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Summary Information

Repository:	Go For Broke National Education Center
Creator - cre:	Sugiyama, Hiroshi, 1917-1945
Title:	Hiroshi Sugiyama Collection
ID:	2016.003
Date [bulk]:	1941-1945
Physical Description:	2.09 Linear Feet 6 boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Mixed Materials [object]:	2016.003
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.

Preferred Citation

[Item], [Collection], Go For Broke National Education Center, Los Angeles, California.

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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.

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Content Description

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.

The collection as a whole is very focused on Sugiyama's military service, and the majority of the collection are military regalia. Some items carry the distinction of reflecting personalization by Sugiyama himself. A portion of the photographs and correspondence are personal in nature.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Existence and Location of Copies

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

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Controlled Access Headings

- 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

Collection Inventory

Photographs and Records, (1942-1947)

Date [bulk]: 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 4, Item 2: Hyujun Nihongo Tokuhon (The Standard Japanese Reader), 1942 Box 4, Item 3: Yearbook of Journal Box 4, Item 4: Soldier's Handbook

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

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Clothing and physical items, (1943-1947)

Date [bulk]: 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 1: 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)

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Patches, awards, and medals, (1942-1947)

Date [bulk]: 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)

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