Hiroshi Sugiyama Collection Finding Aid 2016.003

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Language of Material: English
Contributing Institution: Go For Broke National Education Center
Title: Hiroshi Sugiyama Collection
creator: Sugiyama, Hiroshi, 1917-1945
Identifier/Call Number: 2016.003
Physical Description: 2.09 Linear Feet 6 boxes
Date (bulk): 1941-1945
Abstract: The Hiroshi Sugiyama Collection consists of photographs, memorabilia, correspondence, and bound volumes related to Hiroshi Sugiyama, 1917-1945, a medic that served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II.
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Content Description
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Biographical / Historical
Hiroshi Sugiyama (1917-1945), grew up in the Golden Gate Park area of San Francisco, California. He had 3 siblings: Kazuo, Miwako, and Shinobu. Shinobu, also known as Pete, was incarcerated at Topaz Concentration Camp before serving in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Hiroshi was drafted in 1941, and he served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team as a medic. Based on correspondence and memorabilia, it is known that Sugiyama was briefly stationed at Camp Grant in Illinois and Camp Butner in North Carolina during points of his training and military service. In 1945, the 442nd RCT was engaged in Italy. A rifleman was wounded by German fire, and Sugiyama rushed to his side to administer aid. A German sniper disregarded Sugiyama’s red cross brassard and killed him instantly. For his service and sacrifice, Technician Fifth Grade Hiroshi Sugiyama was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal.

Existence and Location of Copies
Collection currently in the process of being scanned, finding aid will be updated with digital surrogate link once available.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
California
Italy
Japanese Americans
Japanese Americans -- History -- 20th century
United States. Army. Infantry
United States.
United States. Army. Regimental Combat Team, 442nd
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945 -- Japanese Americans
Photographs and Records Series 1 1942-1947

Scope and Contents
Box 1, Item 1: Presidential Condolence (on loan to Museum of Tolerance) Box 1, Item 2: Purple Heart Citation Box 1, Item 3: JACL Photographs and letters (8) Box 1, Item 10: 3 military ribbons Box 1, Item 11: Letters and receipts
Box 2, Item 9: 9 photographs Box 2, Item 11: 3 photographs Box 2, Item 12: newspaper clippings Box 2, Item 13: posthumous Purple Heart letter Box 2, Item 14: Telegram (on loan to Museum of Tolerance) Box 2, Item 15: Photographs (on loan to Museum of Tolerance) Box 2, Item 16: Thanksgiving Program at Camp Butner, NC, 1943 Box 2, Item 17: 442nd Story (book)
Box 5, Item 1: Infantry Drill Regulations Box 5, Item 2: Manual of Ceremonies Box 5, Item 3: 12 photography books and 1 loose photograph Box 5, Item 4: Leather portfolio with life insurance policy
Box 7 (OVERSIZE): Presidential Memorial Certificate for Hiroshi Sugiyama signed by Harry Truman

Clothing and physical items Series 2 1943-1947

Scope and Contents
Box 2, Item 1: 2 ID tokens Box 2, Item 8: 6 ID cards Box 2, Item 10: 2 handwritten ID cards Box 2, Item 18: overseas cap Box 2, Item 19: green canvas knapsack
Box 3, Item 3: ever ready flashlight (on loan to Museum of Tolerance) Box 3, Item 2: glasses Box 3, Item 3: plastic pouch Box 3, Item 5: sewing kit (matches removed for preservation concerns) Box 3, Item 6: deck of cards Box 3, Item 7: post card book
Box 4, Item 1: leggings and a dress cap
Box 5, Item 5: aluminum ring with Sugiyama’s name, initials, and military ID engraved
Box 6: Army Hat (in GFBNEC exhibit as of 03/2018)

Patches, awards, and medals Series 3 1942-1947

Scope and Contents
Box 1, Item 4: Purple Heart Medal (on loan to Museum of Tolerance) Box 1, Item 5: Bronze Star Medal and letter Box 1, Item 6, Good Conduct Medal (ribbons and pin) Box 1, Item 7: Combat Medical Badge (on loan to Museum of Tolerance) Box 1, Item 8: Medical Lapel Pins (on loan to Museum of Tolerance) Box 1, Item 10: 3 ribbons
Box 2, Item 2: 2 T5 Sergeant Patches Box 2, Item 3: 2 unit shoulder patches Box 2, Item 4: 2 patches Box 2, Item 5: 92nd Division shoulder patch and pin Box 2, Item 6: Go For Broke patch (on loan to Museum of Tolerance)
Box 3, Item 4: Medic Armband (on loan to Museum of Tolerance)