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REVEREND HIRO HIGUCHI, MEMBER OF 442ND VETERANS CLUB AND A COMMUNITY FIGURE AND LEADER  
PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 7, 1981. (IN MEMORIAM ON PAGE 1).



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On November 7, 1981, Chaplain Hiro Higuchi, one of the 442nd Combat Team's spiritual leaders passed away. Although Hiro was well known as a church builder, he worked with people, many who had all kinds of problems. He touched many lives and started off many married lives of Go For Broke veterans by performing the wedding ceremonies. We will miss his cheerful and smiling face. We will miss his laughter, his many stories, his advices and sermons. We will miss him. Our sincere sympathies and condolences go to his widow Hisako and children Peter and Jane.

With the end of 1981, my term as president of the 442nd Veterans Club also ends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers, members of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairmen and all those who did so much the past two years to make my job easy. It was indeed a great honor and pleasure to represent you at the many social and other activities. I wish much success to the incoming president Ernie Uno, officers, and the new administration. I hope everyone will cooperate and support the incoming officers.

## Future dates to keep in mind:

Feb. 13 - 15, 1982 ..... Kauai 442nd Golf Tournament, Wailua, Kauai  
March 26, 1982 ..... 442nd 39th Anniversary Golf Tournament, Hickam Golf Course  
March 27, 1982 ..... 442nd 39th Anniversary Banquet, Sheraton Waikiki  
August 5 - 8, 1982 ..... Nisei Veterans Reunion Los Angeles

## NOTICE

At the last Board of Directors meeting on December 1, 1981, the board has moved and passed a motion to increase the associate members dues from the present \$2 to \$3. Also, the publication dues for all active and associate members from the present \$2 to \$3.

All associate members yearly dues beginning Jan. 1, 1982, will be:

Membership	\$3
Publication	\$3
Total	\$6

The effective date of the increase in assessments will be from January 1, 1982.

All associate members who has already paid for multiple years, your records will be adjusted accordingly.

## IN MEMORIAM

REV. HIRO HIGUCHI

THE FOLLOWING 'IN MEMORIAM' MESSAGE GIVEN BY U.S. SENATOR DANIEL INOUE.

Most of us were sadly aware of our Chaplain's cancerous affliction. We knew that he could not be with us for too long, but nonetheless, we were deeply saddened by his death. We miss him and we share the burden of his loss with his lovely and wonderful wife and the members of his family.

In our remaining days, we will not be privileged with his physical presence, but I know that all of us will carry within us, until our last days a bit of Chaplain Hiro Higuchi.

Some will remember him as the front-line chaplain who comforted the men while helping the Medics to bandage their wounds.

Others will remember him as the Father Confessor--a Father Confessor who was always available and willing to take upon himself the burden of their inner pain and troubled conscience.

Some others will remember him as the chaplain who sat with them drinking beer and shooting the bull.

And still others will remember him as the "marrying Chaplain". It is no surprise that our Chaplain officiated at more weddings of the men of the 442nd than any other minister in Hawaii.

Many will remember him as the laughing, cajoling, pushy minister who was able to convince us to give up our weekends to help build his churches, and many who did were not of his religious faith. But we all knew that it was for a good cause. For that matter, the Chaplain's causes were always good.

But, above all, we will remember him as a friend and a pal. He was never a man of the masses. He was a one-to-one guy. We knew that our relationship with him was intimate and personal.

In our six decades on earth, we, the men of the 100th and 442nd have met many great people, but we all agree that our Chaplain, Hiro Higuchi, was one of God's truly great noblemen, who we were privileged to meet along our lives' pathway.

We shall remember him.

END



by Mino Suzumoto

With the Holiday Seasons rapidly approaching 'round the bend, KENNETH OKUMA, at a recent meeting asked "Are we having a Co. I Christmas Party this year?" The silence that greeted his inquiry was deafening. Not a murmur, let alone a whisper emanated from the whole bunch. "Care to try for a Shinnen-enkai, anyone?"

Before MASA MANABE left for his first ever Orient tour this past fall (with BRUNO YAMADA & Co.), he had set his sight on, among other things, catching-up with an eighty-three years old brother KUNIFUSA, whom he admittedly had never met in his life. According to MANABE himself, his parents, coming over from Japan a long time ago, had left a son and 2 daughters behind (both girls long deceased) with their grand-parents at the latter's insistence. MASA (and another sister) was conceived later locally and that was the extent of the status quo all these many years. Can you imagine the suspenseful, yet emotional, heart-warming event that must have taken place during their initial get-together? "Nee-san" (MANABE admits to being 39), turns out to be a retired Japanese army draftee who was wounded in his right arm during World War II (Well, at least he wasn't a dum-dum like the kid-brother who went and VOLUNTEERED in the U.S. Army). He is residing rather comfortably, I'm told, in Kumamoto-ken, Kikuchigun, Karakawa-mura. Those who were there says Mr. MANABE of Hawaii broke a long standing resolution of his own-making: that of 'no booze', after returning from the wars in Europe. Witnesses swear he went at it like there was no tomorrow! Need I tell you he (& HARUKO) considers the whole thing "a dream trip"? Even if they had been side-tracked for a whole day by a typhoon during an optional tour to Okinawa.

Another family reunion of sort came about when "ABLE" YAMASHITA, 72 years of age, went a-looking for his young nephew BRYAN, son of our own DANNY & MARY YAMASHITA. Young BRYAN is presently teaching English at the Osaka Y.M.C.A., on a 3 year contract. Have been away from home nearly 2 years. Incidentally, there was an error on my part on the relationship within this group in prior issue. Had Mrs. TOYOKO TABATA as being a sister of ABLE's wife, when in reality she is his sister. That makes her DANNY's sister also, right? Right! And I apologize for the inaccuracy.

