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- Sandy Trenholm - Collection Director
- Kendyl Yokoyama - Swing and understudy for Peggy Schuyler and Maria Reynolds in *Hamilton*
- Joe Welch - 2018 National History Teacher of the Year

Support

- Zoya Siddiqui - Curatorial Intern
- Allison Kraft - Assistant Curator

During the Session



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Today's Documents

米國及英國ニ對スル宣戰ノ詔書

天佑ヲ保有シ萬世一系ノ皇祚ヲ踐メル大日本帝國天皇ハ
昭ニ忠誠勇武ナル汝有眾ニ示ス

朕茲ニ米國及英國ニ對シテ戰ヲ宣ス朕カ陸海將兵ハ全力
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- Photographs taken by both the Japanese and the Americans
- A Japanese report about the attack
- A 1944 V-mail reflecting on how life has changed
- Broadside about Japanese American incarceration

Timeline of the Attack on Pearl Harbor



6:45 am

USS *Ward* fires
the first shot
at a Japanese
midget
submarine

7:55 am

First torpedos
drop on Pearl
Harbor

8:06 am

USS *Arizona*
explodes,
killing 1,177
crew

Wheeler Air
Field and Ford
Island Seaplane
Base attacked

**December 8,
1941**

The US
declares war
on Japan

6:10 am

First wave of
Japanese
bombers leave
for Oahu

7:02 am

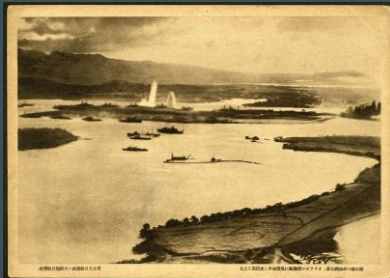
Japanese
planes reach
Oahu

Oil spills into
the harbor
after the
Japanese hit
Battleship
Row

8:53 am

Second wave
of bombers
reach Oahu

Relief attempts
begin as soon
as the attacks
stop



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十二月十日午後一時過ぎ、わが海軍必殺の雷撃を受
前がプリンス・オブ・ウェールズ號で、も卓左に傾

寫眞

斷末魔の英二

十二月十日午後零時四十五分ごろ、わが海鷲の猛襲エールズ、すでに艦中央部より艦尾にかけて数發のものは三十ノットの高速で逃げる巨艦の舷側に数秒前命ある。上方に逃げるのは戦艦レバルスで、これも命令的雷撃をうけ、二十秒に近い魚雷命中のためレバルス同二時五十分相次いで沈没した。

然りとす。一、聖軍の立ちよるの神速にして、
怒りの吼、二、聖戰、鳴くや奇麗放行によつて、
々々たる、三、聖戰、アメリカシア大陸は損失
其殊清では、忽ち虚勢のアメリカシア大陸は損失
し、マレー沖では英アジア艦隊の主力が全滅した。
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するに非ずしては、英アジア艦隊の主力が全滅した
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戦とシワシントに現れたのである。

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眞眞
慘澹たる米主力艦隊

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十二月廿一日、本社「實業」の贈るところによると、西郷隆盛の頃の同僚の様子は次の如くであつた。香港東嶺路ブレザー・ミルと隣地の邸の一帯でも黒髪が散らかる。換けた家、家庭師を散らしてゐるなど、肥りの取れた奴は、少しも見られないことをこの年毎に浴びて行く。千圓圓のアスファルト道へ、暖房設備

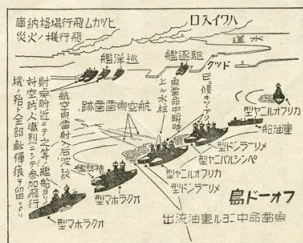
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寫眞
入城式の盛觀

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南方のオキナワ群島、特務艦隊、
 中型一魚雷艇中の獅子に上る水柱、カリフォル
 ニア型、シリバン型、重油船を並出共すに、傾きつあ
 シルバニア型、重油船、右舷はカリフォルニア、初
 ランド型、重油船、右舷はカリフォルニア、初
 等艦艇中に重油の波紋はしてゐる。右舷は、オ
 左から中へ右へかけの波紋は、航空雷雷艇、右
 右は航空雷雷艇、上舷は工廠、その上の白煙
 に夾するその飛行機、その左は、航空雷雷艇、こ
 の前哨中の四の四は、その左は、航空雷雷艇、こ
 りの防空対空機関を極く、参加飛艇は殆ど全
 を留めた。その右、右は、航空雷雷艇である。五、五

