The press has already reported that Nagre and white infantrymen are now fighting side by side in Germany. In France I visited some of the Nagre units before they left for the front and talked with the men before they left at the Reinforcement Training Center. What I saw and heard was evidence that the Supreme Command in SHAEF was following in racial matters what must be the basic policy of our army. In our war, wisely, that of utilizing most efficiently all available resources of men and material to defeat the enemy.

Such a policy is working. At the Training Center a white noncommissioned officer, who was assisting in the training program, said graphically, if unemotionally, about the Nagre technique: "Here they'll get along all right. It don't matter whose firing next to yew when you're both hitting enemy." The same idea, buttressed by some of the officers of the center, was evident that the Nagre, all of whom volunteered for the training course with all noncommissioned officers taking a reduction to the grade of private, would do it in common. So did the men. "These men will fight because they have been trained and treated just like the other soldiers here and they know they are going to be used in the same way as the white. They want to fight. When the first gun went off we had only two cases of AGT among all the Nagre soldiers in the center, and when the two men were shot we received a wire from a front line Division Commander informing us that they had reported to him to fight."

The estimate of this officer has been confirmed by the report of an official observer who spent time with some of the Nagre units in the fighting around Rouen, where the first of the units was committed to combat. He reported that the Nagre soldiers fought as well as any others and that the civilians they met were the same as those met by other troops having battle experiences.

This policy of making the best use of all soldiers is further expressed in the excellent performance of the Service of Supply troops throughout the theater. These troops, a large percentage of whom are Nagre, regard themselves as soldier performing vital jobs. They lead a very real identification with the fighting front. In one Quartermaster depot, named by Nagre personnel, the first sergeant when questioned as to why the men were working voluntarily around the clock, replied: "We have got to keep the supplies moving and all of us want to do our part. The officers in this unit were white and were enthusiastic about their men and their work. Discussing their men, Nagre officers in a Quartermaster trade depot said that at every consecutive stage they had created an all-Nagre white infantry into dangerous territory late at night for in advance of the destination point because they had to hide to find the 'Gangsta' walk.'

In the European Theater of Operations are the first units of Nagre men and women to prove the case. The nurses, stationed at a hospital in the north of England, are the treating American soldiers who have been wounded in action. They are described by their Commanding Officer as being the best professionally of any group in the area. The Mess officers and staff of the General Hospital are the entire European theater of operations. Their efficiency has been reported to me from the Commanding Officer of the United Kingdom Base Section. They have adapted themselves well to the short time they have been exposed to their work and the conditions to which they are subjected.

Generally, on both the Continent and in England, it was evident that the attitude of the Supreme Command with respect to discrimination against any group of men had removed all doubts of the Council. Discrimination at present is the witness that has occurred was respected by the soldiers as natural individual nature. As a result of contact to the Mediterranean and European theaters I am impressed that such differences as exist between soldiers, are not due to racial characteristics but to such factors as nationality, and experience. The fact that white and colored soldiers have alike been given the opportunity to prove their worth, and have been given the same weapons and equipment, gives us the lie to any charge that Nagre means and will not fight.