



Isaac Woodard

Sergeant Isaac Woodard Jr. was born on March 8, 1919, in Fairfield County, South Carolina to Sarah Elizabeth Woodard and Isaac Woodard Sr. He was the fifth of nine children.

At 23, Woodard enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. On February 12, 1946, after returning to the U.S. from serving in World War II, Woodard was on a bus heading for his home when he asked to use the restroom during a rest stop. The driver initially denied Woodard's request and spoke to him in a disrespectful manner. Woodard told him to 'treat him like a man' as he had treated him. A short verbal altercation ensued. Woodard was allowed to use the restroom. At the next stop, the driver pulled over in Batesburg,

South Carolina where police officers took Woodard into custody, arrested and assaulted him while he was jailed, blinding him by beating him in the eyes.

In September of 1946, President Harry S. Truman learned of Woodard's blinding and ordered the Justice Department to open an investigation. A short time later, the officers involved were indicted and acquitted in U.S. District Court with Judge Julius Waties Waring presiding.

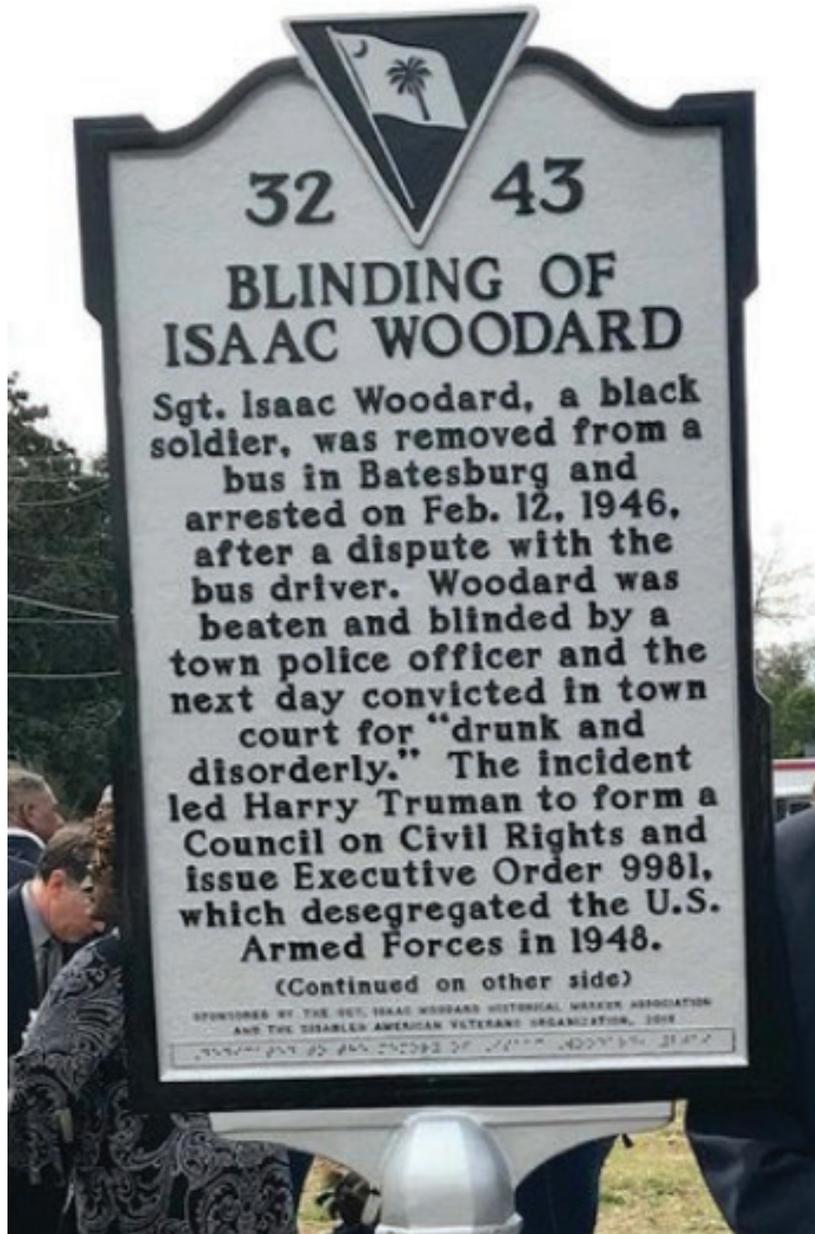
A short time later, Truman began the process of desegregating the U.S. military and creating the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. In an interview with Gil Noble, Woodard said, "People should learn how to live with one another and how to treat one another. Because after all, we all are human beings, regardless of color."

Woodard moved to the Bronx, New York where he lived near family and owned properties until his death in 1992. In 2019, a historical plaque was erected in Batesburg-Leesville to memorialize the 1946 attack.

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Use the photograph of the marker and the bio fro Isaac Woodard to compare five facts about Isaac in the chart below.



Bio	Marker

LEWISOHN STADIUM

137th Street & Convent Avenue, NYC

ISAAC WOODARD BENEFIT SHOW

Sponsored by Citizens Committee

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1946

8 P. M.

for

Amsterdam News Welfare Fund To Aid Isaac Woodard

MAYOR WILLIAM O. DWYER JOE LOUIS - CAROL BRICE
Honorary Chairman Co-Chairmen

Artists

JOE LOUIS	CAB CALLOWAY
CAROL BRICE	CANADA LEE
LOUIS JORDAN	COUNT BASIE
KING COLE TRIO	MAXINE SULLIVAN
PEARL BAILEY	BILLY HOLIDAY

Price \$1.20 (inc. tax)

Tickets sold at:—

Harlem YMCA — 135th Street off 7th Ave.
Harlem YWCA — 137th Street off 7th Ave.
Franks Restaurant — Bet. 8th Ave. & St. Nicholas
Palm Cafe — 125th Street and 7th Ave.
March on Washington Movement—Bookstore
Amsterdam News, 2340 — 8th Ave.

This is the actual ad for the Isaac Woodard Benefit Show that occurred in 1946. Use the ad to answer the questions below.

1. When was the Benefit Show?
2. What was the address of the show?
3. Who was the Mayor of NYC?
4. How much did it cost?
5. List 3 of the artists that entertained.
6. What is the address of the Palm Cafe?