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442nd

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25 October 1943

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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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

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