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World War 2 Collection

Collection Summary

Accession Number: 2014.057

Dates: 1941-2014

Quantity: 1 Box; 1 Oversize Folder

Location: Archives **DB 5**, Archives **C MD 21**

Abstract: The collection consists of two series. First series is information on the Japanese-Americans who served in the Military Intelligence Language Services during World War 2 in the western Pacific. Translation of various Japanese communications and during prisoner interrogation were provided. Included are history of this service, personal accounts, Veterans Club, and Gold Metal Celebration. The second series contains Newsletters of the 10th Mountain Division. This division trained at Camp Hale in Colorado for winter assaults on skis and served in various European theater operations. 33,000 Japanese Americans served in World War 2.

Arrangement: For series one, the material is grouped by subject and loosely arranged in chronological order. Much of the material is undated. The second series is in chronological order.

Contents (Archives DB5)

Series 1: World War 2 Japanese-American's Military Intelligence Language Service

Folder 1: 1941-1945. Compiler of stories unknown. Personal Accounts from multiple Japanese-Americans who served in the West Pacific war effort interpreting Japanese messages and interpreting for prisoner interrogations.

Folder 2: 1946-2014. Includes histories, newspaper clipping, and articles on the Japanese-Americans in Military Intelligence Language Service in World War 2. Includes: "Japanese Americans Play Vital Role in United States Intelligence Service in World War II" by John Weckerling, 1946; and Spring 2014 of Java Advocate covering 422th Battalion receipt of Courage, Honor, Patriotism Award. Includes annotated photo collection of Bilibid Prion.

Folder 3: 1984-2002. Japanese-Americans Rocky Mountain Veterans Club material including rosters, pictures, activities, and addition personal accounts. Includes 1986 autobiographies of members.

Folder 4: 2000. "The Nisei Story, The Story of the Japanese Americans during World War II" by Kojiro F Kawaguchi: **I** Events leading up to Pearl Harbor; **II** Evacuation of the Japanese from the West Coast and its Aftermath; **III** Life in the Concentration Camp; **IV** Nisei World War II Army Accomplishments; History of Japan to 1890; Bibliography.

Folder 5: 2012. Program of “Los Angeles Regional Congressional Gold Metal Celebration” Honoring the: 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and Military Intelligence Service.

Folder 6: Undated. World War 2 Military Intelligence Maps for the Western Pacific. Also see Oversize Folder 1, in Archives D drawer WD 21.

Folder 7: Undated. Miscellaneous articles, pictures, and newspaper article. Includes article on Presidio Army Museum Exhibit on 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team. (See folder 5.) “Go For Broke Monument” picture at National Education Center in Hawaii.

Series 2: Newsletters of the 10th Mountain Division Club.

Folder 8: 2011. Newsletter #59. Articles on World War 2 and post war, club activities, and club member actives. 10th Mountain Division trained at Camp Hale, Colorado, for winter assaults in Europe on skis.

Folder 9: 2013. Newsletter #64. Articles on World War 2 and post war, club activities, and club member actives. 10th Mountain Division trained at Camp Hale, Colorado, for winter assaults in Europe, on skis.

Folder 10: 11-2013. Newsletter #65. Articles on World War 2 and post war, club activities, and club member actives. 10th Mountain Division trained at Camp Hale, Colorado, for winter assaults in Europe on skis.

Folder 11: 12-2013. Newsletter #67. Articles on World War 2 and post war, club activities, and club member actives. 10th Mountain Division trained at Camp Hale, Colorado, for winter assaults in Europe on skis.

Oversize Documents (Archive D, Drawer MS 21)

Folder 1: Undated. World War 2 Military Intelligence Maps for the Western Pacific including possible invasion of Japan maps.