

Photo By U. S. Signal Corps

Part of the returning 442nd Regimental Combat Team aboard the troopship Wilson Victory as it steamed up the Hudson River to recevie the cheers of enthusiastic New Yorkers. Official welcome boat and New York skyline in background.

Generals Laud 442nd Team At Camp Kilmer Reception

Additional plaudits were paid the much-honored 442nd Infantry | panies of Camp Kilmer troops welcome home program at Camp Kilmer July 3rd when Maj. Gen. of stait to Gen. Mark Clark representing the Secretary of War, related how the 442nd came to be the most coveted unit in the Fifth Army.

John J. McCloy, former assistant secretary of war who was chiefly instrumental in the formation of the Japanese American combat unit, declared that he was prouder of this one feat than of anything accomplished during his whole stay in the War Department.

Joseph R. Farrington, delegate from Hawaii, Brig. Gen. Robert H. 442nd Feted At Wylie, chief of the office of rtansportation of the War Dept., and Nation's Capital Maj. Gen. Ewart Plank, commanding general of the New York port of embarkation, also spoke briefly. route to Camp Belvoir, Va., the

anese American community and arriving in Washington July 6th, stressed the pride of the issei in were greeted in the nation's capithe accomplishments of the 442nd. tal by the Ft. Belvoir band and a

and hula girls entertained. Not- headed by Kenko Nogaki, Bob and ably in the mixed audience was the Fumi Iki. large number of Negro troops.

Full Week Planned For 442nd Heroes D. C. 442nd Reception Committee.

men of the 442nd Combat Team | the men heard Earl M. Finch, the after their tumultuous welcome in | Hattiesburg godfather, and Dillon New York, are guests at the Myer, former WRA head. "With-

Vernon, the men were entertained have been accomplished." by film and radio stars at a Highlighting the program, the at Griffith Park.

After a free day on Friday, could not be with them. several carloads of girls will A special Japanese supper pre-

Following the program nine com- | Foo's.

Combat Team at an impressive marched in rveiew, honoring the

Watch for the Weekender pictorial souvenir issue next week. Copies will be widely distributed throughout the East Coast, Chicago, Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii.

The pictures will cover the arrival in New York, ceremonies at Camp Kilmer, presentation of leis from Hawaii, the train trip to Fort Belvoir and the Presidential review in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - En Ioji Sekine, represented the Jap- heroes of the 442nd Combat team Johnny Pineapple, his orchestra Japanese American delegation

The men of the 442nd were guests that afternoon at a special "Open House" held at the YWCA, arranged especially for them by the Washington USO and the

After a few words of greeting WASHINGTON, D. C. - The from Helen Johnson of the USO, nation's capital this week. out the magnificent showing of Beginning the week with a the nisei soldiers," Myers stated, teurists' tour of historic Mount | "the work of the WRA could not

special camp show put on for men led by Lt. Col. Alfred Pursall them the following night. Wed- stood in solemn tribute to Col. nesday was set aside for a quick V. R. Miller and Brig. Gen. Pence tour of the capital, and today the | (former commanding officers of the men will take in a ball game famed outfit) and to the other members of the combat team who

be hostesses at a dance to be pared by the issei women of Washheld at Camp Belvoir Saturday ington, was followed by a festive night. Friends and relatives have evening of dancing and singing. been invited to an all-day open | Special entertainment was prohouse at the camp the following vided for the boys by entertainers from the Chinese restaurant, Ruby

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PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW

Tooru Kanazawa

Pressboat Meets Wilson Victory

Truman would review the 442nd Belvoir, Virginia, during this coming week-an hour rarely if size—the homecoming for the famed unit will reach its peak.

The members of the 442nd were moved by troop train from Camp Kilmer where they had stayed four days to Belvoir on Saturday.

Press Boat

At noon of July 2 we gathered in the Public Relations Office of the Brooklyn Army base. As repwere preparing to go out in the special boat to meet the Wilson Victory this side of Sandy Hook.

The gray Army transport was carrying 502 members of the 442nd. After two years, two months and two days overseaseight months and a half more for the 100th Battalion of the 442nd -the 442nd was bringing home the Liberty Torch insignia to which they had brought so much honor.

Honoring All

the 483 men and 19 officers ac- The long, solid orchid leis which

In the PRO we met Lynn Cross, and carfully wired. the 442nd. She served as foreign torial Council on Veterans' Af- the 442nd. war correspondent for the Hono- fairs, together with the Hawaii These ten men will join the party waii Delegate Farrington. s ranged this unusual tribute.

