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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS:

With reference to the attached cablegram from AFHQ, Mr. McCloy would like to know if there is any objection to sending this message to the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. It is thought that this message, if given publicity to the 442nd, will be an excellent morale factor.

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SIGNED:

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

Enc.  
Incoming Secret Message from AFHQ to War,  
dated 22 November 1943, regarding  
100th Battalion in Italy.

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Director, Public Relations Bureau  
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x- Public Relations Bureau (Director)

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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From: AFHQ  
To: War

No. W5816, 22 November 1943.

Paraphrase of 5th Army message of 21st November signed Eisenhower action AGWAR for OPD info AGF cite FHGCT.

In recent seizure of heights northeast of Pozzili and crossing of Volturno River, 100th Infantry Battalion advanced with courage and skill through hostile fire and mine fields to maintain high standard established in early combat actions. Awards for gallantry are being recommended for two men. The low sick rate and fact that men do not tire easily proved good physical condition all members this Unit. Casualties have been: 34 killed, 130 wounded and 5 missing in action. Men are cheerful and uncomplaining. Knowledge of basic military training demonstrated by unit. Men hold fire until it is most effective; in scouting and patrolling the observation and approach are excellent.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CGGN  
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