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19 November 1945

Colonel Sommers:

Miss Turner of Delegate Farrington's office called re progress of answer to letter Mr. Farrington wrote to Mr. McCloy on 5 November asking if something could be done to give men of 442nd Division furloughs on mainland before they are returned to Hawaii.

(I looked this letter up and find that it was sent to L & LD for necessary action and preparation of reply on 7 November.)

Miss Turner said that a Japanese-American Major Makuda was in to see you on the same subject several days ago.

Anyway, they are getting a mass of inquiries on the subject and can't answer them until they hear from us.

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*Case was sent to AGF and returned. It was sent then to G-1, and as yet it hasn't been returned to L & LD again.*

*Called Farrington  
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2 November 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HODES:

Subject: Disposition of 442nd Regimental  
Combat Team

The attached summary sheet from OPD dated 25 October 1945 need not be held for Mr. McCloy's return. Mr. McCloy considered this matter before his departure. The recommendations are in accordance with his views.

In connection with paragraph 3b of the attached summary sheet, Mr. McCloy did not refer to publicity on the unit's return but to an appropriate ceremony in connection with its inactivation, making it clear that the inactivation was no reflection on the unit's standing in the eyes of the War Department. Mr. McCloy expressed himself as being very anxious to take part himself in such a ceremony, if possible.

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DAVIDSON SOMMERS  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps  
Assistant Executive

BG H. I. Hodes  
Room 3E-940, Pentagon

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442nd Combat Team

5 October 1945

Colonel V. R. Miller  
Hqs. 442nd Regimental Combat Team  
APO 464, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Miller:

In Mr. McCloy's absence I am acknowledging your letter of 25 September 1945 and the enclosed booklet on the combat record of the 442nd Combat Team.

In Mr. McCloy's behalf, I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending him this information. I know I do not have to tell you his great interest in this really fighting outfit.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

HARRISON A. GERHARDT  
Colonel, General Staff Corps  
Executive to The Ass't Sec'y of War

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Capt. Bell  
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HEADQUARTERS 442D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
APO 464, c/o POSTMASTER, N.Y.C., N.Y.

ASST SEC.

25 September 1945

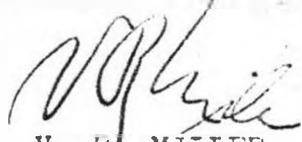
Mr. John J. McCloy,  
Asst Secretary of War,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Remembering your efforts toward the activation of the 442d  
Combat Team and your concern in the progress of its training, I  
am sure that you will be interested in the enclosed booklet.  
Prepared by the officers and men of the Combat Team, it is a  
brief account of their combat experience in the Mediterranean  
and European Theaters of Operations.

I am sending it to you with the compliments of those who  
have served and are now serving with us here, and I hope that  
you will find it informative and useful.

Sincerely yours,



V. R. MILLER,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Commanding.

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via: Courier

10 September 1945

Dear Scobey:

Thank you very much for the brochure on the 442nd Combat Team. I would be very glad to get more copies of this pamphlet. Could you send me a half dozen? I will read it with the greatest interest.

The big chore, as I see it, from here out with the education and information section is to convince the soldiers of the need for following through after victory to the achievement of our objectives. That, of course, means continued occupation and I think the constant hammering on the usefulness and necessity of the occupational job is going to be necessary.

With all the "I want to go home" sentiment, together with the roars over here to get people back, we are awfully apt to slip off into the status of a half finished job. As I see it, it is going to be a long time job for the occupation of Germany and Japan. We cannot leave before the thing is well directed along the right road in either country. Interspersed with education and information we have got to give the soldiers an understanding of why they are there at all.

It is good to hear from you again.

Sincerely,

(Sgd) J. J. McCloy

Colonel William P. Scobey  
Chief, Information and Education Section  
Mediterranean Theater of Operations  
APO 512, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

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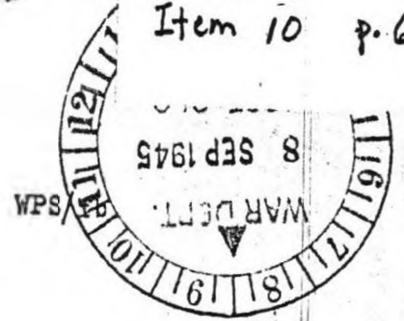
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INFORMATION AND EDUCATION SECTION  
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1 September 1945

Mr. John J. McCloy,  
Assistant Secretary of War,  
The Pentagon,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Here is a brochure on the operations of the 442nd Combat Team which I feel sure you will want to see. This was produced by my section and should you want additional copies please let me know and I will send them to you.

Remembering the first War Department report on the danger and undesirability of utilizing our Japanese-Americans in the military service, it occurs to me this little booklet would be an ironical yet excellent attachment to it.

Sincerely,

*Scobey*  
WILLIAM P. SCOBAY  
Colonel, Infantry  
Chief, Inf and Educ Sect  
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1-Booklet, 442nd Combat Team.