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### William Jones World War II Scrapbook

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In the aftermath of this storm, with the war now history, few people concerned themselves with the obsolete invasion plans for Japan.

However, had there been no bomb dropped or had it been simply delayed for only a matter of months, history might well have repeated itself. In the fall of 1945, in the aftermath of this typhoon, had things been different, all over Japan religious services and huge celebrations would have been held. A million Japanese voices would have been raised upward in thanksgiving. Everywhere tumultuous crowds would have gathered in delirious gratitude to pay homage to a "divine wind" which might have once again protected their country from foreign invaders, a "divine wind" they had named, centuries before, the "Kamikaze."

^[[7]]  
^[[1281]]

[[image - black & white photograph of a statue]]

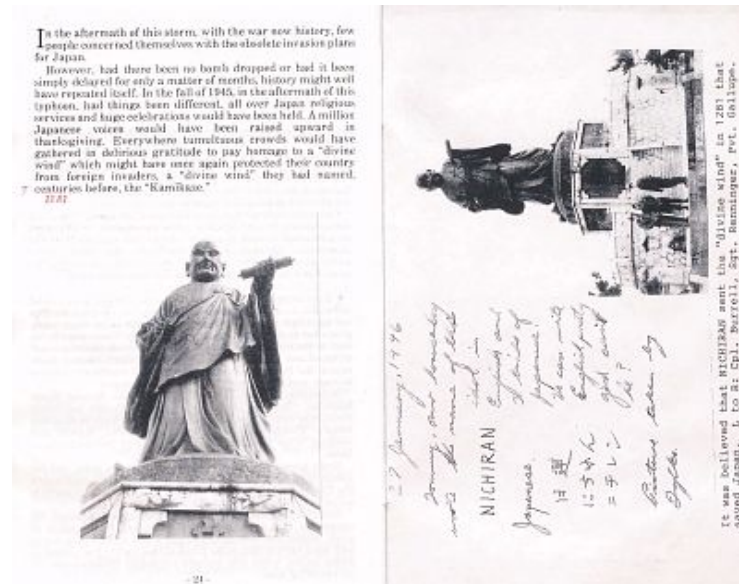
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^[[27 January, 1946  
Tommy, our houseboy wrote the name of this idol in English and 3 kinds of Japanese. he can write English pretty good can't he? Picture taken by Zylko]]  
NICHIRAN  
Japanese  
[[3 lines of Japanese kanji]]  
[[/handwritten]]

[[image - black & white photograph of three men in uniform standing at base of a statue]]

It was believed that NICHIRAN sent the "divine wind" in 1281 that saved Japan. L to R: Cpl. Burrell, Sgt. Renninger, Pvt. Gallupe. Note Japanese man at right top of the steps.



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