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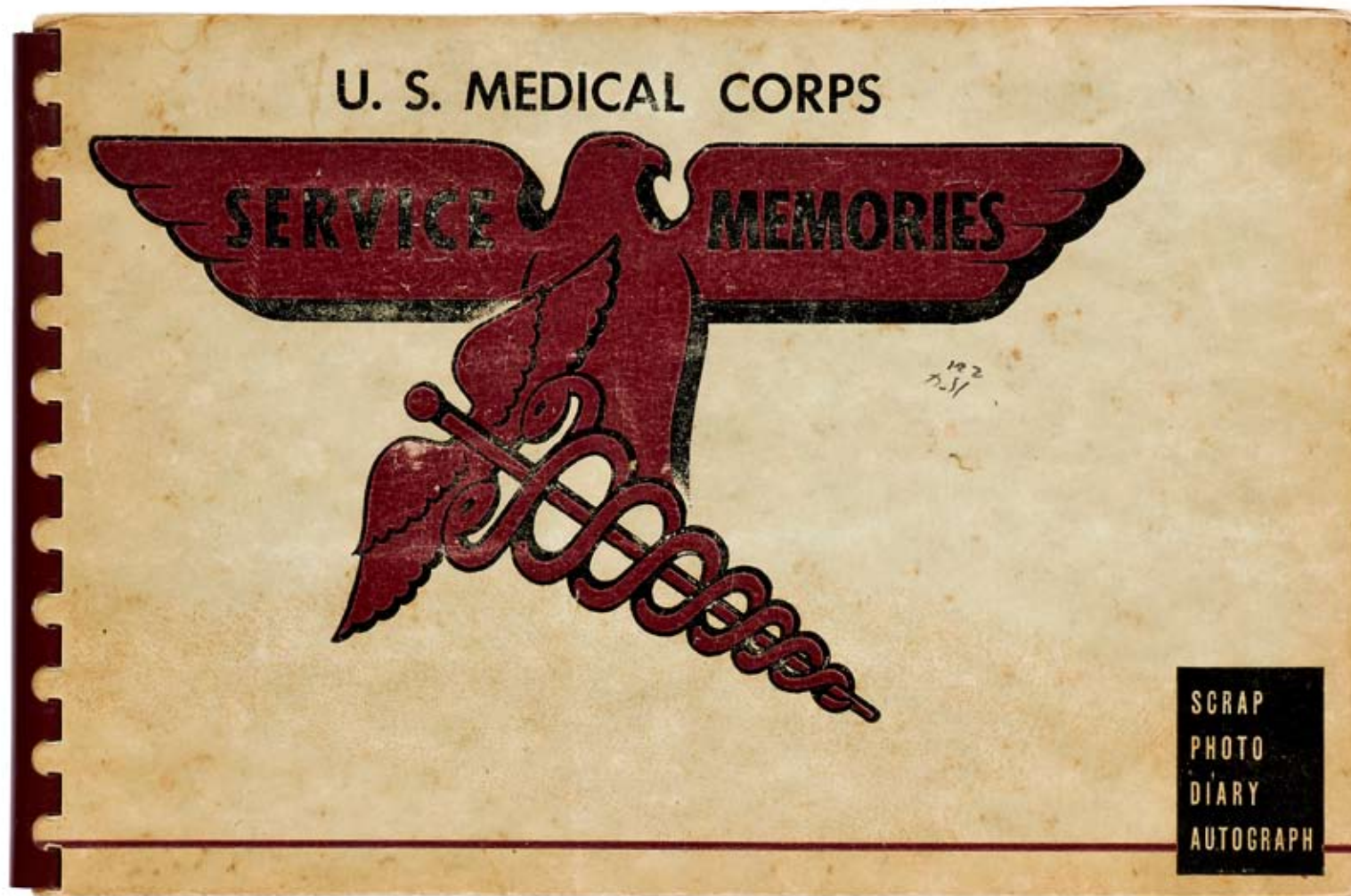
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## Minuru Yosioka

