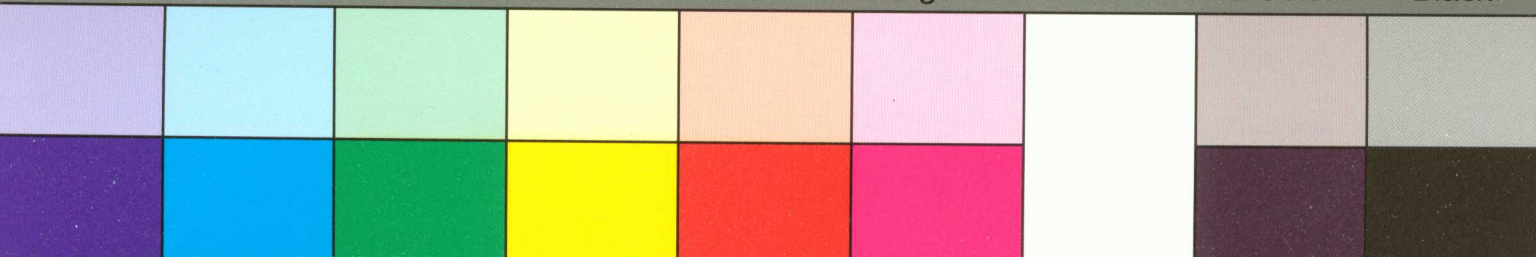
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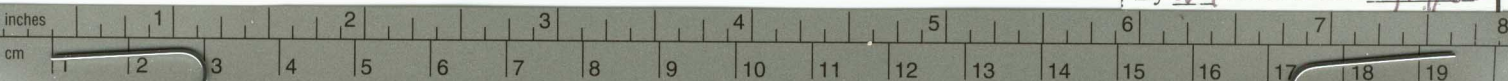
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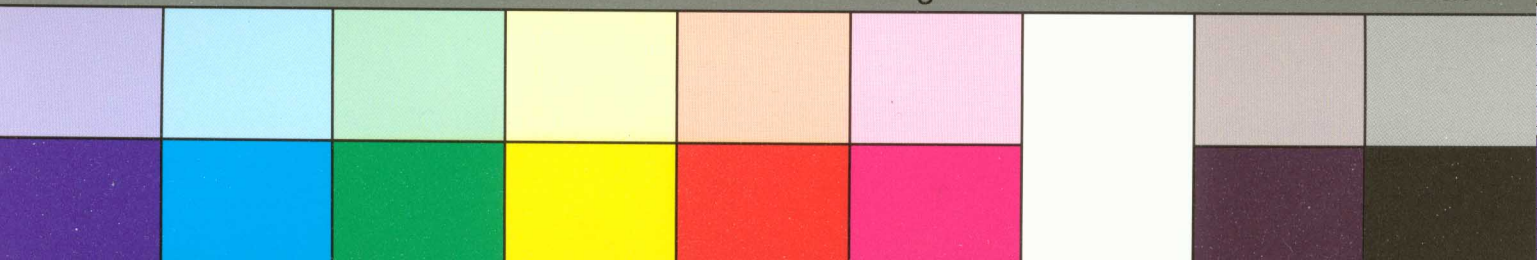
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3. a. Character of terrain: Wooded hills, sometimes mountainous hills:
b. Hostile observation: Good ning.
c. Visibility: Good Time of day: Early morning to late eve-
d. Morale of our troops: Excellent Of the enemy: Good
e. Casualties sustained: None
f. Character of enemy fire: Mortar, artillery and sniper fire
g. Effects or results of deed in question: All persons known to have been killed were successfully located, identified and recovered:

4. I (have) (~~XXXXXXX~~) personal knowledge of the action described.
(Cross out inapplicable word or words.) If initiating officer has no personal knowledge of action, inclose at least two statements of enlisted men sworn to in the presence of an officer: or certificates of officers.

5. a. Rank and organization at time of incident: Pfc, Headquarters Company, 442D Regimental Combat Team
b. Rank and organization at present time: Pfc, Headquarters Company, 442D Regimental Combat Team

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

7. Previous awards: None

8. Proposed Citation: (Name) Takeshi Kudo, (Rank) Pfc,
(ASN) 30104140, Infantry, (Company) Headquarters, 442d Regimental Combat Team, for meritorious service in combat

(To be filled out by Regtl Hqs)
on (Date) 4 Sept 1944 to 25 April 1945 Italian and French Campaigns
Brief summary of incident: Pfc Kudo was the driver and assistant to the graves registration officer. Displaying no repugnancy or hesitancy in identifying or handling the bodies no matter what their condition, he was persistent and thorough in his search for those killed or listed as missing, going when others would have preferred to wait. Altogether, he helped to locate, identify and evacuate over two hundred American dead and an unrecorded number of German dead; His commendable efforts are worthy of recognition.

