100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team

Campaigns, Unit and Individual Awards

Major campaigns in Italy and France ................................................................. 8

Unit Awards
Congressional Gold Medal .................................................................................. 1
Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation ............................................................ 7
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque ........................................................................... 2
Army Commendation .......................................................................................... 36
Division Commendation ....................................................................................... 87

Major Individual Awards
Medal of Honor ................................................................................................... 21
Distinguished Service Cross ................................................................................... 29
Distinguished Service Medal .................................................................................. 1
Silver Star ................................................................................................................ 354+
Legion of Merit ..................................................................................................... 17
Soldier’s Medal ..................................................................................................... 15
Bronze Star Medal ................................................................................................. 900+*
Air Medal ................................................................................................................ 1
Purple Heart Medal .................................................................................................

Croix de Guerre (France) ....................................................................................... 4,000+**
Croce Al Merito De Guerra (Italy) ......................................................................... 2
Medaglia De Bronzo Al Valor Militaire (Italy) ......................................................... 2
Soldier’s Medal (Great Britain) ............................................................................. 1

* AR 600-8-22, dated 1946, awards the BSM to a WW II holder of the CIB or Combat Medic’s Badge. This number does not include many qualified men who have not claimed their medals. 442nd records said over 10,000 Nisei served in the 100th and the 442nd.

** At the end of the War, 442 RCT records showed 4,349 battle wounds and KIA and 4,881 combat induced casualties (e.g. frost bite, battle fatigue, trench foot) for which the Purple Heart is not awarded.

*** After the end of War, the Government of France has invited any American who participated in the Liberation of France and who received the Combat Infantryman’s Badge or the Purple Heart Medal to apply for this medal. Countless have and only a small number is recorded here.