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Dear Chaplain:

A few days ago I met four of the soldiers from the 100th Sep. Bn. in one of our hospitals. Their spirits were high and although they were all anxious to get back with their outfit and be in the thick of action again, I doubt whether any of them will get back.

I talked with them for some time and in the course of the conversation mentioned your concern about getting them a chaplain because 50% were of no church, 25% Buddhists, and 25% Christians. They had all spoken in the highest terms of Chaplain Eells and Chaplain Yest and when I mentioned the percentages, one of them told me, "But Chaplain, that is different now. We have seen that our Chaplains Eells and Yost are men of God. I am now a baptized Christian."

I did not ask who baptized him, but I want you to know that these four wounded Japanese-Americans were high in their praises of the chaplains and there was a deep glint of joy in their eyes when they spoke to me. Eells and Yost should know this through you. Neither has labored in vain.

Sincerely,

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KARL SCHLEEDE, Corps Chaplain.

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