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AG 320.2 - General GEMCA-2

Fort Sam Houston, Texas,  
February 2, 1943.

SUBJECT: Organization of a Japanese Combat Team.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff,  
Washington, D. C.

Pursuant to instructions contained in paragraph 5 e, War Department letter, AG 320.2 (1-20-43) OB-I-GN-M, dated January 22, 1943, subject as above, the attached roster is furnished for your information. Officers listed therein have been relieved from organizations and stations indicated and assigned as designated.

For the Commanding General:

1 Incl:  
Roster of Officers  
Furnished by Third  
Army. (duplicate)

B. J. BROWN,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS CAMP PHILLIPS, KANSAS.

AG 320.2 (1-20-43)  
OB-I-BH-M

3 February 1943.

Subject: Roster.

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,  
War Department General Staff,  
Washington, D. C.

In compliance with paragraph 3, Immediate Action Letter, W.D., AGO., dated January 22, 1943, file AG 320.2 (1-20-43) OB-I-BH-M, Subject: Organization of a Japanese Combat Team, the following roster of Japanese Cadre-men is submitted:

COMPANY G, 442nd Inf: Camp Shelby, Miss.

Fred R. Hamaishi,	39017455,	Sgt.
Frank T. Inaba,	39386590,	Sgt.
George T. Suzuki,	39018585,	Sgt.
Kimimoto Uchida,	19074521,	Sgt.
Albert S. Alciyama,	39086567,	Cpl.
Seiichi Minami,	19078172,	Cpl.
Hayao R. Miyahara,	39019817,	T/5th Gr.
Ben T. Mayeda,	39085656,	T/5th Gr.
Ossie O. Otsuki,	39085831,	T/5th Gr.
Takashi Fujii,	19075201,	Pvt. 1cl.
Shigera Hirano,	39013291,	Pvt. 1cl.
Thomas S. Kajiwara,	38084211,	Pvt. 1cl.
Masaru Kimura,	39087975,	Pvt. 1cl.
Kenneth K. Miyake,	39305603,	Pvt. 1cl.
Hideo Otani,	39087402,	Pvt. 1cl.

Company H, Heavy Weapons Co, 442nd Inf, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Yorio R. Nishimoto,	39232485,	T/3rd Gr.
Seiichi P. Akana,	32188824,	Sgt.
Goro Tsuchida,	36316292,	Sgt.
Frank M. Adachi,	39022540,	T/4th Gr.
Fred M. Matsumoto,	39022362,	T/4th Gr.
Tim Y. Tokuno,	39084315,	Cpl.
Noble Taziri,	38084757,	Cpl.
Michio G. Kimura,	39383675,	T/5th Gr.
James I. Kitsuse,	39022423,	T/5th Gr.

Roster Japanese Cadre Con'ts:

Thomas M. Kurokawa,	19063290,	T/5th Gr.
Frank T. Segawa,	39019298,	T/5th Gr.
Sam S. Ushio,	17024672,	T/5th Gr.
Henry M. Harada,	38084409,	Pvt.
Ichiro Kitamata,	19079014,	Pvt. 1c1.

For the Commanding Officers:

LOUIS ROSENBERG,  
Major, Cavalry,  
Adjutant.

442D INFANTRY REGIMENTRegimental Executive Officer

X 383  
Lt. Col. Sherwood Dixon, O-119007, Inf., 99th Inf. Div., Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Regimental S-1

X 383  
Capt. Man D. Gardner, O-202061, Inf., 38th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Regimental S-2

X 383  
1st Lt. William D. Hull, O-1284987, Inf., 89th Inf. Div., Camp Carson, Colo.

Regimental S-3

X 383  
Major Edgar C. Kelley, O-202515, Inf., 102d Inf. Div., Camp Maxey, Tex.

Regimental S-4

✓ 383  
Capt. Claude P. White, O-404917, Inf., 31st Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Battalion Executive Officers

X 383  
Capt. Walter Lesinski, O-452099, Inf., 85th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Capt. Joseph R. Graham, O-338827, Inf., 88th Inf. Div., Camp Gruber, Okla.  
Capt. William N. Colyer, O-375207, Inf., 89th Inf. Div., Camp Carson, Colo.

Battalion S-3

X 383  
Capt. Lee B. Hawkins, O-407839, Inf., 38th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Capt. Harry B. Farr, O-304663, Inf., 88th Inf. Div., Camp Gruber, Okla.  
Capt. Ivan F. Kodac, O-373118, Inf., 95th Inf. Div., Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Battalion S-1 & Battalion Headquarters Company Commanders

X 383  
Capt. Richard H. Chapman, O-452116, Inf., 85th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
1st Lt. Thomas E. Crowley, O-1292664, Inf., 84th Inf. Div., Camp Howze, Tex.  
Capt. Raymond T. Applegarth, O-404214, Inf., 95th Inf. Div., Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Regimental Headquarters Company Commander

X 383  
1st Lt. Arthur W. Munch, O-1285093, Inf., 89th Inf. Div., Camp Carson, Colo.

