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COMPANY "L"  
(Company)  
442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
APO #464, U. S. ARMY

Date 30 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) Ted T. Yamasaki (Rank) Sgt. (ASN) 39094139, (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.)

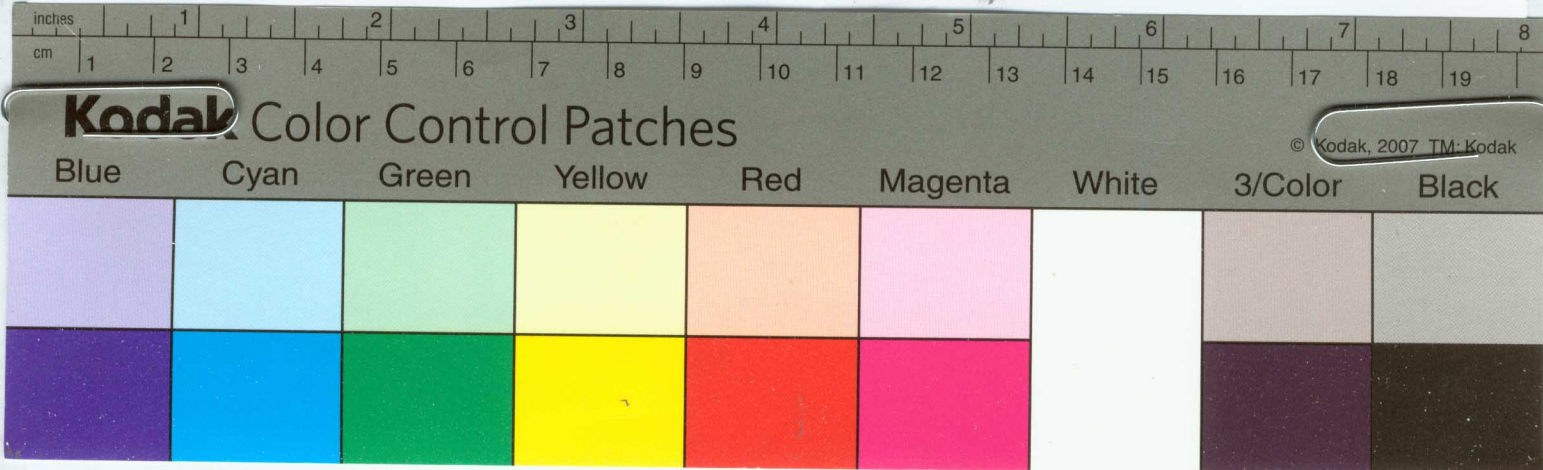
On the 5th of April 1945, the squad in which Sgt, then Pfc. Yamasaki was a member was one of several assigned to attack and destroy the concentric, interlocking ring of snipers and M.G. positions which encircled and defended the dominating peak of Mt. Fragolita. Sgt. Yamasaki's squad was to assault the positions from the front, perhaps the most difficult assignment inasmuch as the enemy on the other ranges of mountains could observe and report the movements of the squad over the then extant telephonic communication system which bound all the mountains together into a common defense position. In addition, the infiltration of snipers was an added menace. Several men had already been killed and wounded by their fire.

From the beginning of the attack, Sgt. Yamasaki placed himself at the lead of the squad. Shortly after they crawled over the ridge and into the slope to get into position to strike the enemy, they were detected by the enemy and became a target for groups of mortar shells. One shell, landing near Sgt. Yamasaki tore the helmet from his head and severely shook him up. But after a few moments he continued to crawl forward. As the squad moved toward the sparse brush which fringed the bottom of the cliff, they were fired upon by a sniper. The members of the squad running, gained the bottom of the cliff, but the fire followed them. Sgt. Yamasaki, who was in the lead and was already climbing up the rough face of rock, finally located the sniper. Getting into position on an outcropping of rock, he aimed at the sniper who apparently was unconscious of the Sgts. position. But before Sgt. Yamasaki could fire, a machine pistol from another position, opened fire upon him. The burst chipped the rock on which he was kneeling. But the Sgt. momentarily ignored the fire. He took careful aim and fired. The sniper, who had been concealed from

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the squad, came rolling down the cliff.

