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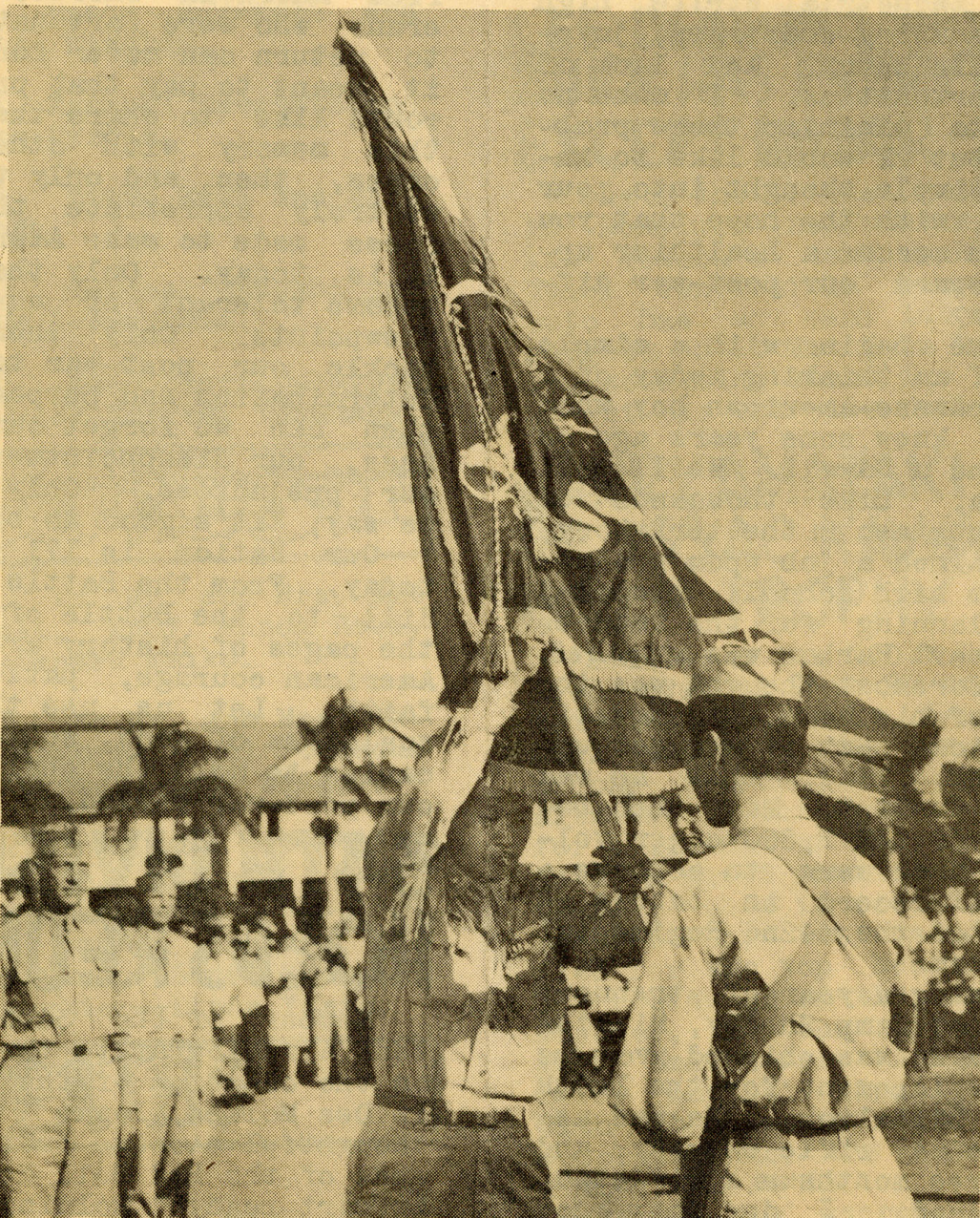
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MAJ. MITSUYOSHI FUKUDA PRESENTS 100TH BN. COLORS TO COLOR BEARER, T/SGT. KENNETH NAKAMOTO AT REACTIVATION CEREMONY JULY 31. AT FT. SHAFTER - *Honolulu Advertiser Photo*