上圖の點照、左に見え、右表を飛んてゐる二機の方が遙かある。右下飛船は船は火災を起てをり、中央上部の敵主力艦は火が氣煙で水柱高くあがり、魚雷を瀕してゐる。中央はオールの飛行動。左下、巡洋艦には爆弾中、重砲台を黒に染め、左が第一「ユタ」型は沈没、後方には煙が立ち、またに灰が去れんとする敵艦群であり、その施設は落果するやである。



寫眞
猛爆下のホイラー陸軍飛行場

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Japanese Photographs of the Bombing

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USS Nevada, USS Vestal, USS Arizona, USS West Virginia, USS Tennessee, USS Oklahoma, USS Maryland

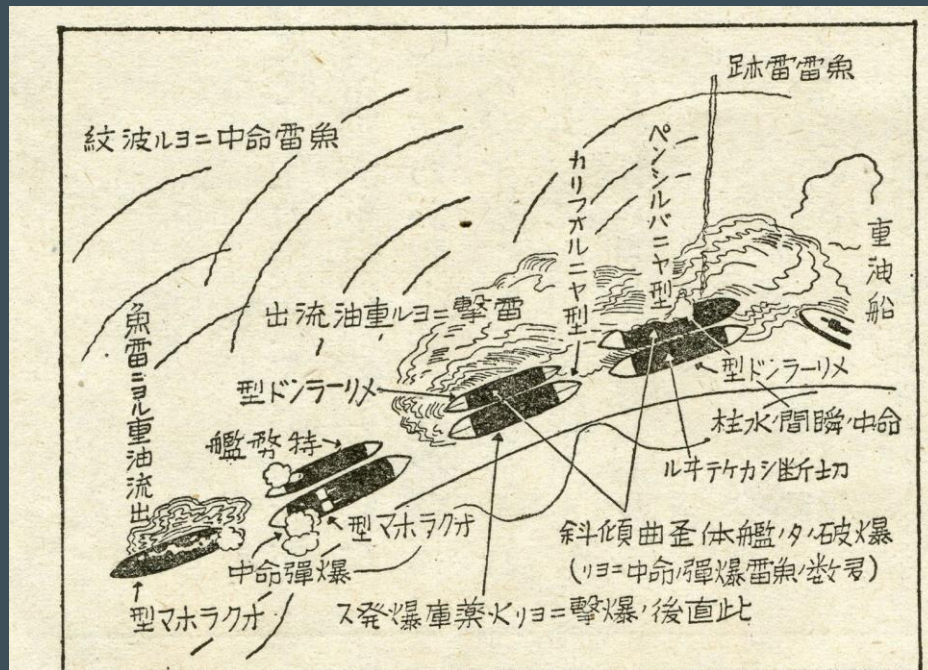
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Japanese Engraving of the Bombing

