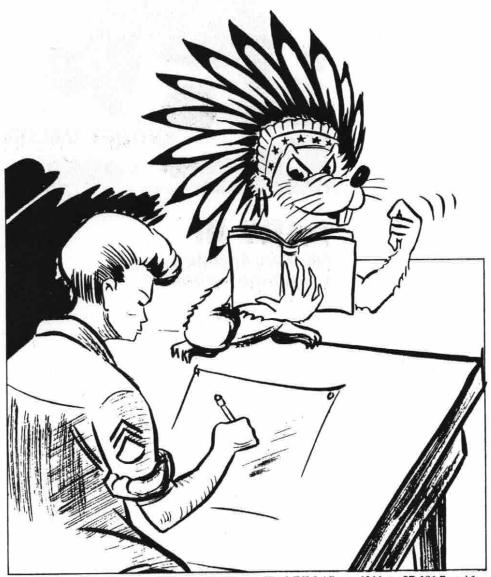


PART III
Military Intelligence
Language Schools

The MISLS Gopher Emblem

Emblem of MISLS, The Gopher, is the creation of CBI veteran T/Sgt Chris Ishii while he was at Savage in 1943. Imprinted on stationery and publications, it has been given permanence in the form of a plaque. What the mule is to the Army, the lion to M-G-M, the Gopher is to the School.



The MISLS Album, 1946, pp 37, 106-7 and 1

Overview and History of MISL

The Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISL) was established prior to the Pearl Harbor attack, to meet intelligence needs in anticipation of hostilities with Japan. Brigadier General John Weckerling and Colonel Kai E. Rasmussen recognized the importance of skills of individuals who knew the Japanese language.

During the careful screening process for a Japanese language training school, Maj. (later Col.) John F. Aiso was recruited and he became the director of academic training at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, both in Minnesota. Also Pfc. (later Lt.) Arthur Kaneko and two civilian instructors, Akira Oshida and Shigeya Kihara, joined the teaching staff. The four prepared textbooks and curricula for the Japanese language course.

On November 1, 1941, the Fourth Army Intelligence School was started with an additional civilian instructor, Tetsuo Imagawa, at the Presidio in California. The school consisted of a commandant, an adjutant, three NCOs, eight civilian instructors and 60 students. Thirty-five of the forty-five graduates were deployed to the Pacific Theater of Operations, and to the Guadalcanal and Alaskan area.

The first campaign in which the linguists proved their value was the Battle of Guadalcanal. Language specialists, led by Captain John Burden, translated the Imperial Japanese Navy battle plans.

With the forced mass exodus of Japanese Americans from the West Coast for alleged security reasons and the need for increased facilities, the Fourth Army Intelligence School was deactivated. Acknowledging the continuing need of a Military Intelligence School, the War Department placed the school under its jurisdiction and moved the facilities to Camp Savage,

Minnesota. Battle experience proved that Japanese language specialists were essential. On June 1, 1942, the first official MISLS class started with 200 men at Camp Savage. In December the second class got under way and emphasized military Japanese instead of both military and general language. Seventy men were recruited from the 100th Battalion at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for the class.

The third class, in the summer of 1943, was reorganized into upper, middle and lower divisions, according to the students' abilities. The Military Research and Liaison Section began under Akira Oshida, and the Translation Section, under Yutaka Munakata. MISLS counted 23 academic sections and the number increased to 46 sections by graduation time.

The third class consisted of a large group of Nisei volunteers from Hawaii and several hundred Nisei recruited from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. It also included the first officer candidate class of 35 Caucasians, who had some background in Japanese. Twenty-four members of this third class were assigned to airborne units after completing paratroop training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The fourth class of January 1944, which reached peak size, included a second contingent of volunteers from Hawaii. This group had 52 academic sections with 27 civilian and 65 enlisted instructors. With this class, the socalled "collegiate" divisions replaced the upper-middle-lower divisions system, and the academic term was lengthened from six to nine months. By the fall of 1944, as an established intelligence service school, the Camp Savage MISLS had graduated some 1,600 enlisted men, 142 officer candidates and 53 officers. They completed courses in Japanese reading, writing and speaking; translation, interpretation, and interrogation; analysis of captured documents; heigo (Japanese military and technical terms); Japanese geography and map reading: radio monitoring; social, political, economic, and cultural background of Japan; sosho (cursive writing); and Order of Battle of the Japanese army.