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# RADIO ADDRESS

by Robert Taira

*Robt Taira Represented the Club 100 at the July 4th Program in which Several Vets. Groups Participated*

I wish to direct my remarks this afternoon to those in the radio audience who are becoming weary of industrial strife, high prices, housing shortages, juvenile delinquency, and lack of job opportunities. I make no effort to minimize these problems. But I would like to inject a simple thought into your thinking, with the hope that you and I can assume a healthier approach toward our post-war difficulties.

Let me begin with a simple story. I am thinking today of a young Japanese-American boy whom I first knew some years ago on the island of Hawaii. We'll call him Masa. Like thousands of other young men in the territory, Masa obtained a job upon graduation from high school. He worked hard, planning for the future.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked, Masa's foremost thought was the defense of his home, his Hawaii, his America. But it was not until March, 1943, that he was able to enlist. Masa then became one of the 2,600 eager volunteers who were to achieve a brilliant record in battle as members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Following a year of strenuous training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, Masa was shipped overseas as a replacement for the 100th Infantry Battalion. He was assigned to a rifle company, and after three months as a rifleman, he was dead. I do not know whether he was cited for gallantry or heroism. I do not even know how he was killed. But I do know that he is dead, killed by enemy fire, that he is buried somewhere in Italy, that he is a

hero in his own right.

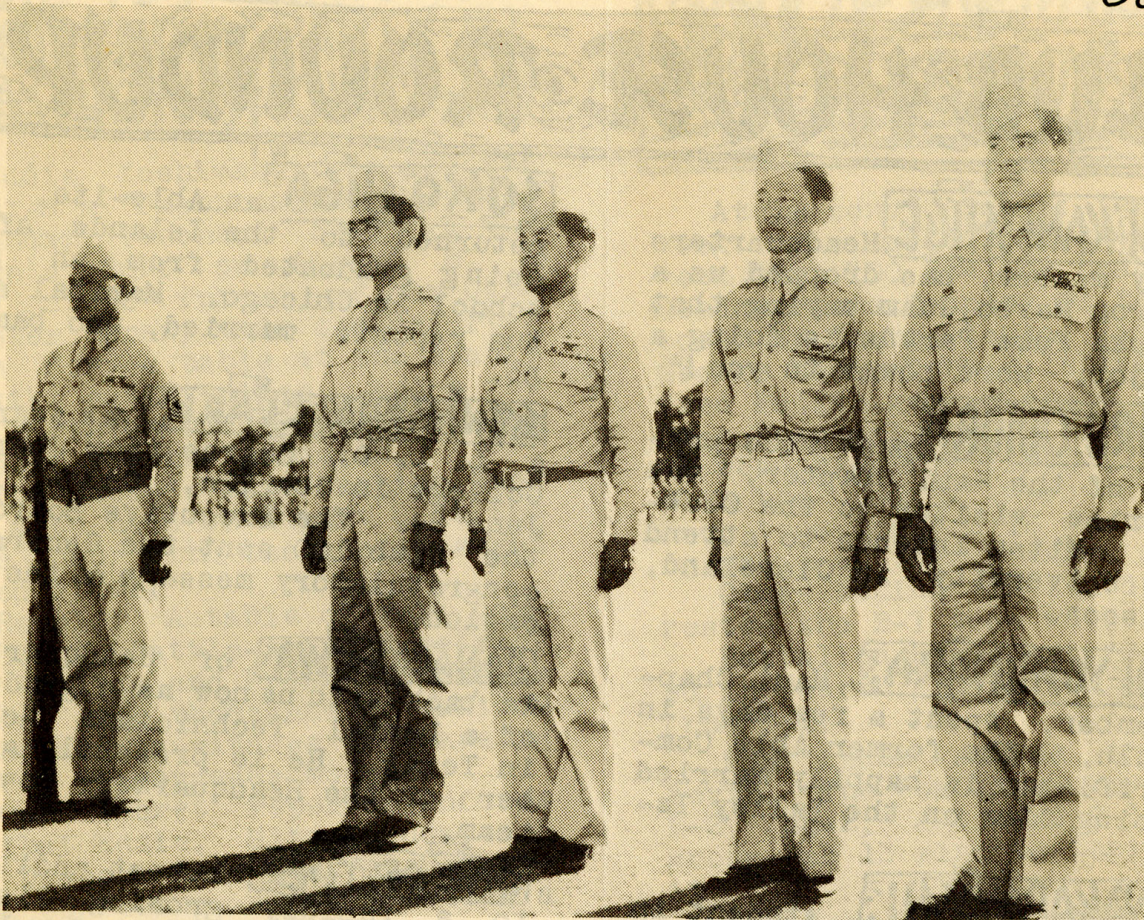
More tragic than Masa's death is the fact that about a thousand others of Hawaii's finest manhood shared his fate--young men who would be glad to be alive today, enjoying all that life offers. These men, together with thousands of other American youths, paid a very dear price to keep the horror and brutality of war away from American shores. We veterans who were fortunate enough to return can never forget what it meant to pay that price. We would like to share the pain of this memory with others. Because, then, and only then, can we truly appreciate the sacrifices made to make America what it is today. Only then can we become tolerant of opposing viewpoints. Only then can we tackle our post-war tasks with determination and purpose. Only then can we forget our bitterness, our disappointments, and our prejudices. Only then can we say, "It's good to be alive!"