*[Photo Album]: Nisei Soldier*

1941-1943

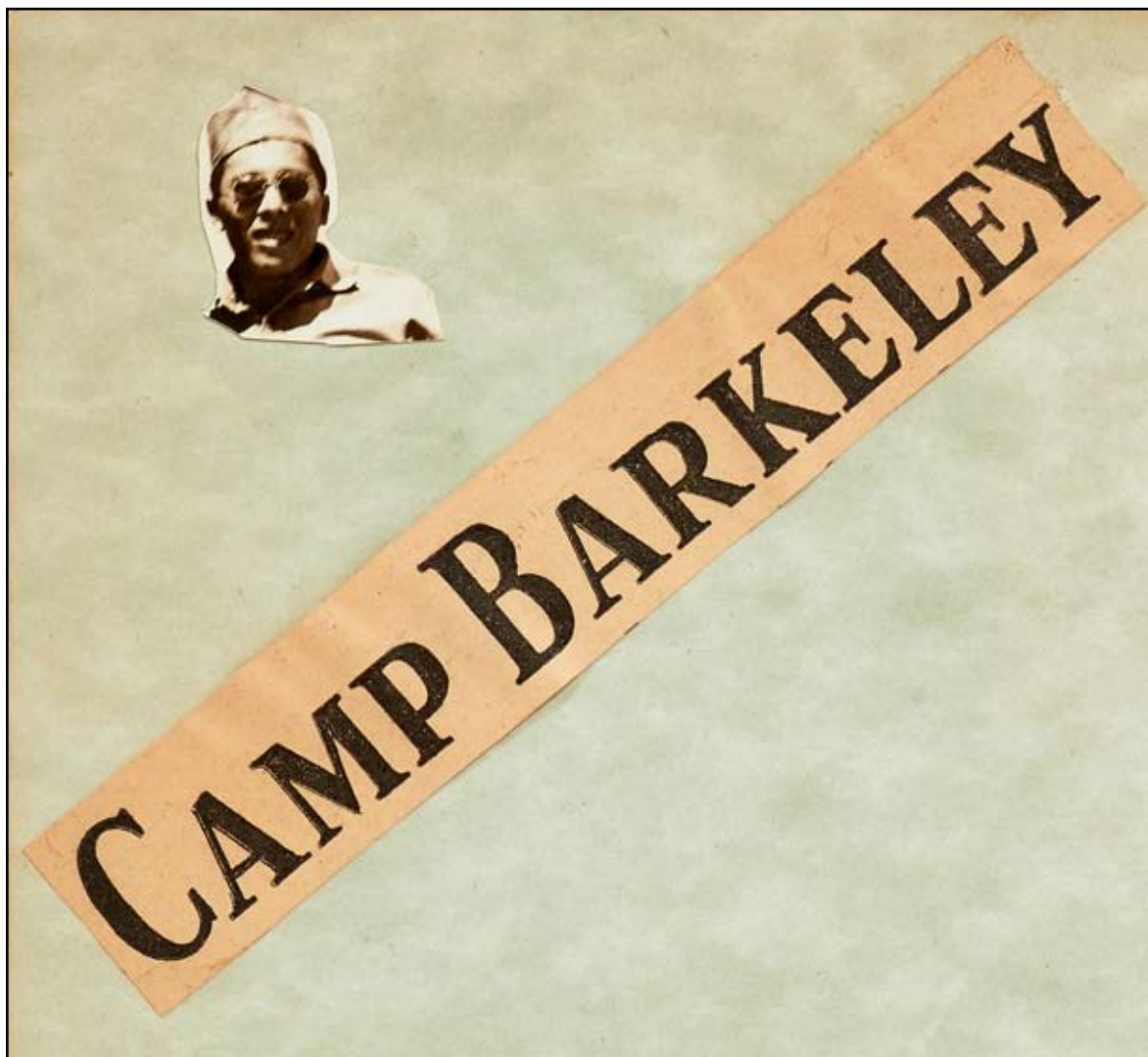
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Oblong octavo. Spiral bound scrapbook with "U.S. Medical Corps Service Memories" on the front board. An album containing 26 black and white photographs measuring between 1" x 1" and 3½" x 4½". Some rubbing on the album else near fine with near fine photographs.

