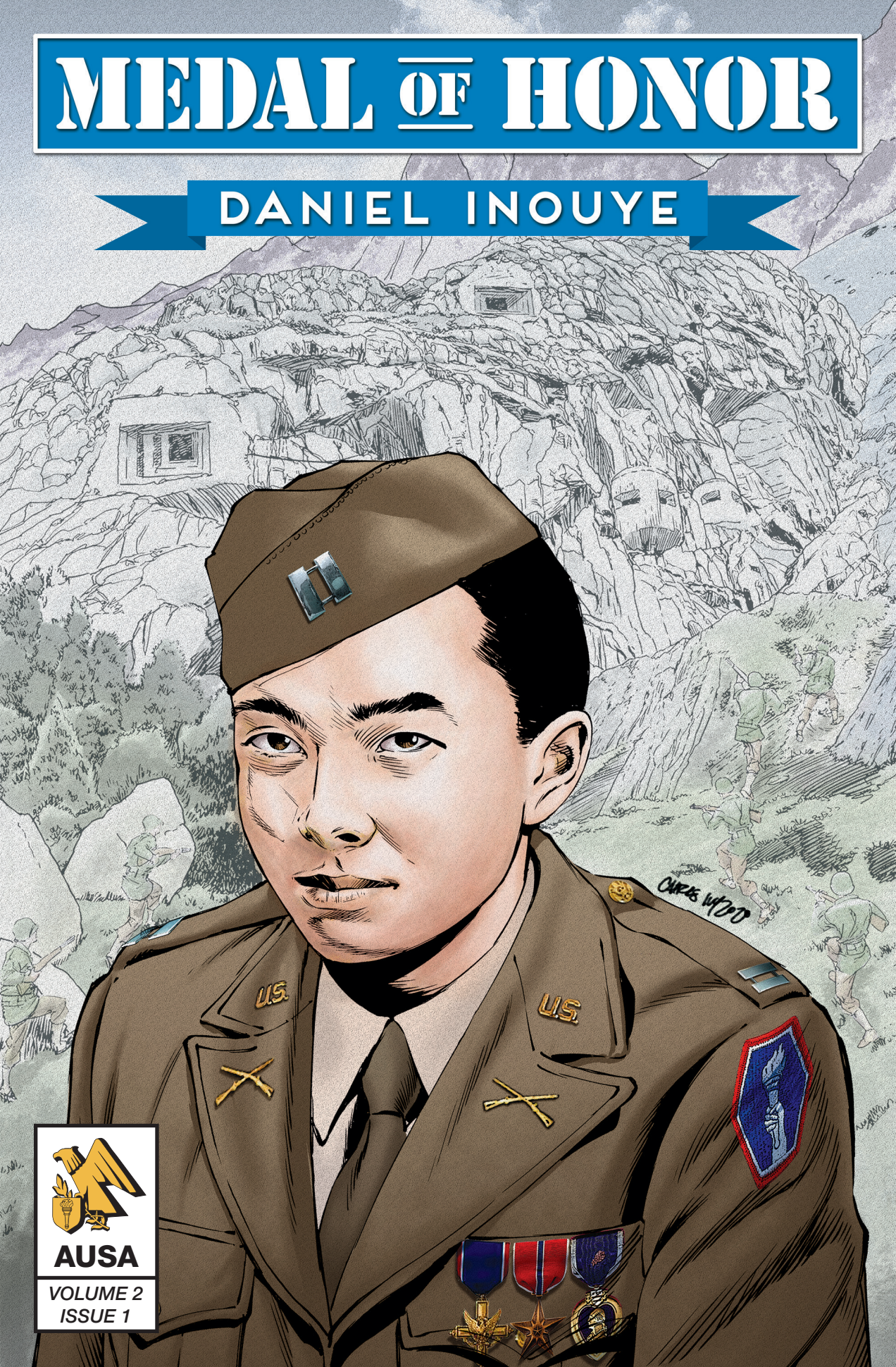


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DANIEL KEN INOUE WAS BORN INTO A JAPANESE AMERICAN FAMILY IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.