KAZU TAKEKAWA, whose family alone filled nearly half of the plane, had his share of story to tell, which he did at our Nov. meeting. Had JAMES OKIMOTO nodding agreeably right down the line. Sounded too, as if he had enjoyed the trip more than anyone else. Are you sure you held a

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tight rein on him all the way WINNIE?

BRUNO YAMADA, in his role as tour leader wants it known that he really appreciated everyone's cooperation throughout. And as for the efforts of ex-localite EDDIE YUKAWA and wife KYOKO and HANK & KIYO OTSUKI, presently taking up temporary residence in Japan, he expresses nothing but his warmest and sincerest "Mahalo nui loa!"...A complete listing of the "Japan-go" crowd was publicized in the previous Bulletin.

WILSON MAKABE, He's the one during the past Labor Day week-ender, told me "We have no drinking problem in Reno. People drink, get drunk, they fall down...no problem!" Now the same WILSON, would you believe, got himself in a bind by having a stroke immediately after we Itemites & Itemites-at-heart had departed from his jurisdiction. The much delayed news conveyed to BRUNO and BILL NAGANUMA left us speechless! Now the good news. He has made a remarkable recovery since. So much so that he not only was able to write to BOZO (the NISHIOKAs had dropped in on the MAKABEs in early Nov.) but was able to make a trans-Pacific phone call to yours truly during the week prior to Thanksgiving, with a "Could you see to it that 2 very good friends of mine, SAM & NOBI MORISHIGE, who will be arriving there tomorrow, are taken care of?" (NOBI, it turned out, is the sister of YOSH NAKAMURA, WILSON's right hand man in Reno and environs, and with whom I had the pleasure of meeting this past Sept.) Mr. W's energy and enthusiasm, inspite of what happened, amazes me. How do you say "no can do" to a guy like him?...Those back here who tried to abide by his wish: BOZO & LIZ, twice, on their own; the MORISHIGE's also had to endure a combined evening with the likes of BRUNO, CHAMP, MASA NAKAMURA, HIRAM DOI, STAN YAMAMOTO and the SUZUMOTO clan, DOT, LAURA, ARNOLD & yours truly... C.B. SAKAMOTO, in all fairness, couldn't join us that particular evening because of a prior commitment. He, plus a cozy number of special Army personells were enjoying dinner with the Honorable GEORGE ARIYOSHI, Governor of Hawaii. True. No, I'm not providing an excuse for my buddy. It's just that, at times it's important that people who needs to know these things, know it. After all, Mr. SAKAMOTO takes the Reno-Tahoe route 4 times a year. Kaphish? Right!...And by coincidence, both C.B. and the MORISHIGES, missing the opportunity to meet in Hawaii, left for their mainland destinations the very same day, but, at widely different hours. He, on his annual "Thanksgiving tour" as leader of the pack; they, heading for their home in Auburn, Ca., 100 miles west of Reno, NOBI says.

FRED & EVELYN OISHI(, homeward-bound (Orange County) after a trip to Japan and points east, popping in and out of town, I hear tell. Regretably, there was no getting together this time. (And I was going to put my reservation in for an "o-chazuke" next year at their home, during the N.V.R.) Mention of his name brings to mind an incident that took place recently in San Jose. We had met a YOSH UCHIDA, coach of the San Jose U's judo team which had compiled an impressive winning record of 19 out of 20 judo tournaments and the National AAU Championship for 9 consecutive years! Guess who kept YOSH from making it 20 out of 20? But let the man his-self tell it. "There was a fellow named FRED OISHI on another team."

Switching to some somber notes and our deepest condolence to BEA MATSUMURA, (Gardena, Ca.) whose mom passed away here in Hawaii during the interim. For those of us who had been with her (and FRED) only a month ago in Reno under a much different circumstance, it was distressing news indeed. Both jetted in for the memorial services, held at the Hosoi Garden Mortuary, Co. I members were there, expressing their respect and sympathy. May her mother's soul rest in peace.

Equally tragic and more recently, MARGARET OSHITA suffered the loss of her dad. She and GEORGE flew in from Kauai to share their "moment of sorrow" with the remaining kins. Here too, memorial services were held at the Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Itemites were there in numbers once again, expressing their sympathies. Our sincerest condolence is offered here and may her father's soul rest in peace.

When BARBARA KAMEDA appeared alone at both above services, it wasn't without reason. Hubby DONALD was back at his Taiwan, Korea, Fiji (business) travel binge once again. Also, it gives him an alibi, why he's not attending our monthly meetings lately...To those who made inquiries: "Yes, that full page colorspread (pg. 155) in the Aug. issue of the National Geographic was of son ARNOLD"...Our Prexy TERRY ARATANI, as Oahu District Engineer, gets more mention in the "Kokua Column" than any other individual I know...My "little brown book" says MUZZY KIMURA barely made it into Reno during the recent Northern & Southern Cal reunion "because; 1. he had a flat and the tire was too far gone to be repaired. 2. his radiator heated up causing the hose to burst and we hadn't left California yet!" quoting his brother-in-law. Ha! Any comments MUZZY?

Sudden thought: You're getting old when the paint splatters you're vainly trying to wash off of your forearms turns out to be age spots.

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## SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS

by A.J. Oka

Two more chapter members can now enjoy the fruits of their many long years of hard work. Ralph Kubo who was with the Houston Office of the Veterans Administration has retired and returned to Hilo. Ted Yamate sold his Hobby Shop in Kappa and has retired to Hanalei. He has extended his invitation for chapter members to visit him in Princeville. Princeville is that place in Hanalei where all the retired millionaires make their home. Ted's son is living in Mililani on Oahu and with the low air fares, Ted seems to be commuting from Kauai to Oahu. We hope to integrate one of his visits with one of the chapter affairs.

