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An interesting clipping from the  
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Sincerely  
A. T. Henry Dickinson

# JAP BUTLER GIVES 2 SONS FOR U.S.

One before Death Wrote:  
'America is a Damn  
Good Country'

Belmont, Mass., Nov. 13—(AP)—"America is a damn good country, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise."

That's an excerpt from George Saito's letter to his father, Kiichi, a Japanese butler, after another son of the family, Calvin, had been killed in action in Italy on July 7.

Three months later George also died in action in France.

They were two of the first five Japanese-Americans at the Amache Colorado relocation camp to volunteer for Army service when the War Department granted the privilege in February, 1943.

Still another son, Shozo, is in the armed forces.

Kiichi's sorrow is great but the pride in his sons has made it bearable.

George's letter reciting the details of how Calvin died a hero "personally directing and guiding the fire on positions which routed the enemy" helps.

It said:

"Dad, this is no time to be preaching to you, but I have something on my chest which I want you to hear. In spite of Cal's supreme sacrifice, don't let anyone tell you that he was foolish or made a mistake to volunteer.

"Of what I've seen in my travels on our mission I am more than convinced that we've done the right thing in spite of what has happened in the past."

Kiichi was born in Morika, Japan, came to this country as a young man, served as a head walter in a Los Angeles hotel and later worked as a gardener on the coast.

His fourth son, Kazuo, is a war worker in Chicago and his only daughter, Mary, is employed at the International Institute House in Boston.

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