Entered military service from (City) Honolulu, Hawaii (State) T.H.

Home town: (City) Honolulu, Hawaii (State) T.H.

Next of kin: Mrs. Fude Kudo, Mother,
(Name) (Relationship) (Street)
Honolulu, Hawaii, T.H.
(Address) (City) (State)

Name Robert Makiyama
(Initiating Officer)

Rank 2nd Lt. Infantry

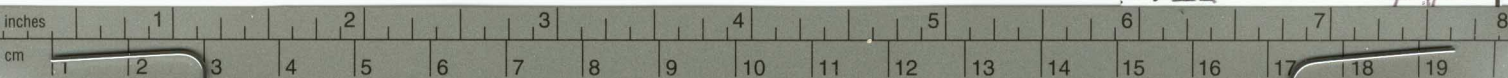
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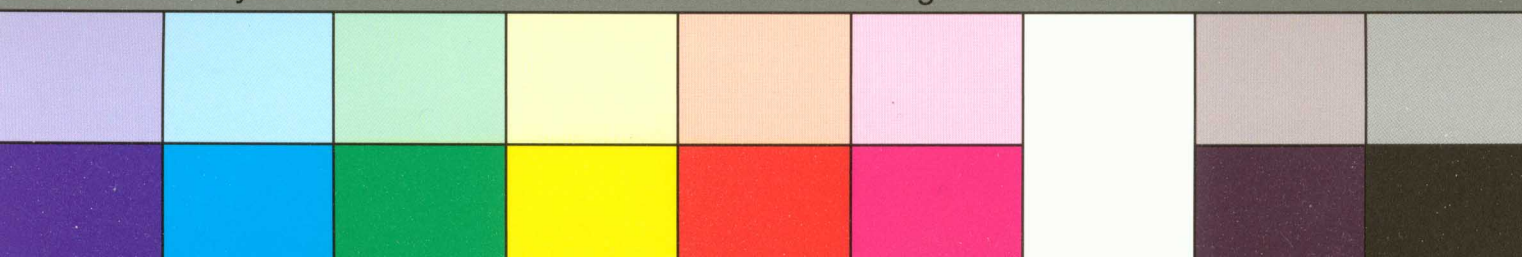
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COMPANY Headquarters 1st Ind.
XDM, 442D RCT, APO #464, U.S. Army, 27 May 1945
 TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Co. Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat
Team. (Date)

Approved.

Th. E. Crowley
Thomas E. Crowley
Captain Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS Ind.
BATTALION, 442d RCT, APO #464, U.S. Army,
 TO: Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team. (Date)

Approved.

HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, APO #464, U.S. Army,
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2d Ind.

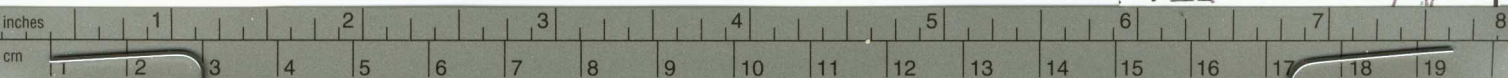
TO: Commanding General, 5th Army, APO #464, U. S. Army.

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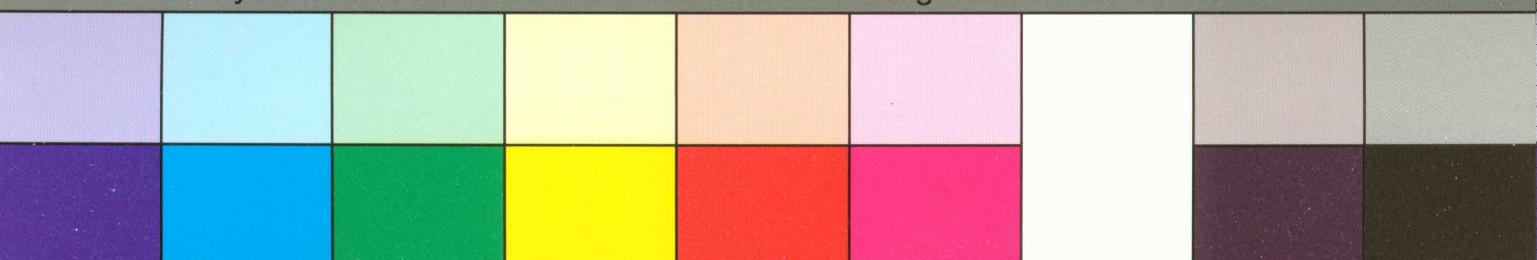
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

