

## "SEARCHING FOR MY FATHER"

Dear Mr. Doyle,

Good evening I am a child, who was born between American father and Okinawan mother. I've been searching for my father, who came to Okinawa about 50 years ago and stationed at Torii Station. I have never met my father before. My mother already passed away. The only memory that I have is my father's photo. I searched your name on an e-mail list of veterans, NSGA Hanza, Okinawa. I assume that when you stationed at Torii Station, my father was working there too (during 1961 to 1965).

Following is very limited information of my father.

1. People called his name as "haa you ailey" (Ailey? Ailee?).
2. My father went back to the States some time between 1964 to 1965.
3. He was working at a small unite at Torii Station during 1961 to 1965.
4. My father might be approximately 70 to 73 years old now. My father was around 20 to 24 years old at those times.
5. My father and mother rented a house in Kadena and lived together.
6. My mother and father exchanged letters couple of times after my father left the island. However, none of their letters is left.

Followings are the photos which I have. Photo of when my father was stationed at Torii Station. (1961?-1965?)



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Dear Mr. Doyle.

Good evening. I appreciate your prompt reply even though it was sudden contact. I understand it is difficult to find my father because of very limited information. However, I believe that miracle will bring both of us to meet someday. I have three children and I want them to meet their grandfather. I only know that my father was stationed at Torii Station. I don't know Army was. Only clue, which I have, is his photo. Is there any Army's veterans' website, which has email addresses, similar to following website? <http://jspc-2.jamrent.org/guestbk.htm>

If you know some, could you give me the information? Any information about my father will be appreciated.

Once again, I very much appreciate your generous help.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Mayumi:

I was pleased to hear from you again. Since I was stationed in Okinawa during the time your mother met the person stationed at Torii Station, Sobe, I feel a sort of connection with you, even though I did not know your mother. Perhaps our paths crossed if she worked on the base or somewhere nearby. So sorry to hear of her

passing away. Thank you for sending the photos of you and your mother. I was very impressed by the Okinawans I met during my tour of duty. Most were very courteous and helpful to me, and patient with my poor attempts to speak Japanese. I am sure that the Okinawa I saw in 1963 & 1964 is very different from the modern Okinawa that you know.

I looked at the "JPSC Guestbook" website you sent me the link to. While I did know some of the people listed on the site, I don't believe that your father is listed on that site. As I mentioned earlier, I was in the Navy (Chinese linguist working at JPSC, Torii Station), but we had all branches of service at Torii: Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.