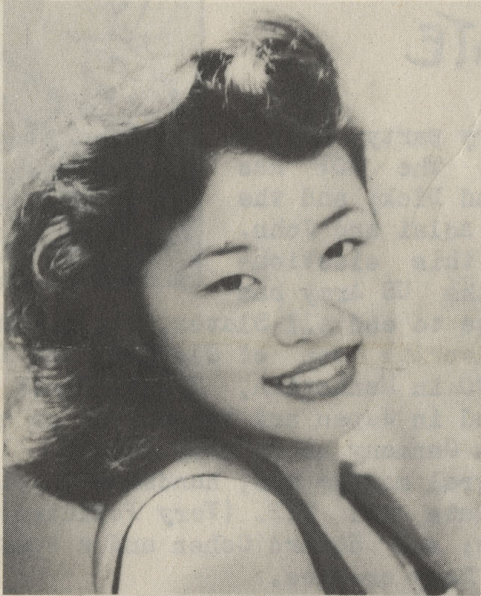


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Something to dream about for Thanksgiving and Christmas....an artistic-looking package like above.

Pin-up No. 2 is CHARKO NAKAMURA, an artist in her own rights....a Cooper Union student, sculpturer, designer, hair-stylist...and.... can she DRAW men??? (Artistic, oh yes!)

And, all art-lovers (namely, the GI's who have a natural eye for beauty), can well envy the photographer who took the above pic. He was a GI, at that...Pvt. Tad Yamashiro! (It's nice to be a photographer, huh?)

SADIE ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER SOCIALS

With the holidays coming closer, social activities will hit a new high. Sadie Kuratomi, president, lists the following events for November.

Starting the month with a 442 Semi-formal on November 1st at the Vanderbilt, the NSO will follow-up with a fall hop at China Town or MacBurney YMCA on November 15. The once-tentatively scheduled hay-ride is called off.

On November 27, GI's and gals are welcomed to attend the Theta Iota's annual Thanksgiving Dance at MacBurney. Two nites later, on November 27, the NSO will hold another dance at the same Y.

December too, will be packed with festivities, and such events will be released by postcard notices.

DISCHARGED GI'S HOMEWARD-BOUND

Postcards requesting information as to present address and discharge date, have been coming in since September and have indicated that many GI's are already back to their civilian status. Of recent count, some 200 have responded, fifty of whom will be out of service by the end of the year.

Following are the September and October discharges: Yohinori Honda, Ronald Seetoo, Roy Hirai, Roger Tamaki, George Wakiji, Tom Kariyama, Shunzo Slim Yamayoshi, Mike Murakami, George Kasai, Akio Itamura, and Don Iyeki. All are from the mainland, predominantly from the Los Angeles area.

The lone Islander on the NSO list to be separated in those two months was popular Bruce Shiroma who chummed around with "Kana-kanized" Roy Hirai of Alameda.

Those to be mustered out this month are: Masaji Hatae, Johnny Uyeda, Monte Minami, Jim Yaji, Michiyuki Nakamura, Mitsuo Omoto, George Nakayama, William Sakurai, Mitsuo Sakamoto, Skippy DacDiarmid, Harry Kajikawa, Henry Sakamoto, Tsutomu Takata, Tommy Uyehara, Joe Sakurai, Satoru Shimono, Joichi Okara,

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KOREA UFG PLANS NSO IN L.A.

Bill Sakurai, who was among the first group of GI's stationed in New York vicinity to help the NSO here, reports that as soon as he returns home, he plans to organize a NSO in L.A. He is homeward-bound from Korea.

Honoring us greatly, he states that he will follow the pattern of the NSO here in New York City from what he learned and experienced from us.

Bill hopes to enlist the aids of other GI's such as George Nakayama, Mike Sakamoto, Wilber Fong, and others who will be discharged soon, and who also helped the NY NSO get on its feet in '51.

Those who are interested in the proposed NSO project in Los Angeles, may contact Bill Sakurai at 12096 Seheldon Ave., Sun Valley, California. His tel. no. is Chase 7-4356.

(Ed. note: Bill, 3 good men on your staff would be Monte Minami, George Gee, and Akio Itamura).

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**EDITORIAL:
 "GOOD LUCK, MISTER!"**

Lead story in this issue concerns servicemen who will soon doff khaki for mufti.

The transformation to "Mr.", whether by enlisted man or officer, is not merely a quick change of clothes. It is a process, gradual to some and more feasible to others.

There are no exact formulas, set rules or patterns to follow in this return to civilian life. Individuals have individual ways of doing things, and move at a different pace. The type of service (combat, oversea without combat, stateside) experiences may play a part in one's "homeward" tread.

Each man has perhaps changed in some ways through his period of service. His outlook, insight, and evaluations have moved him a few notches from where he was prior to his "leaving home."

