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Dear Loni:

Thank you very much for the video cassette of "Nisei Soldier". I was very moved by the testimony of the veterans of the 442nd you interviewed. This is a documentary that needs to be seen by all Americans and Canadians.

Up here in Vancouver, your film received a fair amount of publicity. Both Vancouver newspapers and the magazine "TV Week" noted its airing in their television "Highlights" section for October 17. I got the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association to mention its showing in their monthly bulletin and wrote a short article for the Japanese Canadian newspaper "The Canada Times". I also used your posters to advertise in JC organizations in Vancouver and six other JC centres in the interior of B.C. I am sure that the Vancouver viewing of your documentary will be good.

I understand that you are in the process of making a longer version of "Nisei Soldier". I wish you all the best in this endeavour and await expectantly for its release.

Sincerely,



Gordon Kayahara

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Review Of The Documentary "Nisei Soldier"

by - Gordon Kayahara

During WW II, Japanese American soldiers were formed into a fighting unit which spearheaded seven major campaigns in Europe. This unit, the 100/442nd, went on to become the "most decorated unit in U.S. history", being presented with 18,143 individual decorations for valor. Tragically, this unit also suffered tremendous casualties with 9,486 men being either killed or wounded in action.

The exploits of the 100/442nd were portrayed in the 1951 movie "Go For Broke", starring Van Johnson and which featured many of the actual veterans. Now, their story is told in their own words in the 1984 half hour, award winning (the coveted Council on International Nontheatrical Events Golden Eagle award, and the prestigious Blue Ribbon first place award from the Annual American Film Festival, New York) documentary *NISEI SOLDIER: STANDARD BEARER FOR AN EXILED PEOPLE*, airing Wednesday, October 17 at 10:30 p.m. local time on KCTS SEATTLE (Channel 9 in Vancouver).

This documentary, developed and produced by three-time Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Loni Ding, not only explores the history of the 100/442nd but also delves into the feelings of the Nisei veterans who were defending a country overseas while that same country imprisoned their families at home. Actual film footage and

accompanied by present day testimony from veterans of this unit create a powerful documentary.

The courageous acts of loyalty by this unit, despite extreme racism at home, is a part of history that must not be forgotten.