Jim Miyake reports that on his last visit to the mainland, he happened to be in Monterey so gave Royal Manaka a call. And Jim states that Royal is a man of action. In no time Royal was at the hotel and after that had Jim, Martha and their two guests were blended in the flow of social events that were going on there. You see, Royal is active in JAFL, the Y and also the church and at that time it was a church function.

By the time this month's bulletin is distributed to all the members, our annual Christmas party will be over. This year Bobby Otani is co-chairman of the social committee so his charm-

ing wife Cynthia is helping with making reservations and other arrangements. At the last meeting, while still trying to decide the site of the party, Cynthia remarked that we should start early in making plans for the party and not wait till the last minute. With that statement all the old timers looked at each other with a big smile. This is the first year that she has been on the social committee so she doesn't know that with Service Chapter the standard operating procedure is last minute rush.

Ralph Chinaka is in the part time ambulance service-involuntarily that is. So far his only customer has been Jim Miyake. The last time that Jim was crippled with that aching back, he called the nearest retired person closest to his home. Luckily Ralph was at home and not at the golf course. And when Jim was ready to leave the hospital, again it was Ralph to the rescue. And Jim better reduce many pounds--You're getting too damn heavy to carry. And Ralph too is having problems with his back and we know its for real when he passes up a game of golf because of the ailment.

We're still entertaining suggestions for next year's post reunion tour. So far it has been East Coast and Canada, and now a few have mentioned West Coast and Canada. And most surprising of all, about half a dozen have mentioned interest in seeing Europe. An enterprising travel

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# Bankruptcy

abuse ruins everybody's credit.



**D**ollars lost to credit unions because members went bankrupt jumped 16% last year. And member bankruptcies

have increased 2 1/2 times in the last six years.

It isn't all the economy. Something else is going on.

Like the new, liberalized federal bankruptcy code that went into effect in 1979. Like lawyers, openly advertising for bankruptcy

clients. Like the growing public attitude that bankruptcy is no big deal.

But when a credit union loan isn't repaid because a member goes bankrupt, everybody loses. The other members--that's you and me--have to pick up the loss. Credit costs more, and loans are harder to get.

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treating it like the easy way out.

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by Terry Ihara

President Waichi Takemoto hosted a chicken hekka dinner for Easy's monthly meeting which was held on October 13 at the 442nd Clubhouse. President Takemoto originally wanted to have the dinner meeting at his home in Mililani but changed it to the clubhouse so that he could expect a better attendance. In all there were 32 members and wives present to enjoy Waichi and Chiyo's superb cuisine which reminded many of the hekka dinners of years past with plenty of huge chopped chicken pieces which called for expert bone picking as well as lots of tofu and all the rest of the vegetables that make a good hekka. For hibachi Waichi used Hiroshi Okada's skillfully designed and built open air bottled gas stove over which and in which the hekka was prepared was Mr. Okada's giant wok. It took two full preparations of hekka to satisfy the appetites of those at the meeting leaving but a few morsels for someone's after dinner snacks. During the cocktails hour, Pakala Takahashi had his usual octopus puppus for the enjoyment of all. Also available to those lucky enough to get a taste of it, some very delicious soft won ton. At the close of the meeting Maui Okamura distributed bags of pistachio nuts left for chapter members by Jou and Kay Okitsu of Los Angeles who earlier had passed through Honolulu on their way to Japan with a tour group. It was good thing Maui distributed those nuts at the end of the meeting.

Present at the dinner meeting were DON & ALYCE MASUDA, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, NAKA & HAZEL MATOI, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, TOMO & MAY UYEDA, SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE, MASAMI & MARILYN DOI, TERUO & KUULEI IHARA, GEORGE & HIDEKO OYAMA, JOHN & BEA TSUKAMOTO, PAKALA & BETTY TAKAHASHI, HIROSHI & ROSE OKADA, CHICKEN YAMADA, GLENN NAKASONE, SAB OUCHI, NOBORU UESUGI, TADAO YOSHIMOTO, MANNON YAMAUCHI and the hosts WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO.

Lefty & Kay Sugihara's number one boy CRAIG, is fast becoming a business tycoon. He has expanded his TOWN & COUNTRY SURF DESIGN SHOP to Wailuku, Maui. He now has shops in Pearl City and in Tokyo, Japan, in addition to the new one on Maui.

Easy Chapter's officers for the next year were elected at the meeting. Nominations Committee chairman Lefty Sugihara nominated a slate which included SHIGE YOSHITAKE, Pres., MAUI OKAMURA, Vice Pres., RAYMOND SHIRONA, Sec., and GLENN NAKASONE, Treasurer. Election was unanimous.

Any Easy chapter member who needs dental care should look into a new dental office opened recently by one of Easy's own sons. He is Dr. ERIC H.

TSUKAMOTO, son of John and Bea Tsukamoto. Dr. Tsukamoto's practice is located in the American Security Building on South King Street and his telephone number is

Masami Doi entered the hospital on October 22 to remove a covering over the pupils of his left eye.

Easy Chapter extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to Dan Aoki and his family for the recent passing of his wife, Faye Ayame Aoki after a lengthy illness.

Easy Chapter members and their spouses, those planning to make the Reunion next August, have been especially busy these last five weeks learning the art of lauhala weaving--of hand fans. The group will hold its last meeting for the year on Nov. 30 but will meet again in January.

