



ARMY SET TO HONOR 442nd

Ceremonies At Kilmer to Fete Team

Three generals, a brass band, civilian dignitaries, a top nite club show, and 35,000 troops will fete the returning 442nd Regimental Combat Team in an elaborate program scheduled for July 3 at 2 p.m., in the Camp Kilmer bowl, New Jersey.

Following the salute to the colors, introductory remarks will be made by Captain E. H. MacDowell, Special Services Officer of Camp Kilmer.

Johnny Pineapple's entertainment, straight from the Hotel Lexington Hawaiian Room, will then take the stage.

The official military services which will follow will feature an address by General Alfred M. Gruenther, representing the Assistant Secretary of War, who will be introduced by Col. Harold L. Duffie, camp Commandant. Generals Wiley and Ewart Plank will also speak. In addition, the War Department's Deputy Chief of Public Relations, Col. Kendall Fielder will be present.

Among the civilian speakers will be Earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and I. Sekine, honorary chairman of the Greater NY Committee for Japanese Americans. Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii will also be present.

acting mayor's

Official Welcome

VINCENT IMPELLETTERI, Acting Mayor of New York and President of the City Council.

"New York today hails the arrival of the 442nd Infantry Regiment. The combat unit comprised of Japanese Americans can rightfully boast that it is the most decorated unit of the Army.

"More individual decorations for valor have been awarded to its officers and men than to any other American fighting unit in the war.

"In the terrific fighting in Italy the 442nd Regiment never yielded a foot of ground to the enemy. The regiment was always in the forefront of the battle and its superb fighting qualities helped forge the victory in what was one of the toughest and most difficult campaigns.

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Official Signal Corps Photo

It Should Happen to a Dogface!

Nisei "paddlefeet" taking a walk in the sun near Velletri, Italy. Full field packs and empty canteens.

operations aloha

500 Leis from Hawaii Hail Returning 442nd Heroes

Five hundred fresh flower leis, including 100 orchid leis, will be presented to the men of the 442nd as gifts from the school children of Hawaii. This was revealed by Mrs. Eileen O'Brien, editor of "Paradise of the Pacific," a Hawaiian publication, and wife of James A. O'Brien, public relations director of the Territorial Council on Veterans' Affairs, who has been making the arrangements for the presentation of the leis. These arrangements have now been officially designated "Operations Aloha."

According to a late communication received from O'Brien in Honolulu, "The school children of Hawaii will provide the leis for their big brothers and fathers who are returning home from the wars." Although Dr. Miles Carey, principal of famed McKinley High

School, has assured O'Brien that the students of McKinley High School alone can supply 1,000 leis "at any hour you want to name," the leis were made by school children throughout the Territory of Hawaii. The orchid leis are coming from Hilo, Hawaii, while strands of mokihana, a fragrant vine used in leis, are coming from the island of Kauai.

On Monday the Army Transport Command is flying the leis from Honolulu to San Francisco on the first lap of "Operations Aloha." From the Bay City they will be flown into New York by a C-47 plane. The leis have been consigned to the Weekender.

Fresh flower leis, symbolic of the gay, friendly aloha spirit of the Islands, are made from various tropical flowers, among the most popular being pikake blossoms, gardenia, akulekule or iceflowers.

It is tentatively planned to make the lei presentations at the dance scheduled for the evening of July 3.

Plan Impressive Welcome For Famed Combat Team Expected to Arrive Today

All New York is prepared to do honor to the returning 500 Japanese American soldiers who comprise the remnants of famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Escorted by Army fighter planes and a Navy blimp from Lakehurst, N. J. the Wilson Victory will steam into New York harbor this afternoon, a few days ahead of schedule, according to the latest War Department announcements.

The Wilson is expected to dock at Pier 84, North River, at approximately 3:30 p.m. At the mouth of the harbor they will be met by two army welcome boats decorated with the 442nd's regimental colors and insignia, equipped with a band and loudspeakers, and a press boat loaded with newsreel cameramen and correspondents.

Two fireboats from the city will stage a spectacular water display to entertain the soldiers as they dock. The men will be greeted by relatives and friends, officials of the city, high-ranking Army officers, and interviewed by the press while their baggage is being un-

Only a limited number of persons with passes issued by the New York Port of Embarkation will be allowed at the pier, it was announced. A reviewing stand will be erected on the pier to accommodate the guests.

At 6 p.m. brief ceremonies will be conducted with General Ewart Plank, Commanding General of the N. Y. Port of Embarkation, giving the initial welcome message, followed by Maj. Gen. Wiley, Deputy (Continued on Page 4)

Stars Will Appear At Special Dance Scheduled July 3

Headlining such personalities as Jinx Falkenburg, Ella Logan, Cab Calloway, Peter Lind Hayes and others of the entertainment world, the reception dance to be given by the Japanese American community in honor of the returning heroes will be held from 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the local 9th Infantry Armory, 125 W. 14th St. Hundreds of nisei hostesses have

been mobilized through Unit Reception Committee of the city and the various local organizations to serve at this affair. Master of ceremonies will be columnist Ed Sullivan of the Daily News, who has always been a supporter of the nisei unit. The 9th Regimental Band-orchestra of the New York National Guards will supply the music.

Jinx Falkenburg, who appeared before the boys overseas while on a U.S.O. tour, is bringing a recording machine to interview some of the veterans. She plans to play the transcription of one of her daily radio programs over WEAF between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Five hundred leis, including 100 orchid ones, which are being sent from school children in Hawaii, are tentatively scheduled to be presented to the boys at the dance.

Sushi and other rare Japanese dishes, prepared by the Japanese women of the four churches, will be served.

