BOOT CAMP

USE GUNS
CRAYZ RUNNING, ETC.
DISCIPLINE

all of
the usual
stuff

29 original code talkers were asked to create code.

For each letter a Navajo word was chosen (to spell words out letter by letter for things w/o Navajo words)

A \rightarrow "wal-la-chee" (APPLE)

(Initially 26 words but later copies were added to thwart freq. analysis.)

Later 2 or 3 choices were made for each letter (except infrequent ones)

Others for "a" were Navajo words for Ant, Axe.

3 people (marines) added to help make code

MILITARY TERMS

Organization

Division

"Ashish-Hi/Ashi-hi" SALT

OFFICERS

COUNTRIES

AIRCRAFT

SALT

SHIPS

MONTHS

VOCAB

LEARN HOW TO USE RADIOS! + FIX THEM
US Codes were slow.

Philip Johnston (knew Navajo, retired military) grew up on a reservation.

Requirements

1) Germans/Japanese should not know the language.

2) Enough young men to go into combat. (who speak that language)

3) They have to know English also!

4) Nice is structure of language different than well-known "studied" languages.

5) Not written.

- Navajo fit these requirements the best

Went to schools where Navajo were.

Tried to entice students.

Interviews for English skills. Chose 29

Physical test.

APR/MAY 1942

⇒ BOOT CAMP SAN DIEGO
Boot Camp Summer 1942
Fall (Early Oct) 1942 → boat → Pacific Island
1st training island
1st battle
Battle of Guadalcanal (late 1942) Guineq
Port of Rabaul - Nov 1942 (Papua New Guinea)
11 code talkers helped retake in November 1943 in 6 days

Iwo Jima 2/19 - 3/16, 1945
Probably only code not broken during WWII.