

Training and Assignment of Soldiers of Japanese Descent.

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42-18 Jap Camp
assignment

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III Necessary action
I & II Information

1. That current instructions which preclude the assignment of military personnel of Japanese ancestry to stations and installations within the Western Defense Command be rescinded.

2. That letter AG 363 Replacement Centers (12-23-41 MSG-C-M, 23 January 1942, subject as above, be rescinded.

3. That letter substantially as follows be forwarded to all interested agencies:

"a. Enlisted men of Japanese ancestry will be assigned from Reception Centers in continental U.S. in accordance with the following order of priority:

(1) The Infantry Replacement Training Centers at Camp Blanding, Florida, and Fort McClellan, Alabama, within the quotas established for such personnel.

(2) Other training establishments of AGF and ASF in accordance with existing instructions for all personnel, *supplemented by special instructions from time to time.*

"b. Upon completion of the full prescribed training course, or prior thereto as authorized by the War Department, they will be reassigned in the following order of priority:

(1) Japanese language training conducted by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff.

(2) Replacements for the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Combat Team and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

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(3) Replacement requirements of the European and North African Theaters of Operations, including continental U.S. units earmarked for those theaters, without regard to specific units.

(4) Zone of Interior installations.

"g. No personnel of Japanese ancestry will be assigned from the continental United States to the Pacific and Asiatic Areas except specially trained language and intelligence personnel, and limited assignment personnel who originated in the Territory of Hawaii and who are being returned thereto for further assignment therein or discharge."

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

M/R: Above action conforms to new policy regarding assignmt of J-A military personnel in the territory of the WDC in accordance with GPD recommendation contained in Memo for the DC/S, GPD 291.2 (24 June 44), 10 July 44, subject: Assignment of J-A members of the Armed Forces to the West Coast, which the DC/S approved 12 Jul 44. Additional references: Operations Div DF, GPD 291.2 (24 Jun 44), 14 July 44, Assignment of Mil. Personnel of Jap Ancestry to Stations in WDC. G-3 (Col Stevenson) concurs.

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3 OPD

1, 2 & 3 Concurrence

*12.18 Jap. American
Assignment*

SUMMARY

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1. The Assistant Secretary of War requested a restudy of the general assignment of Japanese-Americans. G-1 has prepared a study based upon a consideration of present requirements for Japanese language personnel, existing Japanese-American units and the total number of Japanese-Americans expected to be inducted recommending:

a. That in the assignment of all inducted Japanese-Americans, first priority be given to meeting the Japanese language requirements.

b. That in the assignment of the Japanese-Americans inducted in Hawaii and the United States, second priority be given to bringing Japanese-American units up to authorized strength and to providing an adequate supply of replacements.

c. That after the above requirements have been met, assignment of Japanese-Americans be made in accordance with the following general policy:

1. Surplus will be used as replacements to the European and North African Theaters without being earmarked for specific units.

2. Exclusive of the Eastern Defense Command, next priority will be given to the assignment of any remaining surplus to base of interior installations.

3. No citizens of Japanese ancestry except Japanese language personnel and those of the 1599th Engineer Construction Battalion will be assigned to units employed in the Pacific Area.

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COORDINATION

2. Informal concurrences were obtained from G-2, G-3 and OPD.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

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Memorandum to C/S, WDAG 291.2 Japanese,
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