Service associations have brought more than temporary comradship to many. New trades have been learned; new fields of interests have been awakened; habits and past-times have been absorbed. The good and bad of GI life may need sifting.

A guide, based on the personal experiences of thousands of veterans, is suggested here:

Step One: Sleep, loaf. Take it easy for a week, two or three.

Step Two: Visit your local VA to keep or convert your GI life insurance; investigate schooling, on-the-job training and opportunities under the new GI Bill. If wounded, check on your disability pension and inquire about other benefits.

Step Three: Photostat your discharge papers. Order several copies. This is important when you go job hunting.

Step Four: Look for a job or apply at a school for admission. Think carefully about your choice of work or study.

Step Five: Join a veteran's organization, or other civic or social groups.

Step Six: By following the above five steps, you may soon find yourself a has-been

**PROFILE:
 CHALKING UP
 HAROLD
 SLATE**



Every party has a slate. The GOP has Ike and Dick; and the Dems, Adlai and John.

In this election-year the US Army has a Slate to end all Slates...in HAROLD SLATE.

A favorite son of Clayton, New York, and the NSO in Manhattan, S/Sgt. Slate has campaigned in Japan and Korea. He is now serving in Germany as an army photog.

Several months ago, handsome Harold's running mate was V.P. (Very Polluted) George Kozuma; and Howard Cohen and a couple dozen other Roxy cronies.

To the NSO girls, he made a lot of whistle stops, but his favorite number was always "Sweet Lorraine".

When asked as to what program he favors, Slate declared: "Wine, women, and song!"

The drawing of Harold Slate was done by one of the NSO hostesses, lovely, lovely Lorraine Miyahara.

ROTC BOYS VISIT NYC

Five University of Hawaii ROTC boys visited New York in September after their stateside training at Fort Lewis, Washington.

The Islanders were: David Lee, Robert Morimoto, George Tahata, Bernard Shinbara, and Jerry Takei.

Personable Mable Murakami (U of H 51 grad) helped the boys while here. (Yup, fella's she's one of the nicest gals you can meet).

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servicemen, carrying a IC classification card in your wallet.

Whatever the future holds for you, we hope will bring you the things you desire most. To err or falter is a part of life. There is no measuring stick for success. Personal satisfaction and happiness shared are the two things that count the most.

You have come a long ways....but it's only the beginning. Good luck!



The above illustration was drawn by Mr. Frank Och's, well-known marine illustrator. A free-lancer, Mr. Och's has had his works in many house-organs and journals. He is a 442 member and recently painted an illuminated scroll which now hangs in the 442 Association Meeting hall. He and his wife are also donors to the NSO.

DIDJA KNOW THAT..

By Mich

...Meri Iwamoto met Sid Yamazaki in the PX in Tokyo. Meri and Bill Sakurai also had a grand time doing Tokyo a la New York style.

...Richard Nishimura met John Nagawawa somewhere in Korea. (Seems everybody runs into John out there).

...Ted Tokunaga is also in Korea.

...This issue's pin-up has a cutie-of-a-sister named Frances who is Miss "Personality-Plus".

... "Misplaced civilians" Buster Ota and Tosh Moriya had their own private reunion in "No-Man's Land," New Mexico. Didja see Doug?

...George Gee bumped into Wilson Makabe, NSO donor and 442 vet, in London. Stanly Sotsuda met Wil in Austria and Tom Kamikido met him in Germany. Wiily shor' gits around.

...Stone and Tomu sailed to Europe on the same ship. Tomu is also writing for the 1st Inf. Div. paper, The American Traveler.

...Wilber Fong landed in a hospital after falling from a truck and knocking himself out. (Are you all right now?)

...Tak Yoshihara, Annapolis mid-shipmen, toured London, Scotland, Paris, and Cuba. (Why not a trip out to New York, Tak?)

...George Arakaki is home on his furlough. Home is Honolulu. Glad you made it!

...Tak Okabayashi is in Munich, Germany; Luther Nakamura is in Verdun, France.

...Skippy MacDiarmid was recently married.

...Kaz Shintani is back in Lodi. (Hello from the gang. Here's to good health!)

...Howard Cohen is no longer around. Somewhere, please tell us where he went.

...James Ushijima is in Nagoya; Jay Tashima, in Tokyo; and Jun Taira, in Hokkaido.

...The newest discovery of GI talent is none other than the Coast Guard's pride-and-joy.. Henry Isara, A-1 hula dancer. (Henry, yo'r okay!)

...Asa Yoshimoto's name has been filed away in the GIRLS section of the NSO list. (Gals, he's in the Coast Guard, honestly). Excuse, please, Asa, if the last Fe-Mail was addressed "MISS ASAKO YOSHIMOTO."

...George Yamada and Ben Liu were taken into service last month. Ben is the cousin of Lt. Bill Liu.

