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Date 1-8-43

MID 291.2 Japanese 1-8-43

January 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STRONG:

Subject: Screening of Japanese-Americans

1. Pursuant to the directions of General McNarney, and after consultation with the Operations Division (Lieut. Colonel Gibson), the Provost Marshal General's Office (Major Ross, Lieut. Hughes, and Colonel O'Rear), Selective Service System (Lieut. Colonel Baker, Lieut. Colonel Shoemaker, and Major Parker), Office of Naval Intelligence (Lieut. Commander Coggins and Lieut. Welden), the following general program for screening inductees and obtaining the release of individuals of Japanese descent in War Relocation Projects has been formulated:
2. The problem of forming a combat team of Japanese is essentially interrelated with the project of releasing these Japanese from War Relocation Projects. The Office of Naval Intelligence has advised that as a practical necessity there must be a coordinated publicity release to the War Relocation Projects concerning the release of persons within such projects and their induction into the Army for combat service. It is essential that the men be inducted into the Army of the United States prior to the release of other persons within the War Relocation Projects. However, any questionnaire can serve a dual purpose as a test of loyalty for induction or release from the project.
3. A questionnaire based chiefly upon the experience of the Office of Naval Intelligence will be devised. The answers to this questionnaire should provide a reasonable index of loyalty, according to the Office of Naval Intelligence experts. Specially instructed officers will be sent to the War Relocation Projects to explain the entire program. The questionnaires will be furnished to those men of military age. The questionnaire will be completed by each proposed inductee and forwarded to this Division. The Counter Intelligence Group will handle only those cases relating to inductions into the Army of the United States. The Office of the Provost Marshal General will handle cases involving the release of individuals of Japanese descent within War Relocation Projects.

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4. The Counter Intelligence Group will set up a special unit which will receive special instructions in the interpretation of the questionnaires. This special unit will process the questionnaires and make the selection for service in the Army. This processing will include a check of the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Office of Naval Intelligence, and an interpretation of the questionnaire. The decision as to acceptability will be forwarded to the National Headquarters, Selective Service System. The assistance of the Office of Naval Intelligence in the setting up of the special unit referred to is being solicited. The Territory of Hawaii and the continental United States outside of the War Relocation Projects will be handled through recruitment centers.

5. The questionnaire will also be used to screen the 100th Battalion located at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. This Battalion has been selected for a special mission.

6. These proposals require the close cooperation of the Military Personnel Division, Services of Supply; the Bureau of Public Relations; the Selective Service System; the Counter Intelligence Group; and the interested agencies of the Office of the Provost Marshal General.

/s/

JOHN T. BISSELL,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Counter Intelligence Group, MIS.

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
Organization and Training Division G-3
WASHINGTON

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Division G-3
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WDGCT 320 (Japanese)(1-10-43)

January 12, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

Subject: Organization of a Japanese-American Combat
Team Composed of Citizens of Japanese Ancestry.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of January 8, 1943, subject: Induction of Japanese-Americans, file, MID 291.2 Japanese (1-8-43).
2. Commanding General, Army Ground Forces has been directed to activate these units by memorandum this office, January 12, 1943, subject and file as above, copy inclosed for your information.
3. The Adjutant General has been directed to take necessary action for securing personnel for these units by memorandum A. C. of S., G-1, January 12, 1943, subject and file as above, copy inclosed for your information.
4. The Deputy Chief of Staff has directed that the Bureau of Public Relations coordinate all publicity with you and submit to him for approval prior to release. A copy of memorandum, this office, January 12, 1943, to the Director of the Bureau of Public Relations, subject and file as above, is inclosed for your information.
5. It is desired that you expedite the plan for screening of personnel as outlined in reference of paragraph 1, above.

/s/

I. H. EDWARDS,
Brigadier General,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

Inlosures:

- G-3 memo for AGF, 1/12/43 (cc);
G-1 memo for TAG, 1/12/43 (Cy);
G-3 memo for BPR, 1/12/43 (cc).

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Organization & Training Division G-3

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January 12, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY GROUND FORCES:

Subject: Organization of a Combat Team Composed of
Citizens of Japanese Ancestry.

1. It is desired that you take the necessary action to activate a combat team, all enlisted men to be United States citizens of Japanese ancestry, to be composed of the following units:

One (1) regiment of Infantry	T/O 7-11
One (1) battalion of Field Artillery	T/O 6-25
One (1) company of Engineers	T/O 5-17

2. The place of activation will be at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and the date not later than February 1, 1943. Cadre personnel, after clearing by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, will be furnished from personnel under your control so far as practicable and by arrangement with the Commanding General, Services of Supply, for such personnel as may be available to him. The 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate) will not be used for this purpose. The initial strength of these units will be fifteen (15) per cent overstrength.

