



WILLIAM TAMIO "BILL" IINO

Gender	Male
Birth Date	25 April 1920
Birthplace	Oakland, California USA
Inducted	26 January 1942, Presidio of Monterey, California
Enlistment Type	Draftee
Service Branch	Army
Highest Rank	Cpl
Service type	War
Unit Type	Combat
Units Served	Company A, 51 st Battalion, Camp Robinson, AR; Headquarter Detachment, Camp Robinson, AR; H Company, 2 nd Battalion, 442 nd Regimental Combat Team.
Military Specialty	Clerk Typist
Stationed	Presidio of Monterey, California; Camp Roberts, California; Camp Robinson, Arkansas; Camp Shelby, Mississippi; France; Italy.
Date of Separation	30 November 1945
Place of Separation	Camp Grant, Illinois

**Unit's responsibility**

Combat infantry battalion.

Personal responsibility

Kept personnel records of my company, daily morning reports, and company payroll.

Major battles (if served in a war zone)

I was always in Personnel Headquarter. We were always in a few miles behind the lines.

Awards, medals, citations (individual or unit)

Combat Infantry Badge; Good Conduct Medal; 3 Overseas Bars; European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon; Unit Citation with 3 Clusters.

Living conditions

We slept in the field where tents could be erected, in paper factories, in vacant homes. We bathed occasionally used our helmet as a bucket. After the war the Army had mobile shower units and in Northern France we were able to take advantage of hot springs.

Fortunately since we were a Japanese American unit, Lt. Kurlan, our food procurer, was able to get rice from Italy by trading coffee and sugar. Food was good considering the conditions.

Most vivid memory of military experience

The most dreaded thing I had to do was identify dead bodies when they brought the bodies back to the grave registration officer. Seeing the natives (in France and Italy) standing near the garbage can and holding cans out for our left over food.

Missed most while in the military

Friends, homecooking (Japanese food), and good bathing.

“What do you feel has been the most important thing to you personally to come out of your military experience? What would you like your family and those close to you to know and understand?”

Our loyalty to our country, the USA. This I feel was very instrumental in providing security for my children and their future.