

History of Mr. Kojima.

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1919 Born in Teipei, Formosa.

1920 Came back to Tokyo.

1943 30th, Sept. Graduated from Keio University (Economic)
1st, Oct. Entered in Training school of Navy as a
reserved officer student.

1944 30th May, Appointed to an ensign.

Jointed to the battleship Yamato as a code officer.

1944 22~26th, Oct. Entered in the battle of Leyte
Gulf and faced at so-called "Mysterious Turn".

1944 28th, Dec. Transferred to the Headquarter of the
26th Air Fleet, located at Clarkfield air bases
in Luzon Island, and appointed to a code officer.

1945 10th, Jan. U.S. troop landed on Lingayen.

Our Headquarter moved in mountains, west of
Clarkfield.

many platoon leaders were killed on the
front lines.

Around 20th Jan, appointed to a platoon
leader of 13 Division (powers were about 1300)
as a successor to the killed leader.

My position were bombed and bombarded
every days and my men were decreased to .

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1945, 11 Feb. Decided to retreat from the position

Around the end of Feb. 13 division troops were annihilated and besieged by US Army.

US Army asked us the surrender within 24 hours. But we selected the way of escape from the besieging enemy even though all persons were ill because of malaria and malnutrition, and only three persons (including me) succeeded to breakthrough, but could not carry foods to light ourselves.

So, afterwards our job was to look for something to eat, not to fight against the enemy.

Wild chrysanthemum, beans, roots of Papaya, and sometimes sweet potatoes were main foods for us. Water was filled with virus.

One of us was killed on account of illness and only I and one sergeant were ~~survived~~^{survived}.

In jungle and ^{on} mountains, navy and army stragglers and Formosan civilians asked me the protections against their enemy.

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and their enemy ^{ies were} ~~was~~ the allied men in jungle.
The stronger group ^{were} ~~was~~ attacking the allied
soldiers to deprive foods and shoes, etc.

Only the stronger could ~~survived~~ there. Some
We could not find anything to eat and faced
at die of hunger

1945 13th, Apr. I decided to ~~and~~ surrender to
US army. We were captured near IBA, west
coast of Luzon.

1945 Apr. transferred five times from camp to
camp in Luzon, and then transferred to
Leyte camp.

I met the commander of Leyte US ~~army~~ ^{navy}
Headquarter as a representative of Japanese
P.O.W.

1945. Around 20th May, transferred to Hawaii
Navy Camp, located at Irocoa-point, and
then joined to the special group around 10th
June who aimed at stopping the war.

The camp was located at Pearl City.

The End of August, transferred to Honolulu
army camp, where German and Italian.

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POW were arrested.

Around Dec, transferred to Sand Island Camp
1946, the end of Oct. came back to Japan.

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