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Japanese Description

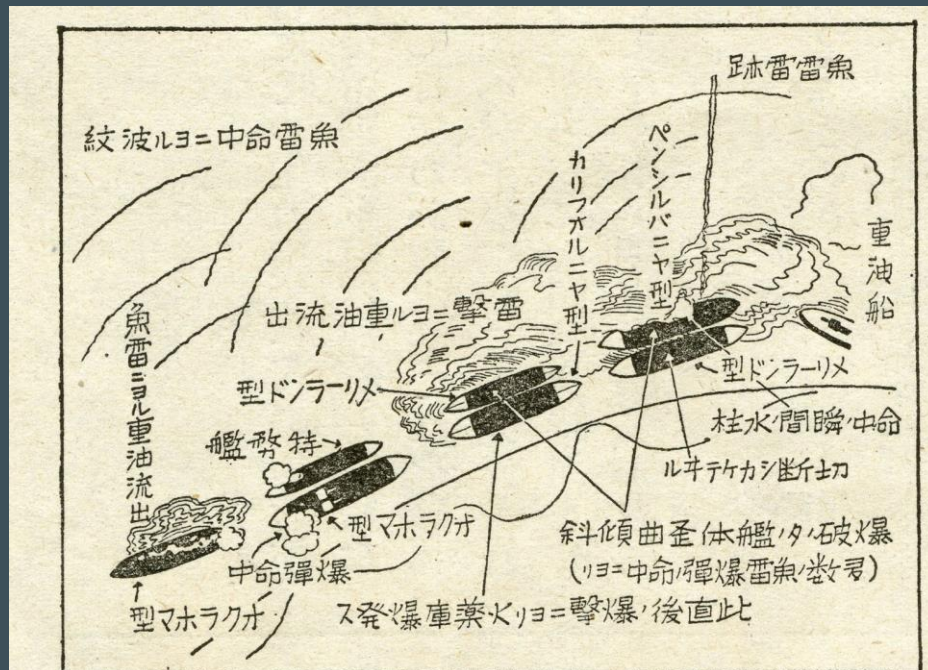
“The photo is an overhead view taken from directly above the enemy battleship fleet about to be submerged (see explanatory diagram below). An Oklahoma-class [*USS Oklahoma*] ship is dimly visible on the left edge with darkish fuel oil floating up around it and over half the ship’s body underwater. The next Oklahoma-class ship, located further inward, has what looks like white smoke after being hit from the side by a bomb. The large battleships to the right are Maryland-class and Pennsylvania-class ships, and a Pennsylvania-class ship on the outside already has a water column rising high above its side from the moment it was hit by a torpedo. A distinct white streak is left on the surface of the ocean by the torpedo that struck the ship. Of the two ships in the center of the photo, the body of the outer Maryland-class ship is already starting to split apart at the middle. Three of the airplanes on board the ship are visible near the rear turret, but one of them has a broken wing from the impact of a torpedo strike and is about to be flung into the ocean. Next to it is a California-class [*USS Arizona*] ship whose powder magazine explodes from a bomb striking directly behind it, causing the ship to sink instantly.”

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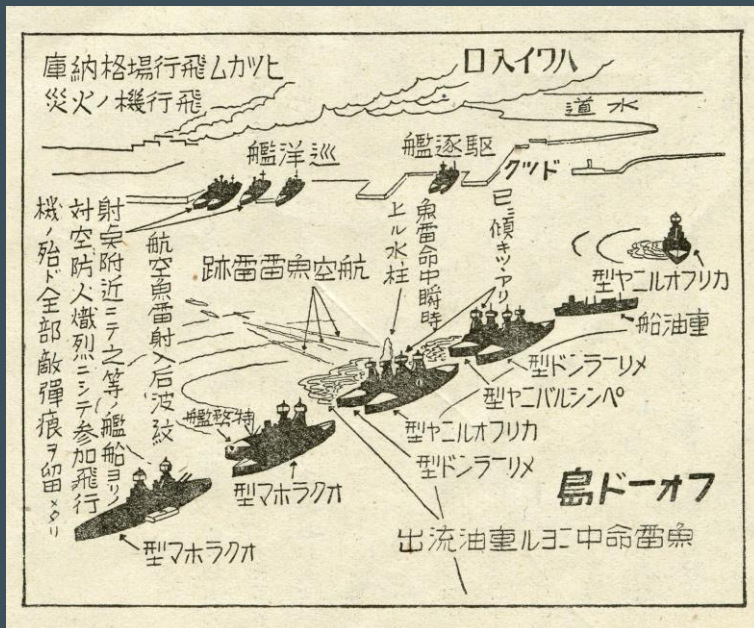


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NAS Ford's Island

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輝く戦果

堂々たる一襲、一襲、晴吉の奇襲合戦によつて眞珠湾では、忽ち艦隊がアメリカシア艦隊に押し、マレー沖には英シア艦隊の主力が公海にスルスルとエルトール・チャールも英白の線を守るはてな東亞を受けたる三襲、英蘭の百年にわたる東亞争奪の素麗な常習戦に、今日に於いて覆した。それと前後しチャールは消息を断ち、鎖としてワシントンに現れたのである。

薩長の國をこうして、是は敗の一途であり、
勝の途である。本年上りて、薩長は果して、ミナ
タの國を以て其の都府と定め、大業に復せんとす。
メロ、まづその島、クル地帯を攻撃せ、經略の南
進を續けんとす。其の間には、哀れ、不磨の鐵を
誇つたシムバル島の敵軍が、この光榮ある歴史
の一瞬間に便なう消え去んとするのだ。
海に接する薩長國の雄偉さ、われわれの國の
雄略を薩長國の雄略に倣はなくてはならぬ。そし
て決死隊を陸海空軍に擇み出し、征せよ。この薩
長の榮を祈らんとす。男、征せよ。この薩長國
を以て其の都府と定め、大業に復せんとす。こ
れ、江戸、博多、高杉村、若き皇軍の偉業、記念
として、前掲の多量の觀衆を喜ばせしむる權とな
いものであらう。

