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Attention: Ms. Loni Ding

Dear Loni:

I must apologize for my long delay. A number of incidents have taken place in succession, which made it difficult for me to get this project off the ground.....sorry. Here goes....

Photos Nos. 1,2,3,4

Ann Arbor, Michigan

June, 1943

Sensei (L. to R.) Kosakura - Tsuyoshi Matsumoto - Mitsumori
Civilian Japanese instructors at M.I.S.L.S. (Military Intensive Service Language School), University of Michigan. These were dedicated teachers who did a fantastic job, despite having undergone most degrading conditions in Relocation Centers on the West Coast.

Nos. 25, 26,26

Ann Arbor, Michigan

November, 1943

Tec. 5 Manny Goldberg, in front of a Univ. of Michigan Quadrangle, while attending M.I.S.L.S. I was one of 33 selected out of 170 students recruited throughout the country, to take the accelerated course. We completed one year's work in six months. Very exciting time for me.... my lovely bride was with me, and we were so-called honeymooning in Ann Arbor.

Nos. 34, 35, 36

Graduation time - O.C.S. (Officers Candidate School) 1944

Wearry, but relieved, after a most exhausting and debilitating learning experience, in competition with some brilliant students.

Nos. 8, 9, 10

Saipan, Mariana Islands

July, 1944

Some members of my 1st Translator/Interpreter Team
L. to Rt. Tec. 3 Harold S. Nishimura, Tec. 3 George Matsui (winner, Bronze Star) Tec. 3 Ben Honda (winner, Bronze Star) Great bunch of boys.....smart, industrious, completely without fear....

Nos. 5,6,20

Isely Field, Saipan

July 31, 1944

Award Ceremony

Maj. Gen. Jarman, pinning Soldier's Medal for Bravery on Tec. 3 Hideto Kono (2nd Team). Kono carried out some burning material which might have caused an explosion, and could have killed himself and others.

Nos. 28, 29, 30

Isely Field, Saipan

July 31, 1944

Award Ceremony

Tec. 3 Hideto Kono, being congratulated by Mag. Gen. Jarman, on receiving Soldier's Medal, for bravery.

Nos. 31, 32, 33

Isely Field, Saipan

July 31, 1944

3rd from left - Tec. 3 Ben Honda, being awarded Bronze Star, for bravery. 4th from left - Tec. 3 George Matsui, being awarded Bronze Star, for bravery.

Nos. 11, 12, 13

Saipan

August, 1944

Second Team

Tec. 4 Frank K. Kami (Rt.) with Nisei buddy from another Translator/Interpreter Team, stationed on the Island. Kami was very Gung Ho, a bit trigger-happy, but great to work with. He kept thingsticking on Iwo and Saipan.....he was the best watchmaker on the Island, and fixed hundreds of watches for G. I.'s, during his spare time.

Nos. 17, 18, 19

Oahu, T. H. R&R (Rest & Recuperation November, 1944

2nd Team (after Saipan, prior to Iwo Jima campaign)

Standing (L. to Rt.)

Tec. 3 Raymond T. Sakata, Tec. 3 Goro Igarashi, Mr. Igarashi Senior (Goro's father), 2nd Lt. Manny Goldberg, Tec. 3 Kunio Takai

Kneeling (L. to Rt.)

Tec. 3 Hideto Kono, Tec. Sgt. Ben Hirano (Team Leader), Tec. 4 Frank K. Kami, Tec. 4 Ritsuwo Tanaka, Tec. 4 Yoshinori "Roy" Aka (later replaced by Tec. 3 Yutaka Masuda).

Ben Hirano was the only Team member from the mainland, all the other Nisei came from Hawaii. Goro's father was extremely cordial, extending the usual Hawaiian hospitality, treating me to Luaus and trips around the Island, at a time when gasoline was critically rationed, and almost prohibitive.

Nos. 14, 15, 16

Hilo, T. H.

December 15, 1944 Kilauea Mil. Camp

R. & R. (Rest & Recuperation) After Saipan, and prior to Iwo Jima campaign. A most welcome retreat, after a gruelling, tiresome stay on Saipan, where I dropped about 15 lbs.

Nos. 21, 22, 23

Iwo Jima

June, 1945 HQ, Army Garrison Force

309th Hq. Intelligence Detachment

Standing - L. to Rt.

Tec. 3 Yutaka Masuda, Tec. 3 Patrick K. Honda (deceased), Tec. 3 Raymond T. Sakata, Tec. 3 Hideto Kono, Tec. 3 Takanori Oishi, Tec. 3 Kunio Takai

Kneeling, L. to Rt.

Tec. 3 Goro Igarashi, T. Sgt. Ben M. Hirano, Team Leader, 1st Lt. Manny Goldberg, Team Commander, Tec. 4 Frank K. Kami, Tec. 4 Ritsuwo Tanaka You are looking at 11 of probably the finest, fastest-talking salesmen that came out of World War II. By a rare combination of GSI (guts, savvy and luck) this team managed to talk over 650 (678 by my count) half-crazed, determined Japanese soldiers into surrendering. It is nothing short of a miracle that, on an island defended by some 22,000 Japanese troops, where 6,821 U.S. Marines were killed, and 25,851 wounded in 36 days, the team survived intact, without so much as a scratch, and without firing a single shot. Three men went into caves, against my orders, Oishi, Kono and Masuda, and at times it was nip and tuck (I'm being a bit facetious) as to whether they would come out alive.

I am returning herewith contact sheets, negatives, as well as your positives.

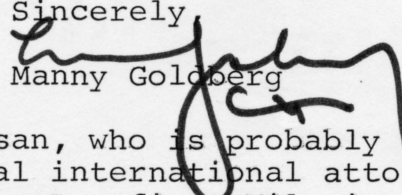
I am also enclosing some biographical background, as well as excerpts from Yankee Samurai, P. 195....(incidentally, there are a number of references in this book to members of my 1st Team), as well as an excerpt from Iwo Jima, P. 205 (the Language Officer referred to in this paragraph was myself)

Enclosed please find photographer's invoice, as requested.

Best of luck in this venture.

Kindest regards from Lillian and myself.

Sincerely,


Manny Goldberg

P.S. Incidentally, my eldest daughter Susan, who is probably one of finest, if not the finest, bi-lingual international attorney in this country, has just brought to her Law firm, Milgrim, Thomajan, Jacobs & Lee a \$200,000,000.00 acquisition, the largest deal since the firm was founded.