

Proclamation

We the 34th. Inf. Div. Assn. proclaim for all the world to know.

WWII was the largest wartime conflict in the history of mankind. In terms of parties to the conflict, and land mass fought over.

Thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry were imprisoned unjustly, were victims of racism, and were ostracised by our government. All were stripped of their dignity, honor and possessions.

From this background came a saga in American history never before equalled in patriotism, valor or courage. The sons of those AJA's (with their families in concentration camps) volunteered for military duty, asking to carry the stars and stripes into battle on foreign soil.

From these volunteers was formed the 100th. Bn. Shortly there after came the 442 RCT. The 100th. Bn. serving in North Africa and Italy, where the 442 RCT was to become so distinguished. Then as the two units were merged as their ferocity in battle was creating more casualties than could be replaced. Having been removed from the mountains of Italy, the 442nd. was shifted to southern France. Later came their most heroic hour, while prying open the jaws of a giant trap that engulfed a surrounded Bn. of another Division.

There are several legends of heroic deeds by those who fought so valiantly in wars of years ago. Never has there been, nor likely will there ever be any thing comparable to the Nisei soldier. His combat courage, valor, and legacy, someday may be equalled, but will never be surpassed.

We, soldiers of the "old Red Bull" are proud you served with great distinction as a part of the illustrious 34th. Inf. Div.

We are honored to call you brother. We salute you.



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