The machine pistol fired again, but Sgt. Yamasaki had jumped off the ledge, falling about ten yards down the cliff. When he had rolled behind a projecting rock, he signalled to the squad that he had seen another position of the enemy.\* The squad leader decided to detour around the position, but because of the firing, the squad was detected and the M.G. opened fire upon them. Sgt. Yamasaki crawled within forty yards of the gun and opened fire upon them. Because of the torturous angles of the cliff, they could not bring their gun to bear upon him, but since they were almost above him, they began to drop grenades down upon the area in which he was concealed. Sgt. Yamasaki had begun crawling up the cliff, however, and the grenades exploded below him. The squad, in the meantime, had located the position and laid fire upon it. The enemy group ducked down, but continued to drop the grenades. Yamasaki reached a point about ten yards below the nest of the enemy. Hanging onto the cliff with one hand, holding his rifle between his legs, he tossed a grenade up into the position, knowing that if the grenade were to roll back, he would be killed.

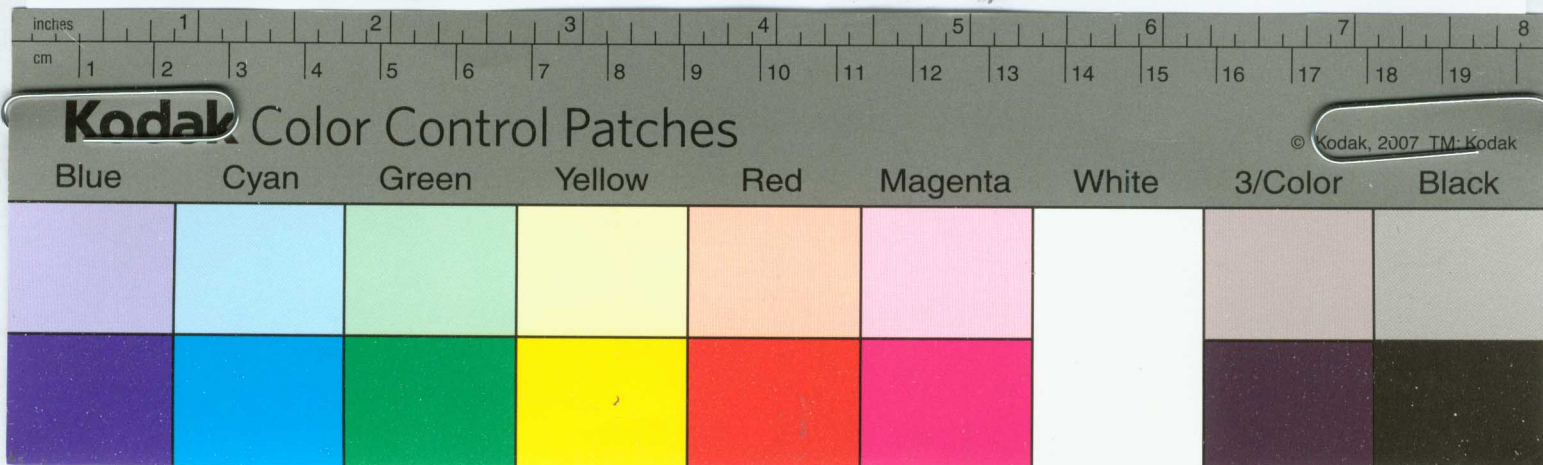
Immediately after the grenade went off, Sgt. Yamasaki, scrambled up into the nest. The men in the squad saw five men go running along a narrow trail that led around the corner of the cliff. And they saw Sgt. Yamasaki snap off a shot that knocked one of the enemy off the cliff.

His grenade had killed one of the enemy and caused the rest of them to flee, perhaps wounded.

As a result the squad was able to continue their advance and participate in the clearing the area about the summit of Fragolita.

\* In the meantime, the BAR man of the squad had forced the sniper to displace.

