

MADOKORO, HARRY FUMIO
ASN 39916617, Privat First Class Infantry, 5th Army
Distinguished Service Cross, General Order No. 175, Headquarters
Fifth Army, November 16, 1944
Posthumously awarded. WPA casualty list gives August 25, 1944
as date of death.

CITATION:

"HARRY F. MADOKORO (Army Serial Number 39916617), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action, on 7 July 1944, near Molina A Ventosabbto, Italy, and on 16 and 17 July 1944 in Luciana, Italy. During the final assault on an enemy held hill, Private First Class MADOKORO advanced ahead of his squad to a strategic position from which he could deliver effective automatic rifle fire. Partly exposed to enemy fire, he scanned his sector of the slope for targets. He leveled his automatic rifle on a nest of snipers, forcing them to disperse. Throughout the bitter fight he held his position, neutralizing another enemy nest and pining down the enemy to enable his platoon to take the hill. Again at Luciana, Italy, Private First Class MADOKORO occupied an advanced position and proceeded to fire on the enemy entrenched on the outskirts of the town. With heavy fire directed at him, he stubbornly held his position and provided covering fire when his squad was forced to withdraw because of a concentrated artillery and mortar barrage. The following day, when his squad became separated from the remainder of the company within the town, Private First Class MADOKORO provided flank protection against determined enemy attacks. A group of enemy soldiers entered a nearby draw and threw hand grenades at him, but Private First Class MADOKORO crawled toward the draw and tossed a grenade into the enemy position. On another occasion he left his position and silenced a machine piston position with a grenade. Still later in the course of the battle, he approached an enemy machine gun nest and silenced it by firing from a kneeling position. By his stubborn determination, conspicuous devotion to duty and courage, Private First Class MADOKORO inspired his squad in preventing the enemy's escape while his company closed in to occupy the town. His valorous performance is exemplary of the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next to kin: Mrs. Matsu H. Madokoro, Poston Arizona."

Mark W. Clark
MARK W. CLARK
Lieutenant General U. S. Army
Commanding.

Family:

Mother: Mrs. Matsu Madokoro, Poston, Arizona
Father: Deceased
Family No. 12247

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Volunteered. Was Chief of police at Poston.