442nd to March for Truman In Washington, July 15th

WASHINGTON, D. C .- President Truman on Monday, July 15, will review the 500 returned Japanese American soldiers composing With the report that President the 442nd Regimental Infantry Combat Team, the "most decorated unit of its size in U.S. military history." This will be the first time in Japanese American Combat Team World War II that such a high honor has gone to such a small military

Other members of the reviewing party will include the Secretary ever accorded a unit of regimental of War, Robert P. Patterson, Joseph R. Farrington, delegate from Hawaii, General Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces and other distinguished military figures.

Costly Floral Leis Flown From Hawaii

Twenty-seven thousand dollars' worth of rare orchid and other tropical flower leis, made resentatives of the newspapers, and sent to the 442nd men by the press services and newsreels we people of Hawaii, arrived on the to reach the ellipse at about 2:30. morning of the 4th due to transportation difficulties encountered by the Army Air Transport Com- will report to the President. Then mand which, undertook the flying Truman and his party will inspect of the precious cargo.

> boys immediately after arrival eral of the Military District of at a special watermelon feast given by "Godfather" Earl Finch at Camp Kilmer.

tion was in a way symbolical, with comment from the holiday crowd.

The 442nd troops will form for the triumphal parade in the vicinity of the Capitol and will follow the traditioal route down famed Constitution Avenue, arriving at the ellipse in front of the White House. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and the troops are scheduled

When the troops arrive at the ellipse, Lt. Col. Alfred A. Pursall the troops with Brigadier General The leis were presented to the C. B. Fernbauch, commanding gen-Washington, acting as military aide to the President.

Later in the day the men be- The colors of both the tro a decided with the colorius flowed keemental Infantry Combat Team necklaces stormed Broadway and and the 100th Battalion will then We understood that this recep- other New York spots, arousing be presented to the President by the officers of the unit. Ten outcpeting honors on behalf of their were presented by Hilo citizens, standing men of the combat team some 10,000 comrades who served were painstakingly prepared, each will advance to the reviewing stand before and with them in the unit. stem being wrapped in cotton where President Truman will affix the Presidential Distinguished Unit widely known among members of James A. O'Brien of the Terri- Citation Banner to the colors of

Iulu Star-Bulletin, owned by Ha- USO and other organizations, ar- to review the troops in the formal review which will follow.



442nd men "go for broke" on hundreds of boxes of "osushi" prepared by local issei women and served July 3 at the festive dance-reception held at the 14th Street Armory. The affair was sponsored by a community-wide committee. Photo By Stone Ishimaru

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Ken Hayashi

When the "Wilson Victory" pulled into pier 84 late afternoon, July 3, nisei hearts thrilled as they had never thrilled before. Their 442nd combat team had come home to be deactivated after compiling one of the greatest records in U. S. military annals. Army brass was there to laud them. Photographers and newsmen were there to send their pictures and stories throughout the press of the nation. The nisei were once again discussing art. proud to be nisei. Blood, sweat and tears, backed by an unshaking all get-out but her happiness Food Donators: faith in the democratic American way of life kept the nisei and the issei, in the American fold.

Speaking of thrills, we were touched by the sportsmanship dis- and one that will remain forever played by the other ship-locked in the memories of those who partroops of the W. Victory. The ticipated in any part of the pro-442 boys were off the ship first gram. and though the others were no doubt just as anxious to hit land they patiently and enthusiastically waited and cheered their colleagues of the 442nd as they passed briefly by in review on the pier.

Co-operation is always 2 wonderful thing to behold. The army, local Japanese community and the public worked hand in hand to welcome the lads. The army sponsored the program at the pier and at Kilmer. They also donated the huge armory for the dance. The Japanese community financed the project and did the work. Special credit should be given to the issei women and girls of the various Japanese churches who labored all day to put up the rice box lunches for the soldiers and their hostesses at the dance. The public acknowledged the boys and many went out of their way to thank and praise the 442 for their terrific combat performance.

At the dance the boys were especially glad to see Jinx Falkenberg. This beautiful and personable star of screen and radio visited the lads in Italy and was a big favorite with them. Cab 213 FRONT STREET Calloway and Ella Logan also made big hits with the boys and their gals. Both the Cabbie and Ella dashed away from their regular performances to do their stint for the boys. . . .