The dance will be limited to the 442nd men, hostesses and other veterans.

The JACD dance, originally set for July 3, has been postponed to Saturday, July 6, as the boys are expected to be here for 5 days.

442nd Souvenir Issue Due Soon

For the 442nd souvenir picture edition of the Nisei Weekender which will appear July 11, Stone Ishimaru, nisei photographer, will follow the boys through from the moment that the press boat meets the Wilson Victory until the last 442nd man is processed out of Camp Kilmer, N. J.

He will catch them as they sail past the Statue of Liberty, as they greet wives and relatives on the docks, as they stand at attention during the brief ceremonies at the pier, bedecked with flower leis which are being sent to them all the way from Hawaii.

Ishimaru, who has done publicity work for various commercial outfits as well as free-lance jobs for such papers as the Chicago Times and organizations like the WRA, will ride with the men out to Kilmer and bunk with them that night. The following day he will cover the program in the Kilmer Bowl and the dance being given for them by the local Japanese group at the Armory here in New York.

What Made Them Great? A former 441nd man tells what kept them going...

WHY did the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team make such an exceptional record? How did greatness come to rest on the blue-and-gold colors of the regiment?

The nisei major was hesitant about answering, because it was difficult to talk of one's own and their exploits.

"I would put it in two words, comradeship and pride."

It was the comradeship which ranged from "giving the shirt off your back" —

what's mine is yours — to the sacrifice of life for another. The pride which stood against fear and the best that the enemy had to offer. These qualities were the commonplace, not the unusual, and taken for granted.

I remember an April morning in the north Apennines. Fog covered the valley floor and the entrenched enemy. Beyond rose the rugged peak of Mount Tomaggiore, the company objective. The forward observation party was dug in on the top of a knoll overlooking the enemy. It was under

Tooru Kanazawa

Tooru Kanazawa, formerly of the Cannon Company, was a member of the original 442nd Combat Team. He has participated in all of the four campaigns fought by the regiment. He is a holder of a Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge. (Ed. note).

where do we go from here

A Hero's Return—To What?

A hero's reception has been accorded, and deservedly so, to the much decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team. It is impossible to write about the 442nd without resorting to superlatives as the articles of this special issue testify.

A long, long rest should be coming to you by right. But you'll soon find out that this rest is not easy to get. Our Congress is no longer led by the imaginative leadership of an FDR. A few days before you landed, this Congress led by the conservatives strangled the OPA. You are home just in time to see prices rising before your eyes, something you saw plenty of in Europe, and something you know better about than we do.

You are home just in time to see the Fair Employment Practices Committee close up office, with the warning "that unchecked revivals of racial discrimination is wiping out wartime gains." From now on it is perfectly legal for employers to turn you down for a job. We hear that in some countries in Europe—Russia, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania—it is a crime punishable by death to indulge in racial discrimination.

A few days before your ship passed Ellis Island, a group of issei were being shipped out of that island destined for deportation back to Japan. We pray that none of your parents were included in the group. Many had helped with the American war effort; none of them wanted to go to Japan, but due to racist character of our immigration laws, your homecoming has been marred by some home-leaving.

A couple of days before you landed, the Bikini atom bomb went off. The days of war of nerves that you know so much about are not over. Our government is using it in international relations.

Your good old friend, Rankin and Bilbo, who haunted you in your training at Shelby, Miss., are still around in Congress. And if they were not so darn busy with their election campaigns, they may have been on hand to jap at you at your home-coming.

Hawaiians among you will be surprised to hear that statehood for the islands is still held up partly because of the fear of A-J-As.

They tell us that it was hard to send the members of the 442nd and 100th for a rest behind the lines in Italy. We don't think you'll be able to keep out of this fight at home very long. The vets who have returned have plunged in with all they've got. (Ben Kuroki of the JACD and Ken Nakano of the JACD are some of the conspicuous names.)

Rankin and Bilbo for the elections. The OPA, FEPC, immigration, atom bomb, anti-labor bills, all these will be hot issues in the coming months. For the Nisei Weekender which plans to take part in these fights, it is good to see the fighting 442nd shifted to the home theater. We need to worry no more about our flanks.

'Aloha' From Gov. Stainback

STATEMENT GOVERNOR

INGRAM STAINBACK, Governor, Territory of Hawaii:

"To the members of the 442nd Infantry Combat Team, Aloha.

"As Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, I send you greetings from all the people of Hawaii.

"As a demonstration of their Aloha, the people of Hawaii are sending you, 500 fresh flower leis which are being brought to you by an Army plane.

"These leis were made by wo-

men and girls, and even men, from every island in Hawaii and they symbolize not only our welcome to you but an Aloha to the many men who preceded your return in the grim days when such happy celebrations as this were impossible under wartime restrictions.

"So, when these leis arrive, please accept them as a welcome to you personally and in behalf of all the men of every racial background who fought so bravely, and of whom we are so proud."

v-mail special

She Wrote 200 Letters a Week

One sweetheart who rates a super Army "E" for keeping up the morale of the boys is Mary Nakahara Kochiyama. She's a one-woman postscript specialist who's been writing more than 200 letters a week to nisei GIs everywhere, keeping them in intimate touch with what's going on at home.

Even now with the war ended and some four months wedded, her fan GI mail is still pretty staggering. According to Bill, an ex-442nd man himself, whom she married this spring, Mary is known to more than 15,000 nisei GIs and has written to a large number of them, which is a lot of v-mail.

Mary started out as a morale-

builder while still in a relocation center in Jerome, Arkansas, where she started a USO center for visiting nisei GI from Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, and where incidentally she first met her husband.

