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Dear Soni,

Was doing some research in some old files and came across this shot. The person lying on the ground is me being attended to by medics. I was hit by a free-drop while photographing one of our regular air drop resupplies and was seriously injured. The war was over for me at that moment. But oddly, there on the right of frame stands one of our Nisei interpreters in full battle gear. You can that he knows his way around, he is wearing Chinese woolen wrap-leggings over his boots and ankles to keep out the jungle leeches. He carries a carbine and a machete strapped to his pack as well as a trench knife on his belt. I never met him but he was part

David Quaid
Nov 26, 1944
North
Room
2nd Bn

Thanksgiving Day
Drop

475th Infantry

(Quaid Tank Force)

"Nisei" Interpreter in Full gear.
(?)
w/ carbine, machete,

French white wrap leggings
Chinese woolen ~~wrap~~
over his boots & ankles
to keep out the jungle leeches.

of the 2nd Battalion, 475th Infantry
(Mass Task Force).

Your card arrived yesterday feeling
of Hank Cosko's trouble. I will
call him.

One of our officers had flown
in to shot a story on Combat
Cameramen. He got more than he
bargained for - he shot this
whole sequence on film. I will
look the shot up and see if
your Missi is also on film.

Best regards -

Dave Busid

I have not as yet been able to
dig out my film and get it to
you - it is in another location.
Be Patient. A.