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The War Department announced today the completion of plans for the resumption of the application of the Selective Service Act to American citizens of Japanese ancestry. In February 1942 all such citizens were automatically deferred. This deferment has now been removed and they will fall into the same classifications as other citizens in the same age group. No individual will be inducted if doubt exists as to his loyalty.

A year ago, in response to many requests which had been received from loyal American citizens of Japanese extraction for a special unit in which they could take particular pride in making their contribution to the fight against the Nation's enemies, a combat team of volunteers was organized.

The excellent showing which this unit has made in training, and the outstanding record which the 100th Battalion (a former Hawaiian National Guard Unit) has made in Italy has resulted in further plans that these units be maintained at strength by replacements from Americans of Japanese extraction and that possibly additional units be formed.

At the time volunteers were being accepted for the combat team, eligible men in the relocation centers were asked if they desired to enlist for duty in the Army. The majority of those who did not enlist at that time indicated that they would be glad to go when their number came up. This new procedure gives them the opportunity of being selected as replacements in the same way that all other

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replacements for the Army are selected from citizens of this country.

Under the new plan all "nisei", as American-born citizens of Japanese parentage are termed, whether inside or outside a relocation center, will be <sup>classified</sup> classified by their local draft board. If accepted for induction, they will be credited to the quota of the draft board of original jurisdiction [before the operation of the war relocation.]

By the operation of this plan the units in which the loyal "nisei", particularly now, take such justifiable pride, will maintain their identity, and possibly other units will be formed.

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