In the spring of 1944, one week before the first 442nd Combat Team replacements left for overseas, Mary joined the famous Aloha USO in Hattiesburg where she worked as a volunteer staff worker. She arranged for housing for visiting wives, attended to other personal problems of the soldiers and did a million and one things for the boys away from home.

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Town Talk

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Guest Columnist

Ken Hayashi

The guys and especially the gals are awaiting the men of the 442nd. Big doings for the boys and the Big Town is all set for an all-out performance of joyous welcome to reciprocate in a small way for the all-out battlefield performance of this famed Combat Team. Speaking of the 442nd, no one is working harder than BILL and MARY KOCHIYAMA, to see that these soldiers are well taken care of.

Greenwich Village still sounds interesting by the tales related by Will Yenari, ace moundsman for the YBA. Incidentally, the YBA headquarters used to be at the Buddhist church. Now it's HANK TANABE's six-room apt. on 103rd and Manhattan. Genial hostesses are Chiye Tanabe and Hisa Nakamura.

DR. TOM TAMAKI of Philly sends along the names of JANE TANABE, ELLEN KAISHI, ALICE LEONG, CONNIE WONG, and EVELYN CHIU as whistling material. The girls are from Hawaii and are visiting N.Y.C. after a conference on the West Coast.

Back Home in the city are MR. and MRS. RODNEY IMAI after a vacation trip as far west as Minneapolis. Cute MARTHA MUSHY-MATSUO plotting a homeward trip to L.A. in the near future. Arriving soon will be Mushy's cousin TUBBY KUNIMATSU from Evanston, Ill. The attractive Evanston girl is seeking a singing career and hopes to become connected as a vocalist with some local band.

At Sunday's ball game sisters, TOMI INOYE and HAYASHI, three smart gals, providing all the answers that conversationally inadequate males could throw their way. Do women always have to have the last word? TAD TANAKA, who usually saves his vocal chords for plotting the defeat of YBA rivals, was voicing the attributes of a certain tall M.E. church lovely. MORRIE KURAMOTO was there with the boys. Morrie boasts of his dateless record and defies anyone to prove him wrong. He likes the girls but just doesn't believe in dating. A very rugged character. YURI MORIKAWA heading for Ithaca, N. Y. and the Cornell summer camp. MAY OTA, popular school teacher, leaving soon for Cincinnati and new horizons. Planning marriages. . . . MIN AOKI and HARUYE MORINGA and ex-Sgt. JAMES AKI HAYASHI and JEAN AKITA.

Former 442nd men whose Port of Embarcation was Fort Meade, Maryland, will be sorry to hear that the Washington Hostel has just been closed.

G.I. Guide: Where to Go and What to See

The G.I. Joes in Europe were notorious for propping up the buildings on various street corners for lack of something better to do. But that can't happen here—unless the homecoming heroes are looking over the signorinas as they walk by—for there are a million places to visit in New York. So go to it, boys, and bona fortuna, soldati.

RESTAURANTS:

- MIYAKO—20 W. 56th St. — everything from echazuke to sashimi.
- SUEHIRO — 35 E. 29th St. — popular among the nisei.
- YOSHINO-YA—164 W. 65th St.—specialize in unagi-domburi.
- LUM'S GARDEN—111 W. 49th St. — wide assortment of Chinese dishes.
- SHIP AHOY—55th St. & Broadway—for steaks and sea food.

Devers Salutes Combat Unit

Greetings from General Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, to members of the 442nd Combat Team, to be read upon occasion of the return of Unit on July 3.

As Commander of the Army Ground Forces and as your supreme Commander both in Italy and France it is my privilege to send these words of greeting at the homecoming of a famous Ground Forces unit, the 442nd Combat Team.

You return home with a military record of which you have every right to be most proud. Your country is proud of you. The Army is proud of you. And we of the Army Ground Forces take special pride in your record. In establishing the splendid record that is yours, you have done much to enhance the prestige of the ground soldier on whom rested, in such a large measure, responsibility for carrying the brunt of the battle in our fight with the forces that

threatened world civilization. So I speak as one who is fully appreciative of the difficult task confronting the combat soldier when I commend you for your accomplishments.

From the time you entered service, as volunteers in the Army of your country, through your period of training followed by arduous years of combat duty and ending with your assignment as occupational troops, you have consistently followed the finest traditions of the ground soldier. Your heroic performance in this war long will serve as an inspiration for our soldiers, whenever and where ever they may be called to serve their country.

Your work as soldiers is about ended. As you return to civilian life I have complete confidence in your determination to serve your country as loyal citizens just as you did while in uniform. As one soldier to another, I bid you welcome home.

silk purses and sows' ears

The Record on Rankin and the 442nd

APPENDIX TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD
April 15, 1943

Mr. Rankin: Mr. Speaker, the appealing of Japanese people in this country is a horrible blunder, and sending these Japanese into the South where we do not want them is worse.

I note that the War Department proposes to send Japanese soldiers into Mississippi, bring them from Hawaii. As I pointed out before, those Hawaiian-born - Japanese were the fifth columnists who directed the Japanese in their brutal attack on Pearl Harbor; and some of the ones who were shot down in that raid were reared and educated in Hawaii, Oregon and California.

I have protested against putting these Japanese in the American Army. The American soldiers do not want them. They know they cannot be trusted. Their ranks will be teeming with spies and

trouble makers. They ought to be put into labor battalions to do manual labor and not organized into military combat units.

Mr. Speaker, that area of the South is the most vulnerable section of America. If we should be attacked at any time and an invasion attempted, it would probably be along the Gulf coast, just as was the last attempted invasion of our country in 1815.