With the increased enrollment and need for larger facilities, the school was moved from Camp Savage to historic Fort Snelling, where the first graduation (ninth of the MISLS) took place in November 1944. Eleven Americans of Chinese ancestry and 382 Nisei received diplomas. In February 1945, the Chinese Division was organized and placed under the training school for administrative purposes.

After the defeat of the German forces in May 1945, the U.S. Armed Forces accelerated their operations in the Pacific against the Japanese enemy. With the continuing demand for linguists, MISLS exerted every effort to supply the personnel requirements.

Women in the Armed Forces were in a separate section beginning in June 1945. WACs were trained in the written language to qualify solely as translators.

With the realization that oral linguists would be needed in combat and in the initial phases of occupation in the Pacific, the Oral Language School, designated as Division F, was created in July 1945.

After V-J Day on August 15, 1945, emphasis shifted from military to general Japanese. The demand for language personnel continued as the need for replacements for earlier graduates, now eligible for military discharge, became urgent.

A revision of the curriculum eliminated military courses (military reading, field service regulations, applied tactics, captured documents and POW interrogation) and implemented general Japanese courses (reading and translation of Naganuma Readers, Japanese to English translation, Chinese characters and diction). New courses were added: civil terminology, Japanese government and administration. "The job of winning the war had been finished, but the job of winning the peace had yet to be accomplished." *

A Korean language school began in October 1945 with Lieutenant Calvin Kim in charge. At graduation on March 16, 1946, 13 men received their diplomas.

The graduation class of 307 men on June 8, 1946, represented the 11th commencement at Fort Snelling and the 21st overall in the school's history for a total of over 6,000 graduates.

*"History of MISLS," The MISLS Allbum 1946 Pg. 13)

"Three Leaders of MISLS

by Sohei Yamate

In the postwar years, the members of the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii honored three men who guided and influenced them during the war. The honorees were Colonel Kai E. Rasmussen, Judge John F. Aiso, and Colonel Sidney F. Mashbir.

Colonel Rasmussen was the Commandant and one of the founders of the Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS). Early in World War II he saw the need for men who knew the Japanese language. His guidance and leadership led to the successful training of over 6,000 men for military intelligence service.

Judge Aiso was the director of academic training of the language school. It was his job to see that the men studied and mastered the Japanese language. He and his early staff worked on textbooks and other classroom materials. The United States is indebted to him for his accomplishments in World War II.

Colonel Mashbir was an American spy who headed Allied Translator and Interpreter Sections. He worked with linguists from the Military Intelligence Service Language School and by war's end his men had interrogated 14,000 prisoners and scanned two million documents. Through his efforts the Nisei won recognition -- 150 were commissioned as second lieutenants and 500 received decorations and commendations for their part in the war.



Colonel Rasmussen



Judge Aiso



Colonel Mashbir

MISLS Graduates in

The Combat Zone

Graduates served with approximately 130 Army, Navy and Marines Corps units and operated on loan to our Allies. Teams of at least 10 linguists joined scores of infantry division headquarters in the Pacific. Trained as interrogators, interpreters, translators, radio announcers, and propaganda writers at the Presidio (San Francisco), Camp Savage, and Fort Snelling, the intelligence personnel served as "the eyes and ears" of the American and Allied forces fighting Japan.

