

IMMEDIATE ACTION

April 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

Subject: Induction of Japanese-American Volunteers  
Qualified for Limited Service only.

1. It looks as if approximately 40% of the volunteers for the recently established Japanese-American combat team will be rejected because of minor physical defects. Most of the rejections appear to be on account of eyesight, and, doubtless, the great majority of them would be qualified for limited service.

2. I think we should give these rejected volunteers, if qualified for limited service, an opportunity to serve in the Army, on an unsegregated basis if possible. Otherwise, we will be giving the cold shoulder to a good many loyal Japanese-Americans who want to help out.

3. I know that details of such a plan will take time to work out, but there is an immediate necessity for a decision, today if possible, on the general policy to be followed, as many of the volunteers are delaying taking jobs in the hope of getting into the Army.

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