

# NIKKEI IN UNIFORM



History informs us that 7 Nikkei were killed in the sinking of the U.S. battleship Maine in April 1898. Many Nikkei also served in various branches of the service during World War I. It is well known and documented of the thousands of Nisei that have so gallantly served in the famed 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Lesser known is the thousands that served in the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific Theatre. Their interpreting ability has markedly shortened the war in the Pacific.

Nisei Women too have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II and subsequent wars. After World War II Nisei men and women have

served in nearly every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

From the Poston II Chronicle, Saturday, June 3, 1944 edition ... "Call is for June 7".

Seven more boys, the second group of inductees from the center, have been ordered to report Wednesday, June 7 to Fort Douglas for active duty assignments, according to James D. Crawford, selective service representative.

Their names are: George Shiba, 309-9-D; Takashi Ezaki, 12-12-A; Haruji Akimoto, 5-9-C; Mitsugu Eto, 109-5-B; Tets Henry Nakabayashi, 5-6-D; Arthur Tetsu Sugino, 11-8-B; and William Masaru Shigekawa, 21-11-C. Of this list, the last two are not on the project,

Sugino having left recently for Chicago and Shigekawa having relocated to Virginia.

Also received late this week were about 80 names for induction and pre-induction examination, which are tentatively scheduled for about June 24. This will be the fourth visit of the army medical team.



Tearful and painful farewells as the first group leaves by bus for basic training.



The Captain orients the first Nisei inductees from Poston II what to expect while serving in the U.S. Army.



Trucks pick up draftees for pre-induction physical at Camp I.



Lt. Kiyoo Sato serving as flight nurse during the Korean War. Lt. Strother & Sato prepare for a flight from Ashiya to Kimpo Seoul Korea. 1952