Tomio Gohata Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Tomio Gohata Collection
Dates: ca. 1940-1981
Collection Number: 2016.006
Creator/Collector: Gohata, Tomio
Extent: 3 Boxes (12 Items)
Online items available https://ndajams.omeka.net/collections/show/1323
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Abstract: The Tomio Gohata Collection consists of five photo albums and some textual material that describe Gohata’s military service as a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, specifically in the I Company.
Language of Material: English
Access
This collection is available for research upon request.
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Acquisition Information
Donated by Brian H. Gohata
Biography/Administrative History
Tomio “Tom” Gohata was born on November 4, 1911 in Los Angeles, California. As a Japanese American living on the Western Coast of the United States, Gohata and his family were forcibly removed from their home as a consequence of Executive Order 9066 and sent to Manzanar Concentration Camp. Gohata eventually went on to serve in the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team in I Company as a rifleman during World War II. He was discharged from the military in July 1946. After his discharge, Gohata settled in Gardena and opened up a nursery. Gohata also became very involved in his local American Legion Post 187, serving as a commander at one point in addition to being its chaplain. Tomio Gohata later passed away in June of 1981 at the age of 67.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Tomio Gohata Collection consists of five photo albums and some textual material that describe Gohata’s military service as a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, specifically in the I Company. The photo albums are the main bulk of the collection and show Tomio Gohata’s time in Italy with his fellow I Company soldiers. It also shows Tomio returning to Washington, D.C. in July, 1946 after being honorably discharged.
Indexing Terms
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