

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

SAGA OF THE MIS

Experiences of Nisei Soldiers
in the Military Intelligence Service
in the Pacific Theater during World War II

Saturday, March 11, 1989
Department of Water and Power Auditorium
Los Angeles, California

9:00-9:15 A.M.

INTRODUCTION: GENESIS OF THE MIS LANGUAGE SCHOOL
Hayato Kihara

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

WORKSHOP I: NEW GUINEA-PHILIPPINES-CENTRAL PACIFIC
Moderator: Victor Abe
Panel: Rusty Kimura, Harry Kubo, Nob Yamashita
Min Hara and Don Oka
Questions & Answers

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

BREAK

10:45 - 12:00 noon

WORKSHOP II: CHINA-BURMA-INDIA
Moderator: Henry Kuwabara
Panel: Hank Goshō, Sho Nomura, Karl Yoneda
and Kenny Yasui
Questions & Answers

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

WORKSHOP III: ALEUTIANS-OKINAWA
Moderator: Mits Usui
Panel: Pete Nakao, Jim Mita, George Sankey,
and Frank Hayashi
Questions & Answers

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

BREAK

3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP IV: AUSTRALIA-PHILIPPINES; SURRENDER ON THE
BATTLESHIP MISSOURI
Moderator: George Kanegai
Panel: Fred Miyata, Harry Akune, Gene Uratsu,
and Tom Sakamoto
Questions & Answers

4:15 - 4:30 p.m.

CONCLUSION
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THE SAGA OF THE M.I.S.

ACRONYM/GLOSSARY

ATIS	Allied Translator and Interpreter Section.
CBI	China, Burma, India theater of operations.
CHINDIT	Mythical Burmese stone statues placed at Burmese temples to ward off evil spirits. This was the code name for the Third Indian Division air-transported 250 miles inside Japanese lines. It fought five months before linking up with Chinese and American forces in north Burma.
DLI	Defense Language Institute at Presidio of Monterey, Ca.
G-2	Intelligence Section of Division and Higher Headquarters.
GHQ	General Headquarters. (Generally used for General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters)
MIS	Military Intelligence Service.
MISLS	Military Intelligence Service Language School.
NISEI	Second generation Japanese American.
SEATIC	Southeast Asia Translation and Interrogation Section. (New Delhi, India)
SENSEI	Instructor. Teacher.
WAC	Women's Army Corps.

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menell M- COAST
Aug 1943 Quebec Coast

Sept 3 '43 called in Resumes not more than 6 mos; return to ~~base~~
can't tell degree of vol. to train other units
going to Australia

① *

joined from the beginning to end - estab. comm. network
never below regular level; mostly personal

Deep penetration UNT
2 months in JPN Army } Older in Navy
in JPN service } Guy in Army T-4

~~DAVID~~
David

thought about it only

Our Duty
Reserves on Angel Isle;
because short

2 jobs:
What we're made of

wanted to see in JPN Army

Reconnaissance
order

②

Canary
ANIMAL
poet

aroma
of tea - Hayo

③ 250 yards

50 meters
apart telephone
pole

④ paper Comfort
lines

2

Sgt. Nomura

Chuykyng

Dixie political person

1 year in Japan

Fall 1943

45 days

July 1944

Japan

1st visit in Chuykyng

Chud
treaty
& unscr.

1938 meant the POWs w/ them

NOZAKI SANZO

P. Popoyanda

(John Davis & Feb 1944)

accepted as viable ally
coalition govt

* NOV 1944 Gen. Hurley - Col Davis Barnett

Koji Yoshimura Theodore White - In Search of History

Hawaii

Oct 1944

Koji Yoshimura

argued
w/ Hurley

- Speer leader
- intellectual w/ a common touch
- journalist

Normalization - related to Koji's efforts

(3)

