



What He Was Fighting For

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Considerable doubt was expressed during the war as to whether all United States soldiers knew what they were fighting for. The late Robert Johnstone of Dowlingtown, Pa., who died in the Philippines while a member of the Army, had a good answer to that question and he did something about it. He willed that his \$10,000 soldier insurance should be used after the war was over, to educate in the United States one former Japanese enemy.

Robert Nishiyama 23-year old former suicide pilot of the Japanese Air Force, has arrived in the U.S. to study at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., on the scholarship provided in Johnstone's will. He will take a liberal arts course and then return to his homeland to pass on to his countrymen the knowledge he has gained not only in his courses but in our way of living, a way where the welfare of the individual is paramount.

Robert Johnstone dying in an alien land gave incontrovertible proof that he knew what he had been fighting for.

Kamikaze Pilot Bewildered By Fuss Of Reporters

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 18 — (UP)—A former Japanese kamikaze pilot, bewildered by all the fuss made about him, arrived here to accept a scholarship left by an American soldier his countrymen killed on Luzon.

As 23 year old Robert Y. Nishiyama alighted from an airliner at the Allentown-Bethlehem airport, he was met by a battery of photographers, newsreel and television men and reporters. Mayor Donald V. Hock of Allentown also was on hand to greet him.

In a brief, five minute interview before his Lafayette College roommate to be whisked him away, Nishiyama said in fluent English, "I hope I will be able to live up to the spirit in which the scholarship was given."

Then he entered an automobile for the 10 mile ride to Easton, Pa., where he will be officially enrolled in the Liberal Arts course. His roommate, Lefis Bender, Haddon Heights, N.J., accompanied him.

The four year scholarship Nishiyama will use was set up out of the \$10,000 insurance the government paid the parents of Pvt. Robert S. Johnstone, 19, who died in action on May 14, 1945.

Sharing the viewpoint of their son that nations could get along if they had enlightened leadership, the parents established the scholarship at Lafayette College.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnstone, Downingtown, Pa., specified that a Japanese be given first consideration as the recipient.