

HEADQUARTERS 511TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY  
APO 468

JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONS

This course of instruction is designed to teach you some of the simpler basic questions and commands, plus a few military words and phrases useful in talking with prisoners, or luring Japs into a trap.

Japanese sounds do not always have their counterparts in English, but if they are pronounced in accordance with the rules to be given here, they will be understood by any Japanese.

You won't be able to learn the words and remember the phrases unless you use them continuously. We recommend that you share your lesson sheet with one of your tentmates. Pass on your knowledge to him, then use the words and phrases as much as possible.

The purpose of this course is to enable you to assist in the capture and return of prisoners to the S<sup>2</sup>. Battle reports show that Jap prisoners often disclose information vital to our troops.

At Wakde, many lives were lost because the G-2 could not locate one Infantry regiment. The division in three days of fighting took no prisoners. They paid for their stupidity in blood. Learn these phrases, teach them to your buddies, capture a Jap.

FIRST INSTRUCTIONAL PERIOD

1. The fifty sounds of the Japanese language are:

(Note: There are no sounds for "L", "Q" or "Y", in the Jap language.)

A		I		U		E		O	
Ka	Se	Ki	Shi	Ku	Nu	Ke	Se	Ko	So
Ta	Na	Si	Ti (shi - chi)	Tu	Nu	Te	Ne	To	No
Ha	Ma	Ni	Hi	Hu	Mu	He	Me	Ho	Mo
Ya	Ra	Mi	Yi (i)	Yu	Ru	Ye	Ee	Yo	Ro
Wa		Ri	Wi	Wu (u)		We (e)		Wo	

2. Pronunciation of vowels:

"a" - as in father

"e" - as in ~~they~~ *met*

"i" - as in machine

"o" - as in obey

"u" - as in fruit

"ai" - is pronounced "ahee"

"ei" - is pronounced "~~aye~~" *chee*

"oi" - is pronounced "ohee"

"ui" - is pronounced "ooee"

"y" - is always used as a consonant

All consonants are pronounced as they would be in English.

3. Impure sounds:

Ga	Pa	Bi	Du (Dzu)	Ge	Pe	Bo
Za	Gi	Pi	Bu	Ze	Go	Po
Da	Zi (Ji)	Gu	Pu	De	Zo	
Ba	Di (Ji)	Zu	Ge	Be	Do	

4. Crooked sounds.

These are formed by the syllables Ya, Yu, and Yo after the consonants K, G, B, P, M, N, and R.

Introductory Phrases

Advance - s	susu'me	Silence -	da ma're	Sergeant -	Gun'so
Attention -	Ki wo tsu'ke	Hurry up -	ha'ya ku	Corporal	Go'cho
Halt -	to ma're	Surrender -	Ko'san	Company -	Bu'chai SHUTAI
Hands up -	te a'ge	Fo	Ta bamo'no	Platoon -	Sho'tai
Password -	An'go				