Our Nation is 171 years old today. From the Battle of Bunker Hill to the Battle of Okinawa, the pages of history are full of American courage, patience, and faith. Let us use these same qualities of good, solid Americanism to meet the challenges of our post-war period.

## 34TH DIVISION HOLDS REUNION

Members of the 34th Division sent a radiogram to the Club 100 on the occasion of their reunion in Des Moines, Iowa. The very thoughtful missive from our friends of the Red Bull Head outfit in part read: "Holding 34th reunion. Regards to the Gang." A reply was immediately dispatched to Des Moines by the Club 100 congratulating the 34th on their reunion and offering our best of Aloha.





**REACTIVATED 100TH BN. STAFF: L TO R SGT. M. KAWAMOTO, CAPT. A. OHATA, 1ST. LTS: C. TSUKAYAMA, D. HIRANO, T. MIYASHIRO - Hon. Adv. Photo**

A large crowd of enthusiastic spectators gathered at the Fort Shafter Palm Circle Field on July 31 to witness the re-activation proceedings of the 442nd Infantry Regiment. The 100th Battalion has been re-activated as the first battalion of the outfit.

Lt. Col. Harry G. Albright assumed command of the "Go For Broke" unit. Major Henry Kawano has been named as the regimental executive officer. Major Mitsuyoshi Fukuda once again heads the "Puka Puka" Battalion as the commanding officer with Captain Allan Ohata as the Battalion exec.

Staff officers of the re-activated 100th Battalion are 1st Lt. Takeichi Miyashiro, 1st Lt. Dick N. Hirano, 2nd Lt. Toshimi

Sodetani, and 1st Lt. Conrad Tsukayama.

The colors of the 442nd Infantry Regiment and the 100th Battalion which were entrusted to the Territory of Hawaii on August 15, 1946, were turned over by Governor Stainback to Lt. General John E. Hull. The General in turn presented them to the commanding officers of the two organizations.

Color bearers from the Club 100 who participated in the ceremony were: Master Sergeant Toshio Kunitura, 1st Sergeant Warren Iwai, 1st Sergeant Masayoshi Kawamoto, and Tech. Sergeant Kenneth Nakamoto.

Thus, the battle flags of the 442nd Infantry Regiment and the 100th Battalion will fly again in the active service of the country.



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# CLUB HOUSE ROUNDUP

**KNOMI KANESHIGE** Headquarters Company member, has dropped us a line from Marbo, Guam saying that "The Puka Puka Parade is doing a swell job. More power to you!"

