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14 October 1943

Colonel William P. Scobey
Executive to Assistant Secretary of War
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Scobey

Colonel Rasmussen has requested me to advise we have written to Iwao Lewis Suzuki, 542 West 112 St., New York, New York, to ascertain his language ability. After he complies with our usual investigation we will submit his papers for the usual clearance. However, as you state in your letter of the 11th there are some features in his bibliography which may fail to pass the required C. I. review.

We are returning the correspondence as requested in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Paul F. Rusch

PAUL F. RUSCH
Captain, AUS
Director of Personnel

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Enclosures:



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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

11 October 1943

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Sincerely,

William P. Scooby
WILLIAM P. SCOBMY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

Private Kanazawa, 442d Inf., was, before he volunteered, GAC's representative in Washington. He sends this to me with a recommendation that the man is OK. WPS

Colonel Kai Rasmussen, Commandant
Military Intelligence Language School
Camp Savage, Minnesota

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Ltr. Sept. 18th '43 fm. Lewis Suzuki to Kanazawa
and attachment



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Item 25 p. 3SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1943

DEAR PRAYATE KANAZAWA,

I HOPE YOU RECEIVED MY OTHER LETTER WHICH I SENT TO YOU TWO DAYS AGO. THIS MORNING AFTER TALKING TO THE CHIEF CLERK AT THE LOCAL BOARD, I HAVE LEARNED THAT MY PAPER IS AT COL. SCOBEEY OFFICE IF HE IS WORKING AT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OFFICE. THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT I HAVE LEARNED THROUGH THE LOCAL BOARD AND THE SELECTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

I HAVE VOLUNTEERED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES LAST JULY. AFTER THE APPROVAL OF MY PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, THE LOCAL BOARD HAD SENT MY PAPERS TO THE HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 11TH, 1943. FROM THERE THE PAPER WAS SENT TO THE SELECTIVE SERVICE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DOWN IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 13TH. THROUGH THERE THE PAPER WENT TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OFFICE IN WAR DEPARTMENT. IF I AM CORRECT I THINK THAT OFFICE IS WHERE COL. SCOBEEY OFFICE. I THINK YOU WILL KNOW BETTER ABOUT THIS. ANYWAY THE PAPER IS DOWN THERE IN WASHINGTON.

THE SECOND COMMAND AT THE GOVERNOR ISLAND HERE IN NEW YORK HAS NOT HEARD FROM WASHINGTON. EVERYONE THINKS THE PAPER IS STILL AT THE ABOVE OFFICE. I WILL APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU CAN WRITE A LETTER TO COL. SCOBEEY ABOUT MY CASE AND SO ON. I KNOW IF I DON'T GET ANYONE'S BACKUP, IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME BEFORE EVERYTHING GET THROUGH. I KNOW MY SAVINGS WILL NOT LAST SO LONG AND IN THE OTHER HAND I DON'T WANT TO WASTE MY MANPOWER AND MY JAPANESE KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING FOR THE WAR EFFORT TO SHORTEN THIS WAR.

September 15th, 1943

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Full name Iwao Lewis Suzuki
 Address 542 West 112 Street, New York, N.Y.
 Local Selective Service Board Local Board No. 33
 950 West End Ave.
 New York, N.Y.
 Order number . . . 10,123 Classification . . 4C
 Date of birth November 9th, 1920
 Place of birth 1303 East 7th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Height 5'4" Weight 125 pounds
 Marital status . . . Single Profession Artist
 Father . . . Deceased (February, 1930)
 Mother . . . Living in Japan

Education:

Went to Public School of Los Angeles, Grade A5 in Spring, 1930

In Japan: Graduated from Grammar School in March, 1934
 Entered Toyohashi High School (Aichi-ken) in April, 1934
 and graduated from the same High School in March, 1939.
 Went to Art School in Tokyo in Spring, 1939.

Since the return from Japan:

Belmont High School, Los Angeles, Calif. Oct. 1939 - March, 1940
 Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles, Calif. Sept. 1940 - May, 1941
 Corcoran Art School, Washington, D.C. (Evening) Oct. 1941 - Dec. 1941
 Art Students League, New York City, (Evening, Oct. 1942 - March, 1943)

Note. Had taken military training (Gunji-kyoren, 5 years) while I was in High School in Japan. (April, 1934 - March, 1939)

Foreign Travel:

On account of my father's death, my whole family went to Japan in April, 1930.
 I came back to U.S.A. in September, 1939

Employment:

May 12th, 1943 - - - July 17th, 1943
 War Department, Army Service Forces
 Special Service Division, Language Unit
 165 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
 (As Foreign Language Editor and Consultant Military Dictionary)

