Go for Broke
Fight Song of the 442nd Battalion Hawai‘i
Lyrics by Martin Kida -KIA, Score by T.Y.

4/4 D A7 D - A7

D       D(3)   - G(1) D - A7 D - A7
All hail, all hail our com-pa-ny. The fin-est in the land. Through
D       D(3)   - G(1) D - A7 D
storm or rain, in peace or war for free-dom we shall stand.
D(3)   - G(1) D
We come from far off A-lo-ha land, the land of pa-ra-dise.
D       D(3)   - G(1) D - A7 D - A7 D
Ha-wai-‘i, Ha-wai-‘i, Pa-cif-ic par-a-dise. Ha-wai-‘i,
D(3)   - G(1) D - A7 D
Ha-wai-‘i, Pa-cif-ic par-a-dise.

D       /       G       D(3) -
Four Forty Second in-fan-try we’re the boys from Ha-wai’i nei.
B7(1) Em - A7 D - Bm
We’re fighting for you, and the RED, WHITE and BLUE;
A - E7 A - A7 D
we’re going to the front, and back to Ho-no-lu-lu-lu-lu. Fighting for
/       G       D - B7
dear ol’ Un-cle Sam, Go For Broke, we don’t give a damn. Let them
Em - A7 D - Bm E7 - A7 D
come, and run at the point of our gun, for vic-‘try must be won. i lai lai
A7 D G D
lai (i lai lai lai) i lai lai lai (i lai lai lai) i lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai like
A7 D A7 D
lai (i lai lai lai) i lai lai lai (i lai lai lai) All hail our com-pa-ny.
Go For Broke (cont.)

D  D(2)  -  G(1) - D(1)  D  -  G  D - A  A7
De-moc-ra-cy and free-dom, That’s what we’re fight-ing for. Peace
/          /          G - D  Bm - Em
on earth and good-will, that’s what we’re fight-ing for. We are
Bm  F#7  Bm  Bm  A7sus  -  A
the A - J - A. Formed a fighting, fighting, fighting, fighting, fighting.
D  F#m - Bm  Em - A7  D
Fight-ing for lib - er - ty, so let us all “Go For Broke” i lai lai
A7  D  G  D
lai (i lai lai lai) i lai lai lai (i lai lai lai) i lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai.
A7  D  A7  D  G -
lai (i lai lai lai) i lai lai lai (i lai lai lai) All hail our com-pa-ny. all hail
Em  A7  D  /
our com-pa-ny.

*company can be replaced with combat team

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Just as many historical songs are wont to be subjected to select refinements, the 442nd Unit Fight Song is no exception. Primitively the song had the phrases “One-Puka-Puka” in place of what is currently “Four-Forty-Second” suggesting the song was originally written for the 100th Battalion instead of the 442nd. It would also explain the deep affection demonstrated for Hawaii in the phrases, “Hawaii nei” which means “Beautiful Hawaii”. The fighters in the 100th Battalion were from Honolulu which would again explain the mentioned vows to return to Honolulu. Initially this all Asian-American dominated war unit was called the 100th Battalion, but as time progressed, it merged with the all-Nisei populated 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The term “Nisei” refers to people of Japanese descent who were born and educated in either the United States or Canada. The 100th Battalion was composed of mostly Japanese-Americans, most of who initially enlisted to escape the relocation camps establishments in Hawaii who were targeting Japanese people..