



...in the operations, and we used them quite dramatically in the great advance in Italy which led up to the termination of the fighting there.

GEN GEORGE C. MARSHALL

- Their records in battle have been marked by one outstanding achievement after another. They have written a brilliant chapter in the history of American fighting men.

LT GEN MARK W. CLARK
COMMANDING OFFICER, 5TH ARMY

- The 442nd drove forward despite heavy casualties... allowing the enemy no time for rest or reorganization... liberated the city of Carrara, seized the heights beyond... and opened the way for advances on the key road center and ports of La Spezia and Genoa... The successful accomplishment of this mission turned a diversionary action into a full-scale and victorious offensive... an important part in the final destruction of the German armies in Italy.

GEN DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
CHIEF OF STAFF

- We were joined by the men of the 442nd... brave determined little men... who seemed almost anxious for a fight. "Man, they could fight!" exclaimed a George Company wire man... "They didn't appear scared of anything; they just kept advancing through the forest standing up and firing from the hip at anything that moved. They sure knew how to make our Tommy Gun talk!"

141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT
36TH DIVISION

- The 442nd Regimental Combat Team's most well-known exploit was the relief of the 'lost' 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, of the 36th Division, which had been cut off by the enemy in the Vosges Mountains. In three days of savage fighting, with close combat use of the grenade and bayonet, the Nisei broke through the enemy cordon. In gratitude, the men of the 36th Division launched a drive and had all members of the 442nd declared "honorary Texans"... this Nisei unit sustained 814 battle casualties (e.g., Company K was down to 17 riflemen; Company I, 8; there were no officers in either company the day after contact with the 'lost' battalion was made; sergeants were running the companies).

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

- Every member of the anti-tank company wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge for exemplary conduct under fire and the Glider Badge for action as gliderborne troops.

STARS AND STRIPES

- All in all, the regiment (442nd) charged some 50 miles in four days... averaging as little as two hour's sleep a night, and were so far ahead of the supply lines they were without food for 24 hours.

AP DISPATCH, JULY 1944

- Well, they were received as heroes by their own people, naturally, and I think that the general public received them as such now. There are a few cases, and I know that people would yell that they did not win the war. And I have got to give the men credit and the officers that are coming back and the spokesman for them, because this was mentioned on many occasions, that they did not win the war, that they fought as well as any soldier perhaps, not any better, but we knew of none that fought better. And I think it was this sort of humbleness that kept it in the right perspective so that people have accepted it very well.

COL JAMES LOVELL
100TH INFANTRY BATTALION

- Your heroic sacrifice is not lost, but will mold and inspire the characters of generations yet unborn.

INGRAM M. STAINBACK
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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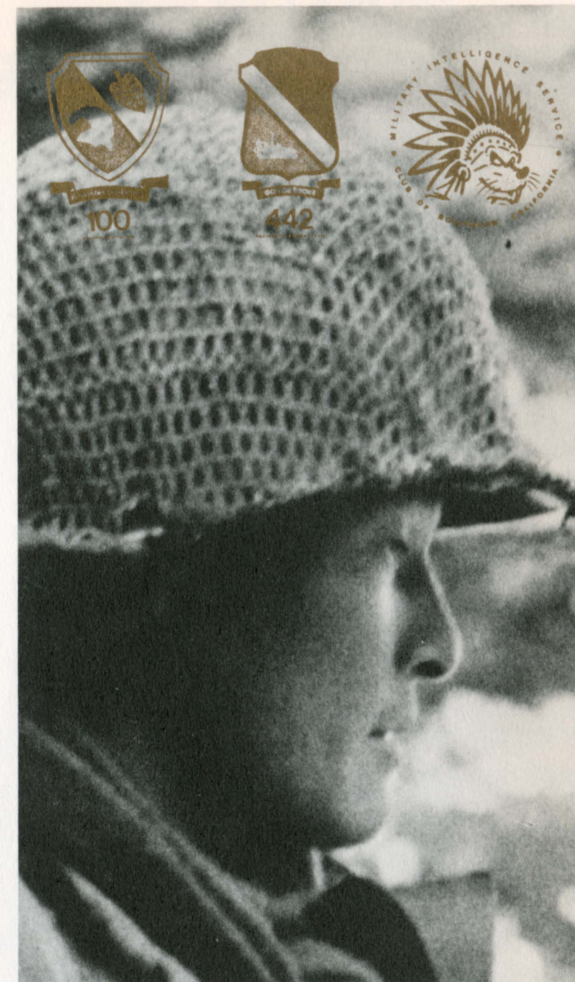
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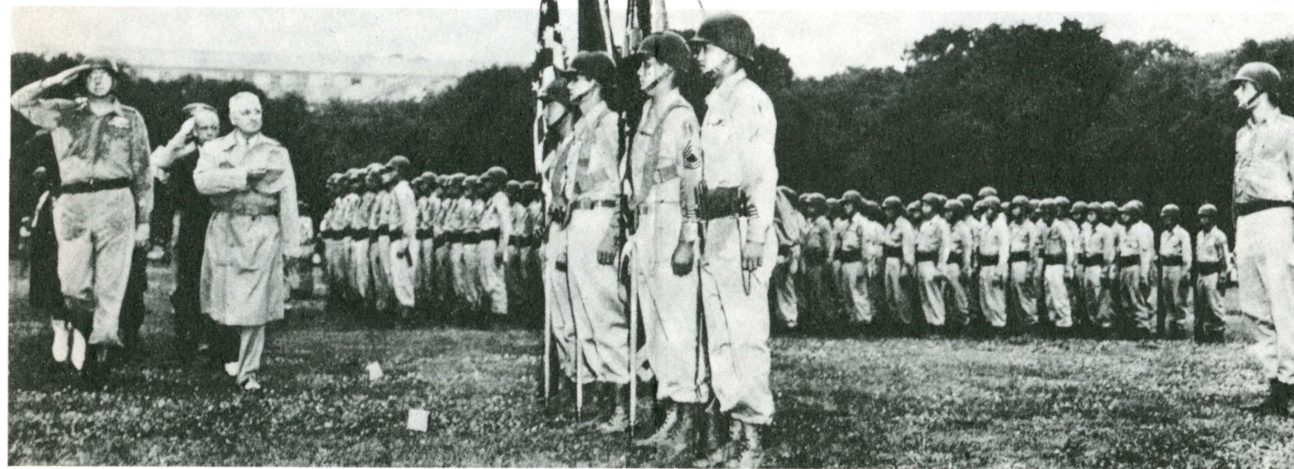
THEY FOUGHT NOT ONLY THE ENEMY. THEY FOUGHT PREJUDICE AND WON.

