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MEMORANDUM TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-1.

Subject: Persons of Japanese Descent in
the Armed Forces.

1. Could you supply this office with the number of soldiers of Japanese descent who are presently in the Army and a statement as to their disposition.
2. Could you also supply a statement as to the number of decorations that have been received by persons of Japanese ancestry.
3. Could you indicate how much of this material could be made public without violating the requirements of security.

(SIGNED)

R. A. CUTLER
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Acting Executive Officer

Assistant Chief of Staff G-1
Room 2E928, The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

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25 October 1943

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ASW 342.18 J. A. Infantry
442nd

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

Subject: Enlistment of Nisei.

1. Under date of 6 September 1943 this office was informed that the 442nd Combat Team was "fast approaching its authorized strength, which also provides for replacements." (Tab A) Accordingly, it was felt desirable that the few vacancies remaining should be reserved for nisei and that alien volunteers, even though qualified, should not be accepted.

2. This statement that the unit was "fast approaching its authorized strength" was apparently based upon a tabulation submitted to this office by G-1, (Tab B), which indicated that the unit was only 48 short of its authorized strength plus authorized 15% overstrength. It now turns out that the figure of 48 was incorrect and should have been 481.

3. Actual strength of the 442nd Combat Team as of midnight 20 October 1943, was obtained from the unit itself. (Tab C) This discloses a shortage at that time of 401.

4. The following Japanese aliens whose names appear below have expressed continued interest in volunteering for the Combat Team. It is considered desirable that the unit be brought to strength as soon as possible so that its training may proceed. Accordingly, it is suggested that after clearance by G-2, the circumstance of alienage be waived and that their induction into the Army for service with the Combat Team be authorized.

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|----------------------|---|
| EBIHARA, Henry | Block 40 - 4 - GD Central Utah Project Topaz, Utah |
| MATSUDA, Yoichi | Block 15 - 5 - F Minidoka Relocation Center Hunt, Idaho |
| OISHI, Junichiro A. | c/o Drake University Des Moines, Iowa |
| OZAWA, Hayoto Harris | 60 - 3 - A Gila River Project Rivers, Arizona |

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(REMOVED) JOHN M. HALL

JOHN M. HALL
Captain, F.A.
Assistant Executive

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Tab A, B, C.

- A - Memo 6 Sep 43 Col. G. A. Miller to Mr. McCloy
- B - Tabulation of authorized strength and actual strength of 442nd Infantry, as of 31 Aug 43.
- C - Tabulations of strength by Capt. Harold F. Riebesell

Maj. Gen. M. G. White
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ASW 242.18 J.A. VOLUNTEERS (GENERAL)

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Loyalty Investigations

10 July 1943

Dear Lieutenant Rusch:

With reference to your letter of 23 June 1943 in reply to my letter of 21 June, I note that no mention is made of OBA or MIYAGAWA; although OKUSA is mentioned twice.

These cases are now ripe for final disposition by the Japanese-American Joint Board. It has been determined that in the case of individuals inducted into the Army, disposition will be made by noting that fact on the papers. In the case of those serving in a civilian capacity, recommendation will be made in favor of indefinite leave. In the case of those not inducted into the Army and not serving in a civilian capacity, disposition will be made pursuant to the ordinary policies of the Board. Consequently, it is important that we receive from you, in the cases already submitted and in future cases, a report showing whether or not the individual is serving in a military or civilian capacity at Camp Savage. Further information concerning the individuals mentioned in my letter of 21 June will be very much appreciated.

I enclose herewith the files in four additional cases which after they have served your purposes, please return. I will expect a report on these four cases whenever you are in a position to make one.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN M. HALL

JOHN M. HALL, Capt.
Executive Secretary, Acting
Japanese-American Joint Board

1st. Lieutenant Paul F. Rusch
Ass't Director of Personnel
Military Intelligence Service
Language School
Savage, Minnesota

Encl.

- Files:
- 335 - ADACHI, Kazumi
 - 1074 - HATANAKA, Masoru
 - 963 - NAKAMURA, George Seiji
 - 1256 - KUROKAWA, Tokio Nandy

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2
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June 22, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Office of the Assistant Secretary of War
Attention: Colonel William P. Scobey

Subject: Induction of Japanese-American Volunteers
into the Army.

1. Reference is made to memorandum of your office dated June 19, 1943, same subject as above. The following information is submitted pursuant to your request. This information corresponds to the numbered paragraphs of your request.

a. See attached sheet.

b. Accurate figures are apparently unavailable in the War Department. Major Foster of the Recruiting and Induction Branch of the Adjutant General's Office stated he was fairly certain the following figures were incorrect. However, they reflected the monthly and weekly reports received from the Service Commands from February 1, 1943 to date.

| | | |
|-------|-------|--------|
| 1SC-0 | 4SC-0 | 7SC-28 |
| 2SC-7 | 5SC-1 | 8SC-10 |
| 3SC-0 | 6SC-0 | 9SC-54 |

Total 100

2. When Captain Pierce of this Division was in Camp Shelby about May 18, 1943 the Personnel Adjutant of the 442 Combat Team stated they had received 122 inductees and that about 10 of these were not from relocation centers. At this time the enlisted strength was 3416. Colonel Scobey of your office has or had in his possession a report made by Colonel Phillips dated June 4, 1943 which indicated the enlisted strength was 3509. It is assumed that not all of these additional 93 men were transferred from the Army at large to the Combat Team.

3. Captain Patterson, Machine Records Division, Adjutant General's Office has advised figures on personnel of Japanese ancestry for the month of April will not be run off the machine cards until about July 1, 1943.

