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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Go For Broke National Education Center |
| Creator - cre: | Baba, Robert Masao, DDS, 1917-2018 |
| Source - dnr: | Baba, Robert Masao, DDS, 1917-2018 |
| Title: | Robert Masao Baba collection |
| ID: | 2014.002 |
| Date [bulk]: | 1945-1946 |
| Physical Description: | 8.2 Megabytes 1 CD analog and digital version of scanned photographs |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Computer Disks [box]: | 2014-2015 Collections |
| Abstract: | This collection contains 29 photos of Dr. Baba's comrades, parade, 442nd mascot, return home, and visit to comrade's grave. Robert Masao Baba arrived in Italy around the time of Germany's surrender. Baba was a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. |

Preferred Citation

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

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Biographical / Historical

Robert Masao Baba was born to immigrants from Japan, Yukichi and Momoe Baba, on September 2, 1917 in Sacramento, California. After high school, he worked his way through California State College at Fresno. However, he left college, one semester short of graduation, when, in February, 1942, Executive Order 9066 forced him to Gila River Detention Camp in Arizona. He worked as a medic in the Gila River Camp hospital. Dr. Baba then went on to serve as a medic in Italy during World War II. He was a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the highly decorated Japanese American military unit.

After World War II ended, he returned to California, where he found anti-Japanese sentiments still strong, so he then moved to Chicago, Illinois. While in Chicago, he attended Loyola University Chicago

Dental School, simultaneously working fulltime in the blood bank of Cook County Hospital. He graduated dental school in 1957. He returned to California and opened his dental practice in Whittier, California, in 1957. He passed away on January 4, 2018.

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The images are all black and white and capture casual activity, travel and sailing on the USS Wilson Victory.

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Existence and Location of Originals

Digital surrogates at <http://ndajams.omeka.net/collections/show/1002>. Requests for high quality photographs should be made to the Archivist.

Conditions Governing Access

Legal Status: Copyright information not filled out by donor.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Japanese Americans
- United States. Army. Infantry Battalion, 100th
- United States. Army. Regimental Combat Team, 442nd
- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Japanese Americans
- Italy
- Gila River Detention Camp
- Baba, Robert Masao, DDS, 1917-2018