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NISEI VETERANS & FAMILY
Interviewee form

Name WALTER TANAKA (Maiden name also, if applicable)

(please print)
Place of birth WATSONVILLE CA.

Place of upbringing, if different CALIFORNIA (MAINLY) SAN LUIS OBISPO,

Number in family 6 What position in the family were you? THIRD

What were the occupations of your mother? HOUSEWIFE and
your father? FARMER

What village/district in Japan were they from? KUMAMOTO PREFECTURE - father
KYOTO CITY - MOTHER

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 2 YRS CREDIT - US ARMY

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

COURSES AT SOPHIA UNIVERSITY, TOKYO

OUTBREAK of WAR

How old were you at war time? 22 How old were other members of family? 26, 24, 19, 16, 13

Were you and your family evacuated? Yes from where? SAN LUIS OBISPO

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

I WAS NOT - I WAS DRAFTED IN JUN 1941.

Which camp(s) were you detained in? NONE, GOT BASIC TRAINING - US ARMY CAMP ROBERTS, CA

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

What year did you enter the service? 1941 Where were you at the time? SAN LUIS OBISPO

Were you a volunteer? _____ a draftee?

MILITARY

Where did you serve? CAMP ROBERTS FORT ORD SANTA ROSA GILROY FT. CUSTER (MICH), CAMP SAVAGE JEFFERSON BEKS INDOOROPILLY (AUSTRALIA) HOLLANDIA MANILA YOKOHAMA TOKYO SAITAMA (1ST CAVALRY) H. Co 17th INF 17th DIVISION 5th AIR FORCE - ETC.

Which unit(s) were you with? ATIS (INDOOROPILLY HOLLANDIA, MANILA) ETC.

What kind of work did you do? PRISONER OF WAR INTERROGATIONS

Who were some of the other nisei in your unit? GEORGE GODA RICHARD HAYASHI, STEVE YAMANOTO, GEO. TAKETA, HARRY OKUBO

Are you still in contact? _____

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? YOKOHAMA/CAMP DRACA/CIC Doing what? INTERPRETER OFFICER LANG. DETACH C.O.
US EIGHTH ARMY Under whose command? LT. GEN ROBERT EICHELBERGER

How long did you serve there? 8 YEARS Did you get to know any Japanese nationals with whom you are still in contact? YES

Which other nisei served with you there? WALLY AMIKA

Are you still in contact? _____

POST-WAR (-Veterans and Family please answer)

Did you return to your home area after the war? No

What situation did you return to? ON LEAVE FROM THE ARMY - in 1946.

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

- WESLEY - 37 - BIOCHEMIST, PROFESSOR, UNIV OF WISCONSIN.
- KAREN - 35 - MEDICAL DOCTOR - MINNEAPOLIS
- PATRICIA - 33 - NURSE
- TERRI ANN - 31 - NURSE

Thank you.

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