3. Filler personnel will be supplied through the Selective Service System without requisition after clearing by representatives of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, and will begin to arrive at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, not earlier than March 1, 1943. Selective Service is being directed to call 4,500 men with approximately 1,500 to come from Hawaii. All will be general service and speak English.

4. Initially, regimental, battalion and company commanders will be white and other officers of Japanese ancestry so far as possible.

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5. The organization of these units will not be publicized or used for propaganda purposes without approval of the Bureau of Public Relations.

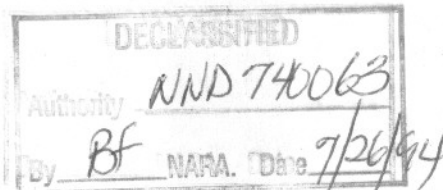
6. Such portion of this directive as is essential for your action may be paraphrased and published as "restricted."

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/

I. H. EDWARDS,
Brigadier General,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
Washington, D. C.MID 291.2 Japanese
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January 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Office of the Assistant Secretary of War,
Attention: Captain John HallSubject: Release of Citizens of Japanese Ancestry
in War Relocation Centers

As a result of conferences between representatives of this Division and representatives of the Office of the Provost Marshal General, the following time schedule for the release of publicity and the execution of the administrative procedure regarding the plan for the release of citizens of Japanese ancestry from War Relocation Centers and voluntary induction into the Army is hereby suggested.

- January 25--Military personnel report for instruction in Washington, D. C.
- Week of January 25 to January 30--Instruction of military personnel regarding procedures to be followed in the various War Relocation Centers.
- January 28--Initial publicity released during press conference of the Secretary of War.
- January 30--Military personnel depart from Washington, D. C. for the War Relocation Centers.
- February 3--Press releases in the centers through the periodicals published by the various centers.
- February 4--Arrival of military personnel in the various centers and commencement of the administrative procedure of individual contact and the completion of the questionnaires.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

W. E. CRIST,
Colonel, General Staff,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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Organization of a Combat Team Composed
of Citizens of Japanese Ancestry

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That a secret routine radiogram, substantially as follows, be directed to the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department:

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 AGF DIRECTS ACTIVATION COMBAT TEAM COMPOSED FOLLOWING UNITS COLON ONE
 INFANTRY REGIMENT T DIAGONAL O SEVEN DASH ONE ONE CMA ONE FIELD
 ARTILLERY BATTALION T DIAGONAL O SIX DASH TWO FIVE CMA ONE ENGINEER
 COMPANY T DIAGONAL O FIVE DASH ONE SEVEN PD FILLERS TO BE AMERICAN
 CITIZENS JAPANESE ANCESTRY PD ACTIVATION CAMP SHELBY MISSISSIPPI NOT
 LATER THAN FEBRUARY ONE ONE NINE FOUR THREE PD CADRE PERSONNEL AFTER
 CLEARING BY WDGBI FURNISHED PERSONNEL UNDER CONTROL AGF AND SOS PD ONE
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SUPPLIED THROUGH SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM VOLUNTARY INDUCTION ONLY WITHOUT REQUISITION AFTER CLEARING BY REPRESENTATIVES OF WDGBI PD TO ARRIVE CAMP SHELBY MISSISSIPPI NOT EARLIER THAN MARCH ONE ONE NINE FOUR THREE PD SELECTIVE SERVICE DIRECTED SUPPLY THROUGH VOLUNTARY INDUCTION FOUR FIVE ZERO ZERO MEN WITH APPROXIMATELY ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO COMING FROM HAWAII PD ALL WILL BE GENERAL SERVICE AND SPEAK ENGLISH PD INITIALLY REGIMENTAL BATTALION AND COMPANY COMMANDERS WILL BE WHITE AND OTHER OFFICERS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE PD ORGANIZATION THESE UNITS WILL NOT BE PUBLICIZED OR USED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES WITHOUT THE APPROVAL BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS WD WASHINGTON D C PD APPLICATION DIRECT TO BUREAU THIS PURPOSE IS AUTHORIZED PD DESIRED YOU TAKE NECESSARY ACTION SELECT ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO MEN FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT INCLUDING PREPARATION PUBLICITY PD ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM TO SUPERVISE COMPLETION SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE EACH CITIZEN OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY WHO MAKES APPLICATION VOLUNTARY INDUCTION FOR SERVICE IN THIS COMBAT TEAM PD FOUR COPIES QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EACH PERSON WILL BE FORWARDED BY STATE DIRECTOR SELECTIVE SERVICE TERRITORY OF HAWAII TO G DASH TWO HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT PD DETERMINATION ACCEPTABILITY FOR SERVICE ARMY WILL BE DETERMINED BY YOUR G DASH TWO UPON AN EVALUATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE AND RECORD CHECK OF AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE FILES WITHOUT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION PD ONE COPY THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE RETURNED TO STATE DIRECTOR SELECTIVE SERVICE TERRITORY OF HAWAII STAMPED OR MARKED AS ACCEPTABLE OR NONACCEPTABLE AS THE CASE MAY BE FOR SERVICE AUS PD ORIGINAL OF QUESTIONNAIRE IN CASE OF THOSE ACCEPTED WILL BE SENT TO WDGBI OTHER TWO COPIES WILL BE DISPOSED OF AS G DASH TWO HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT DEEMS

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GEO. V. STRONG,
Major General,
A. C. of S., G-2.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

This is in accordance with Lt. General McNarney's directive and has the concurrence of the Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. McCloy, and the Bureau of Public Relations, Major General Surles. Mr. McCloy directed that the message go by radiogram rather than by letter.