一、布哇海戰の戦果に關しては確報

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慘瀾たる米主力艦隊

寫眞や演説、類乎の戰戰兢兢を就からず得たといふのは、たゞにオカホラ、馬場、岡田となく、重きを浮せて鑑賞の上では沈没してしまつてゐる。二次の大規模オカホラ型は結局オカホラの命を受けて白煙のやうになつた。

右端の二百はメーラーン型と、シンシラルアニア型の外、命中小魚アニア型の結核をくりつてゐるのははきくまの瞬間に於ける、命中小魚の雷撃が海面に條々キリと白煙を描いてゐる。

中央二度外側メーラーン型と二百では、すでに中央が切斷傾倒してゐる。艦載飛行機が後部船尾附近三機を撃ち、機は雷撃後シヨックで裏に折曲中に放出されんとしてゐる。

岡のカラコナルニ型はの直後の爆撃により試運転中も發着沈没した。

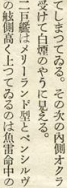
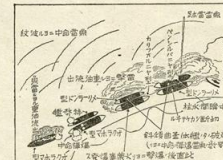


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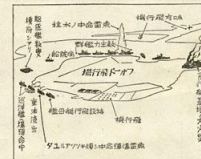
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猛爆下のホイラー陸軍飛行場

ハワゝ本部船は敵艦隊を滅せしめるべく、もて津浦港の港頭をめぐつてゐるツカノ飛行場、陸軍オライファール飛行場および津内、オード、島の海岸飛行場をおよび是地を一片に統一する。

地上待機する一敵艦隊は、無下り、あるは上陸しようとする、あるは飛行しようとする。待機する一敵艦隊をよせ止めてゐる、敵艦は撃ちしめる。

地上に見えぬところ、第一機庫に入りしりも、炎を燃やせるボラ、飛行機、黒いの中は敵艦隊、燦爛と光りしめる、飛鳥に燃やせる敵艦隊、これらもつて襲つた第二次海軍の掃蕩隊によつて滅した。『日軍』



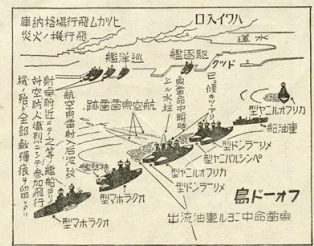
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慘たるフォード島周邊

眞貝

瀨波寸前の米谷津洋艦隊

前方左からオクラホマ型、特務艦、オクラホマ型、メリーランド型、魚雷艇の群、時海上に上水柱、カリフォルニア型、ペンシルバニア型、重油船、右端はリリパル型、これらも右の艦隊中に油を引出して居る。右はオーストリア島、海軍の左から上陸部、右の波紋は、艦上乗組員入後の波紋である。左は航た魚雷雷艇、前方左は工廠その上の白煙は、わが艦隊に炎上する敵雷艇、その左はヒップラム洋艦の格納庫である。その前哨ツメたる陸隊はいれぬも洋艦も、これらの艦よりその防禦力増強を極め、歩兵隊は殆ど全部敵陣の彈痕を留めたる。その右、長良福運である。千島列





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“Word has it that Roosevelt and Churchill were **shaken up and went pale upon** hearing of the defeats. In a **third strike**, Hong Kong Island, England’s strategic base for its **100-year exploitation** of East Asia, **fell into ruin** in only a matter of ten days. During this time, Churchill was **sent reeling**, cutting off contact with others and **showing up in Washington.**”

Japanese Report

“What these two **headstrong countries** are striving for will only lead them on a downhill path to **military defeat**. Our **barbaric enemies** are already cowering in fear in the Pacific, and the fall of Manila shall mark the day of the Philippines’ subjugation and reversion back to Greater East Asia. The enemy power of Singapore, which was—alas—boasting of its **impenetrable stronghold** before the Imperial Forces penetrated the jungle area of the Malay Peninsula and advanced southward **like a raging tide**, shall also **vanish into nothingness** in the midst of this **glorious chapter** in history.