Starting with the Battle of Guadalcanal, the language specialists in the Pacific as the chief agents obtained enemy intelligence concerning battle plans, tactical decisions and troop disposition. This information greatly helped the American field commanders to make decisions, conduct effective maneuvers and avoid enemy surprises. "Never before in history did one army know so much concerning its enemy prior to actual engagement as did the American army during most of the pacific campaign," said General MacArthur with pride. *

Graduates worked at the Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Ocean Area, (JICPOA) with headquarters in Hawaii. Other language teams served with the Joint Intelligence Collecting Agency which later combined with British Intelligence to form the South East Asia Translation and Interrogation Center (SEATIC) with headquarters in New Delhi, India. Teams also operated with Merrill's Marauders, Mar's Task Force, Far Eastern Air Forces and other units in the China-Burma-India Theater. During the Attu and

Kiska campaigns in Alaska, approximately 50 MISLS graduates worked out of the Advance Alaskan Department headquartered in Adak.

Working selflessly and in anonymity, MISLS graduates translated the entire Japanese battle plans for the Philippines. These plans had fallen into American hands when the plane speeding Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Japanese Fleets, to a rendezvous with his armada crash-landed in the Philippines. The Japanese suffered almost total annihilation, and the worst defeat in their naval history, in the battle of San Bernardino Straits and off the north east coast of the Philippines. The language specialists also uncovered the complete Japanese plans for the defense of the Philippine Islands long before the U.S. forces landed on Leyte.

Some of the places MISLS graduates will long remember include Guadalcanal, Buna, New Georgia, Myitkyina, Attu, Munda, Peleliu, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Leyte and Okinawa. They will also "remember the combat intelligence men who lie where they fell-- not in a confined cemetery--but in the steaming jungles and on the sandy beaches far from home"**--a home where many of their families and friends had been incarcerated.

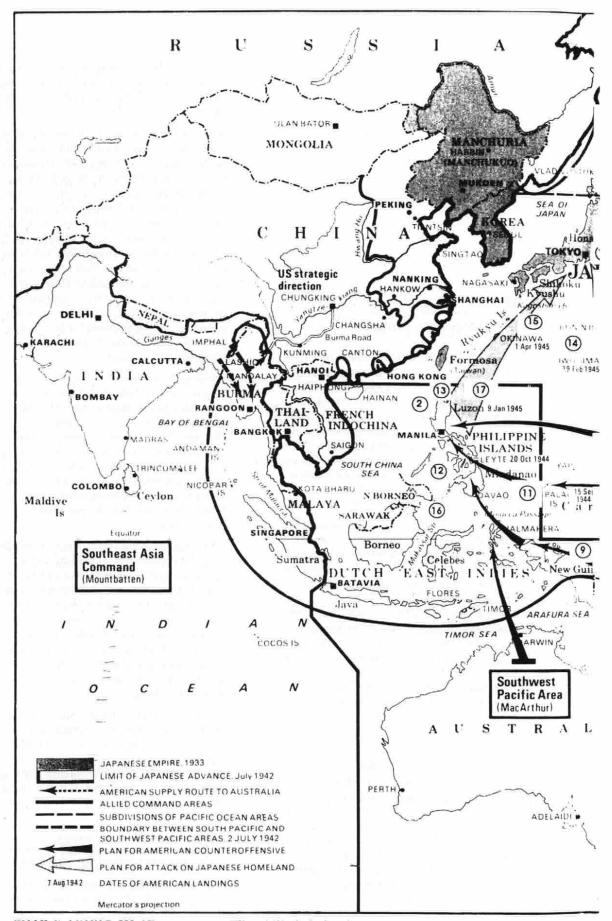
After Japan's surrender in September 1945, language specialists served as translators and interrogators at war crimes trials. They gathered vital statistics for the Atomic Bomb Survey, conducted by the Morale Division of the U.S. Army. In the Civil Affairs Branch, their work also proved indispensable. Psychologically, their presence became a shining example of a democracy in action contributing to the enormous job of liberalizing Japan.

The linguists were indispensable. "It can well be said that without the participation of these men, the U.S. forces would have battled against greater odds. Information and knowledge of the enemy obtained by these men cannot be measured in words but by the weight of victory itself."

