An oral history collection recording the memories and stories of Papua New Guineans about World War Two

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Location of interview: Hanau village, Oro Bay Rural LLG, Northern Province
Chief interviewer: Didymus Gerald
Time interview concluded: 4:06 PM
Duration of interview: 04:44:41
Main language of interview: English

### TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW

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<td>This is interview number 8, Stonewigg Haita, the son-in-law of Haita Perija, who was a carrier during the war.</td>
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<td>Personal historical grounds of Haita Perija during the Second World War. Buna/Siremi battlefield. During the time, at the field of Buna/Siremi, Haita Perija who was a carrier, the brother of Heviki Perija, they both worked side by side.</td>
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<td>Close range fire exchange, Japanese with Australia, our soldiers George Washington was injured. At the field of the battle, Haita Heviki somehow went into the flaming smoky area, and held onto the arms of George Washington. At that minute, a hanky from the pocket of the soldier was picked up by Haita Heviki and tied one of his eyes, and held him out from the battlefield.</td>
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<td>As soon as he walked out, on the way, he and the soldier took his in-law, Noah Jiwoko [?] where he was to help Oembari to carry the dead body. By the time</td>
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Oembari was at the end of the hand with George Washington, he was in the media by the photographer. Thank you very much.

03:13 [INTERVIEWER]:
Have you got any other further comments to make because you have covered almost what needs to be said.

Thank you. At this very moment we are looking at the fuzzy wuzzy program and we are to process a book or a story or a [film?] where the fuzzy wuzzy will give us in many ways, to cater us, to fund us, in any way. In the first place how did it go that it’s going but we are to the truth, to set I hope, need a help, as a carrier, as today we are the grandchild of those people. With the hope coming in, interviewing, we hope that this will lead us to the light where we will be very happy in the future and I am filled with joy in my heart, thank you very much.

04:40 [INTERVIEWER]:
Thank you Stonewigg Haita for your time.