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Featuring more than 200 photographs and negatives taken by Susumu "Sus" Ito (1919-2015), "Before They Were Heroes" documents Ito's tour of duty in Europe as a soldier in the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion of the celebrated all Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team.



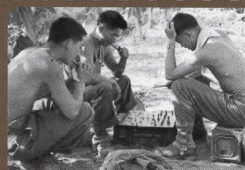
Born and raised in Stockton, CA, Ito was witness to significant turning points in the European Theater, including the rescue of the Lost Battalion and liberation of a Dachau sub-camp. Shot using a prohibited 35mm camera, Ito went to great lengths to preserve his negatives and carried his photos nearly 5,000 miles across Europe, where he had film developed in villages along the way.

Unseen for decades, Ito's images are presented in this exhibit toured by the Japanese American National Museum, offering a rare look into the daily lives of the Japanese American soldiers whose humble and heroic service made the segregated 442nd Regimental Combat Team the most decorated unit of its size in U.S. military history.



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