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March 8th, 1943 - - - May 11th, 1943
Office of War Information
Overseas Branch, Foreign Language Division
224 West 57th Street
New York, New York
(As a scribe and Japanese typewriter operator,

May 5th, 1942 - - - March 7th, 1943
Short Wave Research Inc.
730 Fifth Ave.
New York, New York
(Actually worked at Office of War Information 224 West 57th Street
as Foreign Language Editor. I was financed by this Short Wave Research
Inc. during this period,

May 5th, 1941 - - - December 7th, 1941
Japanese Embassy
2614 Mass. Ave N.E.
Washington, D.C.
(As temporary clerk)

I have volunteered in the armed forces of the United States last July, 1943
right after my release from the War Department. I am willing to serve
on combat duty wherever ordered.

Iwao Lewis Suzuki
Iwao Lewis Suzuki

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Dear Kanazawa:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 10, and the attached communication from Mr. Lewis Suzuki. I believe I informed you in my last letter of the action I had taken on his case.

You have asked me about the Cannon Company. This organization was first authorized in the United States Army a little over a year ago. The specific purpose of the Cannon Company, as you surmise, is to give close and rapid support to the Infantry Regiment. The theory being that since the Cannon Company is directly under the command of the Infantry Regimental Commander, whereas the Field Artillery Battalion supporting must be under a separate command, the Infantry Regimental Commander must develop both ground supporting fires and anti-tank fires in a minimum of time. I am not sure what type of equipment you have, but I might let you know that the company is constantly going through experimental stages and it may be that from time to time there will be changes in its weapons, all designed to make it more effective.

I suppose by this time you and the other members of the 442nd Infantry have heard the news about the 100th Battalion. They have had their first battle experience in Italy and the report we have is that they acquitted themselves with high courage. Their conduct in action was such as to cause all ranks to accept them with confidence and friendliness. Needless to say, this was good news to our office. However, it was no more than what we expected. Of course, the Battalion will require replacements. When transferred overseas it did have 15% over strength but I visualize in the not distant future, it will require replacements. In this connection, do you think that some of the Hawaiian members of the 442nd would like to be sent over as replacements? I assume that the men in the 100th Battalion would like to maintain the Hawaiian integrity of the unit although that may be impossible.

442.18 J. A. Volunteers

Lewis

13 Oct 1943

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It looks now as if Mr. McCloy and I will be coming down to Camp Shelby next week, possibly Wednesday or Thursday. I hope to see you at that time.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SOONEY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Asst Secretary of War

Private Tooru Joe Kanasawa, ASN 33741606
Cannon Company, 442nd Infantry
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

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11 October 1943

J. A. Volunteers

Suzuki, Lewis

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WILLIAM P. SCOREY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Asst Secretary of War

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x- Rasmussen
x- Suzuki

Colonel Kai Rasmussen, Commandant
Military Intelligence Language School
Camp Savage, Minnesota

11 Oct 43

cc: SW; WPS; M&W

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Dear Kanazawa:

I was glad to have your letter of October 7, with the attached papers pertaining to Lewis Suzuki. I do not know what can be done in Suzuki's case, but I will look into it. The fact is, that his background of long residence in Japan at a formative age and his association with the Japanese Embassy in Washington certainly does constitute a handicap for his entry into the service. By this I do not mean that a Kibei is totally unacceptable for military service, but I believe you know as well as I do the general characteristics and attitude of the Kibei. Looking at the matter from a realistic view-point, it seems to me that Suzuki must by some means show conclusively that his loyalty and attitude is wholly with the United States and there is no sympathy of any kind for Japan. Certainly, if this can be established, his extensive knowledge of the Japanese language would be of great value.

I was interested in learning that you had been transferred to the Cannon Company. I know that you will find this type of organization to be a very interesting one and I trust that you will ultimately profit by your transfer.

I was glad to learn of the boost in morale given to the 442nd C.T. when they learned that the 100th Battalion had entered the combat area in Italy. We are hoping that it makes a great record for itself and now are awaiting information of its exploits.

You said nothing in your letter with reference to how the 442nd executed the guarding of the German prisoners, nor as to what effect this detail had upon the men. I would be interested in knowing how they felt about it. The reports we have all indicate they did the job very well.

You mention a number of matters about officer candidate school and transfer of personnel from Service Commands to the 442nd Infantry. These are under study and we are hoping that some action will be taken in effecting satisfactory solutions of these problems.

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It is entirely possible that Mr. McCloy and I
myself will be able to come down to Camp Shelby sometime
the near future.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOWAY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Asst Secretary of War

Private Joe Kanazawa, ASN 33741606
Cannon Company
442nd Infantry
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

0 10:14 a.m.