Minuru Yosioka, from Inglewood, California, was drafted into the Army in 1941 before the Japanese

attack on Pearl Harbor and sent to Camp Grant, Illinois to be trained as a medic. Upon graduation, he was transferred to the Station Hospital at the Army Flying School, later Reese Air Force Base, in Lubbock, Texas. While there, President Roosevelt decreed that Japanese-Americans living on the West Coast would be incarcerated for the duration of the war, and Yosioka's family was sent to the infamous internment camp at Manzanar, California. At the same time, Roosevelt directed all Nisei on active duty in the military to be honorably discharged with only a few exceptions. Yosioka was one of only 10 Nisei medics on active duty, and all were transferred to the Station Hospital at Camp Barkley, an army tank training center.



Hawaiian Nisei, who were not subjected to the draconian internment order, clamored to enlist in the war effort and were allowed to form an all-Japanese unit, the 100th Battalion, which eventually grew into the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team. In 1943, Yosioka was reclassified as an infantryman and reassigned to the 442nd which was then fighting in Italy. There he participated in the famous “Go for Broke” campaign that rescued the “Lost Battalion” (1st Battalion, 141st infantry) which had been surrounded by the Germans. In that battle, one of the most violent of the war, the 442nd was finally able to rescue the Lost Battalion, although at a horrific cost. In Yosioka’s “I” company (one of two companies whose final frontal charge while screaming “Banzai” finished the German resistance) all but eight men were killed or wounded. Yosioka was one of the lucky soldiers who walked away unscathed, however shortly after the battle, he was hospitalized for a severe case of trench foot and reclassified as a military policeman until he was discharged and returned to the United States.

The earliest photo in the album is of a Nisei army friend of Yosioka’s at Camp Grant taken on 14 December 1941, one week after Pearl Harbor. Other photographs show Yosioka and other Nisei and white soldiers at Lubbock, Camp Barkeley on leave at Fort Worth, and apparently providing training for the WAC radio school at Kansas City, Missouri. There are also newspaper clippings of a military bowling league.

This is an incredibly scarce documentation of a Nisei soldier’s experience in the very early days of World War Two.. [\[BTC#399387\]](#)

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Pfc. MINORU YOSHIOKA JULY 27, 1942  
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DETACHMENT MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

STATION HOSPITAL

- CAMP BARKELEY, TEXAS -





Pfc. ROY OMURA (L.A. BOY)  
CAMP GRANT, ILL.  
DEC 14, 1941



CORP "WILLIE"

Lined area for a diary entry.



CORP. "WILLIE" HAYASHI  
(L.A.)



AT FT. WORTH, TEX.  
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DAY PASS"







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Two New Records Set in C.C. Bowling League

| C.C. Men's Bowling League | W  | L  |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Sanco Furniture           | 13 | 5  |
| Fresno Association        | 13 | 5  |
| Selma Nursery             | 12 | 6  |
| Mid-State Berry Growers   | 11 | 7  |
| Sho's Recreation          | 11 | 7  |
| El Monte Garage           | 9  | 9  |
| Bridge Store              | 9  | 9  |
| Okamoto's Jewelers        | 9  | 9  |
| Mizutani Grocery          | 8  | 10 |
| California Theater        | 8  | 10 |
| Royal Jewelers            | 8  | 10 |
| Fred's Place              | 7  | 11 |
| Sakamoto-Ogawa            | 4  | 14 |
| Leonard's Repair Shop     | 4  | 14 |

FRESNO, Dec. 6—Sanco Furniture shot up into a tie for first in the Fresno Nisei Bowling league at the Playdium with a 3-0 win over the Sakamoto-Ogawa team last week.

