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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION

(Company)

442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

APO #461, U. S. ARMY

Date 29 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) Eji Suyama (Rank) T/4 (ASN) 19059289, (Orgn) Hq. Co. 3rd Bn, 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 7 April 1945, on the forward slope of Mt. Folgorito, Italy, at 1000 hours, T/4 Eji Suyama with 1st Lt. Charles A. Hines led an I Company patrol to knock out a well entrenched enemy position on the forward slope of Mt. Folgorito. Guiding the platoon T/4 Suyama, who had spotted the enemy positions earlier in the morning, crept and crawled undetected to the left rear of the enemy position which were situated on the military crest of the mountain. The platoon followed behind T/4 Suyama and 1st Lt. Hines. T/4 Suyama spotted one of the enemy's machine gun nests which was but 30 yards away. At the click of the machine gun bolt, T/4 Suyama fired his M-1 rifle, mortally wounding the gunner and ^{CAUSING} ~~causing~~ the assistant gunner and a supporting sniper who was but 20 yards from the nest that they ^{LEP} ~~surrendered~~.

T/4 Suyama and 1st Lt. Hines went down to take the two enemy prisoners. As they were leading them back up the hill to turn them over to the platoon, another German machine gun on the left flank higher up on the peak opened fire at a distance of about 40 yards. T/4 Suyama, 1st Lt. Hines and the two prisoners hit the ground. T/4 Suyama opened fire with his rifle. His fire knocked out this nests, killing the machine gunner and mortally wounding the assistant ^{LEP} ~~gunner~~.

Again moving up the path, T/4 Suyama, now joined by two I Company men, captured another prisoner. As they ^{LEP} ~~started~~ this prisoner up the trail, a sniper opened fire on them. The fifth shot hit an I Company rifleman in the neck. T/4 Suyama quickly rendered first aid to the wounded man and saw to his successful evacuation.

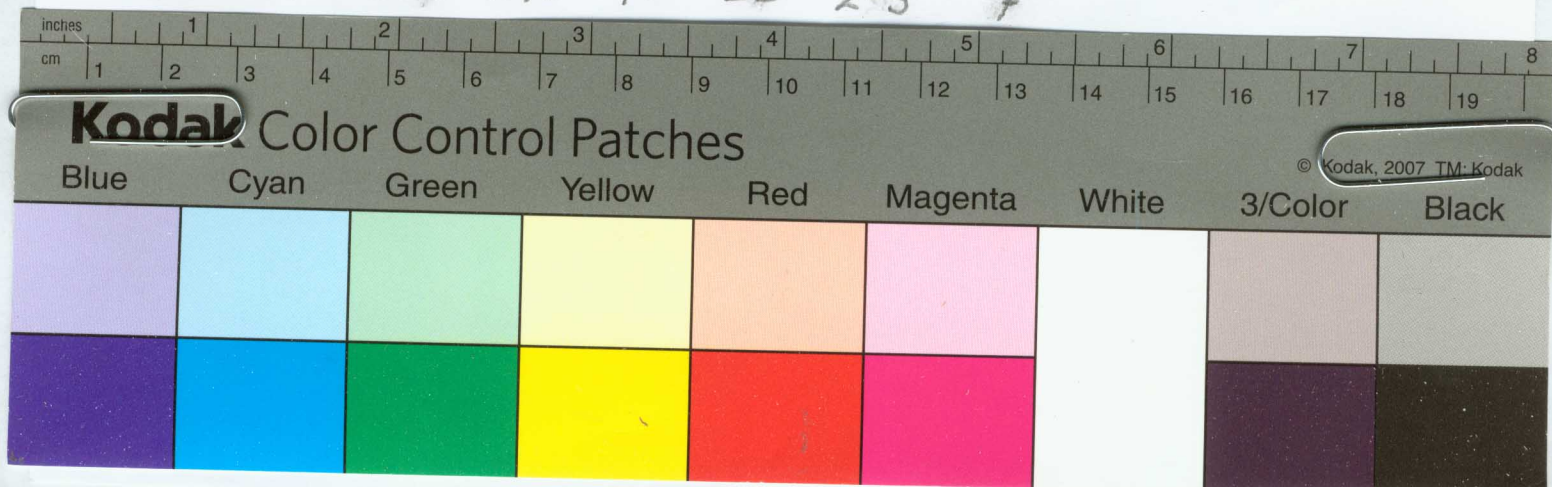
After taking care of the wounded comrade, T/4 Suyama herded the enemy prisoners up the trail where he spotted a bunker. He forced one of the prisoners to shout to the men in it to give up. This tactic resulted in capturing six prisoners; the seventh one, wounded remained in the bunker, unable to move under his own power. T/4 Suyama

