



Mark: What was your reaction? I mean, the Nazis, the enemies. For someone whose been through a grueling combat campaign and then to see the enemy. I mean, what is, well, I can only ask you your personal reaction but what was yours?

Toki: Well, I think some of the guys had real bad feeling about it. To me, I had a feeling they were human beings. He wanted to live, and I want to live. It's him or I, see. So, no I, he was doing something for his country, and I was doing something for our country, see, and we had our orders to do it. Just like I said before, it was him or I, see. So, if he's going to get me, I'm going to get him, see. But it's kind of sad and pathetic to do it that way cause everybody's a human being. [Pause] It was something that had to be done or we had to do because the reason why we were so highly decorated and got put in places where nobody else would go, well, we had our pride, we had our guts, and we had to prove something, see. To prove that we were loyal Americans because, you know, some of the boys' parents and family were incarcerated in camp back home so I think a lot of boys had that idea in their mind when they done it.

Excerpt from Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center Oral History Interview with AKIRA TOKI Infantry, Army, World War II 1996

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME: TOKI	2. FIRST NAME: AKIRA	3. GRADE: SGT	4. LINE: INF	5. BRANCH: AUS
6. ORGANIZATION: CD A TOOTH BN 42ND INF		7. DATE OF SEPARATION: 5 DEC 1945		
8. PLACE OF SEPARATION: FT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS		9. PLACE OF BIRTH: MADISON, WIS		
10. SOCIAL SECURITY NO: [REDACTED]	11. MARITAL STATUS: [REDACTED]	12. RACE: BROWN	13. COLOR OF HAIR: BLACK	14. COLOR OF EYES: [REDACTED]
15. RELIGION: [REDACTED]	16. TYPE OF SERVICE: [REDACTED]	17. TYPE OF DISCHARGE: [REDACTED]	18. REASON FOR DISCHARGE: [REDACTED]	19. REASON FOR DISCHARGE: [REDACTED]
20. DATE OF ENTRY: 12 FEB 42	21. DATE OF SEPARATION: 12 FEB 42	22. PLACE OF ENTRY: FT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS	23. PLACE OF SEPARATION: FT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS	
24. GRADE AT ENTRY: [REDACTED]	25. GRADE AT SEPARATION: SGT	26. ORGANIZATION AT ENTRY: [REDACTED]	27. ORGANIZATION AT SEPARATION: [REDACTED]	
28. DUTY STATION: SUPPLY CLERK	29. DUTY STATION: [REDACTED]	30. DUTY STATION: [REDACTED]	31. DUTY STATION: [REDACTED]	
32. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: VICTORY MEDAL, AMERICAN THEATER RIBBON, EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER RIBBON W/3 BRONZE BATTLE STARS, 2 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS, 1 SERVICE STRIKEGOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, PURPLE HEART MEDAL 28 12TH GN 45				
33. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: ITALY 5 APR 1945				
34. DATE OF ENTRY: MAY 45	35. DATE OF SEPARATION: APR 42	36. PLACE OF ENTRY: [REDACTED]	37. PLACE OF SEPARATION: [REDACTED]	38. PLACE OF SEPARATION: [REDACTED]
39. GRADE AT ENTRY: [REDACTED]	40. GRADE AT SEPARATION: SGT	41. ORGANIZATION AT ENTRY: [REDACTED]	42. ORGANIZATION AT SEPARATION: [REDACTED]	43. ORGANIZATION AT SEPARATION: [REDACTED]
44. COMMENTS: CONVN OF GOVT RR 1-1 (DEMOBILIZATION) AR 615-310 15 DEC 44				
45. SIGNATURE: [Signature]				
46. TITLE: [REDACTED]				
47. SIGNATURE: [Signature]				
48. TITLE: [REDACTED]				



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