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AIRMAIL SPECIALWAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
WashingtonAG 320.2 (1-20-43)
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January 22, 1943.

SUBJECT: Organization of a Japanese
Combat TeamTO: Commanding Generals,
Army Ground Forces
Third Army
Seventh and Eighth Service Commands

1. The following units are constituted:
 - 442nd Infantry - T/O 7-11 (4-1-42)
 - 522nd Field Artillery Battalion - T/O 6-25 (4-1-42)
 - 232nd Engineer Combat Company - T/O 5-17 (4-1-42)

2. The units listed above will be activated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, by the Commanding General, Third Army, on February 1, 1943, in accordance with applicable tables of organization and allied tables, including all published changes thereto, except that the Cannon Company and Band of the 442nd Infantry will not be organized. The units are assigned to the Third Army and will be organized as a combat team. Each unit is allotted an initial over-strength equivalent to fifteen (15) percent of the table of organization strength of active elements.

3. Enlisted cadres conforming to those specified in applicable tables of organization will be furnished as indicated below and will be moved by commanders concerned so as to arrive at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, prior to February 1, 1943:

<u>Cadre for:</u>	<u>Furnished by C G</u>
442nd Infantry Regiment	Seventh Service Command
232nd Engineer Combat Company	Seventh Service Command
522nd Field Artillery Battalion	Eighth Service Command

In addition to the table of organization cadre furnished for the 442nd Infantry Regiment, the Commanding General, Seventh Service Command, will furnish the following cadre for the Medical Detachment, 442nd Infantry:

- 1 Technical Sergeant (673)
 - 3 Staff Sergeants (673)
 - 1 Technician Grade 5, Clerk, record (055)
 - 1 Technician Grade 5, Dental (067)
 - 2 Technicians Grade 5, Medical (123)
 - 3 Technicians Grade 4, Surgical (225)
- 11 Total

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The enlisted cadre men need not hold the grades specified in table of organization but must be capable of performing the duties of the position for which selected. All cadre men must be American citizens of Japanese ancestry who have resided in the United States since birth. The selection of the cadre men will be coordinated with the Director of Intelligence in each Service Command concerned. A complete roster of all cadre men selected will be furnished to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, as soon as practicable after selection has been made.

4. Enlisted fillers required to bring the units to full table of organization strength plus allotted overstrength will be furnished without requisition by this office through the Selective Service System in coordination with the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, so as to arrive at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, not prior to March 1, 1943.

5. Officers: a. Regimental and battalion commanders will be designated by the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

b. The remainder of the officer complement will be furnished, insofar as practicable, from personnel under control of the Commanding General, Third Army.

c. Additional officers required to complete the officer complement will be requisitioned in the usual manner.

d. Officers of field grade and captains furnished under the provisions of subparagraphs a, b and c above, will be white American citizens. Other officers will be of Japanese ancestry insofar as practicable.

e. The Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces and Third Army, will submit a roster of all officers assigned or selected for assignments to the elements of this combat team, to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, as soon as practicable.

f. Officers furnished on requisition will be cleared through the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, prior to assignment.

6. Supply: a. These are non-divisional units.

b. Priority for distribution of controlled items of equipment is B-2-61.1. (See letter, this office, AG 400 (11-5-42) OB-S-C-M, November 9, 1942, subject: "Distribution of Controlled Items of Equipment.")

c. Tables of Basic Allowances are applicable as follows:

(1) For clothing and individual equipment: Table of Basic Allowances 21 (6-20-42) with Changes 1 and 2.

(2) For other supplies and equipment: Table of Basic Allowances 5 (6-1-42) with Changes 1 and 2 for the 232d Engineer Combat Company, Separate.

Table of Basic Allowances 6 (7-1-42) with Changes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the 522d Field Artillery Battalion.

Table of Basic Allowances 7 (6-20-42) with Changes 1 and 2 for the 442d Infantry.

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7. The organization of these units will not be publicized or used for propaganda purposes without approval of the Bureau of Public Relations.

8. Direct correspondence between all concerned is authorized. In this connection it is desired that communications and publications of copies of all orders pertaining hereto be kept at the absolute minimum consistent with the efficient accomplishment of actions directed herein.