“The military gains of the **glorious Imperial Forces** are truly great, and the army, navy, and air force should be given our heartfelt gratitude. We should also honor our courageous men who are ready to lay down their lives when charging enemy lines, as well as those who went out to **conquer** but never returned. We offer these eight photos to our readers both as a memento of the great work being done by this **incomparable Empire of ours**, and also as food for thought about the many trials that have yet to be overcome.”

Morris "Moe" Weiner to Sylvia Weiner

From: T. M. WEINER
3281 7490
529 QMSR Co 1279

To: MRS. SYLVIA G. WEINER
128 FALMOUTH ST.
BROOKLYN 29, N.Y.

A.R.O. 513 90 P.M.
NEW YORK, N.Y.
DEC. 7, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)
See Instruction No. 2

Dearest Syl: It wasn't until I had written the date and completely, that I was conscious of its significance. Then, all at once the realization flooded over me. Three years, Lord, it seems like a century. It hardly seems possible to believe that there ever was a time when things were any different and any other existence doesn't have the ring of reality. Strange, isn't it, how the abnormal state of affairs can become to be accepted as the normal.

Can you ever forget that Sunday afternoon? Everything about it is indelibly engraved in my memory. Paul & Bees Co. at the house. The waltz dawn Oriental and past the Bay the cold evening, the bright sun - Cashing back to the warm home to listen to the Philharmonic Orchestra and then the announcement of the attack on Pearl Harbor. That was the culmination of events which lead to their inevitable conclusion, brought on by our shortsightedness, selfishness, and distrust like behavior.

More to follow
Love Moe

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY
V...-MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

V-mail

- Written on a form
- Microfilmed
- Shipped to the US
- Printed out at 4 x 5 inches

Three Years Later

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Moe and Sylvia Weiner, circa 1943-44

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Remembering the Attack

“Can you ever forget that Sunday after noon? Everything about it is ever lastingly engraved in my memory. Paul & Bess E. at the house. The walk down oriental and past the Bay the cold wind, the bright sun. coming back to the warm house to listen to the Philharmonic Orchestra and then the announcement of the attack on Pearl Harbor. That was the culmination of events which lead to this inevitable conclusion, brought on by our shortsightedness, selfishness, and ostrich like behavior.”



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Japanese American Incarceration

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Presidio of San Francisco, California
May 3, 1942

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

Living in the Following Area:

All of that portion of the City of Los Angeles, State of California, within that boundary beginning at the point at which North Figueroa Street meets a line following the middle of the Los Angeles River; thence southerly and following the said line to East First Street; thence westerly on East First Street to Alameda Street; thence southerly on Alameda Street to East Third Street; thence northwesterly on East Third Street to Main Street; thence northerly on Main Street to First Street; thence northwesterly on First Street to Figueroa Street; thence northeasterly on Figueroa Street to the point of beginning.

Pursuant to the provisions of Civilian Exclusion Order No. 33, this Headquarters, dated May 3, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon, P. W. T., Saturday, May 9, 1942.

No Japanese person living in the above area will be permitted to change residence after 12 o'clock noon, P. W. T., Sunday, May 3, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the representative of the Commanding General, Southern California Sector, at the Civil Control Station located at:

Japanese Union Church,
120 North San Pedro Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Such permits will only be granted for the purpose of uniting members of a family, or in cases of grave emergency.

The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
2. Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds of property, such as real estate, business and professional equipment, household goods, boats, automobiles and livestock.
3. Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
4. Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

The Following Instructions Must Be Observed:

1. A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Monday, May 4, 1942, or between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Tuesday, May 5, 1942.

2. Evacuees must carry with them on departure for the Assembly Center, the following property:

- (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress) for each member of the family;
- (b) Toilet articles for each member of the family;
- (c) Extra clothing for each member of the family;
- (d) Sufficient knives, forks, spoons, plates, bowls and cups for each member of the family;
- (e) Essential personal effects for each member of the family.

All items carried will be securely packaged, tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and numbered in accordance with instructions obtained at the Civil Control Station. The size and number of packages is limited to that which can be carried by the individual or family group.

3. No pets of any kind will be permitted.

4. No personal items and no household goods will be shipped to the Assembly Center.

5. The United States Government through its agencies will provide for the storage, at the sole risk of the owner, of the more substantial household items, such as iceboxes, washing machines, pianos and other heavy furniture. Cooking utensils and other small items will be accepted for storage if crated, packed and plainly marked with the name and address of the owner. Only one name and address will be used by a given family.

