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Summary Information

Repository:	Go For Broke National Education Center
Creator - cre:	Gohata, Tomio, 1911-1981
Creator - dnr:	Gohata, Brian
Title:	Tomio Gohata Collection
ID:	2016.006
Date [bulk]:	1944-1981
Physical Description:	1.63 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Mixed Materials [object]:	2016.006
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.

Preferred Citation

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

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Biographical / Historical

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.

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Content Description

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.

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Publication Statement

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Existence and Location of Copies

Digital surrogates can be found online at <https://ndajams.omeka.net/collections/show/1323>

Processing Information

Box 1 and 2 processed by Gavin Do in 2016. Box 3 processed by Nicole McKeon in 2018.

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Controlled Access Headings

- France.
- Japanese Americans
- Japanese Americans -- History -- 20th century
- Italy
- United States. Army. Infantry
- United States.
- Switzerland
- United States. Army. Regimental Combat Team, 442nd
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Japanese Americans
- World War, 1939-1945

Collection Inventory

Photo Albums, (1944-1946)

Date [bulk]: 1944-1946

Scope and Contents

Box 1 contains one scrapbook of Tomio Gohata's time serving with the 442 Regimental Combat Team from 1944-1946. Box 2 contains one scrapbook of Tomio Gohata's end of service in 1946 with images of him returning to Washington DC. Box 3 contains three scrapbooks of Tomio Gohata's service in the 442nd, the first from 1945, the second from 1945-146, and the third from August 1945.

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Miscellaneous , (1944-1981)

Date [bulk]: 1944-1981

Scope and Contents

Box 1 contains Tomio Gohata's obituary from 1981, a panoramic of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Company I with sinatures, Tomio's military records from 1946, and an American Legion Program.

Box 2 contains 4 photographs from 1946, two sets of two photographs of differing sizes. The photographs are also in the scrapbook.

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