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NISEI VETERANS & FAMILY  
Interviewee form

Name KENJIRO AKUNE (Maiden name also, if applicable)

(please print) Place of birth TURLOCK, CALIF.

Place of upbringing, if different 4 1/2 YRS IN JAPAN (AGE 10-15) <sup>2 yrs</sup>

Number in family 9 Kids What position in the family were you? 4 <sup>4 only</sup>  
5 boy

What were the occupations of your mother? JAPANESE GROCERY UNTIL HER DEATH IN 1933 and

your father? JAPANESE GROCERY STORE ALSO FARMER

What village/district in Japan were they from? KAGOSHIMA (KYUSHU) JAPAN

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

*Turlock School boy love-in w/ Italian family, dairy farm, Swedish wife; Harry, IA.*  
*20-30 Japanese - yes*  *American female*  *no  *somewhat**

Please give examples: SAT/SUNDAYS UNTIL 10 YRS. 6TH GRADE IN JAPAN  
How much education did you have? high school college X IN U.S.

If you went to college, where, and what did you major in? (JAPAN - NONE)

U.S. (LA) WOODBURY BUS. COLLEGE (MAJ - ACCOUNTING)

OUTBREAK of WAR

How old were you at war time? 18 How old were other members of family? 21 *ONLY MY OLDER BROTHER HERE IN U.S.*

Were you and your family evacuated? (BROTHER & I) <sup>YES</sup> from where? TURLOCK, CA

When were you evacuated? 5/42 What assembly center were you taken to?

MERCED, CA

Which camp(s) were you detained in? AMACHE COLO.

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

WENT BEETS TOPPING IN CANAR, COLO.

What year did you enter the service? 12/42 Where were you at the time? AMACHE

Were you a volunteer? YES a draftee?           

MILITARY

Where did you serve? INDIA, BURMA, CHINA THEATER

Which unit(s) were you with? OFFICE OF WAR INFO - (STATE DEPT)

What kind of work did you do? PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE (RADIO BROADCAST) (PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS)

\* DECEASED

Who were some of the other nisei in your unit? \* KOJI ARIYOSHI, \* CLARKE KAWAKAMI, \* SAM S. SASAKI, ALEX VORICHI, MASAO KITSUTA, CHRIS ISHII, KENJI YASUI, CARL YONEDA, EDGAR LAYTHA  
Are you still in contact? No -

Who were some of your immediate officers? LT. CLARKE KAWAKAMI  
Are you still in contact? No.

FOR M.I.S. VETERANS:

Did you serve in the occupation of Japan? YES AS A GI 2 MOS. AS A DAC 4 1/3 YRS.

If so, where? TOKYO Doing what? TRANS/INT. FOR DEF.

MAJOR AND CLASS A WAR CRIMES. ALSO CIVIL COURT. Under whose command? GEN MAC ARTHUR

How long did you serve there? 4 1/3 yrs Did you get to know any Japanese nationals with whom you are still in contact? YES

Which other nisei served with you there? GEORGE AKABA, GEORGE KITAGAWA  
Are you still in contact? YES W/ AKABA (STOLKTON)

POST-WAR (-Veterans and Family please answer)

Did you return to your home area after the war? IN DEC 1945 - PASSED THRU TO VISIT CAUCASIAN FRIENDS AND MOVED ON TO NEBRASKA

What situation did you return to? FEW FRIENDS WERE GREAT AS BEFORE WAR - HIGH (HONOR ROSTER) SHOULD IGNORED NISEI WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY

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

- (3) DAUGHTERS - (34) POLICE DEPT. (27) POLICE OFFICER (6) ACCOUNTING WORK (ALL LIVE IN GARDENA, CA)
- (2) SONS - (32) MGT U.P.S. (29) ENGR (SANTA ROSA) TORRANCE CA

Thank you.

● CURRENT INFORMATION (Date: 7-13-85)  
 Name: KEN AKUNE (RETIRED)  
 Address: [REDACTED] GARDENA, CA.  
 Zip 90247  
 Phone(s) home and work: [REDACTED]

① EDGAR TRANS. TO THE CBI ROUNDUP (THEATER ARMY NEWSPAPER) AND WAS CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE IN 1944. HE WAS A HUNGARIAN BY BIRTH AND NATURALIZED

● Please mail form for annual SF by July 15  
 or Give with George Kanegai for my LA visit July 17 onward.  
 ● George Kanegai [REDACTED] LA, CA 90002

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What kind of work did you do? PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE / PROPAGANDA (CONTACT)

Who were some of the other nisei in your unit? \* Kenji Hirose, \* Blake Kawakami, \* Sam I. Sakai, Alex Yamamoto

Are you still in contact? No

Who were some of your immediate officers? LT. BLAKE KAWAKAMI

Are you still in contact? No

FOR M.I.2. VETERANS:

Did you serve in the occupation of Japan? Yes as a GI SAKI. AS A DAI 4/4/45

It so, where? Tokyo

Under whose command? 1st MAC ARMY

How long did you serve there? 4 1/2 years

Which other nisei served with you there? George Akagi, George Kitayama

Are you still in contact? Yes w/ Akagi

Did you return to your home area after the war? Yes

What situation did you return to? IN FRIENDLY AREA ABOUT 42 BEFORE WAR - HIGH

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

(3) Daughter - Living in San Diego, CA

(2) Sons - (2) Live in San Diego, CA

SUGGEST CONTACTING RUSTY KIMURA [REDACTED]  
HE MIGHT BE A GOOD SOURCE FOR SOME INTERESTING  
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