9. Dates of activation will be reported without delay to Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces and Services of Supply, and this office by letter.

10. Obligate the allotment cited below to the extent necessary:

Finance Service, Army

FD 33 P 433-01, 433-02, 433-03, 433-04, 433-05, 433-07, 433-08 A 0425-23

(For travel of personnel, including dependents; for packing, crating, un-packing and shipping equipment, impedimenta and household goods; tolls and ferriages en route; gasoline, oil and repairs to motor vehicles en route; communication service; rental of camp sites and procurement of utility service.)

By order of the Secretary of War:

D. T. SAPP

Adjutant General.

Copies furnished:

Commanding Generals,
Services of Supply
Replacement and School Command
Fourth Service Command
Divisions of the War Department General Staff
Commanding Officer,
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Director, Bureau of Public Relations

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2
WASHINGTON

MID 291.2 Japanese
(1-8-43)

January 23, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STRONG:

Subject: Clearance of Filler Personnel for the Combat Team Composed of Men of Japanese Ancestry.

1. As a result of various conferences between representatives of this Division and representatives of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War, the Provost Marshal General's Office, the Office of Naval Intelligence, the Selective Service System and the War Relocation Authority, the following administrative procedure has been devised in order to obtain fillers for the combat team to be composed of citizens of Japanese ancestry.

2. The Military Intelligence Division has been charged with the duty of determining the loyalty of this personnel prior to their induction. Statistics indicate that the number of citizens of military age and Japanese ancestry who are eligible to make application for voluntary induction through the Selective Service System is roughly as follows:

Outside of War Relocation Centers--- 4,000
Within War Relocation Centers-----22,600
Territory of Hawaii-----30,400

Directives activating the combat team call for 4,500 fillers; 3,000 of these are to come from the continental United States and 1,500 from the Territory of Hawaii. Experts in the Selective Service System state that in order to attain the required quota, this Division should plan on a 30% rejection for physical or other reasons within the United States of the number of persons whom it determines are loyal and eligible for this duty for G-2 purposes. For this reason this Division should mark as acceptable at least 4,286 men in the continental United States to obtain 3,000. In the Territory of Hawaii, the rejection rate has been somewhat higher and the age group of this particular class is slightly higher than the average age in the United States. For this reason, the Commanding General of the Territory of Hawaii has been advised to expect a 40% rejection there.

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3. Arrangements have been made with the Military Personnel Division, Services of Supply, to keep a close check on the number of men found acceptable for service who are found qualified for service on physical and other grounds and actually inducted into the Army. It is expected to refer all cases after the necessary number of men have been inducted to the Provost Marshal General's Office for processing as a part of the indefinite leave program conducted by their office.

4. a. A questionnaire has been devised which will be executed by all citizens of Japanese ancestry of military age who desire to make application for voluntary induction.

b. Within the War Relocation camps, this questionnaire will be executed by all male citizens of military age since it is part of a larger program to release loyal citizens from the War Relocation Centers. Those who desire to make application for voluntary induction will be permitted to do so.

c. Teams consisting of military personnel will be assigned to each of the ten War Relocation Centers to supervise the completion of these questionnaires and monitor the initial publicity concerning the program of the release of loyal citizens from the centers as well as recruit personnel for the combat team. These teams will consist in each camp of an officer and three enlisted men. One of these enlisted men is to be a Nisei who speaks Japanese selected from the M.I.T.C. Japanese Language School at Savage, Minnesota.

d. Within the camps, those men of military age who desire to make application for voluntary induction will execute the questionnaire in duplicate and complete DSS Form 154 (Application for transfer of local board) and Form 165 (Application for voluntary induction). The War Relocation Authority officials will supply two copies of a WRA form which contains identifying facts concerning such individuals. These six forms will be forwarded without evaluation or analysis to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Washington, D. C., for determination of acceptability for service in the Army of the United States.

e. Outside the camps within the continental limits of the United States, the Selective Service System through its local boards will supervise the execution in quadruplicate of the special questionnaire and a form for application for voluntary induction. These questionnaires will be forwarded through the Selective Service System to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Washington, D. C.

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f. In the Territory of Hawaii, the Director of Selective Service there will forward the four copies of the questionnaire to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 of the Hawaiian Department for a determination of the applicant's acceptability for service in the Army. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 will evaluate the questionnaire, make a record check of available files of intelligence agencies without additional investigation and return one copy to the Director of Selective Service, Territory of Hawaii, indicating whether the person is acceptable or unacceptable for service. One copy of the questionnaire of those determined to be acceptable for service will be forwarded by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Hawaiian Department, to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department, Washington, D. C.

g. It is proposed to establish a joint board of two Army and two Naval officers to evaluate the completed questionnaires and make necessary record checks. A formal request to the Director of Naval Intelligence for the assignment of two officers has been prepared. The Naval officers who will probably be assigned to such work have been informally contacted concerning this request.

