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The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

January 22, 1943

SUBJECT: Organization of a Japanese Combat Team

TO: Commanding Generals:
Army Ground Forces
Third Army
Seventh and Eighth Service Commands

1. The following units are constituted:
   442d Infantry - T/0 7-11 (4-1-42)
   522d Field Artillery Battalion - T/0 6-25 (4-1-42)
   233d Engineer Combat Company - T/0 5-17 (4-1-42)

2. The units listed above will be activated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, by the Commanding General, Third Army, on February 1, 1943, in accordance with applicable tables of organization and allied tables, including all published changes thereto, except that the Cannon Company and Band of the 442d Infantry will not be organized. The units are assigned to the Third Army and will be organized as a combat team. Each unit is allotted an initial over-strength equivalent to fifteen (15) percent of the table of organization strength of active elements.

3. Enlisted cadres conforming to those specified in applicable tables of organization will be furnished as indicated below and will be moved by commanders concerned so as to arrive at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, prior to February 1, 1943:

   Cadre for:
   442d Infantry Regiment
   233d Engineer Combat Company
   522d Field Artillery Battalion

   Furnished by:
   Seventh Service Command
   Eighth Service Command

   In addition to the table of organization cadre furnished for the 442d Infantry Regiment, the Commanding General, Seventh Service Command, will furnish the following cadre for the Medical Detachment, 442d Infantry:

   1. Technical Sergeant (673)
   2. Staff Sergeants (673)
   3. Technician Grade 5, Clerk, record (555)
   1. Technician Grade 5, Dental (667)
   2. Technician Grade 5, Medical (123)
   3. Technician Grade 4, Surgical (225)
   Total

   16981-1

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The enlisted cadre men need not hold the grades specified in table of organization but must be capable of performing the duties of the position for which selected. All cadre men must be American citizens of Japanese ancestry who have resided in the United States since birth. The selection of the cadre men will be coordinated with the Director of Intelligence in each Service Command concerned. A complete roster of all cadre men selected will be furnished to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, as soon as practicable after selection has been made.

4. Enlisted fillers required to bring the units to full table of organization strength plus allotted overstrength will be furnished without requisition by this office through the Selective Service System in coordination with the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, so as to arrive at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, not prior to March 1, 1943.

5. Officers: a. Regimental and battalion commanders will be designated by the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

b. The remainder of the officer complement will be furnished, insofar as practicable, from personnel under control of the Commanding General, Third Army.

c. Additional officers required to complete the officer complement will be requisitioned in the usual manner.

d. Officers of field grade and captains furnished under the provisions of subparagraphs a, b and c above, will be white American citizens. Other officers will be of Japanese ancestry insofar as practicable.

e. The Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces and Third Army, will submit a roster of all officers assigned or selected for assignments to the elements of this combat team, to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, as soon as practicable.

f. Officers furnished on requisition will be cleared through the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, prior to assignment.

6. Supply: a. These are non-divisional units.

b. Priority for distribution of controlled items of equipment is 8-2-611. (See letter, this office, 40 LCO (11-5-42) 03-C-0-5, November 9, 1942, subject: "Distribution of Controlled Items of Equipment").

c. Tables of Basic Allowances are applicable as follows:

(1) For clothing and individual equipment: Table of Basic Allowances 21 (6-20-42) with Changes 1 and 2.

(2) For other supplies and equipment: Table of Basic Allowances 5 (6-1-42) with Changes 1 and 2 for the 232d Engineer Combat Company, Sepearate.

Table of Basic Allowances 6 (7-1-42) with Changes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 for the 522d Field Artillery Battalion.

Table of Basic Allowances 7 (6-20-42) with Changes 1 and 2 for the 442d Infantry.
7. The organization of these units will not be publicized or used for propaganda purposes without approval of the Bureau of Public Relations.

8. Direct correspondence between all concerned is authorized. In this connection it is desired that communications and publications of copies of all orders pertaining hereto be kept at the absolute minimum consistent with the efficient accomplishment of actions directed herein.

9. Dates of activation will be reported without delay to Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces and Services of Supply, and this office by letter.

10. Obligate the allotment cited below to the extent necessary:

Finance Service, Army

FD 33 P 433-01, 433-02, 433-03, 433-04, 433-05, 433-07, 433-08 A 0425/23

(For travel of personnel, including dependents; for packing, crating, unpacking and shipping equipment, impediments and household goods; tolls and ferriages en route; gasoline, oil and repairs to motor vehicles en route; communication services; rental of camp sites and procurement of utility service.)

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ Adjutant General.

Copies furnished:

Commanding Generals,
Services of Supply
Replacement and School Command
Fourth Service Command
Divisions of the War Department General Staff
Commanding Officer,
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Director, Bureau of Public Relations