

HEADQUARTERS 442ND COMBAT TEAM
CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI

April 14, 1943.

Col. William P. Scobey,
War Department,
Office of Assistant Secretary,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Colonel Scobey:

Current figures on the war bond and Red Cross subscriptions of the officers and men of the Combat Team are attached hereto. A more representative report could be made, however, after the arrival of our personnel. Moreover, I believe it would show an even greater percentage of contributions.

These figures (see inclosure) I am submitting at your request are based on the total Combat Team strength of only 590 officers and men, the training cadre. In bond subscriptions, it will be seen that 51.2 per cent of the personnel have set aside pay reservations for purchase of bonds. Based on the payroll amount, 4.4 per cent has been set aside or spent by officers and men for the purchase of bonds. Some have converted their pay deduction system to cash purchases without decreasing the amount of bonds bought, but there is no accurate means of checking on this.

In the Red Cross drive, 48.5 per cent of the entire personnel took out full membership subscriptions. We regard this as an excellent showing in view of the fact that we were expressly requested by the Red Cross representative from the First Headquarters, Special Troops, Third Army, not to solicit full-fledged membership subscriptions from the enlisted personnel, but merely to make available an opportunity for voluntary contributions.

The fillers will arrive in the midst of the first week of the current bond-selling campaign and will have an early opportunity to subscribe for bonds. I will be glad to report fully to you on their response, and have all other information on loyalty matters forwarded to you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. W. Pence
C. W. PENCE,
Col., 442nd Inf.,
Commanding.

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Red Cross Subscriptions.

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B O N D SCLASS "A" PAY RESERVATION
(As of April 1, 1943)

	<u>442nd *</u> <u>Inf Regt.</u>	<u>522nd</u> <u>F.A. Bn</u>	<u>232nd</u> <u>Eng Co</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Combat</u> <u>Team</u>
Actual strength of organization.	447	127	16	590
Total number of military personnel subscribing	212	89	1	302
Gross amount of organization payroll (Base pay of officer and enlisted men)	\$49,038.74	\$25,285.71	\$1,524.66	\$75,849.11
Total amount deducted for Class A pay reservation	\$ 1,781.25	\$ 769.50	\$ 18.00	\$ 2,568.75
Total amount spent for cash purchases of bonds and stamps during month	\$ 250.00	\$ 438.75	\$ 87.50	\$ 776.25

* Includes Medical Detachment.

1943 RED CROSS DONATIONS

TOTAL COMBAT TEAM

(As of March 31, 1943)

<u>Total</u> <u>Personnel</u> <u>in C. T.</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Subscribing</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Subscribed</u>
590	286	\$280.55

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April 9, 1943

Dear Colonel Pence:

As you already know, the Assistant Secretary of War has a great deal of interest in the development of the Japanese American combat team. In particular, this office desires to utilize all favorable items for publicity purposes. Would you, therefore, be so good as to furnish data on subscriptions for war bonds by the men of the combat team? It is desirable that we know the number or percentage of men subscribing.

Any other information as to their positive action in loyalty matters would be appreciated; for example, contributions to the Red Cross, etc.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM P. SCOBRY
Colonel, General Staff
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Colonel Charles W. Pence
Commanding Officer, 442nd Infantry
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

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