

OK, LISSSEN PIPL. THIS EDUKATIONAL JOURNEY WILL BOTH ENTERTAIN + INFORM. YOU WILL LEARN MANY, MANY NEW THINGS.



THIS IS THE TRUE STORY OF WARRANT OFFICER NEMOTO KUMESAKO WHO SERVED ABOARD SEAPLANE TENDER KIYOKAWA MARU FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PACIFIC WAR UNTIL THE END OF JUNE 1942.

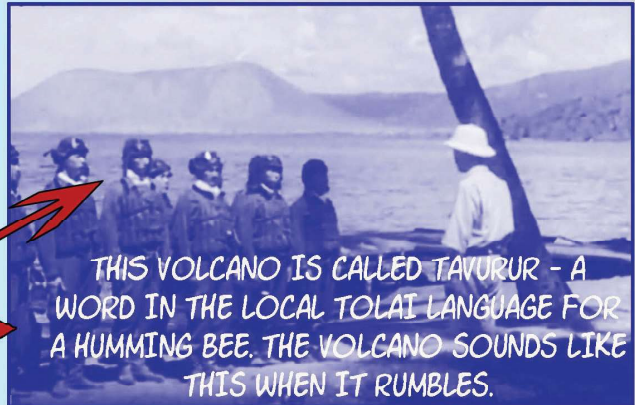
VIA HIS CRACKING ADVENTURES, YOU WILL ALSO LEARN SPADES OF DESCRIPTIVE JAPANESE TERMS & OTHER RARE WW2 JAPANESE MILITARY TERMINOLOGY.



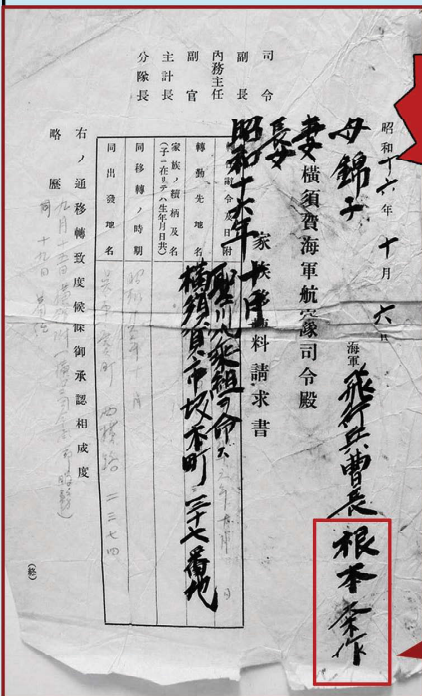
RARE PHOTO!

MUCH OF THE STORY CENTERS AROUND RABAUL, WITH ITS HOT SPRINGS & VOLCANOES, IT WAS OCCUPIED BY THE JAPANESE NAVY FROM 1942 TO 1945. THE KANJI OPPOSITE MEANS "KIKAN SHIKENDAI" - "ENGINE TEST STAND". THE RADIAL ENGINE IS FROM A NAKAJIMA E8N2 'DAVE' FLOATPLANE ASSIGNED TO NEMOTO'S SHIP WHILE AT RABAUL.

THE DUDE OPPOSITE WITH SAFARI HELMET IN SHARP IJN WHITES IS LT TAKEDA SHIGEKI, COMMANDER OF THE DETACHMENT. THESE GUYS ARE AT MALAGUNA NEAR RABAUL AROUND FEBRUARY 1942. YOU WILL SOON SEE MORE OF TAKEDA ET AL.



THIS VOLCANO IS CALLED TAVURUR - A WORD IN THE LOCAL TOLAI LANGUAGE FOR A HUMMING BEE. THE VOLCANO SOUNDS LIKE THIS WHEN IT RUMBLES.



ANOTHER RARE PHOTO!

THIS RIPPING YARN FAITHFULLY CITES NEMOTO'S DIARY, ALONG WITH IJN OPERATIONAL LOGS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. NOW, CHECK OUT THE OPPOSITE EXCERPT, BEING NEMOTO'S APPLICATION TO THE COMMANDER OF YOKOSUKA NAVAL AIR GROUP TO REFUND EXPENSES FOR THE TRANSFER OF HIS WIFE KANEKO AND DAUGHTER TO YOKOSUKA WHERE HE ARRIVED 19 SEPTEMBER 1941.

HIS FAMILY FOLLOWED HIM A MONTH LATER FROM THEIR HOME AT 2374 NISHI YOKOMICHI, HIROMOTO MACHI, KURE. THIS IS HOW HE SCRIPTED HIS NAME IN KANJI.

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