Instructor for the class is Kuulei Ihara and the camaraderie that has developed among the group has transformed this small project into a common goal. The class started with the cleaning and preparation of the thorny and raw lauhala leaves for stripping and weaving. If anyone thinks this is easy work he should try it and he'll soon find out that those thorns can cause a mean sting. Some of those thorns are wickedly long and sickle-shaped--about a quarter of an inch long, and like honey bee stings, have a habit of sticking to your skins. Then there are the very fine thorns that are located on the leaf midribs which often times are left untouched. This comes very evident during the next process when the leaves are cleaned with a wet rag. The leaves are then ready for priming; e.g., rolled through a mechanical roller and/or pulled under the press of a hardwood, butterknife, or even a glass ash tray. Hiroshi Okada, the ingenious Jack of All Trades, brought a three roller hand operated tool akin to an old ringer on a washing machine with an extra roller which was used to roll the leaves. In the first go-around Mr. Okada's rollers lacked the pressure to adequately roll the leaves so Hiroshi tightened the screws for added pressure and the tool worked better. The fact remained however that the rolled leaves did not meet the quality needed for stripping although it made the next process a little easier. Pulling the leaves under a piece of metal or hardwood with lots of elbow grease did the job. Master craftsman Hiroshi Okada took home Kuulei Ihara's Stripper and in a week's time made all the couples involved replicas of strippers which will enable them to strip their lauhalas at home. And who are these people involved in the project: Kay & Lefty Sugihara, Hazel & Maui Okamura, Marilyn & Masami Doi, Hazel and Naotomo Matoi, Miyo & Glenn Nakasone, Rose & Hiroshi Okada,

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June & S.T. Ooka, Haruko & George Oyama, Betty & Pakala Takahashi, Chiyo & Waichi Takemoto, Mary & Tomo Uyeda, Sakae & Tadao Yoshimoto, Hideko & Noboru Uesugi, Bea & John Tsukamoto, Laura & Raymond Shigenaga, Rose & Chicken Yamada, Doris & George Tando, Michio and Mrs. Yamauchi, Raymond Shirona, and Kuulei & Teruo Ihara.

Waichi Takemoto hauled down a load of lauhala leaves from Wahiawa for the first class and those leaves have by far been the best. Others like Manon Yamauchi & Glenn Nakasone went leaf gathering down Ewa Beach way but found to their chagrin that the whiteflies got there first and ruined the leaves. Others like Masami Doi are Lauhala leaf hunting all the time anywhere. Without the basi ingredient, the leaves, there can be no weaving. So enough said about that.

Whether or not women are more dexterous with their hands and therefore are better weavers than men, most of the weaving is being done by the women and the men are involved in cleaning, rolling and stripping the leaves. The two carpenters in the group, Hiroshi Okada and Manon Yamauchi, have taken the responsibility for the preparation of the bamboo handles. Some of the work is being done at home between classes so its quite possible that many of the husbands are involved in the weaving of the fans as well.

Roku Imaoka recently participated in the Engineers Golf Club monthly tournament at Bärbers Point. He is a member of that club. Did not stay to find out if he won a turkey but did talk to his partner of the day. The word is Roku played an excellent game and won something--will have to ask him about that. The writer played in a foursome about three groups behind him and had the occasion to see him tee off the 10th hole. Despite his recent problems it can be reported that he still hits a good long ball--in the middle of the fairway.

Chicken Yamada who often jokingly refers to Roku as his older brother gave his Easy Company mates a small shock. The wiry, lean and active Chicken was struck down with a mild attack, his first warning that he must slow down a little. He now is a candidate in the use of Enderal. According to Rose, Chicken has been a good boy and minding his health as well as taking time to rest. The autumn years are here and winter is not far behind. A prolonged Autumn is possible for anyone as long as a person recognizes that its already autumn and life is lived with an understanding of the limitations, whatever they may be, that age imposes on all living things.

Now on the market is a sound/film strip series

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by Ron Oba

When it is all gobbled up, digested and done with, is Christmas far behind? Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's are such fleeting events that "Here today, gone tomorrow" emphasizes all too well the impermanence of life. Thanksgiving Day is a time for reflection and in order to capture a moment of our lives, your reporter again asks your indulgence if we probe into your thoughts. But first, an old Irish prayer supplied by a good friend B.K.

Take time to work  
it is the price of success  
Take time to think  
it is the source of power  
Take time to play  
it is the secret to perpetual youth  
Take time to read  
it is the foundation of wisdom  
Take time to be friendly  
it is the road to happiness  
Take time to dream  
it is hitching your wagon to a star  
Take time to love and be loved  
it is the privilege of the Gods  
Take time to look around  
the day is too short to be selfish  
Take time to laugh  
it is the music of the soul.

An Old Irish Prayer

And now, what are you doing and having for Thanksgiving. Second, what are you asking Santa for Christmas?

Kimi Gusukuma - Nothing, but Douglas is taking me out to a French restaurant in Kapahulu, the Cafe de L'isle and we're going to hold hands!  
X-mas: Just good health.

Rose Higa - Oh, turkey and ham all the goodies. We're getting ready for dinner now.  
Xmas: I don't know and I haven't made up my mind but I know I'm going to get my wish.

Ramona - I'm roasting a turkey. One of our sons is home so we're inviting the family over.  
Xmas: Good health and having a nice happy family.

Mitzi Iwanaga - Cooking turkey as usual. My boy is home from Hilo. Otherwise same as usual. Clean house, wash clothes and dishes while daddy watches T.V.

Xmas: I never thought about it. Will think about it after Thanksgiving and what's Michi doing? Oh she's cooking turkey and baking pie while I'm doing the calling and watching the Detroit Lions beat the K.C. Chiefs.

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Francis Kuwaye - Family gathering at Grandma's. We're all having dinner there.

Xmas? Well, right now I don't know what to ask but will be thinking real hard about it.

Mitzy Masuda - Oh, turkey and all the trimmings. Just my family.

Xmas? Hawaiian pendant and for everything to be nice for the family.

Irene Miyaji - We're going to my son's at Pearl City for turkey dinner.