INITIALLY SPURNED BY THE COUNTRY OF HIS BIRTH, INOUE WOULD GO TO EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO PROVE HIS LOVE OF AMERICA.

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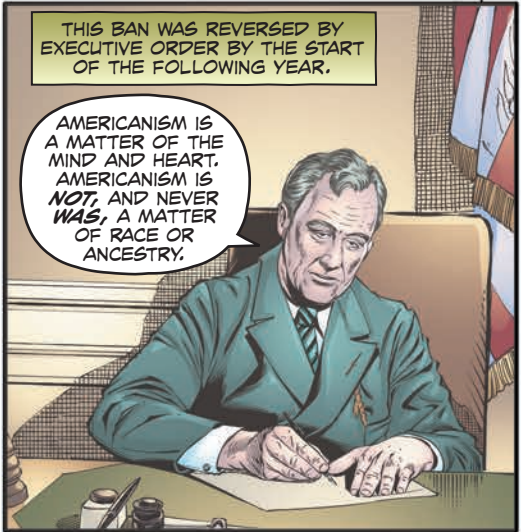
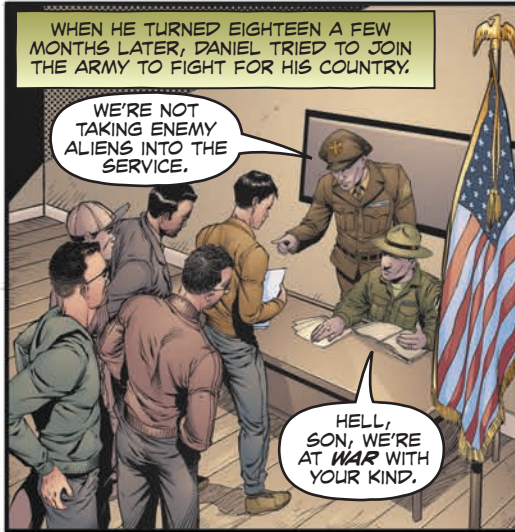
DANIEL WAS TAUGHT BY HIS PARENTS FROM A YOUNG AGE THE VALUE OF HONOR AND LOYALTY.

I OWE SO MUCH TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII. I EXPECT YOU TO REPAY THAT DEBT.

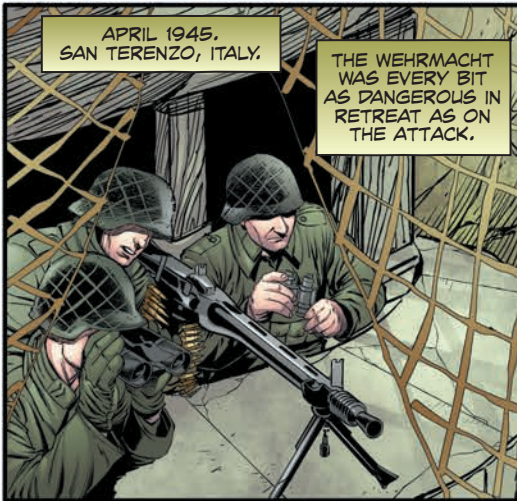
TAKING THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO HEART, DANIEL VOLUNTEERED WITH THE RED CROSS.

ON THE DAY IMPERIAL JAPAN ATTACKED PEARL HARBOR, HE RUSHED TO HELP TREAT THE WOUNDED.









APRIL 1945.  
SAN TERENCE, ITALY.

THE WEHRMACHT  
WAS EVERY BIT  
AS DANGEROUS IN  
RETREAT AS ON  
THE ATTACK.



IN A DESPERATE REARGUARD  
ACTION, THE GERMANS WERE  
DETERMINED TO SLOW THE  
ALLIED ADVANCE UP THE  
ITALIAN PENINSULA.



INTO THE TEETH OF THIS  
DEFENSE MARCHED THE  
SOLDIERS OF THE 442ND.