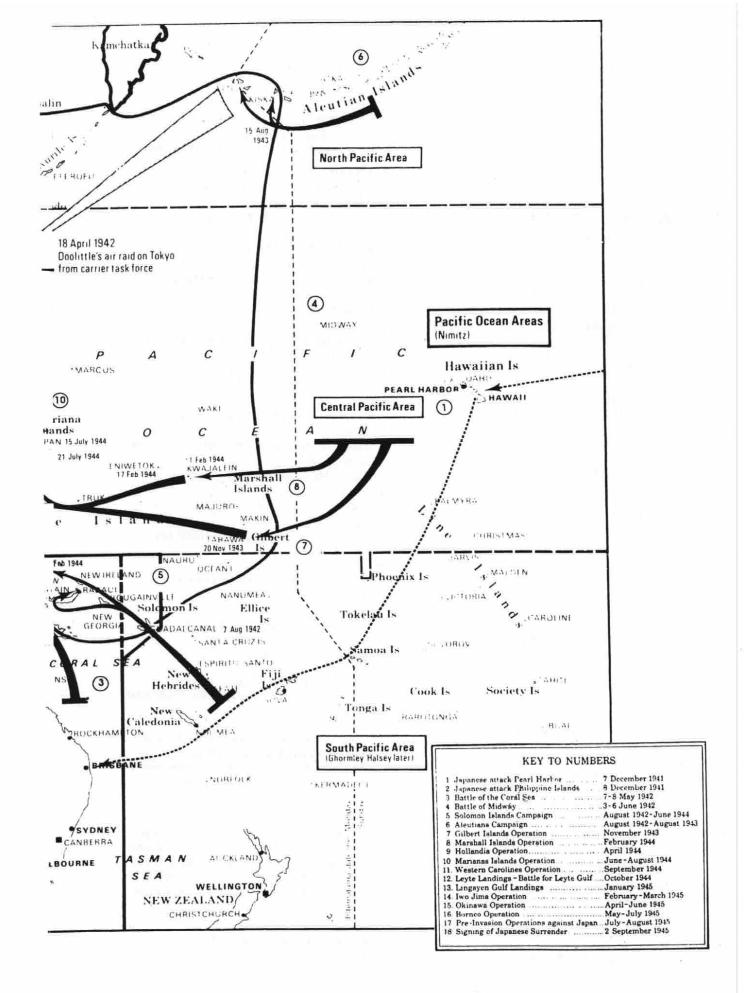
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THE PACIFIC WAR-1942-45 The Allied Offensives



Where Graduates Served Overseas

Sixth Army Headquarters Fought in New Guinea, invaded Philippines, took Manila.

Eighth Army Headquarters Fought in New Guinea, invaded Philippines, took Mindanao.

Tenth Army Headquarters
Saw its first action in bloody battle of
Okinawa.

I Corps Headquarters Landed on Luzon with Sixth Army.

IX Corps Headquarters Unannounced until after V-J Day, Hqs. were in Hawaii.

X Corps Headquarters With Sixth Army on Leyte.

XI Corps Headquarters With Eighth Army in Philippines.

XIV Corps Headquarters Solomon Islands and Philippines.

XXIV Corps Headquarters
With Sixth Army in Philippines.

First Cavalry Division Los Negros, Leyte, Manila.

Sixth Infantry Division
Sansapor in New Guinea, Northern Luzon.

Seventh Infantry Division Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte, Okinawa.

Eleventh Airborne Division Leyte, Manila, Cavite.

Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division New Guinea, Leyte, Corregidor, Verde Island, Mindanao.

Twenty-Fifth Infantry Division Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Philippines.

Twenty-Seventh Infantry Division Makin Island, Saipan, Okinawa.

Thirty-First Infantry Division Davao in Southern Mindanao.

Thirty-Second Infantry Division Buna, Aitape and New Guinea, Leyte.

Thirty-Third Infantry Division Baguio in Northern Luzon.

Thirty-Seventh Infantry Division.

Munda, Bougainville, Lingayen Gulf, Manila.