h. Upon the receipt of these various forms, a check will be made of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of Naval Intelligence and Military Intelligence Division files, and the completed questionnaire will be evaluated according to a point scoring system. Two copies will be used as a means of obtaining these checks with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Office of Naval Intelligence. One copy will be retained in a special file of the Military Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C., indicating action taken. One copy of the completed form will be returned to the Selective Service System stamped acceptable or unacceptable as the case may be. The Selective Service System will then proceed with the normal process of induction. The Director of Selective Service will forward the questionnaire stamped acceptable to the appropriate local Selective Service Board. The Local Board will forward the questionnaire with the inductee's papers to his induction station so that it may be made a part of his intelligence field file if he is found qualified for service. In the case of those within War Relocation Centers who are deemed not acceptable for service in the Army, a form will be forwarded to the Provost Marshal General's Office for action as a part of the program for release of all loyal citizens from the War Relocation Centers. In the case of those outside the camps deemed not acceptable for service in the Army, the adverse information will be furnished interested agencies. In all cases of non-acceptance, Selective Service System will be notified so that they may proceed with classification of the individual for Selective Service purposes. Those who are found acceptable for service but are rejected on physical grounds

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will be classified as 4-F by the Local Board upon the return of forms from the induction station.

5. Within the continental United States the largest proportion of filler personnel will naturally come from the War Relocation Centers. There is a possibility that applications for voluntary induction from one particular center may arrive before applications from another center. Obviously, it would be unfair for one center to be permitted to send a larger proportion of volunteers than another center. For this reason, a quota for each camp and for the continental United States outside the camps has been set up. A table reflecting these quotas is hereto attached.

6. A time schedule has been suggested to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War which is briefly as follows:

January 25--Military personnel report for instruction in Washington, D. C.

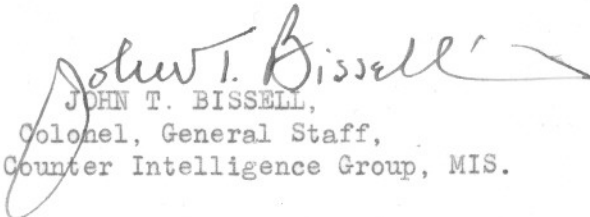
Week of January 25 to January 30--Instruction of military personnel regarding procedures to be followed in the various War Relocation Centers.

January 28--Initial publicity released during press conference of the Secretary of War.

January 30--Military personnel depart from Washington, D. C. for the Relocation Centers.

February 3--Press releases in the centers through the periodicals published by the various centers and the entire country through new items.

February 4--Arrival of military personnel in the various centers and commencement of the administrative procedure of individual contact and the completion of the questionnaires.


JOHN T. BISSELL,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Counter Intelligence Group, MIS.

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	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Population as of December, 1942</u>	<u>Approximate No. of men of Military Age</u>	<u>Quota Percentage</u>	<u>Quota</u>
Tule Lake	16,000	14,965 ✓	2,993	12%	514
Manzanar	10,000	10,801	2,160	8%	342
Colorado River	20,000	17,391 ✓	3,478	14%	620
Gila River	15,000	13,172 ✓	2,634	10%	428
Minikoka	10,000	9,467	1,893	7%	300
Central Utah	10,000	8,223	1,645	6.5%	291
Heart Mountain	10,000	10,954	2,191	8%	300
Granada	8,000	7,554	1,511	6%	257
Rohwer	10,000	8,232	1,646	6.5%	292
Jerome	10,000	7,674	1,535	6%	257
Outside Camps	-----	-----	4,000	16%	685
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	119,000	108,433	25,686	100%	4,286

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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JANUARY 27, 1943.

LOCAL BOARD RELEASE NO. 179

EFFECTIVE: FEBRUARY 1, 1943

SUBJECT: INDUCTION OF VOLUNTEERS OF JAPANESE
ANCESTRY

1. Certain registrants of Japanese ancestry may volunteer.—The Army has announced the formation of a combat team which will be composed entirely of United States citizens of Japanese extraction or parentage, who have made application for voluntary induction through the Selective Service System, and who are found by the armed forces to be physically qualified for general military service. Such volunteers will be limited to persons who were born in the United States or its Territories, and who speak English. The Army will be ready to accept such volunteers on and after February 23, 1943. Even though some such registrants should be found acceptable, none should be inducted before that date.

2. Determination of acceptability necessary.—Registrants of Japanese ancestry who are citizens of the United States and wish to volunteer for this special combat team may do so at any local board. However, it is necessary to obtain a special determination of acceptability in each case. A special form, Statement of United States Citizen of Japanese Ancestry (Form 304A), will be used for this purpose. Except as herein directed, all persons of Japanese extraction or parentage shall remain classified IV-C as at present.

