

Local Boys Whereabouts Revealed

Whereabouts of a half-dozen Torrance and Lomita residents of Japanese ancestry who are serving in the United States Armed Forces overseas was revealed by the Sixth Army Corps during the past week.

Pfc. Teruzo T. Hata, of 230th st., on Rt. 1, is with the 442nd Japanese American Infantry's Service Company, of which 95 per cent wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge, now serving its regiment in the French Alps along the Franco-Italian border—part of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' Sixth Army Group, sector. The company is putting in "round the clock" hours to supply the scattered regimental battalions and companies.

Sgt. Tom T. Miyawaki, of Rt. 1, Torrance, is in some of the roughest fighting terrain in the European theater of operations, with Second Battalion, of the 442nd Infantry Regiment—composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry—engaged in front-line combat high in the French Alps along the Franco-Italian border. Pvt. Tetsuo Yasunaga, of 22517 Meyer street, is with a field artillery battalion of the 442nd, engaged in dropping accurate, sustained and concentrated fire on German personnel, defenses and other targets in the French Alps along the Franco-Italian border.

Pvt. Yoshito Nakamoto is with the 100th Battalion of the 442nd Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Horace H. Watanabe, of Rt. 1, Lomita, and S/Sgt. T. J. Mochizuki, of Torrance, are with the Third Battalion of the 442nd, engaged in patrol tactics and intense fighting in the mountains of Italy and France.



ON IWO JIMA . . . Sgt. James Yoshinobu, formerly of Torrance, is now with the U. S. Marines on Iwo Jima, according to press dispatches. In a recent letter to a Torrance friend, Sgt. Yoshinobu said that "due to the superior fighting of our leathernicks the Japs were thrown into confusion and hara-kiri." He also stated that water was very scarce and the U. S. Marines were taking their baths out of their helmets. Sgt. Yoshinobu volunteered for military service following the removal of his family. He is a veteran of World War I, and is 47 years old, the father of five children. Prior to the evacuation of all Japanese-Americans from the Pacific Coast, Sgt. Yoshinobu was prominent in the organization of the Japanese-American Citizens League, and was a member of the Torrance Rotary Club.

Sgt. Iwate Is Awarded Silver Star

Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the Sixth Army group which includes the United States Seventh and French First Armies, announces that Staff Sgt. Tatsumi Iwate of Lomita, Calif., has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action near Biffontaine, France, on October 28, 1944. Although relieved of his temporary assignment as a litter bearer and after having continuously evacuated wounded soldiers throughout the entire day, Sgt. Iwate volunteered to lead his litter squad into the midst of a fierce fire in order to evacuate an injured soldier. Having successfully reached the wounded man and administered first aid and while evacuating the patient to the aid station, Sgt. Iwate was painfully wounded below the left eye by a tree burst from enemy artillery fire. Disregarding his own injury he continued to help in the evacuation until forced by the seriousness of his wound to obtain medical aid. By his outstanding courage and voluntary actions

Warning Issued On Use of Social Security Cards

Occasional complaints, which tend to become more numerous at the holiday season, that social security account number cards are improperly used as identification for check-cashing purposes, today led J. G. Bretherton, manager of the Long Beach field office of the Social Security board, to issue the following cautionary statement.

"The social security account number card is not intended to serve as identification for check-cashing purposes, and should not be accepted as such. "A social security card is issued to any person who applies for it. It is issued for one purpose, and only one. That is to identify a social security account on which the wage record of the possessor may be posted as credit toward old-age and survivors insurance benefits. Many people have the same name but no two can have the same number. The Social Security Board in paying benefits requires that the beneficiary identify himself fully."

Sgt. Iwate reflects much credit upon himself and the United States Army.

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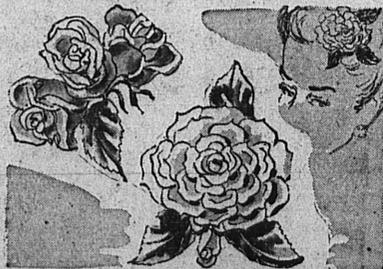
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