**MITSURU OMORI** past vice president of the Maui Chapter, was a surprise visitor to the Clubhouse. Mitsu intends to attend Dyke's University in Cleveland, Ohio, soon.

**HSASHI YOSHIHARA**, Maui Chapter member, spent a few days in Honolulu. The former Able Company rifleman is happily married and doing fine on the Valley Island.

**NICK NAKABAYASHI**, student in bacteriology at the Utah State Agricultural College, returned to the islands to spend his summer vacation with his parents. He was accompanied by Mrs. Nakabayashi on the trip.

**MRS. SHIEKA YOSHIDA**, mother of the late Corporal Yoshiharu Yoshida of "C" Company, has made a donation of Twenty Five Dollars to the Club 100 in memory of her son. Corporal Yoshida was killed in action on January 24, 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy.

**SEISABURO TABA**, Headquarters Company member, was recommended for a position with the Admiral Sales firm in town by the Club Executive Secretary. He has justified our faith in him by working his way up from a stock clerk to a genuine, fast talking salesman within a short period of time.

Nice going, Seisaburo!

**SOKO HIGA** an Able-ite, has returned to the Islands after being graduated from an art school in Chicago. Marital status report: married, uno bambi-no.

**GEN. MARK CLARK** was awarded a L. L. D. degree from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, on June 24. The Executive Board of the Club 100 sent the General a congratulatory message on the occasion.

**RONALD MIWA** of Headquarters is back with us now as a graduate of a Dental Technicians School in Texas. He is presently a member of the Headquarters bowling team.

**ONE OF THE** latest additions to a rapidly growing list of Club 100 members engaged in business is David Shunji Suzuki, formerly of Headquarters Company. "Radio Doc," a radio repair and sales shop, one block Shafter from Kalihi Theatre is operated by David and his brother, Charles Suzuki. For pickup and delivery service, phone 843285.

**A RADIOGRAM** was forwarded to Delegate Joseph R. Farrington by the Club 100, congratulating him on his success in having the statehood bill passed in the U. S. House of Representatives.

QUIP of the MONTH

"Who said I can't bend down because my stomach gets in the way? See--I can touch my shins yet?"



# CLUB HOUSE ROUNDUP—CONT. <sup>Page 5</sup>

A telegram which read: "Sincerest gratitude for graves decoration. Aloha and Best Wishes to Dado Marino," was forwarded by the Club 100 to Mr. Sam Ichinose in London, England. The popular local manager of boxers and his party decorated the graves of our deceased comrades in and around the vicinity of Epinal, France.

Yoshiichi Okazawa, formerly Dog Company transport sergeant, spent a few days in town and gave the clubhouse a once over. Yoshi is presently an employee of the Kona Light and Power Company on the Big Island.

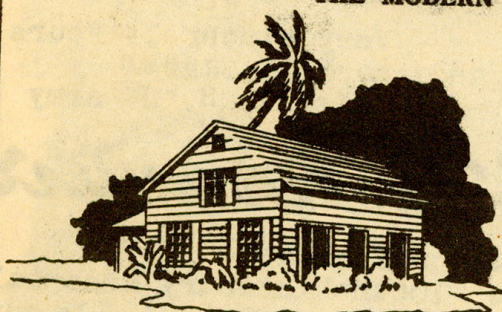
The latest addition to an ever growing list of clubhouse office equipment is a AB Dick, hand operated mimeographing machine. Various company organizations and the Oahu chapter have already put the gadget to use in mailing out meeting notices and circulars.

Capt. Howard Miyake (Ward C-51 Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California) passes his best regards to the Club 100. Excerpts from his note to the clubhouse follows: "The familiar names in the Parade are heart warming and provides cause for reminiscence. Thought for a while that I would be making my reacquaintance with you all, but it has exploded. Saw the butchers again on Monday for another neuroma excision. Have graduated from crutches to walking with two canes. When the stitches are removed it'll facilitate walking immensely." (Editors Note: Capt. Miyake is still a confirmed bachelor).