...Newcomer Thelma Murakami is a dancing expert. She does everything. Just name it!

...George Kozuma is a trumpet and sax player. (Is that why they call him "Hot-lips"?)

OVER THE BRASS BARS OR PASS THE SUDS, LOUIE

What's brewing? Foamy with information, Lt. Herbert Ikeda, now at Fort Benning, Ga., serves up the following news:

"The only Kanaka officers here at Benning seem to be Majors Al Yim, Ed Yoshimasu, Capt. Dean Spencer, Lt. Ferreira, Lt. Sol Kaulukukui of the Hawaii National Guard. There are a few paratrooper Lts.--Edwin Wong and Stan Igawa, both slated for Fecom after training, and an old friend, Lt. Cocket who used to be in Dog Co. of the 5th when I was in Charley Co. Capt. Bob Wakuya is here too."

Ikeda, a Korea vet, is the older brother of West Point Cadet, Kenny.

Other officers who recently visited New York are: Lt. Hiroaki Sakata, Isami Kimoto, Elen Hirose, David Suzuki, Edward Yamanaka, Walter Ching, Akira Shiotani, Frank Watase, and Calvin Ishikawa. George Hirose and his wife are living on the post on Staten Is.

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Gifts from friends of NSO continue to swell the coffers of the organization each month reports Treasurer Florence Kozuma.

Contributions recently received and which go towards the support of the Fe-Mail have come from the following:

Cadet Ken Ikeda, West Point; Cpl. James Nakagawa, Fort Bragg; Lts. Robert Nakamoto, Edward Tanaka, and Charles Furuya; Tom Kariyama, ex-Cpl. of Fort Hamilton; Roderick Matheson, former officer of the 442nd RCT, and Woodrow Asai, World War II vet, who is President of the NY Chapter of the JAACL and also a member of the 442 Association.

All deserve a twenty-gun salute of thanks, the NSO hostesses agree.

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no. The last six names are from Honolulu or Pearl City. MacDiarmid is from Maryland and Kajikawa is from Washington. The rest are Californians.

Separated in December will be: Islanders, Tak Kawasaki, H. Fukumae, Raymond Fukuoka, Harris Yamamoto, Eric Toyama, Richard Nakaniishi, Ken Akazawa, Harold Fujita, Yoshiguki Ichimura; and mainlanders, Gene Yee, Doug Doi, Joe Uyeminami, and Jack Tom.

President Sadie Kuratomi is pleased with the response but asks again for all GI's to send in their cards as soon as possible.

QUOTATION MARKS

At random, are some "quotes" taken from letters received from the boys:

"Please tell Shirley I think she looks sharp! Thanks." From Elmer Lee, 3rd Infantry Division.

"I have a buddy over here that is in the same company. I'm sure he would like to get your paper too. His name is Donald Kanemoto." From Pfc. Jim Yaji, 7969 Depot Det.

"I'm stationed now at the Naval Base at Yokosuka, Japan, but am in the base hospital with a little lung trouble. Nothing serious though." From Sgt. Osamu Asato, former 1st Marine. (Hope you are really okay).

"Hate to disappoint everyone but to be truthful I haven't spoken to a fraulein yet. Kinda slow, huh? Well, don't blame me, blame the Army. They won't give me a pass till we reach our new post." From Tomu Suzuki. (We're sure you're doing "all right" by now).

"Gee, I wish I was there in New York too. In fact, any place where it's warmer." From Pfc. Jimmy Ariyoshi...in Alaska.

"I just want to drop a line to inform you that I've transferred to California." From Pfc. Adam Chan, Camp San Luis Obispo.

"It's sharp to hear from such swell guys and gals like you-folks. Your paper is really No. 1, especially the pin-up." From Pfc. Eugene Akana, 1st Marines.

"Sorry I haven't been corresponding with the NSO for quite a while. Participating in taking the "Bunker Hill" has kept us all pretty busy." From Cpl. Ronnie Fukuoka, 11th Marine Regt.

"I thought I was reading my home-town paper, after I finished the Fe-Mail. Thanx for the work you are doing." From Cpl. Patrick Arakaki....Taegu, Korea.

"Finally, finally I'm settled; assigned to an Artillery unit in Friedberg, Germany. Will be back in January so you can warn all the gals." From Pfc. Stone Tanita.

"Hello from the Northern most United State Army Base--location approximately 700 miles from the North Pole." From Pfc. Walter Niitani, Thule, Greenland.

Thanks to all you others who wrote.

A play, "The Widower's Houses" by G.B.S., may be seen for \$1.50, Thursday, Nov. 13, 8:45 p.m., at 141 West 13th Street.

All proceeds will go to the Village House Children's Program in NYC.

Interested servicemen, NSO hostesses and friends may secure tickets from Director Conrad Kurahara by calling Ul. 2-6781 or inquire at 249 W. 62nd St., Apt. 2c.