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MR. RANKIN, MISSISSIPPI:

"I know the Hawaiian Islands. I know the Pacific Coast where these Japanese reside. Even though they may be the third or fourth generation of Japanese, we cannot trust them. I know that those areas are teeming with Japanese spies and fifth columnists. Once a Jap always a Jap. You cannot change him. You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

The Schlegels Make Second Home For Stranded GIs in Big City

Among the 442nd's "favorite people" are Marian and Ralph Schlegel of 42-37 Union Street, Flushing. They have invited hundreds of boys over for suppers, socials and snacks, corresponded with them throughout the war, have taken lonely GIs around town during furlough and have seen to it that the men enjoyed their brief stay in New York.

It all started one day in 1944 when Marian, strolling around Radio City, noticed a number of 442nd boys wandering forlornly

around Rockefeller Center. She stopped them, chatted with them and ended up by personally escorting them around New York City.

From that day they have made it their mission to provide the warm friendly home atmosphere to lonely nisei boys on furlough.

They met many soldiers through the USO dances held throughout the war at the JACD clubroom, and many more as their name spread throughout the regiment. Marian and Ralph Schlegel are, indeed, one in a million.

DINING and DANCING

- MANHATTAN ROOM—Hotel New Yorker, 34th & 8th Ave. — ice show and dancing.
- GLASS HAT—Hotel Belmont, 49th & Lexington Ave.—floor show and dancing.
- HAWAIIAN ROOM—Hotel Lexington, 48th & Lexington Ave. —for homesick Hawaiians.
- CHINA DOLL—209 W. 51st St.—for a slant-eyed view of New York.
- TAVERN ON THE GREEN—Central Park West at 67th St.—open-air dancing for warm summer evenings.
- NICK'S—7th Ave. & 10th St.—for a good jam session.
- EDDIE CONDON'S—47 W. 3rd St.—for a good jam session.
- CAFE SOCIETY (Uptown and Downtown), 128 E. 58th and 2 Sheridan Sq.—for witty en-

tainment.
VILLAGE VANGUARD—178 7th Ave. at 11th St.—for witty entertainment.

CHURCHES:

- ST. JOHN THE DIVINE—Protestant Episcopal—Amsterdam & 112th St.
- ST. PATRICK'S—Roman Catholic—Fifth Ave. between 50th & 51st Sts.
- RIVERSIDE CHURCH — Non-denominational — Riverside Drive and 122nd St.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- BOAT TRIP AROUND MANHATTAN — 42nd St. Pier, West Side.
- ROCKEFELLER CENTER and RADIO CITY—Fifth to Sixth Aves., between 49th & 51st Sts.
- EMPIRE STATE BUILDING — Fifth Ave. & 34th St.

Returned Officer Relates War Experiences in Yen-an

Back from a unique 2-year experience in the mysterious loess caves of Yen-an, behind Japanese lines in occupied North China, is Lt. George Nakamura who is spending a few weeks with his mother, Mrs. Nakamura of 507 W. 140th St. Lt. Nakamura, together with three other Camp Savage graduates, was assigned by the U. S. Army to interrogate Japanese prisoners of war captured by the Chinese Communist forces.

In Yen-an these nisei had to be in frequent contact with the two Communist leaders in the Far East, Mao Tse Tung, and Susumu Okano. "We used to see Mao often at dances in Yen-an," said Lt. Nakamura. Frequently during the evenings the nisei soldiers would sit around Okano who headed the Peasants and Workers School and "sling the bull" in the caves.

"Okano impressed us very much; cool-headed, and soft spoken, he would answer our innumerable questions carefully and thoughtfully, speaking with deliberation," Nakamura pointed out. Okano seemed to take a special delight in getting together with the nisei intelligence men and seemed interested in the treatment the Japanese Americans were getting in America. "He expressed some surprise that nisei were taken into the U. S. Army. He felt that it would be best for the future of the Japanese Americans to move out from rural areas and get into the cities, acquiring some kind of a skill in mass production industries," Nakamura pointed out.

Okano strongly urged nisei to take an interest in the problems of Japan. "Through the nisei," he told the boys, "Japan and America can get better understanding." Nakamura learned that Okano studied economics in England after finishing his college education in Japan. Returning to Japan he agreed to take a lecture post at Waseda only if he were given complete freedom to lecture as he pleased. It was not long before his lectures were labelled "dangerous thoughts" and he was ousted.

The society at Yen-an fascinated the nisei soldiers. "It's a private ownership economy with the land divided into small farms. Everybody has some kind of work to

do and even the soldiers are given plots of land to till. Though the region is barren and the inhabitants must produce everything they consume, Yen-an appeared to have no problems such as inflation, high taxes and exorbitant rents as in other parts of China," Nakamura asserted.

Partly due to Okano's prestige, the nisei soldiers were popular in Yen-an and were treated well. "One got the feeling at Yen-an of a democratic equalitarian atmosphere, not dissimilar to the New England town-hall meetings. This was especially true during election time when peasants got together in groups and discussed the issues."

With George Nakamura at Yen-an were T-Sgt. Sho Nomura of Pasadena, T-Sgt. Toshi Uyesato of Waipahu and Lt. Koji Ariyoshi of Kona. Lt. Nakamura volunteered in 1943 and was in China for two years. For his work he was awarded the Bronze Medal. He hopes to learn Chinese in the future and to specialize in international relations. He will leave shortly for the Presidio of Monterey for retraining and is looking forward to returning to the Far East where he may join his brother, Lt. James Nakamura now stationed in the Philippines.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Mrs. Michiyo Inouye of the Philadelphia Hostel, 3228 Chestnut St., has issued a statement assuring prospective visitors and resettlers of the continued operation of the hostel.

