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Your **Field Notebook** is designed to guide you through the virtual gallery. You are piecing together the **challenges, causes, and responses of Asian American and Hispanic/Latino soldiers.**

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## Field Notebook: Contradictions Stations

**Mission:** Investigate the relationship between military service and American citizenship in WWI.

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### WWI Contradictions: Service & Citizenship

**Mission:** Investigate the relationship between military service and American citizenship for Asian American and Hispanic/Latino soldiers during WWI.

**Part 1: Asian American Soldiers (Collect evidence from Stations 1, 2, & 3)**

Focusing on the 77th "Liberty" Division, the Hawaii National Guard, and the Filipino sailors.

1. **The Problem:** Despite serving in the U.S. Army, Bhagat Singh Thind and many Chinese American soldiers were denied citizenship.

One major problem these soldiers faced was...

2. **The Cause:** The legal system used the Chinese Exclusion Act and Supreme Court rulings to label these soldiers as "non-citizens" based on their race.

The underlying cause of this discrimination was...

3. **The Response:** Soldiers like Sing Kee and Telesforo responded by performing acts of extreme bravery to prove their loyalty.

These soldiers addressed these problems by...

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## Part 2: Hispanic & Latino Soldiers (Gather evidence from stations 4 & 5)

Focusing on the "Borinqueneers" and soldiers like Marcelino Serna.

1. **The Problem:** Puerto Rican and Mexican soldiers faced discrimination and were often treated differently regardless of their legal status.

Hispanic soldiers experienced problems such as...

2. **The Cause:** Even after the Jones Act made Puerto Ricans citizens, many officials still viewed them through a lens of racial prejudice.

These problems were caused by...

3. **The Response:** Men like Marcelino Serna refused to leave the front lines, choosing to fight alongside their units to show their valor.

To overcome these challenges, soldiers responded by...

### Final Analysis: The Big Question

Based on your investigation, was military service:

- an Equalizer (making everyone equal) or
- a Barrier (highlighting who was left out)?

My Analysis:

I believe military service was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ because...

- *For example, in the gallery I saw...*