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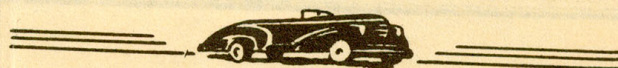


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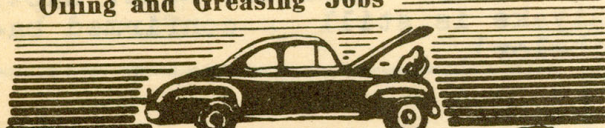
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*Gen. Clark writes*

Dear Mr. Yoshimasu:

Thank you for your letter of June 16, and for the kind words expressed therein.

It was a pleasure to hear from the Club 100 for as you well know, I am very proud of the 100th Infantry Battalion, Separate. The glorious and heroic achievements of your Battalion at such memorable places as Livorno, Mt. Fraggolita, and Aulla will always stand out in the annals of American history.

Please accept my very best wishes for the continued success of your Club.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Signed) Mark W. Clark  
General, U. S. Army

*Col. Farden writes*

Dear Major Fukuda:

The 100th Infantry Memorial plaque which you presented to our "Best Company" is greatly appreciated. I'm sure it will be an incentive to our boys and that winning it will become a rich tradition of the school.

Thank you for the award and for your kindness in being at our review.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) Gernard Farden  
Lt. Col., Inf.

Editor's Note: The above letter of appreciation was received from the McKinley High School R. O. T. C.





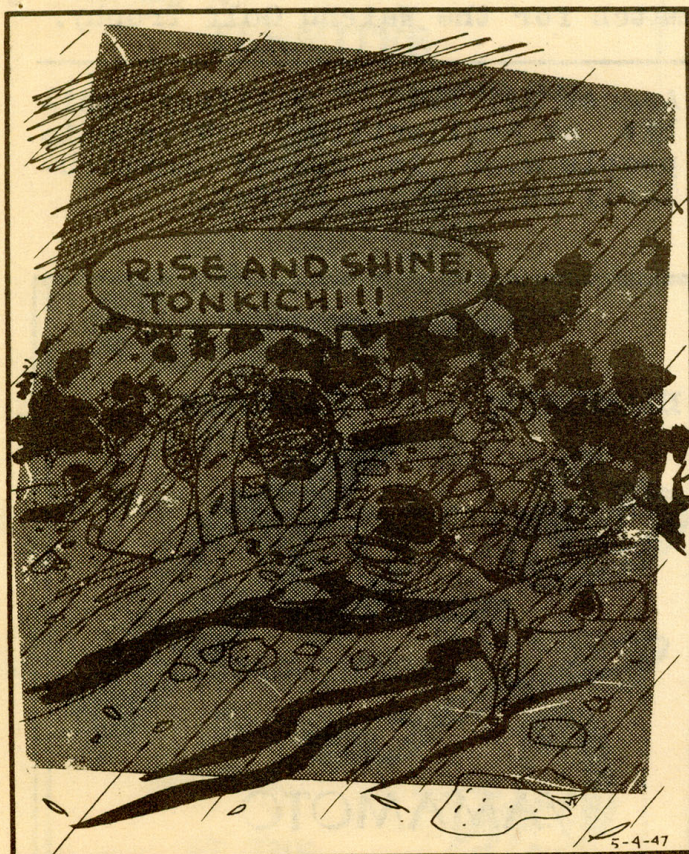
*C. R. Hemenway writes*

My dear Boys:

The lovely flowers you sent us lasted all the way to San Francisco, and were greatly enjoyed. But much more, we appreciated the thought which prompted you to remember us.

With this goes our thanks and our aloha to you all.