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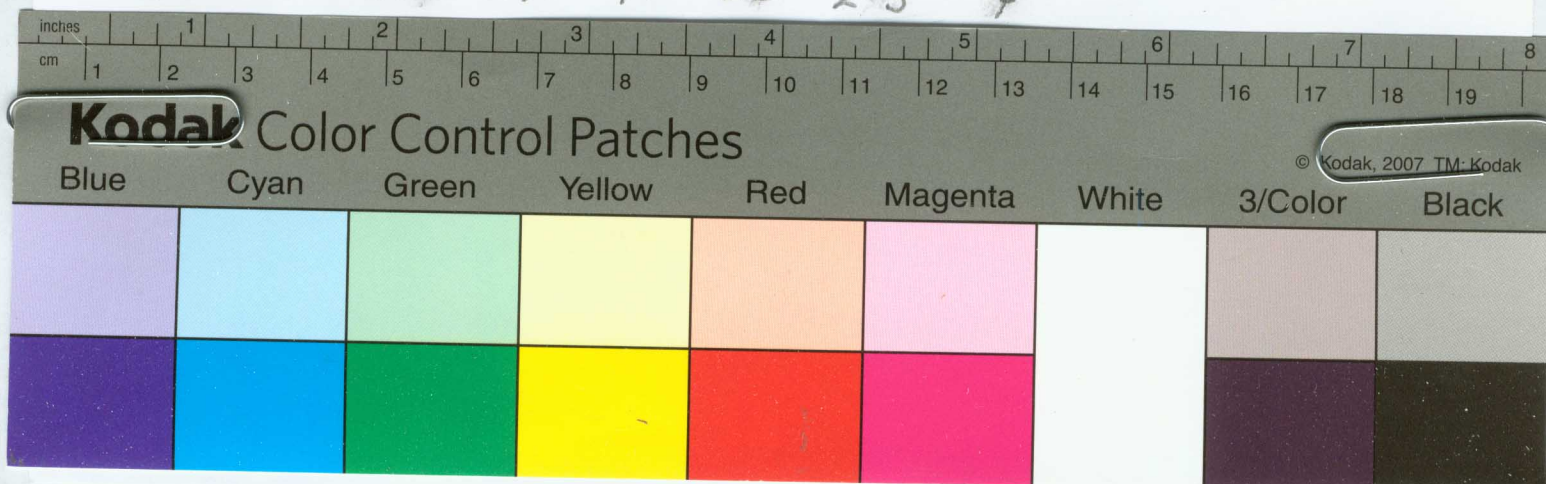
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and the I Company men turned over the nine prisoner to the Battalion S-2 for questioning and for further disposition. Now that the patrol had all returned safely, friendly artillery and mortar placed a concentrated fire upon the remaining enemy who had taken up new positions along a spur which ran at right angles to Mt. Folgorito, some 500-600 yards away.

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3. a. Character of terrain: rugged steep mountain (bare).
 b. Hostile observation: excellent.
 c. Visibility: Excellent. Time of day: 0930-1230
 d. Morale of our troops: Excellent. Of the enemy: Excellent.
 e. Casualties sustained: One.
 f. Character of enemy fire: Machine gun, rifle, and mortars.
 g. Effects or results of deed in question: killed two enemy, captured seven (total was 9), knocked out 2 mg nests; rendered first aid to comrade under fire.