Sam Nakagawa of Mizutani Grocery rolled a 243 game, highest individual effort for the current season, to spark the team to a 1005 team series, also a season's

top mark.

Okamoto Jewelers handed the Fresno Association Chinese team their first match defeat to bring them down to a tie for first.

Results Dec. 1

|                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| Bridge Store 3, Mid-State Berry 0    |
| Mizutani Grocery 3, Royal Jewelers 0 |
| Sho's Recreation 2, Cal Theater 1    |
| Fred's Place 2, Leonard's Repair 1   |
| Sanco Furniture 3, Sakamoto-Ogawa 0  |
| Selma Nursery 2, El Monte 1          |
| Okamoto Jewelers 2, Fresno Assoc. 1  |

High Games

Sam Nakagawa 243, Joe Mizutani 217, H. Chinn 213, Umamoto 210, Yoshioka, Mukai and Ota, 203.

High Series

Min Yoshioka 560, Buzz Noda 557, Kane Umamoto 556, Sam Nakagawa 546, Henning Chinn 545, Ken Ota 535, John Otomo 527, Tom Mukai 521, Que Henshiro 517, Joe Mizutani 510, Yuk Misaki 507, Paulo Takahashi 502, George Chan 500.

High Team Game

Mizutani Grocery (new record) ... 1005

High Team Series

Sanco Furniture ... 3305

Sanco Furniture Gains in C.C. Bowling League

| C.C. Men's Bowling League | W  | L  |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Fresno Association        | 19 | 8  |
| Sanco Furniture           | 18 | 9  |
| Mid-State Berry Growers   | 18 | 9  |
| Selma Nursery             | 16 | 11 |
| Okamoto Jewelers          | 16 | 11 |
| Mizutani Grocery          | 14 | 13 |
| Bridge Store              | 13 | 14 |
| Sakamoto-Ogawa            | 12 | 15 |
| Royal Jewelers            | 12 | 15 |
| Sho's Recreation          | 12 | 15 |
| California Theatre        | 11 | 16 |
| El Monte Garage           | 11 | 16 |
| Fred's Place              | 11 | 16 |
| Leonard's Repair Shop     | 6  | 21 |

FRESNO, Dec. 27 — Although the Fresno Association Chinese set a new team series record for the season to maintain their league top position, Sanco Furniture gained a game to move into a tie for second with Mid-State

Berry Growers, a game behind the leader.

Results Dec. 22

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| Sakamoto-Ogawa 3, Bridge Store 0       |
| Mid-State Berry 2, Selma Nursery 1     |
| Fresno Association 2, Fred's Place 1   |
| California Theatre 2, El Monte 1       |
| Okamoto Jewelers 2, Mizutani Grocery 1 |
| Leonard's Repair 2, Royal Jewelers 1   |
| Sanco Furniture 3, Sho's Recreation 0  |

High Games

F. Taniguchi 224, H. Chinn 213, S. Louie 212, Ray Nakagawa 211, P. Wong and Roy Tagami 201, Dick Chinn and C. Kimura 200.

High Series

Henning Chinn 556, Sherman Louie 549, Fred Taniguchi 548, Dick Chinn 536, Ken Ota 533, Hank Tanouye 531, Ben Matsunaga 531, Hiro Hirabayashi 529, Phil Wong 527, Kango Mori 522, Shig Nagao 513, Min Doi 512, Ray Nakagawa 510, Kane Umamoto 510, Tok Umamoto 507, Kiyo Yamamoto 507, Min Yoshioka 505, Chuck Kimura 504, Erule Shira-kawa 503, James Huey 502, Ken Noda 501, Star Tagami 500.

High Team Games

Fresno Association 950, Mid-State Berry Growers 911.

