

# MEDALS AWARDED NISEI IN ITALY

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, May 5.—  
{Delayed)—(P)—A lei of daffodils,  
freshly picked from an abandoned  
Italian garden, hung on the faded  
G. I. combat jacket of the stocky  
little sergeant. The sergeant was  
humming "Kuu Ipo Aloha"—fare-  
well sweetheart.

In the smoky, sandbagged dug-  
out you could almost imagine that  
the distant crump of German mor-  
tars was the surf breaking on a  
coral reef.

Shuffling in past the blanket  
front door came two soldiers from  
a night's outpost guard to present  
themselves by request to Lieut. Col.  
Gordon Singles, Denver.

"For gallantry in action," reads  
the citation which the tall West  
Pointer with a proud smile handed  
to Sergt. Melvin Tesuda of Hono-  
lulu and Pfc. Kazunobu Yamomoto  
of Pahoia, winners of the Silver  
Star.

## Heroism Is Common

One of them continued to lay a  
telephone wire while a German  
machine gun killed three men be-  
side him. The other stayed with  
his mortar although wounded and  
fought off charging enemy in-  
fantry.

Heroism is a common commodity  
in the doughboy outfit known to  
the Territory of Hawaii as "one  
puka puka," in which all the en-  
listed men and more than half the  
officers are of Japanese descent  
and have the slogan, "Remember  
Pearl Harbor."

Bespectacled Lieut. Young Kim,  
24, Los Angeles, has kept the rec-  
ord of such things since Japanese-  
Americans started fighting with the  
Fifth Army in Italy last Septem-  
ber. The record is figuratively  
written in blood: Three Distin-  
guished Service Crosses, 21 Bronze  
Stars, 36 Silver Stars and 900  
Purple Hearts.

## Many Posthumous Awards

Kim, who also has the Silver  
Star, points out that 900 wounded  
is indicative, in an outfit sent four  
times across the Volturno River  
and once into Cassino. A large  
share of awards, in fact, were made  
posthumously.

The Japanese - Americans don't  
put it into words, but you feel that  
they no longer feel it necessary to  
prove their patriotism. Generals  
have commended them honestly.  
They have gone through the infan-  
trymen's hell and come out un-  
shaken.