Hard working dispensers of soft drinks-George Okada, Watson Asaba, Jack Der-Palmer, ex-GI, recently returned from Japan, Hank Tanabe, Mits Matsuo, Harry Kuwada, Tad Tanaka and several

others. . . . Ex Lt. Bill Oda and wife Esther in from the coast, re-newing old acquaintances. Bill received a battlefield commission when he was with G. Company of the 442 in France. . . . Other ex-442 vets-Bill Kochiyama, Dick Hata, Harry Abe, Toru Kanazawa, George Harada, Chester Tanaka, Tom Okazaki and a number of others whose hearts must have swelled with pride at the reception the fellows were getting. . . . Mrs. Don Kawasaki, missing her Lt. husband, stationed in Tokyo. . . . Lillian Ishii monopolizing handsome Sgt. Sam Chiba, from Lodi,

Calif. . . . Attractive sisters, Martha and Eleanor Kushida, gladdening the hearts of the boys. . . . Sgt. Ned Minamoto listening to the ya ta ta-ya ta ta of Gladys Sugawara.

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Personable Tosh Funai dancing with ex-Northwest friends. . . S-Sgt. Mich Shimomura just in from Japan and looking homeward to Seattle. . . . Peggy Okazaki theatrically groomed, arm-in-arming around with a handsome Looie. .. The Kai's, Jim and Tami, JACL vice prexy, Sam and pretty Rose, Total 2nd Report all doing their share for the Total 1st Report cause. . . Danny Bhang and Betty Choy and Masaji Murai

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442nd Record An Opening Wedge In Peacetime Fight Into the matrix of subsided hysteria and injustice the nisei veteran will return. The change will be great and difficult for him . . . greater perhaps than for the average GI. For his is a shift from the limelight and plaudits of military prowess to the shadows of a corner where

A 442nd Vet Says

silent rejection. Already, a handful of nisei veterans who received early discharges K. Sakasegawa, Mrs. S. Imai, Mr. have been unable to take the conversion in stride. The jump to normalcy was too great. The step from the gestapo type of evacuationrelocation to unqualified acclaim in combat and then back to civilian status in a race-tolerant (the term itself begs the question) environment is enough to produce a neurosis in the hardiest of individuals.

lurks racial discrimination in the subtlest form. It is the change of the

veteran from belonging and oneness to that of not-belonging and

A good antidote to this sort of thing is fuller participation in the community life of the nation at large. Joining non-exclusive nisei organizations, churches, clubs is the first step in that direction. Rebuff and subtle discrimination await the nisei in such mingling as he well \$1-Miss N. Kuichi, Miss S. Shirafuji, knows. Yet, the nisei must stick his head into the American community Mr. W. Yamaguchi, Mr. W. Uji- at large and have it knocked about. It is not an all "taking" proposifusa, Mr. H. Kataoka, Mr. T. Ya- tion, "giving" is the necessary complement.

This then is the citizen's battle and it will prove as difficult as the shooting war. Nisei vets are counted upon for leadership. They 718.85 have been toughened to reality, and travel and contact have given 999.00 them the breadth and depth of intellectual understanding so necessary to sound and effective political and economic action. Nisei vets must

> In peace as in war, the success of missions depend upon team work. Individuals as such can do very little. This means joining groups of various kinds. On the nisei side are the JACL, the JACD, and Mr. Tsukada, 200 lbs. rice; Mr. Ku- other such political groups. But at the same time, join and become wayama, 48 lbs, rice; Mr. Suzuye, 30 active in such horizontal and progressive groups as the AVC, the lbs. rice; Mr. Tanaka, 60 lbs. rice. CIO, the PAC, the Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences Oriental Foods, I tub Takuwan; Mr. and Professions, etc. Join them and let them know you, and you them.

> Much blood has been spilled, but the nisei stake in America has Tsukada, 40 lbs. Oboro-ebi; Anomy- been ineradicably carved. The 442nd record is the opening wedge in the peacetime battle. The fight must be waged in the same spirit that military missions were carried out.

> > A coasting upon the laurels of past victories which should be and would be yours in a normal lifetime, but in the case of the nisei in the web and loom of today's society, the warriors rest must be denied. The next few years will be crucial for the future of the nisei in American society, politically, economically and socially. Like all military victories, final fruits can only be clinched in peace. In this new task, miser are once H-Hour is at hand. "Prepare to move."

