

HEADQUARTERS, 442ND COMBAT TEAM
CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI

July 26, 1943
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Dear Mrs. Misao T. Kitagawa,

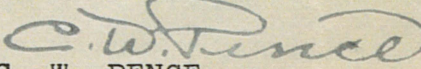
You have given a soldier to the Army of the United States. Private Saburo A. Kitagawa has arrived here safely, and I am happy to have him in my command.

To you I extend my congratulations. By your sacrifice you have enabled him to enlist voluntarily, and become a symbol of the loyalty and patriotism of our Japanese-American population. Without compulsion or persuasion, he made the brave and manly choice to fight for the American way of life. He freely chose to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship.

President Roosevelt has stated: "Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. A good American is one who is loyal to this country and to our creed of liberty and democracy."

I am sure that you are proud of the soldier you have given to us. With him, and others like him, we shall make a glorious record for the Japanese-Americans in our country.

Very sincerely yours,

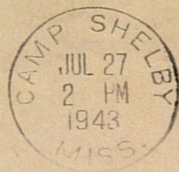

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