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SUMMARY

1. By letter dated 22 October 1945 to Colonel Harrison A. Gerhardt, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Earl M. Finch, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, deploras the prolonged waiting period of Japanese-American soldiers for shipment to Hawaii and the attitude of residents in communities adjacent to Army installations where they are stationed. He also asks that he be informed of the arrival date of the 442nd Combat Team.

2. Attached reply for the signature of the Executive to the Assistant Secretary of War advises Mr. Finch that, although there was a backlog of such personnel awaiting shipment, this backlog no longer exists; that the attitude of residents of adjacent communities is not within the jurisdiction of the War Department, and that the 442nd Combat Team has not yet been scheduled for departure from the oversea theater.

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Mr. Earl M. Finch
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Finch:

I have your letter of October 22d to Colonel Harrison A. Gerhardt with reference to prolonged waiting period of Japanese-American soldiers for shipment to Hawaii.

We deeply regret that there was a time when there was a backlog of such personnel at West Coast points awaiting shipment to Hawaii. This was due for some time to the priority given to shipment of personnel necessary to redeployment. As soon as transportation became available, Japanese-American soldiers being returned to Hawaii for discharge were given first priority, until the priority system was discontinued on 1 November 1945. However, some were delayed in shipment due to administrative procedures necessary to their proper handling.

An investigation of the situation at present has been made and reports indicate that this backlog no longer exists. At the time of the investigation there were only sixteen men at Camp Beale, California, awaiting call to the Port of Embarkation for shipment.

I am sure you realize that the attitude of residents in communities near the Army installation at which these men are stationed is not within the jurisdiction of the War Department.

With reference to your request that you be informed of the arrival date of the 442d Combat Team, this unit has not been scheduled to depart from the oversea theater and I can give you no information as to a possible arrival. I suggest that you watch for a notice of arrival in your local newspaper.

Sincerely yours,

Not needed

CHARLES W. McCARTHY
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Executive to Assistant Secretary of War