Very sincerely,  
(Signed) C. R. Hemenway



*By Gabby Takamoto*

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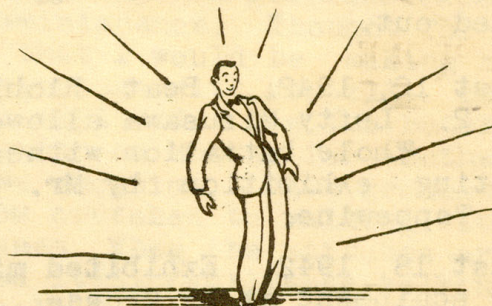


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# August FIVE YEARS AGO

August 1, 1942. Reorganized as follows: 1 Infantry Battalion, 2 Additional Rifle Companies, 1 Battalion Section, Medical Detachment, Transportation Platoon, Service Company.

August 5, 1942. Baseball team played Winona Rapids. Lost 3-2. Good game. Musicians were there and they were pretty bad.

August 8, 1942. Well planned exhibit sent to Wisconsin Rapids--rained out.

August 12, 1942. Beat Richland 11 - 2. Lefty Mizusawa allowed 4 hits. Whole battalion witnessed shooting exhibition by Mr. and Mrs. Toppewine.

August 18, 1942. Exhibited military equipment at La Crosse.

# MAUI Chapter News

Tsutomu Nagata opened for business on August 1, 1947, on Market and Mill Streets in Wailuku under the name of Nagata Tailor Shop. Masao Sato and Donald Uchimura are co-partners in the printing and Contracting business.

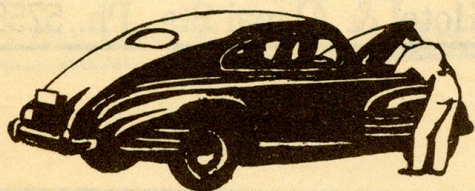
Edward K. Nashiwa is a recent graduate of the Dunwoody Institute in Milwaukee, for Bakers. Hope you can make better dough, Nash.

Takeshi "Topsy" Omuro, walked away with the "Match against Par" tournament trophy last weekend at the Waiehu Golf Course. He defeated Akira Tanaka on a play-off match for the Waiehu Golf Trophy.

August 24, 1942. Military exhibit at Neillsville. Wisconsin people much interested particularly in jeep and helmet.

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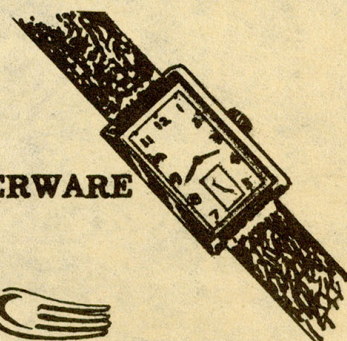
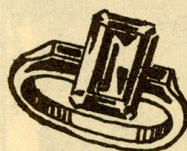
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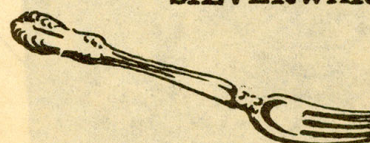
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# EDDIE YOSHIMASU GUEST AT BIRTHDAY PARTY & "FASHION SHOW"—MY!

Eddie Yoshimasu was honored guest at a "fashionable" surprise birthday luncheon held at the Queen's Surf on August 8. A very close friend of our Oahu Chapter prexy made the reservation for a table at the swanky Waikiki eating place, and a few of Eddie's paesanos were also present for the occasion.

The Queen's Surf Fashion Show was also held on August 8 at the same hour with the social event named above.

Result: A table of very conspicuous battle-scarred vets of the Italian and French Campaigns amidst the thousands of wahines gathered to witness the passing parade of gorgeous models.

Our secret reporter informs us that Eddie, Mits Fukuda, and Les Deacon were last seen mumbaling something about starting a dress shop in town.

## F. L. TURNER AWARDED HONORARY MA DEGREE FROM WESLEYAN U.

Farrant L. Turner was awarded an Honorary Master of Arts degree from his alma mater, Wesleyan University, Middleton, Connecticut. Mr. Turner who is now touring the states on his vacation writes: "I want to make it a matter of record that the degree belongs to the 100th. I'll keep it, but the 100th earned it for me. At la Crosse, I contacted Tom Fukuda, and he brought his pretty wife and very young baby; also Harry Miyamoto and Ben Miyake. We had a good two hour talk. Yesterday we drove to Eau Claire through Winona, which was once my chief worry--remember!"