Brooklyn Family Befriends G.I.'s

There is a "home away from home" in Brooklyn for thousands of 442nd and 100th men—a place to go where they know they are welcome no matter what the hour.

Dr. Kanzo Oguri, who has been named honorary chairman of the New York 442nd Reception Committee, and his family, deserve a special citation from the 442nd. On Sunday, it was not unusual to find 30 to 40 boys lounging around their large house at 579 7th St. in Brooklyn. And Sunday dinner cooked by Mrs. Oguri was something the boys wrote home about. The charming friendliness of the Oguri Sisters, Satoko and Chiyo, made them all the more anxious to go back.

The Oguri home is bedecked with mementoes from all over Europe and Asia, thank-you gifts from the many soldiers they befriended.

Friends Bid to Rites at Kilmer

Kilmer Bowl, the large open-air amphitheater where the special entertainment program will be held, has a seating capacity of 8,000 and since its opening in 1944, has been the scene of some super-colossal army shows.

Betty Grable, Ann Sheridan, Frank Sinatra and other favorite USO entertainers have performed from the stage there for the Kilmer boys.

The program will be open to the public and to the station complement, and all friends of the 442nd men are urged to attend the impressive ceremonies. Ed Sullivan, noted columnist and radio commentator, will act as master of ceremonies. The camp population at the last muster held June 14 totaled 36,610 troops.

Kako-Moriyama Rites Held in Washington

On June 29 Miss Toshiko Kako of Denver and Dr. Iwao Milton Moriyama of Washington, D.C., were married in a ceremony officiated by Reverend Alfred Akamatsu of the New York Methodist Church. The wedding was held at the East Washington Heights Baptist Church and was followed by a reception attended by 50 friends of the couple.

442nd Team Makes U.S. Army History With Its Exploits

Generally designated as the "most decorated unit of its size in the annals of the U.S. Army," the 442nd Regimental Combat Team has written a spectacular page in this country's military history. But the story of the 442nd is also the story of the 100th Battalion, whose feats were legendary among the infantrymen of the Fifth Army, even before the Combat Team went into action. It was the 100th who disembarked at the beaches of Salerno and fought for 40 straight days in the heartbreaking battle for Cassino. This was a battle against impossible odds in which the 34th "Red Bull" Division, of which the 100th was a part, nearly accomplished what later required 5 fresh divisions to do. The 100th was also at the Anzio Beachhead and helped to crack the final Rome defense line, to open the door to that city.

Activation

The combat history of the 442nd began when it was incorporated with the 100th near Civitavecchia, a historical port city north of Rome. The Combat Team composed of the 100th, 2nd and 3rd battalions, the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion and the 232nd Combat Engineer Company, first went into action at Belvedere. It was here that the 100th, called from regimental reserve, launched a surprise attack against enemy rear and flank to rip crack German SS battalion to shreds, completely overrunning their position. For this action, the 100th was awarded the coveted Presidential Unit Citation, the first of the seven which the Combat Team was to win.

Up The Boot

From that historical battle, the regiment slogged up the Italian "boot" in an action-studded drive which ended with the establishment of a defensive line along the southern bank of the Arno River. This was imperative for three of the veteran divisions had been withdrawn from the Fifth Army to prepare for the invasion of the southern coast of France under the aegis of the Seventh Army. The Arno was later crossed by the 2nd and 3rd Battalions near Florence and by the 100, west of Pisa. Shortly after this, the entire regiment was recalled to Naples for embarkment to France.

Into France

About a month after D-day, the Combat Team went into France and was attached to the veteran 36th, "T for Texas," Division, now part of the Seventh Army. In their first action, the Combat Team took the four hills guarding Bruyeres

which made possible the capture of that town. The stalemate which existed was now broken. It was during this interval that the O'Connor Task Force, composed of F and L Companies, won the second Presidential Unit Citation by executing a surprise flank attack at dawn to smash a strong enemy position which had bogged the regiment's drive. The Combat Team was then pulled back for rest.

Lost Battalion

The seizure of Biffontaine by the 100th had been exploited by the 3rd Battalion of the 143rd Regiment (36th Division) which relieved the 100th, but the Texas unit soon over extended itself and was cut off by the enemy. The 442nd was then called back to rescue the "Lost Battalion." After a scant two days of rest, the 100th and the 3rd Battalions started after the stranded unit. The first day of action netted 1,500 yards through the densely wooded ridge of the Forret Dominale. The casualties mounted as the Germans staged fierce counterattacks, but contact with the "Lost Battalion" was effected by the advance patrol of the 3rd Battalion 4 days later.

For this the 3rd Battalion response awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. The 2nd Battalion was also given the prized Unit Citation for a brilliant flanking movement which pinched off the threatening enemy unit to the left rear of the regimental position. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions continued to advance through the wooded ridge while the 100th was assigned to protect the right flank of the spearlike position of the Combat Team which had out-run its flanking units.

More Citations

For their tremendous accomplishments in building and maintaining a supply road through difficult and dangerous terrain, be-

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Greetings to the 442nd...

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Major General Alfred M. Gruenther, former Chief of Staff of the Fifth Army in Italy, has been named by the Assistant Secretary of War to make the principal address at the elaborate reception program to be held at Camp Kilmer on the afternoon following the arrival of the 442nd troops.

A seasoned army man, who graduated from West Point just 11 days before the Armistice in 1917, Gruenther was widely known during pre-war days as a bridge expert. Following an active army career during peacetime, in October 1941 he was sent to San Antonio, Texas as Deputy Chief of

Charles Taft Appointed

Arrangement for Japan Relief were being expedited in Washington with the appointment of Charles Taft, A New Dealer, to head a new committee which is taking the place of the now defunct President's War Relief Control Board, according to Takeshi Haga, publicity director of the N. Y. Committee for Japan Relief, who just returned from Washington, D. C.