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

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JOIN US IN HONORING THOSE WHO OFFERED THEIR LIVES FOR AMERICA.

The World War II Japanese American Veterans Memorial will immortalize the men who fought and proved their loyalty to America while their mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers were without due process confined to concentration camps during World War II. These young men were members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service who went into combat in the European and Pacific Theaters of Operation, locations of all military combat during WW II. The 442nd RCT became the most highly decorated unit in U.S. Army history by being awarded 18,143 individual decorations of which 9,486 were purple heart medals. The 442nd RCT won seven Presidential Unit Citations. The 100th Battalion became known as the Purple Heart Battalion. The MIS group helped shorten the war in the Pacific by two years.



President Truman and Lt. Col. Alfred S. Pursall, Commanding Officer, 3d Bn, 100/442 salute the colors prior to the presentation of the seventh Presidential Unit Citation.

- There is one supreme, final test of loyalty for one's native land — readiness and willingness to fight for, and if need be, to die for one's country. These Americans pass that test with colors flying. They proved their loyalty and devotion beyond all question.

They volunteered for Army combat service and they made a record second to none. In Europe, theirs was the Combat Team most feared by the enemy. In the Pacific, they placed themselves in double jeopardy chancing the bullets of friend as well as foe. Everywhere they were the soldiers most decorated for valor, most devoted to duty.

Their only absences without leave were from hospitals which they quit before recovering from their wounds, in order to get back into the fight for what they knew to be right.

These men... more than earned the right to be called just Americans, not Japanese Americans. Their Americanism may be described only by degree, and that the highest.

MAJ GEN JACOB L. DEVERS
CHIEF OF THE ARMY FIELD FORCES



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Thank you for your unparalleled heroism which shall always remain an inspiration for all Americans.

BRIG GEN ROBERT F. YOUNG
CHIEF OF STAFF, SIXTH U.S. ARMY

The Memorial will occupy a place of honor in the main center of the First Street Plaza, an eight-acre development in the heart of downtown Los Angeles between the City of Los Angeles' municipal complex and Little Tokyo.

- It is my sincerest hope that America shall not burden any other ethnic group with the terrible dilemma forced on many Japanese Americans a scant four decades ago: whether to remain with their loved ones or leave them to an uncertain fate to help defend the nation responsible



for their incarceration. So many paid with their blood to demonstrate their loyalty, yet died with the uncertainty that their children might be considered less American than other citizens.

SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

The Memorial will serve as a reminder to all Americans that never again should any group be deprived of liberty or the privileges of citizenship because of race or ancestry in America.



- If we the living, the beneficiaries of their sacrifices are truly intent upon showing our gratitude, we must do more than gather together for speechmaking and perfunctory ceremonies. We must undertake to carry on the unfinished work which they so nobly advanced. The fight against prejudice is not confined to the battlefield, alone. It is still here and with us now. So long as a single member of our citizenry is denied the use of public facilities and denied the right to earn a decent living because, and solely because of the color of his skin, we who 'fought against prejudice and won' ought not sit idly by and tolerate the perpetuation of injustices...

SENATOR SPARK M. MATSUNAGA

- Eisenhower's staff declined them (100th)... Clark (took) them... They were superb! They took terrific casualties. They showed rare courage and tremendous fighting spirit... everybody wanted them