3. Preliminary procedure.—When a United States citizen of Japanese extraction or parentage between the ages of 18 and 38 wishes to volunteer for induction, the following procedure shall apply:

(a) If he is at his own local board, he shall be permitted to file Application for Voluntary Induction (Form 165), complete quadruplicate copies of Form 304A, and will be notified that preliminary physical examination has been waived and that if he is found acceptable by the armed forces he will be immediately classified and ordered to report for induction. The local board shall immediately forward all copies of Form 304A to the Director of Selective Service through the State Director.

(b) If he is at a local board other than his own, the procedure will be exactly the same as in paragraph (a), except the board will require completion of Request for Transfer of Delivery (Form 154), leaving blank the date of mailing Order to Report for Induction, and the time and place of reporting, and will

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forward all copies of Forms 154, 165, and 304A to the registrant's own local board. Registrant's own local board will forward all copies of Form 304A to the Director of Selective Service through the State Director.

(c) If volunteers are in a War Relocation Authority Center, Forms 154, 165, and 304A will be completed by Army representatives. For those found acceptable the Army representatives will forward all such forms to local boards through the Director of Selective Service and State Directors.

4. Procedure after determination of acceptability.—Following the determination of acceptability, the procedure shall be as follows:

(a) When the local board receives Form 304A indicating that the registrant is "acceptable," registrant shall, if not deferred, be classified in Class I-A, ordered to report for induction, and delivered in the usual manner, or may be transferred for delivery to another local board. A copy of Form 304A will be forwarded to the induction station with each such registrant. Such registrants will be carried on the Delivery List (Form 151) and will be counted in filling the regular call.

(b) If Form 304A, received by the local board, indicates that the registrant is not acceptable, he shall remain in Class IV-C and will be so notified by the issuance of a new Notice of Classification (Form 57).

(c) If the registrant is delivered for induction and is rejected at the induction station as physically disqualified for all military service, he will be placed in Class IV-F.

(d) If the registrant is physically qualified but is returned to the local board because the special quota is filled, the local board shall leave the registrant in Class I-A, make a notation in column 27 of Classification Record (Form 100), and notify the State Director of this fact.

5. Prompt action requested.—Local boards are requested to take prompt action on each such case in all steps of procedure and classification in order that the induction of such registrants and the formation of the Army combat team may be accomplished as promptly as possible.

6. Supply of Forms 304A.—A sample copy of Form 304A is being sent with this release to each local board. An additional supply is being forwarded to State Directors. Local boards will requisition necessary additional Forms 304A from the State Director.

Lewis B. Iforshey,

Director.

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February 1, 1943.

Subject: Induction of United States Citizens
of Japanese Ancestry.

To: Commanding General,
Sixth Service Command,
Services of Supply.

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By dt NARA, Date 6/3/93

1. A combat team composed of English speaking native born (continental United States or its territories) United States citizens of Japanese parentage or ancestry will be activated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and will be ready to receive fillers not earlier than March 1, 1943.

2. Beginning February 23, 1943, 3,000 English speaking native born United States citizens of Japanese parentage or ancestry qualified for general service will be selected in the continental United States by voluntary induction through Selective Service.

3. Each volunteer will be cleared by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department, prior to being ordered by his local board to report for induction. Clearances will be indicated on a special form, Statement of United States Citizens of Japanese Ancestry (304 A), a copy of which will be forwarded by the local board to the induction station with each registrant.

4. Only men qualified for general military service will be inducted. Inducted registrants, if they request it, will be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps and returned to the locality of the local board which forwarded them for induction, recalled to active duty and ordered to report to the nearest reception center seven days hence in the same manner as other registrants.

5. These individuals will be processed at reception centers in the same manner as other registrants. They will be assigned to the Combat Team at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Separate reports on number inducted will be recorded at Service Command Headquarters and reported to the War Department upon call.

By command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:

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February 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL BISSELL:

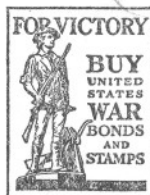
Subject: Proposed Section for Processing Forms Relating to the Japanese-American Combat Team.

1. Under the provisions of a memorandum for the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, dated January 9, 1943, Subject: Organization of a Combat Team Composed of Citizens of Japanese Ancestry, filler personnel are to be supplied through the Selective Service System without requisition after clearing by representatives of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, and are to begin to arrive at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, not earlier than March 1, 1943. Selective Service is to call 4,500 men, with approximately 1,500 to come from Hawaii.

2. Under the provisions of secret radiogram, dated January 22, 1943, to the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, from the Adjutant General, as directed by General Strong, the 1,500 men to come from Hawaii are to be selected by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Hawaiian Department, coordinating with the State Director of Selective Service for the Territory of Hawaii. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Hawaiian Department, is to make his decision after evaluation of the completed DSS Form 304a and a record check of available intelligence files without additional investigation.