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JUL 1 1945

AG 220.5-AD

SUBJECT: Award

TO: Commanding Officer, 442d Infantry
APO 464, US Army

1. The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to Private First Class Takeshi Kudo, 30104140, a member of your command.

2. Two copies of the official citation and the appropriate decoration are inclosed for the individual. Presentation should be made promptly with a suitable ceremony.

3. Entries will be made in records in accordance with paragraph 10a, Cir 73, Hq MTOUSA, 12 May 1945.

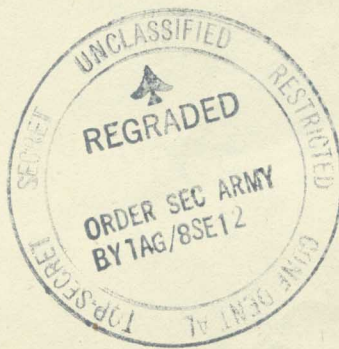
4. This award will be announced in general orders of this headquarters at an early date.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:

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1. Citation (dup)
2. Medal

JOHN D. RAINEY
1st Lt, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

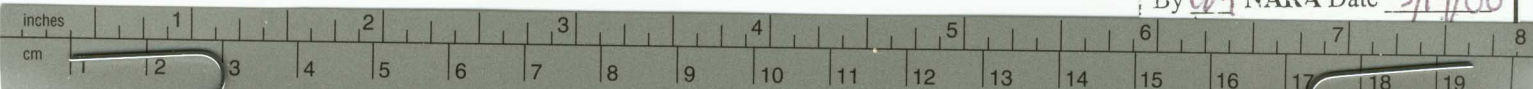


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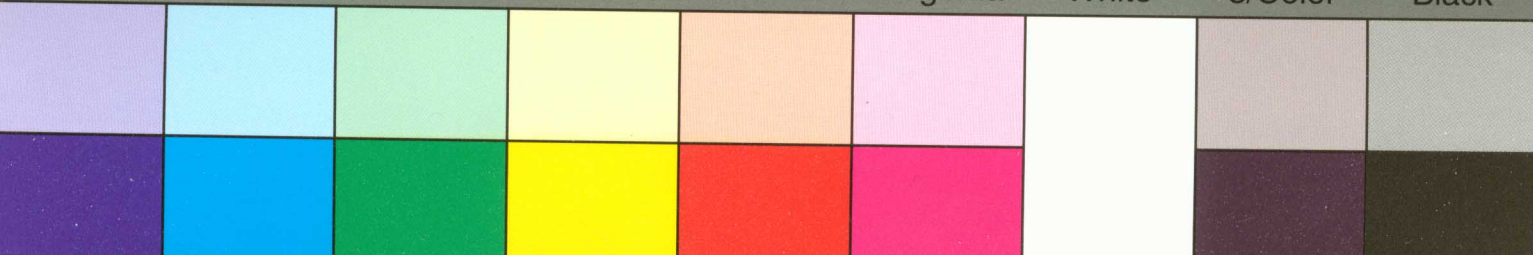
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CITATION

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

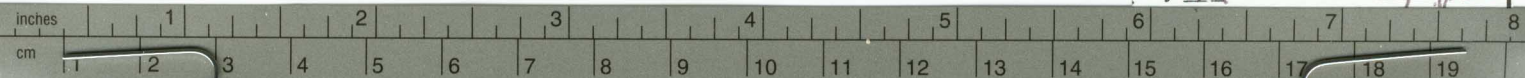
TAKEISHI KUDO, (30104140), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 4 September 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Italy. As driver and assistant to the graves registration officer of an infantry regiment, Private First Class KUDO rendered praiseworthy services in helping to locate, identify and evacuate the bodies of American soldiers. Often performing his arduous duties under enemy fire, he was persistent and thorough in his search for those killed or listed as missing in action. Private First Class KUDO'S devotion to duty and resourcefulness are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from Honeunau, Hawaii, T. H.

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