6. Each family, and individual living alone, will be furnished transportation to the Assembly Center or will be authorized to travel by private automobile in a supervised group. All instructions pertaining to the movement will be obtained at the Civil Control Station.

Go to the Civil Control Station between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday, May 4, 1942, or between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 5, 1942, to receive further instructions.

J. L. DeWITT
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army
Commanding



● WCCA Assembly Center

▲ WRA Relocation Center

■ WRA Isolation Center

◊ WRA Temporary Camp or Other WRA Facility

☆ Justice Dept., U.S. Army or Other Facility

Map of Japanese American Imprisonment during World War II. Photo courtesy National Park Service.

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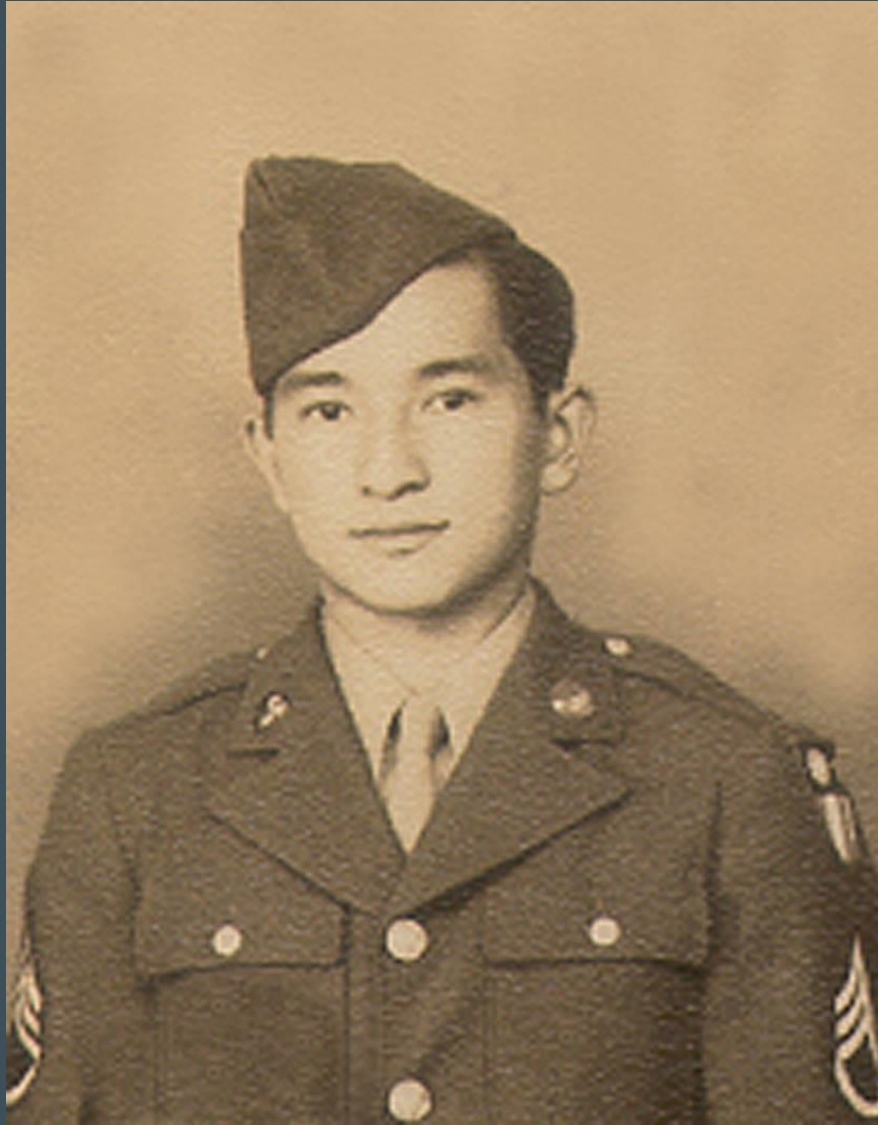
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Q&A

Upcoming Programs

- *Inside the Vault*, Thursday, December 17 at 7 pm ET (4 pm PT)
 - Featuring letters from America's first First Lady, Martha Washington
- *Book Breaks*, December 6 at 12 pm ET (9 am PT)
 - Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, discusses her book *How Ike Led*.
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