Xmas? I haven't thought about it. I really don't know. I have everything I need and didn't think about it.

Dorothy Murashige - I'm making namasu. I'm invited out and my guess is it's turkey. I'm also making stuffed prawns. "How do you make stuffed prawns?" First you gather surime, ham, dried shiitake and mix. Split the prawns open and stuff with the mix. Place strips of bacon over the prawns and broil till bacon is done. Then bake again till the prawn gets done. It's real ono!! Xmas? Didn't think about X-mas yet. But I'm thinking real hard.

Grace Nakamura - We went to my brother's home at Ewa Beach and had a 25# turkey. Kats and I ate 10# of it. We played poker and Kats and I were the biggest winners. Don't tell everyone we won. So, we tell only to some.

Xmas? Oh, my goodness. I don't have anything in mind because Kats already got me something, like a beautiful jade bracelet. One only because he can't afford two. Actually a trip to Maui to spend some time with my granddaughter for 6 months.

Myrtle Nakasato - I'm cooking Thanksgiving dinner. What else? Oh, the usual if you know what I mean. Nothing exciting, the same as everyday. Xmas? I haven't thought about it yet. I really can't tell you what my real wishes are because---. There's so many things I want and so many things I have.

Michi Oba - Answered by son. She's cooking and is busy so don't bother her now. Xmas? Son again, We want a new house in town. What Michi really wants is to lower her golf handicap to less than her present 40.

Jean Okamoto - I just got through pouring the sauce over the ham. I'm having a pot luck at my sister's so my contribution is the ham. I'm using the Hongwanji's glazed ham recipe and Jimmy just helped me with it.

Xmas? I want a beta max so that I can tape programs when I'm not at home.

Natsue Oyasato - Oh, I'm invited to a friend's I'm taking a salad.

Xmas? I Nothing. Nothing? Yes, I don't have too many needs. I don't work and mostly stay at home so I really don't need much. We used to

have a family gathering with mother until two years ago while she was still here.

Clara Shibuya - Oh, well, we're home for a family gathering. We're inviting all the family - oh, about 25 to 30 people. Usually it's my sister's turn but this year we're both doing it together. Xmas? Oh nothing really. I have everything. At this age I don't crave for material things. I rather see others happy. Yoshio? Oh, he's painting the house. Yes, he took vacation time and is trying to finish it. "Well, tell him not to stuff himself." Oh, you know he will!

Chikako Shimada - Harry responded. Only eat turkey - went to sister's for Thanksgiving. We rotate around. Our family is too small for a whole turkey. Xmas? Good health, long life!

Shinako Takata - I'm going over to my brother's place for a pot luck. I'm making pumpkin dessert called Pumpkin Cheese Squares. Start off with the crust, then a layer of cream cheese, then pumpkin and top it off with cool whip. It's real rich. We take turns hosting the holiday dinners. Next time for Xmas or New Year's everyone will come to our home.

Xmas? I don't ask for anything. Yes, I have everything. I need.

May Tamagawa - We're having lunch with Tommy's brother. For dinner we go to our daughter's at Kapahulu.

Xmas? Oh gee, I've got so much things on my mind that I don't know what I want right now. I'd sure like to see my son home for X-mas. He's at the Tennessee Naval Air Station in Millington.

Sharon Tanaka - We're having our family get-together here. We're having the traditional turkey. We also have our new granddaughter, Lindsay, who's only one week old with us today. Xmas? I'm so busy I haven't thought about it yet.

Cupie Tanaka - Oh, the same things. The usual turkey.

Xmas? Gee, I don't know. Nothing in particular.

Ruth Uranaka - We got together with our niece in Mililani. We had a pot luck. This was one of the few occasions we were able to take my ailing mother out for a ride.

Xmas? A new body. A fountain of youth! Jr. says he wants to retire.

Clara Yamashita - Oh, we're having the family here right now. Brothers, sisters and grandchildren. Turkey and all the trimmings.

X-mas? Nothing. Actually I always make it a big surprise and Paul sees to it that I get my big surprise.

Florence Imai - I went to work on Thanksgiving, of all days! For dinner we went to our son's

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home with all the go chi so that you can think of. Tabeta, tabeta.  
X-mas? Anything that Santa gives me I'll take it.

Eiko Tsukayama - On Thanksgiving Day I went shigoto. My mother-in-law cooked dinner and brought to our home. Oh, arigatai, arigatai. X-mas? I want a nice black wig for myself and Toshi because shiraga takusan. We look like Obaasan and jiisan. Futali tomo wakabuli yo-ni me e na ka la ikemasen.

Frances Yorita - We went to Bolo's sister's house and for a change I roasted a turkey and stuffed it with wild rice and was it wild, they all enjoyed it.  
X-mas? I usually ask for some kind of consideration from Bolo and the boys and I reserve it for later use. Then I get something sentimental that fits the occasion and that reminds me that the gift is from the family. For instance last year, I finally found a Hawaiian bracelet that I liked and now I wear it to work. The sentiment is that it still is a gift from Bolo and the boys.

## BILL AND BOLO CAPTURE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL TROPHY

With clubs at the ready 16 would-be golfers went looking for that elusive hole. With or without the fuzz. We all tried like the ingenious French golfer who preferred to stick his club and not the ball into the hole. At any rate one person, Ron, was just happy to be riding on Bolo's tanomoshi. Bill and Bolo were co-medalists with net 69's. Then came easy swinger Hank Oyasato, 3rd, and Tsugu and Ron tied for 4th. Bill was again closest to the hole. President Nakamura was generous to the point that he made sure that he didn't win his own donated balls. Grace was a good 19th hole hostess. Everyone enjoyed the good food and thirst quenchers. She even let some of us early so we can go to the UH game. Others who tried were Roy, Jimmy, Yoshio for the first time, Harry, Mich, Tommy, Kats, Oscar and good friends Horikawa and Henry Tanaka.

