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The distrust and mistreatment of Japanese-American citizens and residents is one of the great human tragedies in a war already overfilled with tragedy and misery. Although there were no documented cases of espionage or sabotage on the part of the Japanese-Americans who lived on the west coast of the United States, they were rounded up and forcibly moved out of the coastal areas into camps in badland areas in the country’s interior. The Japanese-Americans were forced to abandon homes and businesses. Frequently, contact was lost for years, sometimes forever, between branches of families.

Today's Classic article tells of one group of Japanese-Americans who served their country, and served it well, despite the awful treatment they and/or their family members suffered.

The article is also a reminder of what a lost opportunity the treatment of the Japanese-Americans was.

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