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NISEI VETERANS & FAMILY
Interviewee form

Name KAZUHIKO YAMADA (Maiden name also, if applicable)
(please print)

Place of birth SAN GABRIEL, CAL., U.S.A.

Place of upbringing, if different _____

Number in family FIVE What position in the family were you? THE ELDEST
OF THREE BOYS

What were the occupations of your mother? HOUSEWIFE & SHOP HELPER and
your father? FARMER AND SHOP OWNER

What village/district in Japan were they from? KISA-CHO, FUTAMI-GUN, KOSHIYA-KEN

Did your parents provide explicit training in Japanese language, customs and values?

yes _____ no _____ somewhat

Please give examples: SENT US TO JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY!
How much education did you have? high school _____ college

If you went to college, where, and what did you major in?

U.C., COL. OF AGRIC., DAVIS, CALIF. (B.S. IN HORTICULTURE)

OUTBREAK of WAR

How old were you at war time? 26 How old were other members of family? 23 & 18

Were you and your family evacuated? * from where? GARDENA, CALIF.

When were you evacuated? _____ What assembly center were you taken to?

* I WAS ALREADY IN THE U.S. ARMY. MOTHER WAS VISITING JAPAN WHEN WAR STARTED. MY NEXT BROTHER WAS TAILED INTO THE ARMY IN EARLY 1942. FATHER AND YOUNGEST BROTHER WERE EVACUATED.

Which camp(s) were you detained in? _____

Did you leave camp to go to work or college? _____ If yes, please explain.

What year did you enter the service? MAY 1941 Where were you at the time? GARDENA

Were you a volunteer? _____ a draftee?

MILITARY

Where did you serve? SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (IN WAR WITH JAPAN)

Which unit(s) were you with? U.S. ARMY DIVISIONS: 31ST & 32ND & A.T.I.S.
AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS: 7TH AND 9TH INFANTRY DIVISIONS

What kind of work did you do? TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND INTERROGATION OF ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR.

Who were some of the other nisei in your unit? STEVE YAMAMOTO, JAMES TSUMURA, HIROSHI TANABE, TOM TAKATA.

Are you still in contact? ONLY AT

CHRISTMAS TIME
Who were some of your immediate officers? _____

Are you still in contact? _____

FOR M.I.S. VETERANS:

Did you serve in the occupation of Japan? YES

If so, where? TOKYO, (A.T.I.S.) Doing what? CHECKING

TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS Under whose command? G-2, GHQ

How long did you serve there? 7 YEARS Did you get to know any Japanese nationals with whom you are still in contact? YES

Which other nisei served with you there? KOICHI SHIBUYA, YOSHI NAKAYAMA, KEN AKUNE

Are you still in contact? AT SOME

POST-WAR (-Veterans and Family please answer) M.I.S. MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS BEFORE THE WAR; GARDENA, CAL. AFTER THE WAR; LOS ANGELES, CAL.
Did you return to your home area after the war? _____

What situation did you return to? A CITY CIVIL SERVICE POSITION WITH L.A. DEPT. OF WATER AND POWER.

If you have children, how old are they? What do they do, and where do they live?

Thank you.

• CURRENT INFORMATION (Date: July 12, 1985)

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