**The 100th Infantry Battalion consisted of Japanese American soldiers who were already serving in the 298th and 299th Infantry Battalion of the Hawaii National Guard, Army Reserve, and regular Army before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. A few months after the bombing, these soldiers were transferred into a newly formed Hawaii Provisional Infantry Battalion. And, shortly thereafter, they became the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). The "Separate" designation indicated that the battalion was not attached to any unit of the Army upon activation. In September 1943, the 100th attached to the 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Division in Oran South Africa. While soldiers of the 442nd continued their training in the United States, the 100th was already engaged in battle in the European Theater. Some soldiers of the 442nd were sent early to reinforce the 100th. On June 5, 1944 the balance of the 442nd arrived in Civitavecchia, Italy. On June 11, 1944 the 442nd was attached to the 34th Infantry Division and the 100th became the 442nd's 1st battalion. The 100th was subsequently referred to as the 100th/442nd.**

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