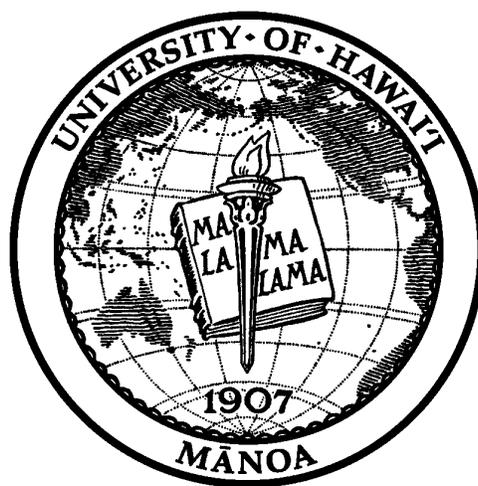


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## Introductory Information

**Collection Name:** Hideo Nakamine Papers

**Collection Number:** AJA 007

**Inclusive / Bulk Dates:** 1945-1985 (bulk 1945)

**Size of Collection:** 0.25 linear feet (2 folders)

**Creator of Papers (Individual):** Hideo Nakamine

### Abstract:

Hideo Nakamine (1922-) served as a machine gunner with the 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion during World War II. The 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB, a unit of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, was one of the most efficient artillery units serving in Europe during World War II. The 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB saw action in Italy and France alongside the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT. In March 1945, the 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB was detached from the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT and reassigned to provide artillery support to various units participating in the Allies' drive into Southern Germany. During this time, the 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB assisted in the liberation of prisoners from the Dachau concentration camp and the capture of Hitler's mountain residence at Berchtesgaden.

The Hideo Nakamine Papers contain 12 photographs taken during the 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion's service in Germany and one folder of postwar articles and other printed materials documenting the history of the 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB.

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## Biographical Sketch

Hideo Nakamine (1922-) served as a machine gunner with the 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion during World War II, seeing action in Italy, France, and Germany. Nakamine was from Honokaa on the Big Island of Hawaii, but he was visiting family in Honolulu when Pearl Harbor was bombed on 7 December 1941. He enlisted with the Army in 1943, and was assigned with the 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB. Following the war, he worked at Ft. Shafter and Schofield Barracks as a post engineer.

The 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, a unit of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, was one of the most efficient artillery units serving in Europe during World War II. The 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB was comprised of three gun batteries (Able, Baker, and Charlie), a service battery, and headquarters. Each gun battery had four 105mm howitzer guns, which had an effective range of five to seven miles. The 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB saw action in Italy and France alongside the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, participating in the Rome to Arno Campaign, the Battle of Bruyeres in France, and the Champaign Campaign in Southern France.

In March 1945, the 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB was detached from the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT and reassigned to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Division to support their assault on the Siegfried Line. The 522<sup>nd</sup> then became a roving battalion, providing artillery support to the 45<sup>th</sup> Division, the 44<sup>th</sup> Division, the 4<sup>th</sup> Division, the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry, and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division as these units pushed into Southern Germany. It was during this time that the 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB participated in the liberation of prisoners from the Dachau concentration camp and the capture of Hitler's mountain residence at Berchtesgaden.

## Scope & Content Note

The Hideo Nakamine Papers contain 12 photographs taken during the 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion's service in Germany and one folder of postwar articles and other printed materials documenting the history of the 522<sup>nd</sup> FAB. The collection includes photographs and papers documenting the role the 522<sup>nd</sup> played in the liberation of prisoners from the Dachau concentration camp and the capture of Hitler's mountain residence at Berchtesgaden in 1945.

The twelve wartime photographs document the experiences of members of the 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion while serving in Germany in 1945. The photographs include shots of Corporal Hamamoto standing by a Dachau road sign, a German airplane hidden among the trees by the side of the road, Hitler's headquarters at Berchtesgaden, members of the 522<sup>nd</sup> standing next to a captured German artillery gun, and German defenses along the Siegfried Line.

The postwar articles and printed materials relate to the history of the 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, and include materials on the Dachau concentration camp, as well as an exhibit at the Smithsonian documenting the World War II experiences of Japanese Americans. The printed materials are all photocopies from the 1980s.

For additional information concerning the 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, please see the Ted Tsukiyama Papers (AJA 002).