

# NISEI SOLDIERS, 50 YEARS LATER

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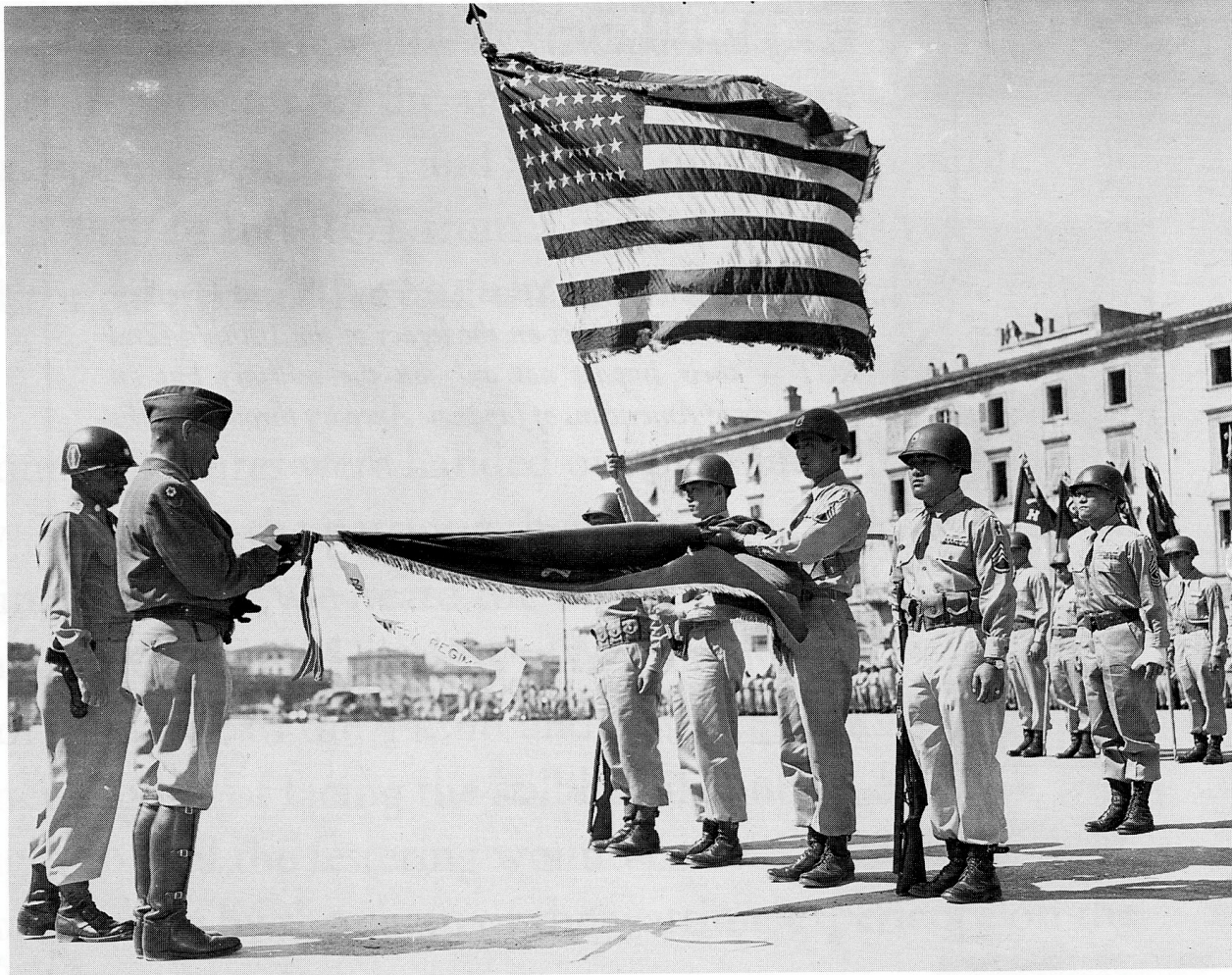
The 50th anniversary of the founding of the 442nd RCT was celebrated in Hawaii this year in March. With the formation of the "Sons and Daughters of the 100/442," I know that our history will be told and retold many times over.

Shortly after World War II the legacy was carried on with the formation of the 100th Infantry, 442nd Reserve Unit at Fort DeRussey. The permanent 100/442 exhibits have been established at Fort DeRussey in Honolulu and at Camp Shelby in Mississippi.

On this fiftieth anniversary year, the 442nd was remembered in the grand opening of the "Legacy of a Generation" exhibit which was held in March at the Kapiolani Community College Library in Honolulu. On March 5th, NJAHS's excerpts of the original Go For Broke 100/442 exhibit went on display at the Presidio Army

Museum in San Francisco and will remain in place until May 15th. NJAHS hosted a special program featuring Paul Hara's video *American At Heart* and actor Lane Nishikawa's monologue "Uncle Blackie" at the Schwartz Theater at Letterman Hospital on May 1st. The official opening of the 100/442/MIS monument at Camp Shelby is also in May, 1993 (See page 11).

Recently, two books were pub-



*Presidential Unit Citation being fastened to the 100/442 regimental standard, Leghorn, Italy, June 5, 1946. National Archives. The color bearers all wear the Silver Star.*

lished by former members of F Company. One is "Silent Warriors" by Jack K. Wakamatsu, former 1st Sgt. The other, "The Men of Company F," is by Ronald Oba, current president of the 442nd Club in Honolulu. Both books were written specifically for the newer generation.

Through the efforts of Senator Inouye and Congressmen Mineta and Matsui, the Go For Broke Nisei

Veterans Organization has received authorization to build a monument along the Avenue of Heroes in our nation's capital.

It has been over fifty years since the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Language School was founded at the Presidio of San Francisco on November 1, 1941. The MIS is represented in the Camp Shelby monument because many of its units

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