Commanding Officer, Service Company

X 383  
1st Lt. Don H. Spencer, O-378595, Inf., 85th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Munitions Officer

X 383  
1st Lt. Charles O. Farnum, Jr., O-397343, Inf., 88th Inf. Div., Camp Gruber, Okla.

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102D INFANTRY REGIMENT (CONT'D)

Special Service Officer

1st Lt. Gaylord H. Gilmore, O-407240, Inf., 102d Inf. Div., Camp Maxey, Tex.

Personnel Adjutant

2d Lt. Harold F. Riebsell, O-1285304, Inf., 95th Inf. Div., Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Rifle Company Commanders

1st Lt. David L. Moseley, O-315247, Inf., 31st Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Capt. Merritt C. Thornberg, O-296583, Inf., 38th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Capt. Fletcher W. Howell, O-281159, Inf., 38th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Capt. Loren J. Heller, O-318429, Inf., 102d Inf. Div., Camp Maxey, Tex.  
Capt. Louis A. Edwards, O-352112, Inf., 86th Inf. Div., Camp Howze, Tex.  
1st Lt. Orville C. Smith, O-463942, Inf., 84th Inf. Div., Camp Howze, Tex.  
Capt. Robert L. Hempstead, O-414341, Inf., 95th Inf. Div., Fort Sam Houston, Tex.  
Capt. John A. Jett, O-1284146, Inf., 95th Inf. Div., Fort Sam Houston, Tex.  
1st Lt. Robert C. Boehm, O-402182, Inf., 89th Inf. Div., Camp Carson, Colo.

Heavy Weapons Company Commanders

1st Lt. Thomas W. Atkins, O-316554, Inf., 31st Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
1st Lt. Murray Glines, O-1292870, Inf., 84th Inf. Div., Camp Howze, Tex.  
1st Lt. C. R. Heegan, O-1285063, Inf., 89th Inf. Div., Camp Carson, Colo.

AT Company Commander

1st Lt. Charles W. Tynan, O-438332, Inf., 31st Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Chaplain

Chaplain (Capt.) John T. Barrett, O-339334, 85th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Regimental Surgeon

Capt. Clarence H. Buckley, O-311229, MC, 38th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dental Officer

1st Lt. Wayland F. Hogan, O-312110, DC, 85th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Medical Officers

Capt. Morris J. Cullum, O-486483, MC, 74th FA Brig., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Capt. Melvin E. Smith, O-1684076, MC, 38th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Capt. William Beland, O-197734, MC, 38th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
1st Lt. Irving R. Ohrenstein, O-418385, MC, 38th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

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232D ENGINEER COMBAT COMPANY

Company Commander

<sup>X383</sup>  
1st Lt. Raymond K. Hambaugh, O-1100572, CE, 89th Inf. Div., Camp Carson, Colo.

522D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Battalion Executive Officer

<sup>X383</sup>  
Capt. William P. Wright, O-326313, FA, 46th FA Brig., Camp Livingston, La.  
*Wright, Wm chg to PP 1-28-43 (copy file)  
Wright, Wm chg to PP 9-4-42 Censhrship*

Battalion S-3

<sup>X383</sup>  
Capt. Ralph G. Moye, O-328198, FA, 74th FA Brig., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Firing Battery Commanders

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Capt. Albert F. Ritter, O-350687, FA, 74th FA Brig., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
1st Lt. Moyer D. Harris, O-25129, FA, 74th FA Brig., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Capt. Ivan C. Johnson, O-417507, FA, 95th Inf. Div., Fort Sam Houston, Tex.  
Capt. Billy T. Taylor, O-339685, FA, 18th FA Brig., Camp Bowie, Tex.

Headquarters Battery Commander

<sup>X383</sup>  
1st Lt. Aldrich Trech, O-1170143, FA, 251st FA Bn., Camp Maxey, Tex.

Battalion S-2

<sup>X383</sup>  
Capt. Charles A. Riddlebaugh, O-335734, FA, 18th FA Brig., Camp Bowie, Tex.

Battalion Assistant S-3

<sup>X383</sup>  
Capt. Thornton R. Thornhill, O-286625, FA, 251st FA Bn., Camp Maxey, Tex.

Medical Officer

<sup>X383</sup>  
Capt. George A. Freyberger, O-461501, MC, 85th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Information copy to:  
C-2, Third Army.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STRONG:

**Subject:** Comments of General De Witt on Proposed Program for Army Recruitment and Determination of Loyalty of Japanese Evacuees.

