

**NAME:** Kazuo

**RANK:** Staff Sergeant

**ORGANIZATION:** 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team

**OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE:** Mediterranean Theater of Operations

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**The U.S. Army awards the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) posthumously to a Japanese American soldier:**

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**NISEI TO BE AWARDED DSC BY GEN. STILWELL**

SANTA ANA, CALIF. – Mary X looks at photograph of her brother, SSgt. Kazuo X who was killed in action in Italy. On Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> [1945] she will be presented with DSC medal, awarded to her brother posthumously, by Maj.Gen. Joseph Stilwell who will fly to Santa Ana and make the presentation at her ranch home nearby, where she and her parents had been threatened recently by unidentified hoodlums. Mary has two other brothers in the service.

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- Kazuo was killed in action in the Second World War.
  - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime period film in the public domain that covers Kazuo's organization (viewer discretion advised):**  
<https://archive.org/details/TheArmy-NavyScreenMagazine45>
  - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Kazuo's wartime organization, the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team (reader discretion advised):**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/442nd\\_Infantry\\_Regiment\\_\(United\\_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/442nd_Infantry_Regiment_(United_States))