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Camp Shelby, Miss.  
16 October 1943.

Colonel WILLIAM P. SCOBEEY,  
Office of The Assistant-  
Secretary of War,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel SCOBEEY:

Thanks very much for the news items you sent me. There has been some little local publicity on the same matter, but there were interesting angles in the items you sent which were not covered here. I think this publicity has been good for the morale of the unit.

As I indicated to you before, the men did a good job on the Alabama detail. Frankly, I was somewhat skeptical about having them scattered over such a wide area in new communities. I was concerned about how they would be received rather than about their conduct. But, from all reports and from my conversations with citizens in the various communities, the men were well received and conducted themselves in a superior manner. The inclosed, unsolicited letter is illustrative of the impression they made. I would like to have it returned, if I may.

During my absence, several very good suggestions for a new shoulder patch were submitted. I would like for Mr. McCloy to see them when he arrives.

Sincerely,

C. W. PENCE,  
Col, Inf,  
Commanding.

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