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with officers of the Committee night with cookies and punch with follow the formulas first set in DONE sign painted on the Long made water displays, each sending present to discuss problems with many admiring parents and rela- the original rites conducted in Island shore, our ship blew a fuse twelve geysers of water high into

of the University of California and zu, Giisuke Kobayashi, Marshall outing at Jones Beach Saturday, Nakamura, and Aya' Kuwayama. July 27.

Japanese Methodist Church at 10 duct a new class in the fall. a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The transportation costs \$2.00 for the 442nd Newsreel round trip and all reservations must be placed with Peter Aoki, WU 7-1616.

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Mr. Sugimoto, who has been Chartered buses will leave the lately shown in Baltimore, will con-

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during the day, with Rev. New- ing in the sun. ton Ishiura scheduled for the 11 interested issei members of the tives in attendance. Among those India in the sixth century B.C. or whatever it is that stops a the air. As we passed the battery

services.

Broadway hit "The Searching After a short wait we saw the whistles. On our ship all the play and perhaps better.

and commentary on the return of | Corps short, "Don't be a Sucker," | circled.

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spit and polish. A similar tender ception from the troops. was the official greeters' ship. We Three services will be conducted tached to the bridgehouses shin- to S-Sgt. Ker Matsuda.

Just as we reached our destin- As we passed the Statue of a.m. service and Rev. Hozen Seki ation between Staten Island and a Liberty all the eyes of the boys at 8:30 p.m. These services will white WELCOME HOME-WELL turned that way. Three fireboats ship's engnies. Our skipper gave and moved up the Hudson, we A Japanese motion picture will the repeated short blasts of his could see streamers of paper flybe shown to the members of horn that means "Abandon Ship" ing from the windows of the skythe church following the evening and we were transferred to the scrapers, and in the windows greeters' tender.

Wind" with Robert Young and Wilson Victory come steaming up cameramen had their lenses Sylvia Sidney. Don't worry if you the harbor. We headed in the same trained on the soldiers. have seen the play previously. direction, sailing so that we would The film is very dicerent from the converge. Three A-26's from Mit- At Pier 84 the veterans were chell Field buzzed the Wilson Vic- greeted by friends and relatives, 1. Excellent newsreel pictures | 3. A splendid U. S. Army Signal tory, while overhead a news plane and four hula dancers from the

Mass of Khaki

was a solid mass of khaki from of lights and cameras. ship's rail to crow's nest and boat A brief ceremony followed at deck. Two loudspeakers had been the reviewing stand which had been set up, and the Army band aboard built on the pier. our ship broke into Alpha, Ha- Before the veterans were waiian War Chant, Pagan Love marched off to the ferry and train Song and a medley of Hawaiian which took them to Camp Kilmer, songs for the benefit of the 234 New Jersey, they were given a men from Hawaii aboard the trans- break during which they mingled port. The 249 other men of the with friends and relatives. 442nd came from twenty states on ______ the mainland.

As we steamed along ten yards

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Mary Kawata

moved down the harbor between As a special number, Mary Kadozens of ships, our signal flags wata of Washington, D.C., had streaming in the wind, and the the band play one number, "Ir three-foot regimental insignias at- | Seems Like Old Times", dedicated

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Visiting Holabird Nine Beats Top Notch Lil' Giants, 7-6

Defeated in their debut against a local team on Saturday, July ME Angels Beat 6, the visiting Camp Holabird to eke out a 7-6 victory over the Dorado Sluggers top-notch Lil Giants team in an extra inning thriller. Holabird had finished its half of the last inning with a comfortable margin of 3 runs when the local boys rallied with three runs in their half of the inning to knot the score at six all. In the ninth inning, shortly after the Giants' pitcher Sa- ME collected only 10 hits comwahata had issued a pass to right pared to their victims' 13 but and cruised along behind the fielder Tashiro with two outs, profited by utilizing the 10 walks pitching of W. Enari, who was recatcher George Kimura slammed a two base hit into center field, and Tashiro romped home with the winning tally.

The Holabird boys had their big inning in the third frame when Karl Tanaka. 3rd baseman, banged out a three base hit with the bases loaded and scoring himself on a bad throw to third base by catcher Nakajima.

first inning. However, the locals ters. were forced to call upon three | El Dorado scored only in the 1st hurlers to stop the Holabird at- and 3rd innings, since the 13 hits for each game—there wasn't an tack, in the seventh when Kimura they did hit were fairly well scat- upset. and Dobashi exploded with home tered and Tamaki, of the ME, JACL 3 1 0 0 1 0 0. 5 runs and accounted for 5 extra was backed by almost errorless YBA 3 3 4 0 2 1 runs.

