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Lt. Colonel Virgil R. Miller
Commanding Officer, 442nd Infantry
APO 758, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Miller:

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter received in this office from Mr. Benjamin H. Bull, together with a copy of our reply.

Sincerely,

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HARRISON A. GERHARDT
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

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Mr. Benjamin H. Bull
Bull, Biart & Bieberstein
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Bull:

Mr. McCloy has asked me to reply to your letter of May 11th, concerning the inclusion of Madison as a stop point for the 442nd Combat Team or the 100th Infantry Battalion on their movement or demobilization.

It is a little too early in the game to know what the exact movements of either of these units will be. Should either unit be returned to this country intact your request will be given consideration.

However, on behalf of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team, I wish to thank you for your very kind and generous offer to be their host should they pass through Madison upon their return.

Sincerely,

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May 11, 1945

Mr. Jack McCloy
Assistant Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

When you get around to moving or demobilizing the 442nd and particularly the 100th Infantry, it might be convenient for those men to pass again through Madison.

The Commander of the local American Legion Post, the former Finance Officer of the Post, and Judge Evans, a past-Commander of the Post, have each expressed their hope that these men could be routed back through Madison. Our Judge Evans was instrumental in getting a platoon here from Camp McCoy early in the war to participate at what was then called a Victory Meeting held at the University Field House. The conduct of these men was so outstanding it received favorable editorial comment. Thereafter the 100th Infantry was entertained here at Madison by the people of Madison in their homes and at the American Legion Club House and there has been considerable correspondence between Madison people and the members of the 100th Infantry since that time.

In the Armistice Day celebration of 1943 a young couple from Hawaii laid a wreath at the Cenotaph which carried the mottos "Remember Pearl Harbor" and "Go for Broke".

By the way the only real Rember Pearl Harbor league that deserves recognition is the 100th Infantry-- in contrast to the bigots on the west coast.

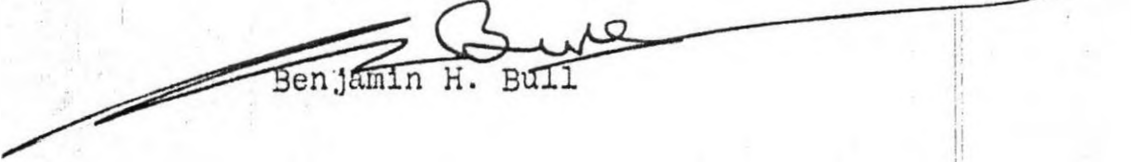
So if you find it in the cards to have the 100th come along back to its second home, I am satisfied that

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if that is your wish the William B. Cairns post of the American Legion here at Madison will be glad to act as their hosts. I am not speaking with the authority of the Commander and Executive Committee, but I know and can say without hesitation that if the War Department intimated that the 100th was coming through Madison, our Post would act as their host even with greater pride and satisfaction that we did when they first came here.

Very truly yours,


Benjamin H. Bull

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