Thirty-Eighth Infantry Division The recapture of Bataan. Fortieth Infantry Division
Los Negros, Luzon, Panay Island in
Philippines.

Forty-First Infantry Division Salamaua, Marshalls, Mindanao, Palawan.

Forty-Third Infantry Division New Georgia, New Guinea, Luzon.

Seventy-Seventh Infantry Division Guam, Leyte, Okinawa.

Eighty-First Infantry Division Anguar, Peleliu and Ulithi.

Ninety-Third Infantry Division Morotai Island, New Guinea, Philippines.

Ninety-Sixth Infantry Division Leyte, Okinawa.

Americal Division
Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Cebu Island in
Philippines.

Far East Air Forces Headquarters Okinawa, Ryukus Islands.

Fifth Air Force Philippines, Southwest Pacific area.

Sixth Air Force Caribbean area, graduates were at Calcutta.

Seventh Air Force Hgs. in Marianas, covered Central Pacific.

Tenth Air Force Hqs. in India, covered India-Burma area.

Eleventh Air Force
Hqs. in the Aleutians, covered Northern
Pacific.

Thirteenth Air Force
Hqs. in Southwest Pacific, covered that area.

Fourteenth Air Force Hqs. in Chungking, covered China.

Twentieth Air Force Guam, Mariana Islands.

Theaters

China-Burma-India Theater, Alaskan Department, Pacific Ocean Area, Southwest Pacific Area.

Language Centers
Allied Translator and Interrogator Service,
Joint Intelligence Collecting Agency,
Southeast Asia Translation and Interrogation
Center, Sino Translation Interrogation
Center.

Other Units

Psychological Warfare, Office of Strategic Service, Office of War Information, Chinese Combat Command, MP detachments, the United States Navy, U.S. Marine divisions, British, Australian and New Zealand armies, Merrill's Marauders, Mar's Task Force.

Joint Intelligence Center Pacific Ocean Area (JICPOA) Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

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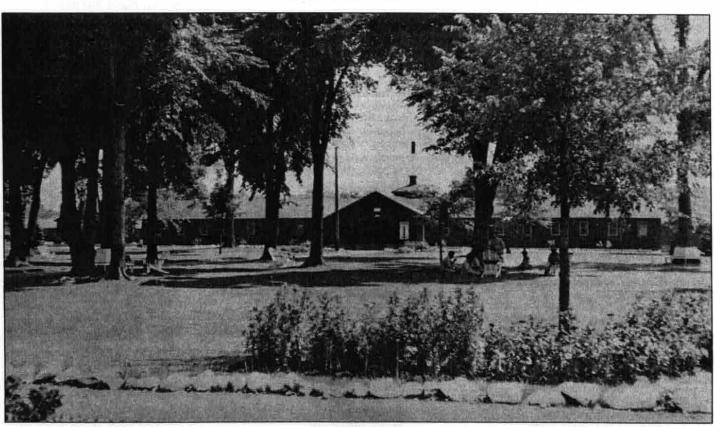
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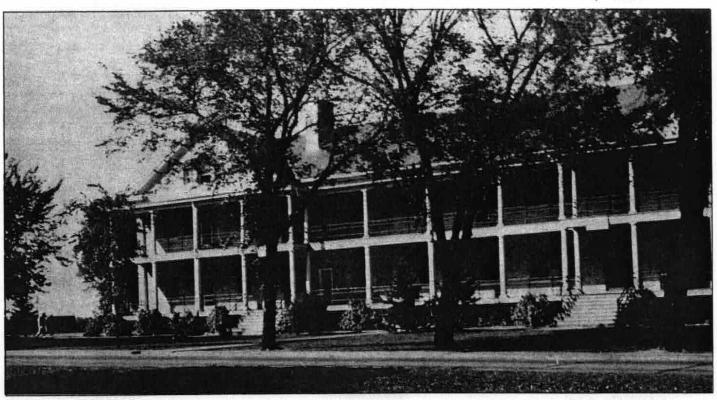
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