High Team Series

Fresno Association 2670 (new record)

Henning Chinn's 551 and team No. 1, with 2,517, were the best in the Playdium Nisei League last night. Min Yoshioka 534, Tom Tomita 483, George Gekko 434, Harry Gekko 421 and Sonny Nishimoto 387 were the high team's scorers.

Other 500 series: Tom Mukai 550, Sab Yamada 542, Kango Mori 534, Sherman Louie 534, George Chan 531, Tok Umamoto 520, Ken Ota 514, Bob Yano and Tom Goto 513, Yuk Misaka and Ray Nakagawa 512, Jim Uyemura 504 and Kane Umamoto 503.

### 3 Teams Battle for Lead in Fresno Nisei Bowling

FRESNO, Oct. 31 — Three teams, Sanco Furniture, Mid-State Berry Growers and Fresno Associates are now in a three-way tie for first in the Fresno Nisei Bowling league at the Playdium with five wins and one loss apiece.

#### High Games

Kane Umamoto 234, George Tanaka 221, Jim Uyemura 214, Tom Sano 209, Phillip Wong 204, Min Yoshioka 204.

#### High Series

Jim Uyemura 564, Phillip Wong 545, Kane Umamoto 539, Min Yoshioka 530, Tom Sano 520, Snipe Murayama 516, Ray Nakagawa 506, Buzz Noda 503, George Tanaka 502.

#### High Game, High Series (Scratch)

Sanco Furniture ..... 930, 2536

#### High Averages

Kane Umamoto 190, Jim Uyemura 185, Buzz Noda and Tok Umamoto 170.

### Fresno Association Takes Lead in C.C. Bowling

| C.C. Bowling League           | W  | L  |
|-------------------------------|----|----|
| Fresno Association .....      | 12 | 3  |
| Mid-State Berry Growers ..... | 11 | 4  |
| Sanco Furniture .....         | 10 | 5  |
| Selma Nursery .....           | 10 | 5  |
| Sho's Recreation .....        | 9  | 6  |
| El Monte Garage .....         | 8  | 7  |
| Royal Jewelers .....          | 8  | 7  |
| California Theatre .....      | 7  | 8  |
| Okamoto's Jewelers .....      | 7  | 8  |
| Bridge Store .....            | 6  | 9  |
| Mizutani Grocery .....        | 5  | 10 |
| Fred's Place .....            | 5  | 10 |
| Sakamoto-Ogawa .....          | 4  | 11 |
| Leonard's Repair Shop .....   | 3  | 12 |

El Monte Garage 2, Berrve Growers 1, Royal Jewelers 2, Okamoto's Jewelers 1, Sho's Recreation 3, Bridge Store 0, Fred's Place 2, Mizutani Grocery 1

#### High Games

Tom Mukai 242, George Chan 225, Henning Chinn 216, George Tanaka 212, Sherman Louie 209, Min Yoshioka 203, Buzz Noda 203, Kiyo Yamamoto 202, Byrd Kumataka 201, Tom Sano 201.

#### High Series

George Chan 584, Tom Mukai 583, Henning Chinn 571, Hiro Hirabayashi 557, Kane Umamoto 551, Byrd Kumataka 537, Jim Uyemura 535, Tom Sano 531, Hiro Kunishige 529, Sherman Louie 522, Kiyo Yamamoto 516, Min Yoshioka 513, Buzz Noda 503.

#### Team High Game, High Series

Fresno Association ..... 920, 2635

FRESNO, Nov. 21—After five weeks of bowling the Chinese Fresno association team held a slim one-game lead in the local Nisei Bowling league at the Playdium after a 3-0 win over Sakamoto-Ogawa.

Their 2635 series last Thursday night was a new season team series record.

Mid-State Berry Growers dropped out of the top spot when El Monte Garage scored a 2-1 win over them.

Tom Mukai's 242 game was also the best of the current season.

#### Results Nov. 17

Sanco Furniture 2, California Theatre 1, Selma Nursery 3, Leonard's Repair 0, Fresno As, 3, Sakamoto-Ogawa 0