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22 June 43

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4. Personal letter from S-2, 442 Combat Team states: "There were 363 volunteer inductees as of June 14, 1943. The great majority of this group are from relocation centers, although a handful volunteered from other sections of the country".

- c. 645 (1008 acceptable minus 363 inductees)
- d. See attached sheet. 208 Volunteers.

For the A.C. of S., G-2

John Lansdale Jr.

JOHN LANSDALE, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, Field Artillery,
Chief, Investigation & Review Branch, CIG, MIS.

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Statistical Report

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| CAMPS | Acceptable | Not Acceptable | PENDING | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|---------|------|--------|-----|-----------|--------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | | | Ready | Drs. | Aliens | ONI | Form 304A | Form 165 154 | Over Age | Sent to Maj. Edwards Trng. Grp. | |
| CENTRAL UTAH | 45 | 21 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 115 |
| COLORADO RIVER | 136 | 41 | 18 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 23 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 252 |
| GILA RIVER | 74 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 |
| GRANADA | 103 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 123 |
| JEROME | 18 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| HEART MOUNTAIN | 66 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 |
| MANZANAR | 72 | 18 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 101 |
| MINIDOKA | 218 | 69 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 316 |
| ROHWER | 21 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| TULE LAKE | 34 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 58 |
| OUTSIDE THE CAMPS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1SC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2SC | 21 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| 3SC | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 4SC | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 5SC | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 6SC | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 7SC | 44 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 |
| 8SC | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| WDC | 118 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 165 |
| TOTAL | 1008 | 194 | 68 | 25 | 34 | 93 | 96 | 19 | 8 | 2 | 1547 |

Note: Ready cases will be disposed of immediately.
Doctors have been sent to Surgeon General's Office for decision on professional qualifications.
Aliens - authority doses not exist for their induction.
Overage waivers have been requested of MPD, ASF on these men.
ONI is being requested again for checks.
Missing forms are being requested from PMGO, WRA, and camps.
Thus actual number of cases still under investigation is 208.

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MEMORANDUM FOR LT. COLONEL LANSDALE:

Subject: Induction of Japanese-American Volunteers
into the Army.1. It is desired that the following information be furnished
the Assistant Secretary of War without delay:

- a. Total number of volunteers for the Combat Team
 - (1) From each relocation center
 - (2) From each service command (excluding those coming from relocation centers)
- b. Total number of volunteers already inducted
 - (1) From each relocation center
 - (2) From each service command (excluding those coming from relocation centers)
- c. Total number of volunteers approved by G-2 for induction but not yet inducted.
- d. Total number of volunteers whose cases are still under investigation.

By direction of the Assistant Secretary of War:

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOBEEY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Ass't Secretary of WarLt. Colonel John Lansdale
Room 2-E 661, Pentagon

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21 June 1943

ASW 342.18 J.A. VOLUNTEERS
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J.A. Remond

Dear Mr. Holifield:

I am enclosing herewith the two documents which I said I would send to you, viz., the questionnaire which each Nisei of military age was required to fill out in the presence of the Army interrogating teams sent to the relocation centers in connection with induction for the Army; and, a copy of the reports made by Japanese American soldiers belonging to the 422nd Infantry Combat Team relating in brief their experiences when they visited the West Coast following their induction into the service. This report is confidential and it is requested that the details as relate to the individual soldiers and their names be not revealed. There is no objection to any statements you wish to make citing the experiences of the soldiers as long as the individual is not named. In other words we would not want any particular soldier to experience criticism or be subjected to public advertisement for the statements he had made under confidential circumstances.

I feel my visit with you was profitable for it gave to me a better appreciation of the Congressional situation and I hope it will establish a foundation upon which the War Department, or at least those of us in the War Department who are concerned with the Japanese problem, can work with mutual understanding to the correct solution of a very perplexing and involved problem.

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOBEEY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Ass't. Secretary of War

Congressman Chet Holifield
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL GIBSON:

Subject: Potential Number of Persons of Japanese
 Ancestey Available for Military Service.

1. The following table presents a summary estimate of the native-born Japanese population for the United States as of January 27, 1943, within the War Relocation Centers and outside these centers with the number of persons who have made application for voluntary induction as of March 23, 1943.

| | <u>Citizen Males</u> <u>18 - 37 incl.</u> | <u>Volunteers</u> |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
| Central Utah | 1,475 | 111 |
| Colorado River | 3,405 | 228 |
| Gila River | 2,210 | 114 |
| Granada | 1,580 | 121 |
| Heart Mountain | 1,970 | 45 |
| Jerome | 1,578 | 33 |
| Manzanar | 1,809 | 97 |
| Minidoka | 1,601 | 298 |
| Rohwer | 1,608 | 34 |
| Tule Lake | 2,270 | 57 |
| Outside Camps | <u>4,000</u> | <u>119</u> |
| | 23,606 | 1,253 |

2. To this total of 23,606 persons might be added about 1,500 males of military age who are non-citizens. It is assumed a reinstatement of Selective Service would apply to aliens as well as citizens. However, since it is believed that the number of alien Japanese who would be acceptable are negligible, this 1500 are ignored in subsequent calculation.

3. The number of men actually available for military service of this 23,607 depends upon many imponderables which are difficult to determine statistically. From this number must certainly be deducted:

a. Those who have several dependants or who are essential men in essential industries including agriculture.

b. Those who are physically unfit for active military service.

c. Those who have some degree of loyalty to Japan and could not be considered dependable by military authority.

Etc.

Signed:
 Major John L. Sande

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