More on: 442nd Team Makes U. S. Army History

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sides taking part in the combat due to the depleted ranks of the regiment, the 232nd Engineers were also awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

The advances made by the Combat Team was later exploited by the Seventh Army which stormed into Strassbourg shortly after the Combat Team was relieved. This was the first time in the history of recorded warfare that any opposed army had ever penetrated through the Vosges.

Rest At Last

In southern France, the 442nd was assigned to defend the Franco-Italian border in the Alps Maritime, between Menton on the coast and Pierra Cava on the north. During this period, characterized mainly by patrol activities, the regiment was able to rest and fill its depleted ranks which had been whittled down to an average of 35 men to a company, normally 200 in strength.

Back To Italy

In March, 1945, the Combat Team was sent back to Italy and was assigned to the 92nd Division. Meanwhile Col. Miller had replaced Col. Pence as regimental commander. On April 5th, the 442nd launched what was intended as a diversionary attack on the right flank of the Fifth Army position, in 2 days the regiment had made major gains, breaking through the strong points in the Appenines which had helped up another division for 6 months. The 100th made a frontal assault on the initial objectives while the 3rd Battalion was committed to a sweeping flanking movement deep into the enemy territory. On the following day, the two battalions made contact on Mt. Ceretta. It was at this time that the Stars and Stripes carried a story which was headlined, "442nd Spearheads Fifth Army." From then on the 442nd continued its advance on past La Spezia, the important naval port, mostly through diffi-

Staff, Third Army, and later became Chief of Staff.

He was assigned Deputy Chief of Staff of Headquarters ETO in July 1942, and in the following September became Deputy Chief of Staff, Allied Forces Headquarters.

In January, 1943, while in North Africa he was named Deputy Chief of Staff of the Fifth Army, and in 1944 he was picked as the Chief of Staff of the Allied Armies in Italy. It was during these critical days in Italy that Gruenther came to appreciate the fighting caliber of the Japanese American soldiers.

Finally, in August, 1945, he took command of the forces designated "U.S. Forces in Austria." In November, 1945, he reported back to the Adjutant General's office in Washington.

Gothic Line

For its part in cracking the right anchor of the Gothic Line, the entire Combat Team, minus the 522nd Field Artillery which had remained in France with the Seventh Army, was awarded another Presidential Unit Citation. The 100 won its second individual Presidential Unit Citation for its frontal attack of the first day of the campaign and for its part in the rescue of the "Lost Battalion," bringing the regiment total of the highly coveted citations to seven.

cult mountainous terrain. At this point the regiment took to trucks and rolled after the routed enemy. Genoa was occupied and the stage set for the surrender.

Surrender

The day of surrender found the units of the Combat Team in various part of northwestern Italy, and assigned the task of accepting the surrender of various German units which had indicated its desire to quit before the day of formal armistice.

Methodist Church To Continue Services

Morning services of the Methodist Church will be continued throughout the summer. Evening issei services held at 8 p.m. will be conducted jointly with the Japanese Christian Institute and the Japanese Christian Association, announced Reverend Alfred Akamatsu.

Reverend Akamatsu recently attended a week's Methodist Youth Conference at Doyer, Delaware and is scheduled to preach at the general meeting of the Women's Society for Christian Service at the New York East Conference to be held in Long Island.

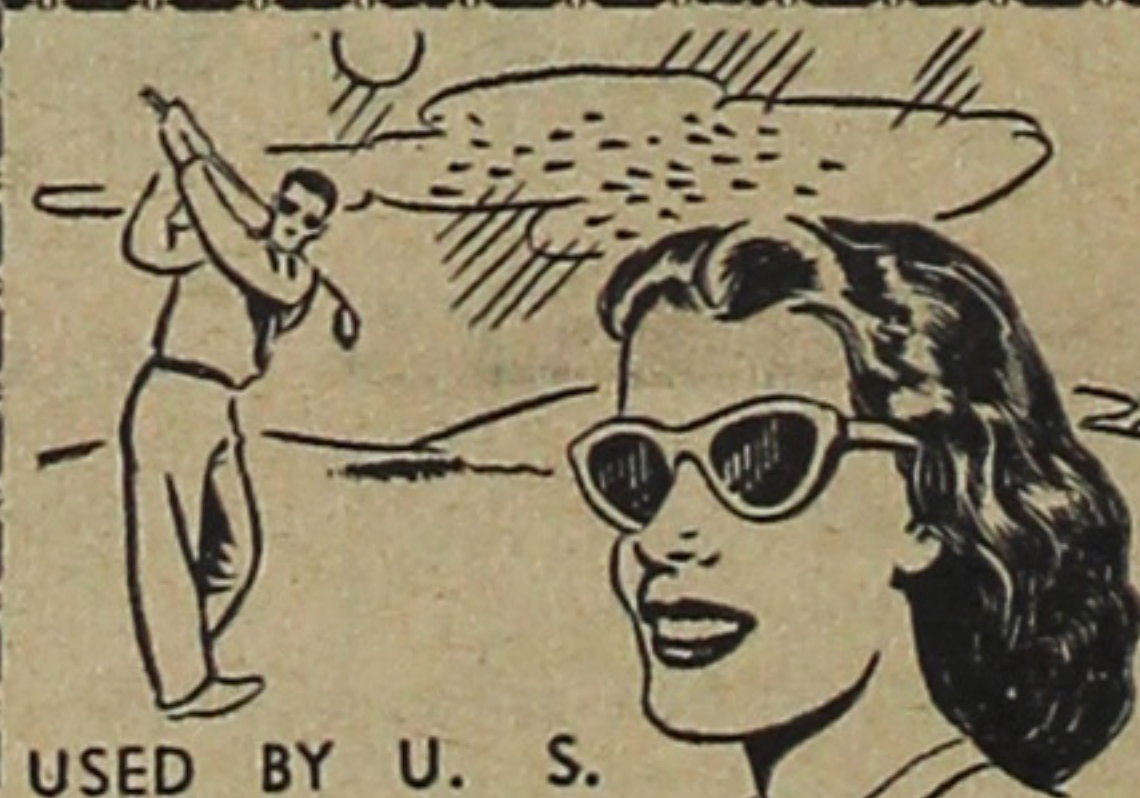
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Moe—some of the officers affectionately called him Flattop—went to the edge of the knoll to observe and see if he could direct friendly artillery fire on the enemy.