Karl Gonska CBI

Gonska

9 weeks

7 Hiroshima

20 Jpn Army;

1927 returned to US

1931 Oring

1942 Mayaguez, Fall vol. 1933 country work

NJ HS

Mayaguez

4 books -

Color News

Color
News

Gonska

Mayaguez Day

Nikkei Mid Day

1. Koji

2. Clark Kawasaki

3. Chu Ishii

4. Sasaki Inter

5. Kenji Yasui

6. Abe Horace

7. Kenji Akemi - brooder

8. dieffty

screecher

paychlet

Jan 1944 - 60 days

- Shotpunk hand

- 138 types of leaflets

5 million cups

to wounded

55 anti moral

7

11 marks

5 covered gen. letters

July 1944

- Hog Alley Mustang

1000

easy -

play -

colored

ink

insert into the Marshall

7500

loyalty to Emperor

prty for parent

Must not die

all to die for Emperor

you join comrades of class

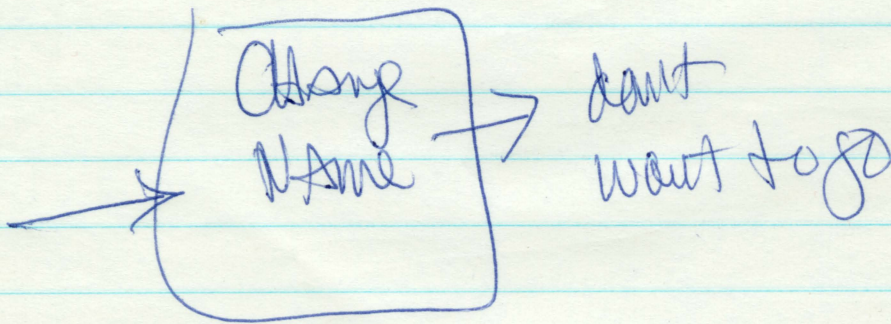
Karl & Kenyon
Nath penner

Hog calling

4pm. for records

- since goal to surrender
not a size surrender; 3 days no POW except
wounded & sick

Aug 3, 1944
Korean Campaign



US Mil.
US ARMY

Siberian Army

⑥ 101 OSS integration

⑦ major British Hq
or major British command

⑧ SEATIC New Delhi

* Military quality
of priv. soldiers
major respect

- difficult
keep track
of names - 4

- when all hope
here tenants; Co
- bravest
- courage
- to the last - 1944 100; Burma 6
- soldier following
- John Moser

Alentras Okunawa

Matsu Asei

Okunawa

Pete Nakao Monterey peaks -

40 Morn San Luis Obispo

careful to 1
Sept 41

Spring 1942
Anchorage
April

Matsu Asei

- 1. Peaches ^{SAUSE}
- 2. Hops ^{Pentagon}

- ① Quaid
- ② Animals
- ③ Capt 9th
- ④ Sho Nomed
- ⑤ Yasui
- ⑥ Theppas Soldier

• Jim Mita (Fort Benning)
parachute train

30ft

250ft. tower

5 jump, 5 drop 25; (23 returned)

23 qualified
11th Airborne;

7. Prisoner

Okunawa (0 days to)
torpedos see

D+9 Okunawa; (19-20 carry them)
1st, 6th Marine Div

- Army in South; assigned to 1st Marine
wasn't supposed to leave Busser Cause
- platoons 29th Engineers

JPN - Pinned

Alu

PRIDE
Yamato
Damodai

Frank Hagashi - Okinawa

Jul 1945

- 45 POW picked up out of water
- Kogoshima
- had a lot of jam - green then overripe
- moldy cigarettes

George Sankey - Atlas

- shayhaed - sent out to New Guinea

(2) March 16, 1943

Rabaul Ship Convoy - lost Buna & Milne Bay, wanted to re-establish

- List of all POWs on retreating
- Coyotes for BATO
- 20 inputs assigned - one order

Complete
BATTLE
or
ORDER

8 7th Australian Div

9th Austr Div

Oct 1 1943 Sun (8th Anniversary)
Apr 20 1944 - Halawa

* New Guinea

- 200 natives w/ spears
- you are mine

You are
my
Sunshine

April 5, 1945 Okinawa

Stanley Ho

Fort Snely Bullets
1945

Camp
Chalmer

Ben
Kobayashi
Okumura

Fred Miyata

New Guinea
Philippines

32nd Div

Div. Hq. 3 Regt / Div
126, 127, 128 Inf. Regt

Gooseagh
New
1943

Atsuya Bano - Bagio
Lair
Hansen
Leah
Legan

~~April 1944~~

32nd FUKUOKA, ONMO

Jayle Rot

Joe Christie

158 REG

Bushmaster

Anthony M.

Opayes

Dumb

NG,

Smiley Horowitz

1944

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III

Geoffrey
just boring

Harry Akine / Paul Bannai
Borneo,

Oct
Dec 1944

Paul Bannai (MP) thru out
Fort Lester - Michyon;
New Guinea - H. Mad
|
Lepte