4. I (have) ~~(have not)~~ XXXXXX 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: Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 442nd Combat Team.
 b. Rank and organization at present time: Same.

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

7. Previous awards: None.

8. Proposed Citation: (Name) Eji Suyama, (Rank) T/4,
 (ASN) 19059289, Infantry, (Company) Hq. Co., 3rd, 442nd Regimental
 Combat Team, for gallantry in action.
 on (Date) 4 April 1945 (To be filled out by Regtl Hqs)
 (Location) Peak of Mt. Folgorita, Italy.

~~For gallantry in action against entrenched~~
 Through the courageous and speedy action of Tec 4 Suyama, two machine gun positions were overrun by his patrol, he personally destroying one, killing two and capturing seven of the enemy. Then under fire he rescued a wounded comrade. His actions beyond the call of duty are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and ~~he~~ are deserving of recognition.

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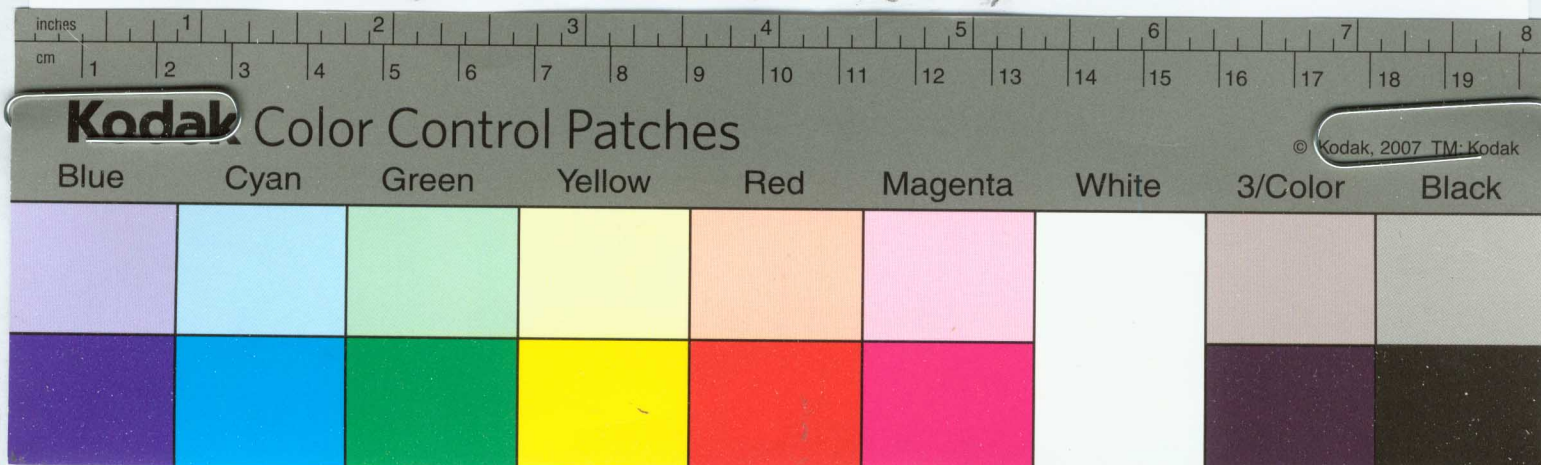
Entered military service from (City) Seattle (State) Washington
 Home town: (City) Wapato (State) Washington
 Next of kin: Shiroichi Suyama father BIK 22-A-4
 (Name) (Relationship) (Street)
Heart Mountain Wyoming
 (Address) (City) (State)

Alfred A. Pursall
 Name ALFRED A. PURSALL
 (Initiating Officer)

Rank Lt. Col., Infantry,

Cmdg or Official Designation Commanding.

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COMPANY _____, _____ BN, ^{Ind.} 442D RCT, APO #464, U.S. Army, _____ (Date)
TO: Commanding Officer, _____ Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ^{2d} 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, ^{Ind.} APO #464, U.S. Army, 27 Aug 45
TO: Commanding General, 5th Army, APO #464, U. S. Army.

Approved.

V. R. MILLER
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding.

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