At the conclusion of the ninth week of a scheduled twenty-two week Club 100 Bowling League, the Headquarters Company #1 team composed of George Izuta, (captain) George Aoki, Donald Ishiki, Wilfred Fujishige, Richard Sakaba, Stan Kawasaki, and Richard Hamada were tied for first place with the vastly improved D-1's. Each team had won 16 while losing only 5 of the 21 games played.

Close behind in third place rested the B-1 team with 15 wins.

Battalion Headquarters trailed in fourth place, one game off from B-1.

Four teams shared the fifth berth. The combines were from: B-2, Hq-2, A-1, and C-1. Each group had 13 wins to their credit.

The rest of the teams had the following records of games won: D-2 6 wins; Hq-3 5 wins; C-2 2 wins. The representatives from A-2 still had to break into the victory column.

Yoshi Maeda, bowling with the C-1 team, topped the individual averages with a neat 172.12 for the 18 games bowled. Goro Sumida held the second spot with 166.30 and Edward Ikuma trailed him by posting a 166.00

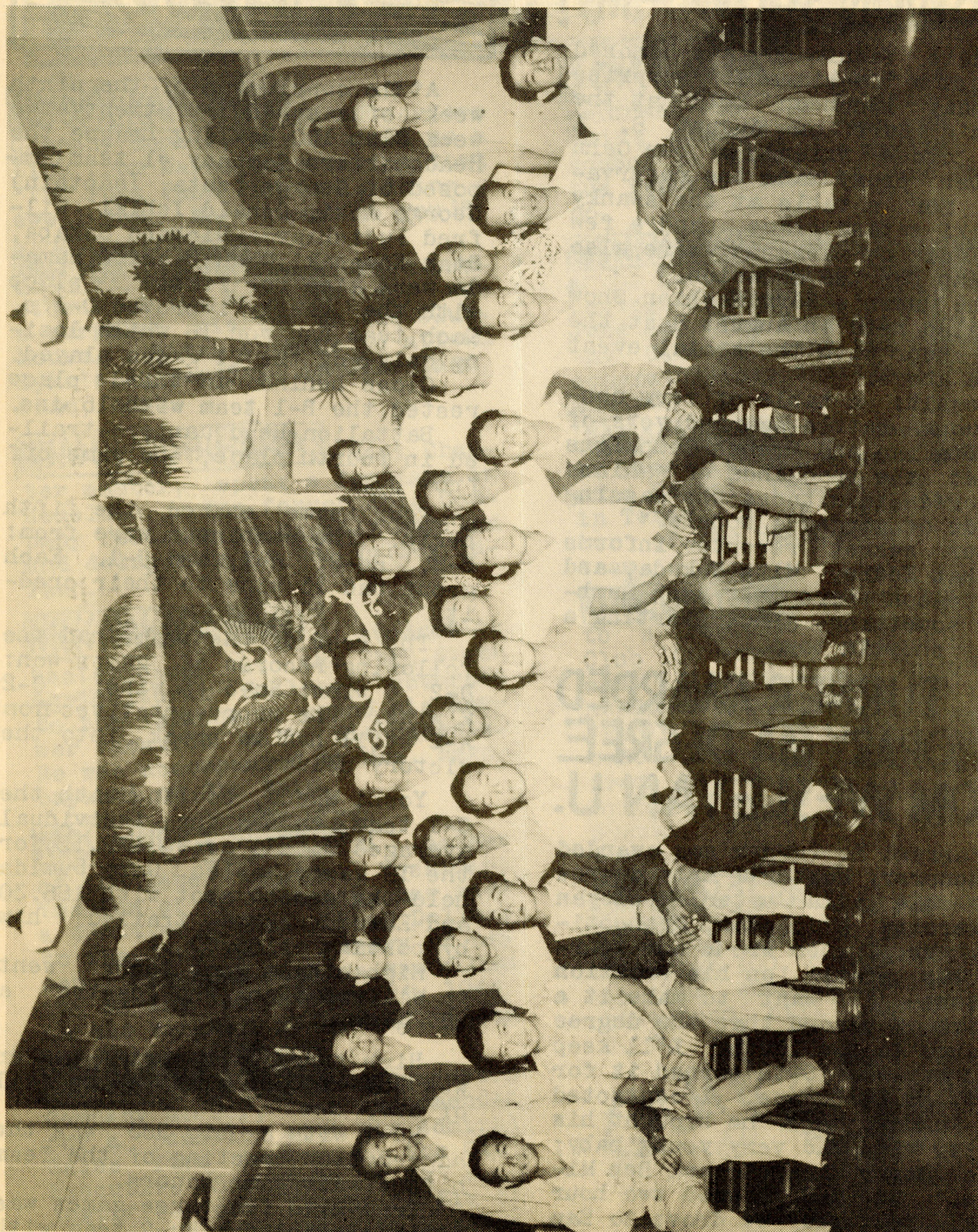
High single game honor went to Wilfred Shobu who boasted a 227 game.