3. For the 3,000 men inducted within the continental United States, it is proposed to set up a special section in the Counter Intelligence Group for the processing of these forms. This section will consist of four officers and approximately five civilian employees. It is proposed the four officers shall be Lt. Pierce and Lt. Southerland of the Counter Intelligence Group and Ensign Gorham and Ensign Catherine Laird of the Office of Naval Intelligence. The last two named officers have been designated for this purpose by Capt. Zacharias, Acting Director of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

4. The completed questionnaire, DSS Form 304a, is to be initially reviewed by civilian employees according to a point-scoring system. The details of this point-scoring system are outlined in the attached analysis



chart, Tab A. When the point-scoring system indicates a score of fifteen points against the applicant, the file is referred to an officer. Fifteen points is an arbitrary figure which will be subject to modification when a sufficient number of forms have been received to determine an average. It is not proposed to start the record check of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Office of Naval Intelligence until an evaluation of the DSS Form 304a has been made. It is believed that much unnecessary work can be eliminated if the obvious rejection cases on the basis of the DSS Form 304a are made prior to sending the names out for a record check.

5. An office procedure has been devised for the routing and handling of papers. This procedure is outlined in Tab B.

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6. Experts from the Selective Service System have advised that at least a 30% rejection will be made at induction stations for physical reasons. They have further advised that there will be only a negligible rejection on grounds of Selective Service classification. Thus, in order to obtain the required 3,000 men, it is planned to mark as acceptable 4,286 applications. This number has been apportioned to the relocation centers and outside the camps according to population. The quotas actually established are set forth in Tab C. Arrangements have been made with the Military Personnel Division, Services of Supply, to keep a close check on the number of men actually inducted at the various induction stations throughout the United States so that a revision of the 4,286 figure may be made as necessary.

7. The Executive Office, G-2, the G-2 Mail Room, the Administrative Section, C.I.G., and the Investigation Branch, C.I.G., have been requested to send the forms as received directly to Room 2E661a. It is believed that the forms will begin to arrive from the relocation centers about February 15, 1943.

John W. Lansdale

for JOHN LANSDALE, Jr.,
Major, Field Artillery,
Chief, Review Branch.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
Military Intelligence Division G-2
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STRONG:

Subject: Organization of a Combat Team Composed
of Citizens of Japanese Ancestry.

1. There are approximately 19,000 citizens of Japanese ancestry of military age within the War Relocation Authority Centers, and approximately 4,000 outside the centers. Under the terms of a directive from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, to the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, dated January 12, 1943, subject as above, 3,000 of this number are to be inducted by voluntary induction for the combat team. As of March 8, 1943, this office has received only 829 applications for voluntary induction from persons within the centers and 71 from persons outside the centers. We are informed that approximately 100 more applications for voluntary induction will come in from the centers. Under the terms of a War Relocation Authority order, registration of persons of military age within the Relocation Centers was made compulsory. In one of the camps (Manzanar), the answer to the loyalty question (Question 28, DSS Form 304A) was negative or qualified in 40% of the questionnaires. The qualification often appeared in the form "Yes, if my constitutional rights are guaranteed in writing". In another camp (Granada), the number was 5%, but the number of volunteers was very low. Figures are not yet available for the other camps, but the number of disloyal answers are very substantial. It is believed that the small number of volunteers, and the negative and qualified answers to the loyalty question on DSS Form 304A was the result of pressure applied by disloyal Kibei and Issei within the camps.

2. In the Territory of Hawaii there are approximately 25,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry of military age. Under the terms of the G-3 directive, 1,500 of this number are to be inducted. On March 5, 1943, General Emmons radioed that there had been 9,509 applications for voluntary induction received.

3. A memorandum has previously been prepared regarding this subject, a copy of which is attached hereto.

/s/

DAVID G. ERSKINE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Countersubversive Unit, CIG.

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March 29, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL GIBSON:

Subject: Potential Number of Persons of Japanese
Ancestry 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	4,000	119
	<u>23,606</u>	<u>1,253</u>

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 23,606 depends upon many imponderables which are difficult to determine statistically. From this number must certainly be deducted:

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a. Those who have several dependents 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.

4. It is likely the number of men deferred by their local boards for dependency will be negligible for those in War Relocation Centers, because wives, children, and parents remaining in the centers are supported by the Government. However, many of these men were engaged in agriculture prior to their evacuation from the West Coast, and about 9,000, mostly of military age, have secured group leave from War Relocation Centers for agricultural employment during the local harvest times. In view of the increasing impendence of the agricultural labor shortage, it is probable that many of these men may be deferred for work in agriculture. This number may be as high as 16% of the total number of men of military age. This is roughly one-half of the number who have secured leave for agricultural purposes. 19,606

Rejected U.S. Allegiance- 6,856 (12,750)

5. The only available accurate data as to physical fitness of Japanese is that compiled from records of the San Francisco Recruiting and Induction Station for the calendar year 1941. Of 463 selectees of Japanese ancestry who reported for examination, 42 or 9.1% were rejected. However, in making estimates for quotas to be accepted by this Division to obtain the necessary number of men for the combat team, officials from the Selective Service System informally advised of 30% rejection could be expected. It is believed that about 22% would be a proper average.

