

The Marauder SAMURAI

"For the most part, we came together as strangers.

We shared, however, a common commitment to what we perceived to be a right and duty. Perhaps most important, each of us in our own way looked beyond the "barbed wires" (of the War Relocation Camps) to a better America."

Akiji Yoshimura - A Marauder Samurai.



**William A. Laffin
KIA May 18, 1944**



**Howard H.
Furumoto**



**Henry
Goshō**



**Grant J.
Hirabayashi**



**Robert Y.
Honda**



**Calvin T.
Kobata**



**Russell K.
Kono**



**Roy H.
Matsumoto**



**Edward
Mitsukado**



**Herbert Y.
Miyasaki**



Roy K. Nakada



Ben S. Sugata



**Thomas K.
Tsubota**



**Jimmie
Yamaguchi**



**Akiji
Yoshimura**

These 14 Nisei were first generation Japanese Americans. Seven were from Hawaii, a U.S. Territory at that time. The remaining seven were from the continental United States. Three were in the Army when WW II was declared. 1st Lt. William A. Laffin, whose mother was Japanese, was the Nisei's leader. Laffin was in Japan when WW II broke out, and was held there until the United States and Japan exchanged nationals. All 15 men volunteered for the Military Intelligence Service -- some from internment camps. All 15 then volunteered a second time for the top-secret "dangerous and hazardous mission." Their knowledge of the enemy and Japanese language saved countless lives of their "brother Marauders."