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6 September 1945

Mr. Benjamin H. Bull
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Dear Mr. Bull:

I have your letter of September 1, 1945 concerning Thomas Fukuda and his desire to secure a furlough to return to Madison, Wisconsin. I will look into it and see what can be done. Under our present policy all soldiers returning to this country will be given furloughs varying from 21 to 30 days. Of course, we cannot control the way in which an individual soldier spends his leave; that is entirely up to him. For those in this country who have already had their leave upon return from overseas, the regulations governing the granting of leave in the Zone of the Interior apply. Until recently, the maximum leave permitted was 15 days per year but this policy is now being relaxed and men will be encouraged to take more leave in the future.

It is a real pleasure to hear of the fine steps taken by you and the local Legion Post to make these men who have so ably demonstrated their real qualities as Americans feel at home.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN J. MCCLOY

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Jack McCloy
Assistand Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

One or two of the boys of the 100th Infantry have been deployed through Camp McCoy at their request.

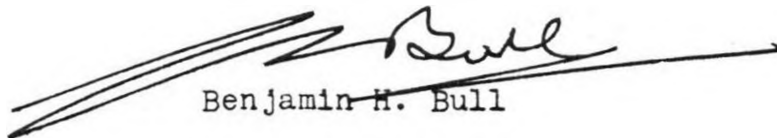
There is a young man, however, Thomas Fukuda, who is at placement center 14, Camp Beale, California. He is a particular friend of Mr. Paul Schroeder and family who is a Legionaire here and the cashier of the Bank of Madison. During all the time that Tom Fukuda was in Italy there has been a continuous correspondence and it appears that Tom has tried to get a furlough so that he might come to Madison but without success. We here feel disappointed that more of these young men of the 100th Infantry have not come back through Wisconsin which to them is a second home. Sparta, Wisconsin is erecting a plaque by way of a memorial to the 100th Infantry. Both Madison and Portage entertained and would now be pleased to entertain members of the 100th infantry. Cannot something be done to grant this consideration to Thomas Fukuda and other members of the original 100th to come back to Wisconsin to visit the many friends they made here before they go on to Hawaii. Such furlough, it would seem, they have earned and their failure to get a greater freedom than has been granted them on the west coast during their deployment reacts unfavorably in view of the west coast attitude.

A few nights back I had the pleasure of taking Sergeant Okada, an Italian ~~veteran~~ veteran, to our local post of the Legion. He was invited to speak and then some of the Legionaires took him in charge for the evening and

escorted him to his home at 2 o'clock in the morning. He promised the boys that he would write the 442nd and tell them that he met the real American Legion.

May I say again that you are to be commended for the faith and courage and the vision of true American statesmanship which has been given in handling this fundamental problem at a critical time in American history. I know these American kids have justified your faith and made worthwhile everything we have done for them.

Very truly yours,



Benjamin H. Bull

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