



**SECRET VALOR**

**PART II**  
**Hawaii Nisei**  
**M.I.S. Pioneers**

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## **Our Four Pre-War Nisei Intelligence "Senpai"**

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There is little or no public knowledge of the fact that prior to World War II four Niseis from Hawaii, recruited into U.S. military service, performed highly-restricted intelligence work in anticipation of conflict with Japan. These were the times when the military harbored deep-seated distrust, fear and suspicion against all Japanese citizens, as well as aliens, which makes the active recruitment of these four Niseis to perform what is essentially "spy work" against a threatening Japanese military all the more remarkable. Their recruitment heaps credit, respect and admiration upon them that they had convinced and proved themselves acceptable and trustworthy to a highly distrustful military. Their faithful and unblemished performance must have laid the foundation and justification for subsequent acceptance of Niseis in the military service of their country, the 100th Battalion, the 442nd RCT and the MIS. They are truly pioneers and the "senpai" of the Nisei soldiers of World War II. We are grateful to them. Here is a summary of their stories and experiences:

