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NISEI VETERANS & FAMILY  
Interviewee form

Name YOSHIKATSU (YOSH) NAKAYAMA (Maiden name also, if applicable)

Place of birth <sup>(please print)</sup> LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Most of Japanese

Place of upbringing, if different (Same)

Number in family 4 (2 kids) What position in the family were you? Elderest son

What were the occupations of your mother? Barber and  
your father? Barber

What village/district in Japan were they from? KUMAMOTO Prefecture (Kyushu)

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

yes!  no  somewhat

Please give examples:  
How much education did you have? high school  college

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

OUTBREAK of WAR

How old were you at war time? 16 How old were other members of family? brother 14

Were you and your family evacuated? YES from where?

When were you evacuated? 4/1/42 What assembly center were you taken to?

MANZANAR

Which camp(s) were you detained in? MANZANAR

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

Farm labor furlough to Oregon & Idaho (Peace work form.)

What year did you enter the service? 1946 Where were you at the time? L.A.

Were you a volunteer? YES a draftee? Q

MILITARY

Where did you serve? Occupation of Japan

Which unit(s) were you with? GHQ-ATIS, Graves Registration - Eight Army

What kind of work did you do? Translation/Interpreter Investigation work for Graves Registration work involving missing American airmen.  
Who were some of the other nisei in your unit? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you still in contact? no

Who were some of your immediate officers? Capt. Cox, Lt. Penchan, Lt. Berkartstein  
Are you still in contact? no

FOR M.I.S. VETERANS:

Did you serve in the occupation of Japan? YES

If so, where? Various areas of Japan Doing what? Translator/Interpreter and investigations  
Under whose command? Eighth Army

How long did you serve there? 9 yrs Did you get to know any Japanese nationals with whom you are still in contact? YES

Which other nisei served with you there? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you still in contact? YES

POST-WAR (-Veterans and Family please answer)

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

What situation did you return to? Turmoil; spent weeks looking for place to live (w/ family); parents changed; finally decided that Anemia was their home; managed to buy a home; found a job - missed the A-bombing, POW Nisei soldiers

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

no children

Thank you.

• CURRENT INFORMATION (Date: \_\_\_\_\_)

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