## MEETINGS AND TRIPS

A pleasant excuse for a meeting was a seafood buffet of King Crab Legs, oyster, shrimp, mahimahi, seafood newburg and a verdant salad bar for only \$8.95 was enjoyed at the Hickam Officers Club by the following: Hisashi, Rose & Shige, Irene & Barney, Kats & Grace, Myrtle & George, Jean & James, Clara & Yosh, Chikako & Harry, Cupie & Bill, Bolo & Frances, Nats & Hank. Mich & Shinako apparently missed this one but really they were at Skull's get-together but their names were inadvertently left out.

Ramona and Roy Iritani spent a well-deserved vacation to San Francisco and Las Vegas but our reporter can't seem to recall whether it was for their 15th or 29th anniversary because it's difficult to guess whether youngest-looking Ramona is + 39.

Irene Miyaji and Jean Okamoto returned just in time for the Fox Co. dinner. Irene spent a month in Los Angeles visiting relatives and a daughter in California. Jean, on the other hand, left in late August for a supposedly short visit with her daughter who lives in Los Angeles, and it turned out to be not a month but four months. This sounds like the man who came to dinner but forgot to go home. But for Jean it was good therapy for daughter to have mother there. The question remains, "Where and what did you do, Jean?" She gallivanted all over Las Vegas, Reno, Tahoe and San Francisco with her two sisters till early September. She also attended a class reunion and again in October went to Las Vegas by bus with her daughter Julie and her husband. Her well never ran dry. She hit eleven jackpots in all of varying amounts of 100, 200 and 500's.

Sharon and Joe became the proud grandparents of a granddaughter who is a week old today.

Ron wasn't as lucky as Jean. He attended a seminar in Vegas and came back empty-handed. Every time he made some in blackjack he lost it on the crap table. He said that the dices were colder than ice cubes.

Frank Dobashi writes in the Oakland Tribune in the editorial section of the arrogance of Sen. S. I. Hayakawa. He writes of Hayakawa's cavalier attitude about the reparations to Japanese Americans and the callous statements made by the Senator in the past. Frank goes on to say that with friends like him we don't need any enemies. Good for you Frank! I always knew you could sling the hash from the good ole days in Camp Shelby.

## CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Barney. We will miss Irene and if there is anything one of us can do to help, please call on us.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

George Nakasato has consented to serve as the 2nd V.P. for the 442nd Club. He must be anticipating a lot of free time on his hands on his retirement since I'm sure Myrtle will not be home and will be plugging away for good ole Straub.

END



by Sam Yamao

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This report for the November/December issue of the 442 Bulletin is being written on November 25 to meet the November 30 deadline, however, you won't be reading it until sometime in January 1982. Don't ask me why?

In the meantime you will have observed THANKSGIVING DAY with the traditional turkey and all the trimmings. The good wife will probably feed you leftovers for about a week after that.

Then you know that Christmas is just around the corner. Christmas carols and programs will be on every radio and TV stations in the country. This is the season when families and friends gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Parents tell their children to be good or Santa won't be bringing them their toys and presents.

NEW YEARS is literally welcomed with a "BANG", at least here in Honolulu, as there is no ban on fireworks as yet. Don't know about the majority out there, but many of us still enjoy playing with firecrackers and fireworks. Guess we're still kids at heart. NEW YEARS like CHRISTMAS is a time for family get togethers, feasting and celebrating. Many make resolutions that are never kept.

Wherever you are during the holiday period, we wish you all a safe and happy THANKSGIVING, a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR and most of all GOOD HEALTH.

## AJA VETS COUNCIL DINNER

Club 100 was the location of the AJA Veterans Council (Club 100, 442, 1399 & Interpreters) get together on September 29, 1981. Charlie Battery was represented by Hardrock Nakamura, Betty Nojima, my better half and yours truly.

Cocktails were served before dinner, but many were only drinking orange juice or other soft drinks. Not too much hard stuff. (Is it because we're getting old?)

Dinner was buffet style, and you name it, there were beaucoup food on the table. Very few went for second helpings. It must be old age--the guys and gals are not consuming half as much drinks or food as they used to.

The keynote speaker of the evening was Dr. Dennis Ogawa of the University of Hawaii who spoke on the analysis of the issei, nisei and sansei Japanese in Hawaii. Among other things he stated

that the isseis now represent only 3% of the Japanese population in Hawaii. There are approximately 70,000 nisei whose average age is 57. The largest group is the sanseis who number about 130,000.

Ballroom dancing (to canned music) followed the speeches and clean up of the clubhouse. I believe most of the dancers were members of the 442nd Dance Club who were really cutting the rug, so to speak.

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

The October 16 meeting was attended by Y. Hokama, J. Takasaki, B. Kikawa, G. Suenaga, E. Ichiyama, M. Nakamura, S. Higa, N. Kato and yours truly.

J. Takasaki was asleep and snoring when we arrived at the clubhouse. He slept right through the meeting and was finally awakened to play poker. He complained that he was tired from playing in the Battalion Golf Tournament, however, we think it was the 19th hole.

Incidentally, the following played in the tournament at the Olomana Golf Course according to Takasaki: James Shigeta, Sharkey Kobatake, Francis Tsuzuki, Henry Kobayashi and Jensen Takasaki. Jensen reported that he played a pretty good game, however, Harry Tokushige was the overall tournament winner.