THEIR TASK  
WAS TO SWEEP  
THE GERMANS  
OFF THIS  
MOUNTAINSIDE.



C'MON,  
GO FOR  
BROKE!



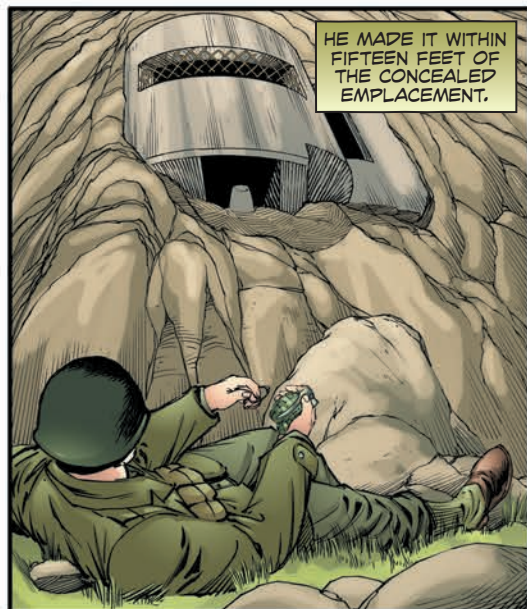
THANKS TO A BATTLEFIELD  
COMMISSION, INOUE WAS  
NOW A SECOND  
LIEUTENANT IN COMMAND  
OF HIS OWN PLATOON.

IT WAS A CHARGE HE  
TOOK VERY SERIOUSLY.





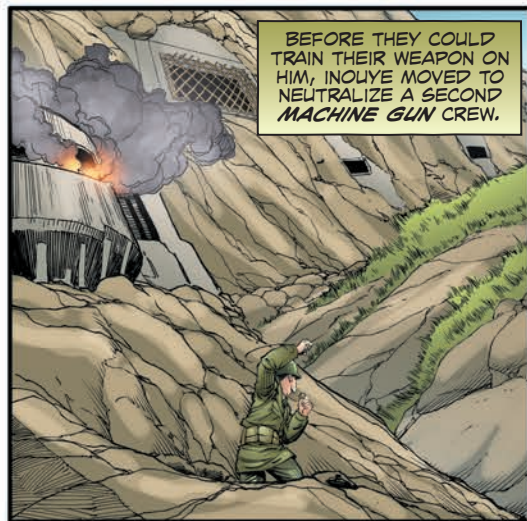




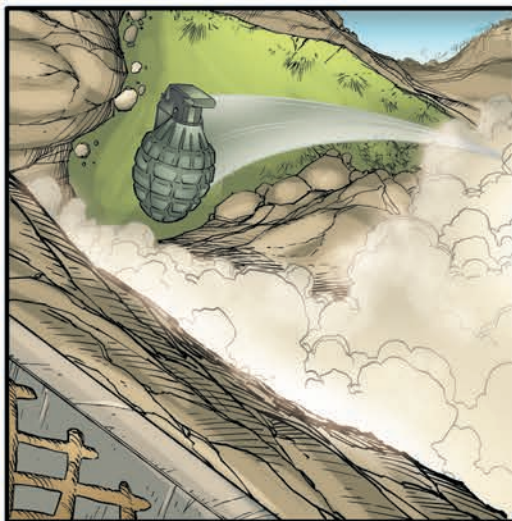
HE MADE IT WITHIN  
FIFTEEN FEET OF  
THE CONCEALED  
EMPLACEMENT.



WITH TWO HAND GRENADES HE  
TOOK THE GERMAN POSITION OUT.



BEFORE THEY COULD  
TRAIN THEIR WEAPON ON  
HIM, INOLYE MOVED TO  
NEUTRALIZE A SECOND  
*MACHINE GUN CREW.*



GUN  
EMPLACEMENT  
NUMBER  
TWO WAS  
DESTROYED.



FROM THE THIRD MG NEST,  
A SOLDIER FIRED A RIFLE  
GRENADE AT INOLYE.

