

On that occasion the soldier was arrested by the civil police and transferred to his unit with the report that he was "drunk but orderly".

d. To date the record shows that three Japanese American soldiers have been cited. These three were awarded the military decoration, Medal of Merit, for meritorious service in the theater of operations. Since all of these soldiers came from Hawaii, I am not furnished their names. Neither can the theater of operations in which they are serving be stated. Commanders serving in the combat zones having Japanese American soldiers under their control in all instances report that they perform highly important missions in a very loyal manner. In fact, these officers report no single occasion for having the slightest concern about their loyalty and trustworthiness.

The officers of the Army having closest contact with the Japanese American soldiers and those in command of the units to which they belong are enthusiastic in their praise for them. In particular, the 442nd Infantry Combat Team has a very high esprit de corps, and the War Department is of the opinion that when its training is complete it will be able to acquit itself with honor on the field of battle.

I trust the information given herewith will be of value to you and serve your purposes.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

I am concerned lest the rising tide of hysteria against all Japanese in America make the post-war solution of the problem of returning them to civilian status an extremely difficult one. If it is not too difficult, I would appreciate it if you would have some one in your organization give me information on the points named below providing they do not involve secret military information.

1. How many Nisei Japanese are now in the American Army? If information is available as to how many volunteered and how many were drafted, I would appreciate it.
2. How many of them are overseas?
3. How many of them have been guilty of treacherous conduct against the U. S. A.?
4. How many have been cited or given awards? Names and addresses of these would be helpful if from southern California.

Yours truly,

Arthur T. Kent

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