1. In general the comments of General De Witt are unanswerable and are concurred in by this Group. He is inaccurate in his statement of the proposed program, in a few particulars, and poses as unanswered certain questions which were taken into consideration. These inaccuracies do not however, pertain to any matter of substance, nor are they important to the consideration of his general objections.

2. As this Group understands it, the basic premises of the program with respect to the Japanese are:

a. Most Americans of Japanese ancestry are loyal.

b. Loyalty is a fact which is readily ascertainable with respect to the Americans of Japanese ancestry by the use of a simple questionnaire. These two premises were presented by representatives of the Office of Naval Intelligence. Based upon these premises it was directed that within something less than 30 days preparations be ready to induct personnel for a combat team and that the induction including some determination with respect to loyalty be made within 30 days thereafter. This latter date was later modified to permit some leeway.

3. In spite of the fact that it was later determined that all the representatives of the Navy meant was that assuming you have a complete investigation of an American of Japanese ancestry, you can make some reasonable determination of loyalty, the only way to proceed in view of the limitations imposed was by evaluation of a questionnaire. This of course assumes truthful and complete answers to the questionnaire.

4. For your information there is quoted a statement made by Commander Coggins who originally presented the Navy's view on the Japanese question which he made in a talk before the teams going to the Relocation Centers:

"So we develop the same system of evaluating loyalty among people including Nissei and Issei and gather the vast amount of information about those people and every small fact; the things that

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they said, the clubs they belong to, the contributions they made, the guests they entertained, the efforts they made to maintain contact possibly in the case of Nissei with Japan, their age at the time they went to school in Japan, the source of their income, all those things--hundreds of items in all--each one reflects something. Each one reflects Americanism, pro-Japanese ideas, or indifference some place in between."

5. The program for the release of Japanese from Relocation Centers rests upon the basic premises, first, most inmates of the War Relocation Centers who apply and who can find jobs are loyal, and secondly, if no evidence of disloyalty is found they will be released.

6. The procedure which rests upon these basic premises was devised simply to avoid multiplicity of investigation. It is more thorough because more time is available. The Joint Board will simply state that they have no objection to employment and make its recommendation with respect to release or non-release within the framework of regulations established by War Relocation Authority.

7. General De Witt's recommended alternate plan is not substantially different from the plan actually adopted, except that it would interpose a preliminary segregation of those known to be bad from those not known to be bad. It does not appear to answer his own criticism of the plan actually adopted. It gives indication of being a compromise offering some better hope of success than the present plan.

8. There is attached a copy of the Training Program of the teams for Tuesday, January 26. Attention is invited to the first 11 pages which cover Commander Coggins' talk.

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

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR:

Subject: Comments of General De Witt on Proposed Program for Army Recruitment and Determination of Loyalty of Japanese Evacuees

1. In general, the comments of General De Witt are unanswerable and are concurred in by this Division. The General, in a few particulars, is inaccurate in his statement of the proposed program and poses as unanswered certain questions which were the subject of careful consideration. These inaccuracies, however, do not pertain to matters of substance, nor are they important to the consideration of his general objections.

2. In regard to the program for Army recruitment, it was presented by representatives of the Office of Naval Intelligence that loyalty is a fact readily ascertainable with respect to Americans of Japanese ancestry by the use of a simple questionnaire. It was later determined that all the representatives of the Navy meant was that assuming you have a complete investigation of Americans of Japanese ancestry, you can make some reasonable determination of loyalty. In view of the time limitations imposed upon the Military Intelligence Division for the induction of personnel for the combat team, the only way to proceed is by the evaluation of the questionnaire. This evaluation can be of value only if there are truthful and complete answers to the questionnaire.

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

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## 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.

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

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(1-22-43)

January 31, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, WDCS.

Subject: Organization of a Japanese Combat Team.

In compliance with Restricted letter, WD AGO, AG 320.2 (1-20-43)OB-I-GN-M, dated January 22, 1943, paragraph 5 e, the following named officers have been selected and orders requested assigning them to the units stated after their respective names:

Colonel Charles W. Pence, O-10283, Inf.	442nd Inf. Regt.
Lt. Colonel Merritt B. Booth, O-12378, Inf.	442nd Inf. Regt.
Lt. Colonel James N. Hanley, Jr., O-231210, Inf.	442nd Inf. Regt.
Lt. Colonel Joseph H. Dickey, O-18595, Inf.	442nd Inf. Regt.
Major Albert H. Souhrada, O-311415, Inf.	442nd Inf. Regt.
Major Baya M. Harrison, O-318808, P.A.	522nd F.A. Bn.

For the COMMANDING GENERAL:

## 1 Incl:

(R) Ltr WD AGO, AG  
320.2 (1-20-43)OB-I-GN-M,  
dtd 1/22/43.

J. R. DRYDEN,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Ground Adm. Gen.

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