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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Mamoru Oishi Papers
Date:	circa 1941-1962
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1420
Creator:	Oishi, Mamoru, 1918-1993 (Creator)
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Karen Oishi, 2015.

Provenance

Collected by the Division of Armed Forces History (now Division of Political and Military History), National Museum of American History and transferred to the Archives Center in 2017.

Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Oishi, a Nisei soldier, was recruited into the Military Intelligence Service, a unit primarily composed of Japanese Americans who were trained as linguists. Graduates of the MIS language school were attached to other military units and performed translation, interpretation, and interrogation services. With the MIS, Oishi spent time in Hawaii, Minnesota, New Guinea, Australia, and the Philippines.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes a photograph album containing photographs documenting Oishi's experiences as a Japanese American soldier during World War II and his time with the Military Intelligence Service; identification cards; maps and guidebooks; booklets issued to soldiers; language dictionaries; and miscellany.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

Booklets -- 1940-1950

Dictionaries -- 1940-1950

Guidebooks -- 1940-1950

Identity cards -- 1940-1950

Maps -- 1940-1959.

Photograph albums -- 1940-1950

Names:

United States. War Department. Military Intelligence Service