I remember the former ULCA cheer leader coming into company headquarters, singing, "—would you like to be a mule . . . the mule is an animal with long funny ears. . . ."

Moe did not have to expose himself, but he leaned against a dead tree, his arms wrapped around it so he could look down. A sniper's bullet came up from the valley floor, pierced the stump and his body, killing him instantly.

He wanted to make it easier for the boys.

'Take Me Back'

A FEW days later in Carrara, Italy, Min who would never see Alameda again, was mortally wounded when an enemy 88 shell burst in the room in which he and two others were sleeping. Two of his men were seriously hit. As shells continued to hit around the building, he ordered his men to remove the other two casualties to the protection of the lower floor, waiting to be carried down last.

He refused transfusion, ordering the medics to give it to the others. Taken to the rear he rebelled, saying, "Take me back up front. The boys need me. I'm not doing any good here." He died the next day.

His last thought was that his men were fighting up ahead and they needed him. His story is the story of the wounded 442nd boys who went AWOL from hospitals

to rejoin their comrades because the latter needed them.

The Officer Lived On

NEAR Bruyeres in Eastern France, the men were trying to cross an open field against a strong force of the enemy who were not dislodged until a Task Force was sent around to take him from the rear. The wounded lay out in the open, but the medics of the 442nd went out and brought them in. They disregarded the snails arm fire and shell bursts of enemy artillery. A medic from a neighboring outfit observing them, said, "You're either damn fools or heroes."

Some days later the infantrymen were slugging their way through the dark forests of the Vosges Mountains. Suddenly a barrage fell on the advancing columns, which were caught without the protection of foxholes. The colonel hit the ground. An instant later a nisei soldier threw himself over his officer. I do not remember if he was killed or wounded, but his officer lived to fight out the war.

The Other Guy First

THE story of Aoyama is well known. He became one of the heroes of America.

He was with a forward observation party on Hill 140. There both his feet were blown off by the explosion of an 88 shell. He retained presence of mind enough to apply a tourniquet to one of his legs, while his officer did the same to the other. With casualties so heavy, it was dark before he was carried into the aid station.

Unable to see the extent of the wounds suffered by the men, the medics called out for those most seriously wounded so they could be treated first. Each time that Aoyama was approached, he said that he was all right, and told the medics to take care of the others

first. It was not until the last man was aken care of that the medics learned that his feet had been blown off. He died the next day.

Such incidents, to a lesser or greater degree, could be multiplied a hundred times. This was what the major meant by comradeship and pride. This is why the 442nd which we are welcoming back today bears the stamp of greatness.

Blood and Guts

IN July of the previous year, near Castellina, Italy, a nisei and his officer were digging their foxholes during a mortar barrage. One shell exploded on the edge of the nisei's foxhole. A fragment scooped out his brain and deposited it in the officer's lap. Shocked out of his senses, the officer ran around the hillside through the barrage. One of his men brought him down in a football tackle and dragged him to the security of a foxhole.

In the same engagement, the fight for steep and rocky Hill 140, Corporal Aoyama deliberately sacrificed his life for the benefit of his comrades. It was one of the tougher fights that the men had, and casualties ran high.

George, a medic, whose duties were at the battalion aid station, voluntarily went forward and was mortally wounded by a sniper who disregarded his red cross brassard, a band worn around the arm. I remember medic litter parties marching up the hill, a large red cross flag flying at the head and end of each party. I remember one casualty borne down the hill, one leg and one arm blown off, his form still but alive beneath a blanket. On the trail I met Dick from Seattle, thirty-five years old and with a bad heart. He was resting in the shade before he made his second trip up the hill to carry down the wounded. This was the situation, and this was the spirit of the boys.

Fund Campaign Hits New High As Community Rallies to Greet 442nd

The most successful and briefest fund-raising campaign in the history of the New York Japanese community was recorded as \$999 and was collected in 4 days, according to Kaworu Mayeda and Sam Kai co-treasurers for the New York 442nd Reception Committee.

The campaign was conducted under the leadership of Ken Nakano, executive secretary of the JACD, and fund-raising director of the community-wide committee. The immediate and overwhelming response of the nisei and the issei in this city has surprised the most optimistic committee worker.

Money was collected through the cooperation of the various organizations and through individual solicitors. The following is a list of contributors to date:

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Hawaii AVC Leader Says Island Vets Won't Be Taken in By Politicos

"The nisei veteran in Hawaii is a surging, progressive force whose full potentialities are yet to be realized," John Akau, Hawaiian delegate to the national American Veterans Committee recently held in Des Moines, told the members of the NYC Nisei Veterans Committee at M. E. Church, Friday, June 27.

"The war has toughened them to reality and their experience abroad has provided the brake against being 'taken in' by glib politicians and false platforms," said Johnny Akau. Progressive organizations have found support from many nisei veterans; however, the support is not confined to nisei. Support comes from all groups, the Chinese, the Portugese, and other minority groups.