The November 20 meeting at the clubhouse was attended by M. Nakamura, N. Kato, G. Suenaga, B. Kikawa, Y. Hokama, E. Ichiyama and yours truly. Only 7 guys showed up--where's the rest of you? (The regular 3rd Friday, December 18 meeting will be cancelled due to the Christmas Party which will take place on Sunday, the 6th of December at 6:00 p.m. The party is being arranged by J. Takasaki at the Suehiro Restaurant on King Street. Hopefully we will have a good attendance as spouses and girlfriends are invited to the shindig.

## TRAVELLERS

Bob Kikawa recently attended a seminar in San Diego for a week. Sakamoto said that his wife just returned from a trip to Donauworth, Germany. Nash Kato is planning on a trip to Las Vegas in early December. Where do these people find the money to travel so much?

## CONDOLENCE

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sharkey Kobatake and family upon the loss of their mother on September 21, 1981.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU AGAIN, AND TAKE CARE.

END





by Stanley Kaneshiro

It's that time again to count our blessings and wish everyone good health, good fortune and much happiness. It's been a long time since those holidays in coal-burning Shelby, tinkling icicles in Louisiana, beer barrel polka in Villefranche, Beaulieu and Beausoleil and beautiful oo la la mademoiselles in Nice running chills up and down our spines. Here's wishing you all many more happy holidays and memories.

#### CHICKEN AND DOGS

It's been mostly chicken, dogs and other animals since those 'petite poulet and cher che la femme' days but it's been we do what we can with the animals. For the dog days ahead, it will be a 442nd Reunion year once every three years, and this time in Los Angeles, Other than the Reunion, there'll be the 39th annual banquet at the Sheraton Hotel with 3rd Battalion Hq in command. Chapter-wise, it will be the annual Shimmenkai late February and the three ladies night during the year. The first 'official' Battalion golf tournament will also be started in 1982, now being planned for February during the Shimmenkai. And if you're interested, there's the 442nd dance club that meets every Wednesday night at McKinley. For more 1982 action, call me if you and/or your spouse can play the uke, guitar or base and/or can sing or dance the hula. Some interest has been shown in forming a Hawaiian/Japanese music group. Fearless tyros should contact me also.

#### BATTALION GOLF TOURNAMENT (by Rocky Tanna)

The 522 Battalion Golf Tournament was held at Olomana Golf Links on October 16, 1981. Seventeen (17) golfers turned out for this event, 2 from Able Chapter, 5 from Charlie and 10 from Baker.

The weather was ideal for golfing, not much wind and clear sky. The fairways were above average but the greens were something else. They had been aerated and spread with sand making putting much more difficult than usual.

Winners were: 18 holes net by Harry Tokushige (Able) with a sensational 43-43=86-20=66; front-nine net by Akabo Takasaki (Charley) with a sizzling 44-13½=30½; back-nine by Rocky Tanna (Baker) with a steady 42-10=32; and nearest to the holes on par three's by Akabo, Biggie Nakakura (Baker), Bill Horie (Baker) and Charlie Kobatake (Charley). Participant scores, and for the record, were as follows:

A	Harry Tokushige	86-20=66
B	Teiji Uehara	81-12=69
C	Akabo Takasaki	97-27=70
A	George Ikinaga	88-17=71
B	Bill Horie	85-14=71
B	Biggie Nakakura	93-22=71
B	Rocky Tanna	91-20=71
B	Shoso Kagawa	99-27=72
B	Roy Fujii	88-16=72
C	Francis Tsuzuki	85-13=72
C	Henry T. Kobayashi	96-24=72
C	James Migita	92-19=73
B	Roy Afuso	89-16=73
C	Charley Kobatake	82-8=74
B	Joe Obayashi	100-23=77
B	Tad Nagasawa	108-27=81
B	Stanley Kaneshiro	114-27=87

My thanks to Larry Nakahara (Baker) for the 2 doz golf balls he donated. Each player received a ball and the balance of seven were given to the lowest net scores who didn't win cash prizes.

After the tournament the 19th hole was held at the 442nd Clubhouse with lots of beer and Chinese food. The golfers enjoyed this outing so much that from the many suggestions, a plan developed to have an official annual Battalion tournament at the time we meet for our Shimmenkai, so that the prizes can be awarded at the party. Charles Kobatake informed me that Barbers Point would be available any Friday for \$11. with cart.

Akabo and Stan K. will be co-chairman for the first 'official' annual Battalion tournament and as soon as they've picked a date, we'll announce the date. For those who missed the last event, contact your Chapter representatives for the next tournament date.

To all of you who participated in this tournament, thanks for making it a huge success. Special thanks to Stan, Shose, Biggie, Toshi, Harry and Akabo.

#### REPORTER'S NOTES:

Thanks to you Rocky for all your work and hustling to keep us moving, less we fall apart. Incidentally, you should have given Stan K. the crying towels for high gross and high net.

#### A WEST COAST REPORT ON 522 BOYS (by Iichi Imamura)

Norman Funamura, as mentioned before, was injured in an auto accident some eight months ago. He visited the other day, driving from Lodi to Richmond alone, with one leg held together with steel shaft and 18 screws. The accident was on his van, which had a blow-out on the front tire, throwing him through the front windshield when it

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by Allen Nakamura

The joyous yuletide season is here once again. Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year! The ending of 1981 could be a start of a lasting magnanimous project to be taken up by our combine "L" & "LIRM" chapters. Initiated by our conscientious and studious member, Kazuo Fink, the chapters will join in the spirit of glad tidings by lending a helping hand to people less fortunate than we are. We will have a Xmas party on Dec. 11, at our perennial host, Jacob & Terry Jichaku's residence. All members are asked to bring whatever they can in canned goods, clothing, etc., to be donated to the Institute of Human Resources, commonly known as the, "Peanut butter ministry and the Street People." With the outstanding record we have in support of worthy projects, I venture that we'll have a good turnout and that it will not be a disappointment in reporting on the follow-up in the next issue.

