

Nisei Soldier, Kin Killed, Praises U. S.

BELMONT, Mass., Nov. 13.—(AP) —"America is a damn good country, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise."

That's an excerpt from George Saito's letter to his father, Kiichi, a Japanese butler, after another son, of the family, Calvin, had been killed in action in Italy on July 7.

Three months later George also died in action in France.

They were two of the first five Japanese-Americans at the Amache, Colo., relocation camp to volunteer for Army service when the War Department granted the privilege in February, 1943.

Still another son, Shozo, is in the armed forces.

Kiichi's sorrow is great, but the pride in his sons has made it bearable.

"Dad, this is no time to be preaching to you, but I have something on my chest which I want you to hear. In spite of Cal's supreme sacrifice, don't let anyone tell you that he was foolish or made a mistake to volunteer.

"Of what I've seen in my travels on our mission I am more than convinced that we've done the right thing in spite of what has happened in the past.

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