Kimura; YBA: Takemoto, Okada, 1 walk. Yamamoto and Motoyama. Kurahara and Shimizu led the

Kimura; Giants: Sawahata and Kawamoto for El Dorado hit 3 for Nakajima.

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issued by Asai. They started off with a bang from the very first inning when P. Tamaki opened up with a single and was pushed completely around by three consecutive walks. Then, with the bases double to clean the bases to give scored only in 3 innings totaling Ujifusa singled and scored on John them a 4 to 3 lead. But, that 5 runs on 6 hits. was only half of the first inning; 6 more batters came up after this, Yasuda each banged out a double the other hand, was in trouble in Ignoring all previous reports as the first 2 batters batted twice and a single to lead the Bussei every inning except the first and about the GI team, the YBA boys in the same inning. The Angels hitting while Hiromura and P. the 6th. rudely turned back Holabird 11-9 continued to pile up the runs in Yoshitomi both had a perfect day M. Shinto, for the victors, had a in the opening game of the exhibi- every inning except the sixth - each getting 2 hits and drawing perfect day in batting by collecttion series. The Buddhist boys the only inning Asai was not in 2 walks. As the game ended, the ing 2 hits and 2 walks. were never behind except in the trouble and faced but 4 bat- once-time 2nd placers dropped to Tofu 0 3 2 1 4 0

support, and he issued only 4 Holabird .. 200011500 9 bases on balls. El Dorado's most YBA 0 3 2 1 0 4 0 1 11 fruitful inning was the first when Batteries: Hol: Ito, Hane and they earned 3 runs on 3 hits and

Holabird .. 0 1 4 0 0 0 1 0 1 7 victors with 2 hits apiece, the Giants ... 2 0 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 6 former hitting a mighty triple Batteries: Hol: Hane and and the latter a clean double. 4 to lead his teamsters in hits. Methodist 6 1 1 0 3 4

JACL Beaten, 13-5

In the last and most crucial game of the day, the YBA nine fought their way to a two-way tie for first place after downing their formerly co-holder of second place, the JACL. After taking a 3 run lead in the first, the JACL team were able to score only twice after that to say behind the remainder of the game.

YBA took the lead in the second lieved by T. Takemoto in the 5th. Both of these hurlers began with a weak start but proved their effectiveness in their later innings.

ning except the 4th to collect 13 countered. Only one more run was loaded, H. Mugushima slashed a runs on 11 hits, while the JACLers scored in the seventh when Bill

> third place. The day ended accord- JCI-JCD 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 ing to the way critics predicted

Bussei, Giants, Tie Veterans Given Chemical For Top Position: Association Fellowships

Soft Tofus Easy Win Over Combos

With the Weekender League series drawing nearer the inevitvincing score of 10 to 3. This game gave the Tofu an undisputed second place in the league and dropped the JCI to 4th place.

I. Yoshimura, Tofu hurler, pitched hitless ball until the 4th when Pete Iida started the inning with a single. Then with 2 outs, Ken Nakamura blasted a two-run round tripper, which proved to be the The Bussei scored in every in- only real trouble Yoshimura en-Kawaguchi's following double.

T. Ikeda, M. Kikuchi, and K. B. Ujifusa, pitcher for JCI, on

On Sunday the 442 will hold an open house program for friends at Fort Belvoir. Buses will leave 13 the Washington YWCA at 1 p.m.

Three of the 80 important fellowships awarded recently by the American Chemical Association went to nisei. Hiroshi Furakawa, veteran and graduate of Washington State College was able end, the Tofu team pounded given a fellowship to complete out 11 solid bingles against 5 hits his pre-doctoral studies in inorby the JCI-JCD, to win by a con- ganic chemistry at the University of Wisconsin.

In the field of physical chemistry, Harvey Itano, who received his M. D. degree from the St. Louis School of Medicine, on a A.C.A. fellowship will continue his work for a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.

Ben Sugimoto, another veteran, and a UCLA graduate, will continue in organic chemistry at Purdue University. All of these fellowships are large grants and will cover 2 to 3 years of graduate work.

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