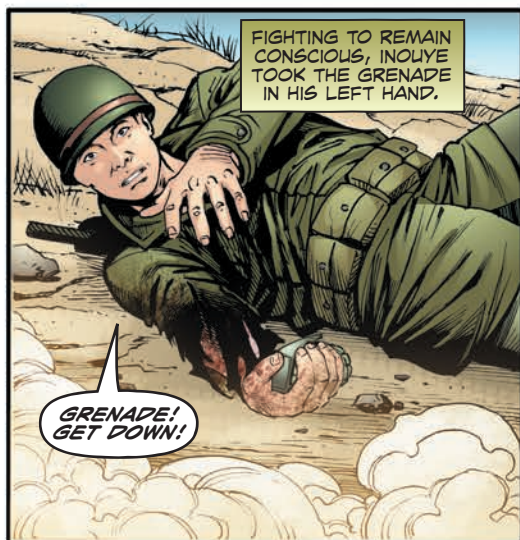




THE EXPLOSION  
CREATED A  
CRIPPLING BLOW.



THOUGH THERE WAS NO SENSATION  
IN HIS NOW-RUINED ARM, THE LIVE  
GRENADE REMAINED CLUTCHED  
IN HIS FINGERS.



FIGHTING TO REMAIN  
CONSCIOUS, INUYE  
TOOK THE GRENADE  
IN HIS LEFT HAND.

GRENADE!  
GET DOWN!



A SOUTHPAW  
TOSS LANDED  
CLOSE TO THE  
THIRD NEST.



BUT THE THIRD MACHINE  
GUN STILL NEEDED TO  
BE ELIMINATED.

AND NEITHER BLOOD  
LOSS OR SHOCK OR  
PAIN WAS GOING TO  
KEEP INUYE DOWN.





HIS OWN SAFETY WAS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED.

HIS ONLY THOUGHTS WERE FOR THE DEBT HE OWED TO THE PLACE HE CALLED HOME.

A COUNTRY THAT HAD NOT ALWAYS RETURNED HIS DEVOTION.



HE WAS STRUCK ONCE MORE.

A ROUND FRACTURED HIS RIGHT LEG.



HIS MEN CAUGHT UP WITH HIM, ASTOUNDED TO FIND INOUE ALIVE.

SIR, ARE YOU--?

HELP ME UP.

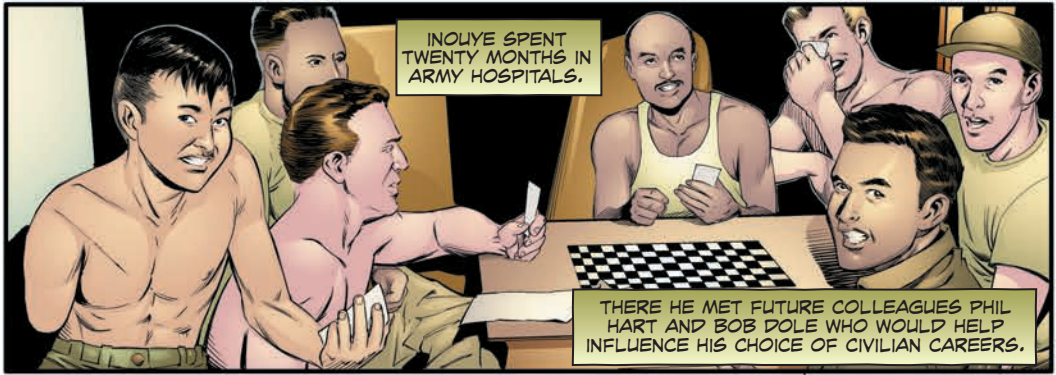


INOUE REFUSED EVACUATION UNTIL THE JOB WAS DONE.

HIS PLATOON TOOK THE THIRD MACHINE GUN-- AND THE RIDGE.

KEEP GOING, MEN! NOBODY CALLED OFF THE WAR.







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