"A swiftly disappearing obstacle to political, economic and social unity has been the 'education' of

rural nisei families. This process has been accelerated by the tempo of war industry participation and with the return of veterans with new ideas, facts and convictions.

"However, it is a fact that there is still a dearth of good nisei leaders. The 100th, which compiled an envious record in combat, has failed in this respect, and has turned into a social club with 'D' company throwing dances. Socials are necessary but politics are more so.

"Yet, though the nisei response has been inadequate in proportion to their numbers, still, those who have come forward have displayed a real understanding of the issues involved. In the labor union field, nisei have taken a prominent part. "The AVC together with the other groups have been able to:

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Sawahata limited the Tofus to two hits and struck out 14 batters, running his season's total to 37.

Shinto, the losing pitcher, also hurled effectively, holding the Giants to five hits in the first three frames. He allowed no hits after the third inning. The score might have been closer were it not for the many errors of his teammates.

M. Watanabe led the victors with two for four. B. Imai and D. Bhang divided the two singles for the losers.

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Jaycees Win in Extra Inning Tilt

In a nip and tuck contest which was extended an extra inning the JAACL boys eked out a close 11 to 10 victory over the stubborn El Dorado Nuggets in the opening

game Sunday. The game was not decided until the 8th when Peter Yoshitomi crossed the home plate on Tochihiro's long fly to left field.

The game was marked by a barrage of 20 hits between the teams and a first-inning home run by Matsuo of the Jaycees.

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YBA in Easy Win Over Combos

Scoring in every inning except the third, the up and coming YBA nine soundly trounced the JCI-JCD combine, 13 to 7 in Sunday's second game. Ken Yasuda opened the fireworks in the second with a slashing triple, followed by three walks and a base-cleaning double by George Motoyama. Another big fifth inning rally brought ten men to bat and five extra runs.

The losers had their big inning in the seventh when Tom Takemoto, relief hurler for the YBA, walked five men consecutively and allowed Ken Nakamura to single for a total of four runs.

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Holabird GI Nine to Test Caliber of Local Teams

July 6th and 7th will be the date for "Operation New York" for the colorful nisei nine from Camp Holabird, Maryland. As special guests of the YBA they will arrive on Saturday and that afternoon will tangle with the flashy YBA softball team. The game is set for 4:00 p. m. at the Riverside Park.

The Holabird boys, runner-ups for the camp championship and rated a hard team to beat, will cross bats with the Weekender League's top team, the Lil' Giants on Sunday afternoon at the 107th St. Diamond at Riverside Park.

The line-up and probable batting order for Holabird will be: George Kimura, C.; Jake Dobashi, 3B; Hank Ito, SS; Karl Tanaka, 1B; Tom Nakatsuka, P; Sats Hane, 2B; George Migake, LF; Willie Naruo, CF; Sus Uyeda, RF.

Pacific Citizen Editor Flies East to Meet 442

Larry Tajiri, editor of the Pacific Citizen, will be among the nisei visitors making special trips to be on hand as the Wilson Victory docks at Pier 84. Tajiri flew into town this morning aboard a plane from Salt Lake City to cover the story for his paper and to greet his old friends who are returning from Italy.

Tajiri, one of the leading nisei newspapermen in the U. S., took over the editorship of the then struggling Pacific Citizen shortly after Pearl Harbor and has since built it up into a thriving sheet which has closely followed the deeds of the 442nd since its very inception.

more: Welcome

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Chief of the Army Transport Corps, Colonel Arthur M. Sheets will deliver a message from Gen. Jacob Devers, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces and former Commanding General of the Seventh Army.

Among notables who will be on hand to welcome the men will be Hugo Rogers, Boro president of Manhattan, representing Mayor O'Dwyer who is out of the city. It was stated that General Courtney Hodges, Commanding General of the First Army, may be present if his schedule permits.

Following the ceremonies, refreshments will be served by the American Red Cross. At 7:30 they will board the ferry for the Jersey side. They will be preceded by the welcome boat and the Fort Hamilton band. From Jersey City they

Earl M. Finch Flies East For 442nd Deactivation

The man who recently was accorded a bigger reception in Hawaii than the late President Roosevelt, Earl Finch, the 442nd's best friend and one-man USO from Hattiesburg, Miss., flew into town last Saturday to be in at the final deactivation ceremonies of his beloved 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Finch, mild-mannered but effective, switched plans to tour the West Coast in behalf of the nisei, and reversed his direction when he was advised of pending arrival of the Wilson Victory. He wired the War Department that he would stand by to do everything he could for the boys. And in Finch's language, that's plenty.

He is staying at the Astor Hotel which is his New York headquarters. Through no desire of his own, Finch's work among the nisei soldiers has been widely publicized, the biggest story being a full-length feature in the Saturday Evening Post. It is generally recognized that he has done more for the 442nd than any one man in America.

The following afternoon a special program will be held at Camp Kilmer which will be open to the public and in the evening the men will attend a dance held at the local armory, 125 W. 14th St.

They will remain at Camp Kilmer for 5 days, during which time they will be given 24-hour passes as long as processing does not interfere. On the morning of July 8th the 442nd will proceed to Ft. Belvoir as a unit to await further instructions.

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paigned in the European theater. "The heroic deed of the regiment which dot the mountain slopes of Italy give silent testimony to what this regiment gave in unstinted sacrifice.

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Midori Kitazone was elected President of the Young People's Christian Federation at a meeting at St. Paul's Chapel on Sunday, June 30.

Other officers elected were: Fujio Saito, vice president; Honey Toda, secretary; and Al Kanzaki, treasurer.

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