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HEADQUARTERS, 442ND INFANTRY COMBAT TEAM
CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI



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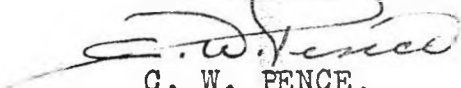
Mr. John J. McCloy,
The Assistant Secretary of War,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 26, 1943. I am taking the liberty of having it published to this Command, feeling that it will be both inspirational and gratifying to our officers and enlisted personnel.

The visit of yourself and your party afforded great personal pleasure to me, and all of us will be happy to welcome you again at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,


C. W. FENCE,
COL., 442nd Inf.,
Commanding.

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Dear Colonel Pence:

It was an honor to have had an opportunity to review the 442d Combat Team and to learn at first hand how the Americans of Japanese descent, who constitute the enlisted personnel of the 442d Infantry, the 522d Field Artillery Battalion, and the 232d Engineer Company (Combat), were progressing with their training. Wherever I saw them the men presented a disciplined and soldierly appearance. The quarters and materiel of the command which I was able to inspect were as clean and well maintained as that of any I have visited. I had heard well of the unit before my visit, and it exceeded my expectations.

The very favorable impression I had of the organization and the good record it has made justify all the efforts which have been made to organize it. I came away from Shelby with a feeling of confidence that when its training period is completed and it is committed to action, this element of the Army of the United States will acquit itself with honor and success.

I also want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me and those in my party to meet your officers at luncheon. Their spirit and appearance seemed excellent.

Sometime in the future, probably when you are on maneuvers, I hope to have the opportunity of seeing the 442d again.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN J. MCCLOY

John J. McCloy

Colonel C. W. Pence, Commanding
442d Infantry Combat Team
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