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Good and complete

3. a. Character of terrain: Clear Afternoon  
b. Hostile observation: Good Fanatical  
c. Visibility: None Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Morale of our troops: 88, 50 mm. Mountain, M.G., M.P., & Rifle  
e. Casualties sustained: 3 enemy single-handedly  
f. Character of enemy fire: killd, M.G. obliterated.  
g. Effects or results of deed in question: XXXXXX

4. I (have) (have not) 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. REC.

5. a. Rank and organization at time of incident: SGT.  
Co. L., 442nd Inf. RCT  
b. Rank and organization at present time: \_\_\_\_\_

6. The entire subsequent service of the individual recommended has been honorable. BRONZE STAR per Par II, Go#20,6 AG, dated 3/30/55

7. Previous awards: YAMASAKI, TED T. Sgt.  
39094139

8. Proposed Citation: (Name) Gallantry in Action, (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ASN) \_\_\_\_\_, Infantry, (Company) \_\_\_\_\_, 442d Regimental

on (Date) 5 April 1945 (Location) Mt. Fragolita, Italy  
Brief Summary of incident: Sgt., then Pfc. Yamasaki, led his squad to assault enemy positions around an enemy strongpoint, killing a sniper who had pinned down the squad, while he himself was being fired upon by a machine pistol. Locating a machine gun, with the utmost courage, he crawled up the cliff through enemy grenades to destroy the position with a grenade, killing one of the crew, and shooting one more as the crew fled. His conspicuous gallantry in action is in the highest tradition of the United States Army and is fully deserving of recognition.

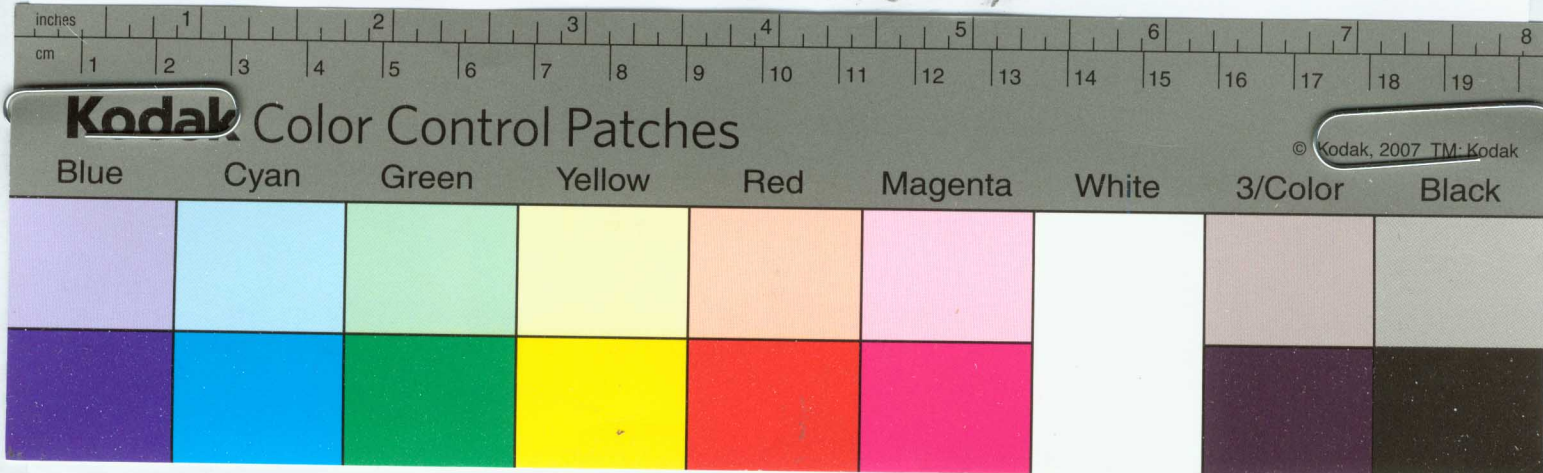
Entered military service from (City) Denver (State) Colorado  
Home town: (City) Mrs. JANE K. YAMASAKI (State) CO 2543 15th St.  
Next of kin: (Name) Denver, (Relationship) Colorado, (Street) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_, (City) \_\_\_\_\_, (State) \_\_\_\_\_

Name DAVID GOLDSTEIN  
(Initiating Officer)  
2nd Lt., Inf.

Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Pltn. L Co., 442 RCT

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(Date)

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

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HEADQUARTERS BATTALION, 442D RCT, APO #464, U.S. ARMY, May 1945  
(Date)

TO: Commanding Officer, 442d Regimental Combat Team.

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HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, APO #464, U.S. ARMY, May 1945  
(Date)

TO: Commanding General, 92d Infantry Division,  
APO #92, U. S. Army.

Approved. for BRONZE STAR

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

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