6. No statistics exist on the status of loyalty of these persons. It is not believed any aliens should be considered acceptable for the Army. Of the 19,606 who filled in Selective Service Form 304A, 6,856 (estimate) indicated a definite allegiance to Japan or (500) qualified their statement of allegiance to the United States. In one of the camps (Manzanar), the answer to the loyalty question (Question 28, DSS Form 304A) was negative or qualified in better than 50% of the questionnaires. In another camp (Granada), the figure was 5%. Present rejection of volunteers (none of whom denied or qualified their allegiance to the United States) is about 13%. It is believed that rejection for loyalty reasons in the event of the draft would be about 20% in addition to the 6,856 above noted.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

7. No adequate basis for estimates with respect to those outside the camps exists. However, on the basis of experience, a rejection of one-third for loyalty is considered reasonable. Twenty per cent for deferrals is taken because of the predominately agricultural character of the nisei population outside the camps.

JOHN LANSDALE, Jr.,
Major, Field Artillery,
Chief, Review Branch, CIG, MIS

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8. The Hawaiian Department is not considered because General Emmons has advised that the 2,500 volunteers being furnished by that Territory is the maximum number of persons that may safely be taken from the Islands.

9. The following table is believed to give a maximum figure. However, most figures are estimates and for some estimates, reliable data are wholly lacking. It is expected that within about four or five weeks, reliable figures for estimating the probably rejections will be available.

Within the Camps:

Total of Military age- Rejected U.S. Allegiance- Added loyalty rejectives 20% of 12,750	6,856 (12,750)	19,606	
Agricultural deferments 16% of 10,200	2,550 (10,200)		
Physical rejections 22% of 8,568	1,632 (8,568)	<u>12,923</u>	
	<u>1,885</u>		6,683

Outside the Camps:

Total of Military Age- Rejection for disloyalty 33 1/3%		4,000	
Deferrals, 20% of 2,667	1,333 (2,667)		
Rejection for physical reasons, 22% of 2,134-	583 (2,134)	<u>2,335</u>	
	<u>469 (2,335)</u>		<u>1,665</u>

Maximum derived through draft-			8,348
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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

/s/

JOHN LANSDALE, Jr.,
Major, Field Artillery,
Chief, Review Branch, CIG, MIS

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

9 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

Subject: Induction of Japanese American
Soldiers.

The subject of reinstatement of induction by selective service system of Japanese Americans is now under study. In the present system of volunteer induction considerable delay has ensued between the filing of the application by the volunteer and the actual induction date. Under the present system, after the applicant has been declared acceptable by the Military Intelligence Service, the National Headquarters of the Selective Service System is so notified. The National Headquarters, Selective Service System must first notify the State Director of Selective Service in the state where the volunteer's original local board is located. The State Director then notifies the original local board who then transfers the volunteer's papers to the new local board of transfer. The new local board of transfer calls the volunteer for induction. This system has resulted in the elapse of some eight months in certain instances between the act of volunteering and the act of induction. I understand that the above procedure is deemed necessary in order that the original local board may receive credit for the volunteer.

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Since one of the primary reasons for reinstating selective service is to provide replacements for the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team, the question presents itself: Will this present system provide these replacements at the time they are needed and in the proper numbers? Your opinion as to the adequacy of this system to accomplish the desired end is requested.

If, in your opinion, the present system will not provide the replacements as needed, what proposed changes in this system do you suggest?

By direction of the Assistant Secretary of War:

/S/ Harrison A. Gerhardt

HARRISON A. GERHARDT
Lieutenant Colonel, G.S.C.
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

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PERSONNEL DIVISION, G-1

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Induction of Japanese American Soldiers.

13 November 1943.

X G-2** (Attn: Captain C. C. Pierce)X Remark and recommendation

1. Attention is invited to copy of memorandum for Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, from Assistant Secretary of War, dated 9 November 1943, Subject: Induction of Japanese American Soldiers.

2. A conference will be held by Personnel Division, G-1, (Lt. Col. E. Pasolli, Jr.), 20 November 1943, at 1000 in room 3B913, at which time it is requested that your remarks and recommendations be presented.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

Type this in

G. B. WALKER, JR.
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Assistant Executive.

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Copy of Memo to G-1
fr OAS/W, 9 Nov 43.

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: AS/W in memo to G-1, 9 Nov 43, subject as above, outlines present method of acceptance for voluntary induction of citizens of Japanese ancestry. Inquires if present system provides replacements for the 100th Bn. and 442nd Combat Team in the numbers and at the time needed.