High three game series bowler was Bob Kondo with a pin fall of 577.

Hq-1 with a big 933 was the aggregation boasting of the Team high single game honors.

Team high for three games was registered by the Hq-2 team with a 2428 total.





*Members of Club 100, Maui Chapter*



## MARRIAGES

May 23, Naoto Matsuura and Miss Sumiko Kotsubo.

June 7, Masanori Aoki and Miss Fumiko Arai

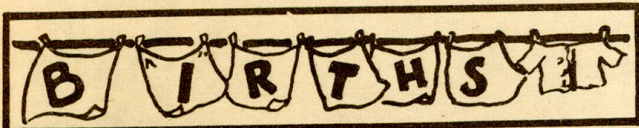
June 7, Haruo Hayakawa and Miss Tsuneno Nishida.

June 21, Masaaki Kawamoto and Miss Hanako Uyeoka.

June 21, Shiro Maki and Miss Itsuko Okada.

June 23, Tatsuo Hayashi and Miss Kameko Yanagihara.

June 27, Ben Yimei Takayesu and Miss Daisy Shigemura Tokunaga.



June 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Saburo Tomai, 2507 Manoa Road, daughter--Sandra Emiko.

June 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Kashiwabara, 231 Pokahana Street, daughter--Gail Sumako.

June 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Shintoku Ishimine, 1271-C-1 Hall Street, daughter--Gloria Sachiko.

June 24, to Dr. and Mrs. Katsumi Kometani, 3569 Maunalei Avenue, daughter--Linda Yurie.

## DEATHS

June 14, Raymond Hideo, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Kaneko, 2925 Kalei Road, native of Honolulu. Cremated June 14.

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## LES DEACON'S NEW 1947 BUICK HAS EVERYTHING EXCEPT RADAR

One of the "I must see" things in Honolulu is Honorary Member Les Deacon's new swanky 1947 Buick convertible coupe. The auto has so many labor-saving gadgets on it that Puka Puka-ites are wondering where Les is going to get his exercise from now on.

## LARRY AMAZAKI WINS DR. ISSAC KAWASAKI GOLF TROPHY

Members of the 100th Golf Club teed off on June 29 at the Ala Wai links for the Dr. Isaac Kawasaki trophy. The donor of the trophy created an embarrassing situation by firing a 45-46-91-28 for a low net of 63. George Takeda, a guest mashie welder from Hawaii, came in second with 41-44-85-20=65, but was disqualified for the top honors due to his residence on the Big Island. However, he was presented two golf balls for his efforts. Larry Amazaki finally emerged with the trophy after all the complications. The winner carded a 41-41-82-16=66.

Other top scores turned in were:

Warren Iwai  
H. Kanemura  
Gregg Ikeda  
Jun Enomoto

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44-45-89-20=69  
60-61=121-30=91  
63-61=124-30=94



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