

Walter Tanaka

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Human interest story of his father and mother
Tsunejuro Tanaka arrived as dangerous enemy
alien, Dec 8, 1941, Sharp's Park, CA
Permitted to join family at Poston
Walter already in Army as draftee.

Father Notified that his last possessions in San Luis
Obispo stolen by thieves; Tsunejuro said "This is it!" wrote Walter
letter in New Guinea, that he would seek repatriation; Walter from his foxhole kept
pleading w/ Father not to give up. Walter & son later returned to village; honored by village
for his brave son;
Walter commissioned as officer in New Guinea
Through letters Walter tries to dissuade his
angry father from requesting repatriation to Japan,
but Tsunejuro tells Walter to fight for
America. Don't do anything to dishonor the
Tanaka name.

through letters Walter succeeds in dissuading father.
* in 1956, Tsunejuro naturalized as an American citizen
in 1971, Walter takes his 88 year old father to
Kumamoto

- South Pacific / New Guinea
Originally San Luis Obispo

Walter narrates -

alternating scenes

a. Photo of young water
split screen, people fighting, Signal
corp films

b. photo of Trumeyiro
split screen, photos on films
of a Relocation Center Poton

photos

Trumeyiro US naturalization paper
visit to Kanamoto

Trumeyiro's grave