Looking back on individual achievements in 1981, there's Victor Yamashita who uncomplainingly served the presidency for two straight years. He deserves a commendation medal for accepting this role and providing the chapter with strong leadership. Of course we never doubted to receive anything less from this stoic man. Quote Shakespeare, "I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks and ever thanks."

It was also the year Jacob Jichaku was elected as the State Commander of the DAV Dept of Hawaii. Under his unerring leadership and thorough knowledge of the Roberts Rule, certain innovations and improvements were made in the conduct of the meetings. Jacob still has another six months in office which the department can benefit from his leadership.

With each new year comes a new regime (most of the time). 1982 will be led by second time around for president, Isa Takiyama. He also deserves a medal for outstanding service. His administration will be staffed by experienced members with Susumu Whitey Saito as V/President and Tad Sakai as the Treasurer. With Isa's wide connections, it's guaranteed to be an exciting year! Congratulations to the new officers and thank you for a job well done to the old regime.

On November 13, we had our annual "Yakudoshi" party at Natsunoya Tea House. That's right, Yakudoshi party. Amazingly the guys all look trim and fit and still drinks like a fish. Evidence of young at heart! Alas, time marches on! Sure is wishful thinking. Oh well, it was fun while it lasted. The following members joined in the camaraderie spirit: Fumio, Ray, Mickey, Mamo,

Bill O., Casey, Harold, P.K., Tommy, Kobe, Lawrence, Jacob, Kazuo F., Wally Higa, Isa, Dyna, Hide Higa, Allen, Stanley, 442 president Ed Tananaha, Tad, Donkey, Whitey, Wm. Yamamoto, Kazuma, Freckles, Tome, Joe and Norima. Thanks to all the donors of spirited drinks and to Jack Sameshima of Seattle for his donation of fresh mushrooms, which was served as pupu's. It was oi-shi-i!

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hisako Higuchi and her family on the loss of beloved Chaplain Hiro Higuchi. Much has been said and written about this great and compassionate man. We will certainly miss him. He had a beautiful funeral attended by an overflow throng of former comrades-in-arms and admirers. May you rest in peace.

Cowboy Matsumura our long standing sgt-at-arms is laid up from a painful slipped disc on the lower part of the back. I had the opportunity to visit him at home and I can safely say that he's in good hands. Marion is doing a good job taking care of him, catering (oops! sorry Marion, didn't mean to remind you of work) to his every demand of attention to make him comfortable. God's speed on your recovery, Cowboy.

To err is human and past publication errors in my articles could be forgiven, but I find it necessary to make a correction on a blatant error in the last issue. The sentence, "Freckles Oshiro in his soft pleasing alto voice with his resonant voice, thrilled everyone", just didn't make sense. The article was turned in to read, "Freckles Oshiro in his soft pleasing alto voice with his graceful hand movements, captivated the audience. P.K. Matsumoto in his resonant voice, thrilled everyone." Chalk one up for, "Good of the Order."

On October 25, a good size gathering of members and wives shared the evening at the club house with our long time dear friends, Min & Chickie Sumida from California. Min as always, in the center of events, reported on the 1982 Nisei Veterans Reunion tentative schedule which was published in the last issue of the bulletin. He suggested that "L" chapter members leave open the August 8, Sunday night event for our own activity. More detail should be coming in months ahead. Attend your meetings for up to date information.

The following greeted Min & Chickie: Mabel Fujimoto, Joe/Nancy Oshiro, George Matsumoto, Freckles/Gloria Oshiro, Hide Nakayama, Whitey Saito, Isa Takiyama, Jake/Terry Jichaku, P.K. Matsumoto, Sueo/Edna Kuramoto, Victor/Tomiko Yamashita, Kobe/Chiz Shoji, Allen/Eni Nakamura,

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by Herbert Akamine

Chaplain Higuchi's funeral service at Central Union Church was attended by about a thousand mourners and included many 442 veterans. The encomiums by various speakers including Senator Inouye were befitting the great man who meant so much to us during war and peace time. We shall all miss the chaplain, especially those of us who had hoped that he would still be here to send us off when it came time for us to go. Among the 442 members we noticed at the service were Takashi Nakamura, Iris and Rodney Fukui, Teruo Ihara, Shigeru Goto, Toshio Yagi, Alexander Oka and Henry Oyasato.

Chiyo and Carl Miyabara visited South America a few months ago. They spent much time in Brasilia, the capital of Brazil, where Carl found more than a hundred relatives, most of whom work for the federal government. They are the descendants of Carl's paternal uncle who immigrated from Japan in 1909 to engage in coffee farming at Itapaci about 100 miles from Brasilia. Chiyo and Carl had to communicate with the relatives in Japanese since they don't speak Portuguese. Carl whose company is doing the interior work for the new Marriott Hotel at Kaanapali had hoped to obtain South American hardwood but he was thwarted by export restrictions.

Dick Nomura wrote from Chicago: Just a short note to let you know that we have just returned from a vacation trip to Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. Of course in Seattle we visited with my mother and also my brother Paul who was in Baker Company, the same Co. that your brother was in. We stayed with Hana Masuda in Seattle, and she accompanied us on the mini-tour to Victoria and Vancouver. By the by, she is quite happy and pleased with the generous donation from Medics Chapter to the Minoru Masuda Memorial Fund. We visited various spots that Min and I had visited together some forty odd years ago before we were married. We started out by taking the Princess Marguerite (with Hana's Honda aboard) through Puget Sound to Victoria. We stayed at the Diminon Hotel, took the city tour aboard a London double-decker bus, gaped through the Empress Hotel; took the tour of Butchart Gardens, wandered through the many shops in town for a couple of days, then on to Vancouver on another ferry. In Vancouver we stayed at O'Douls' (Best Western) with its quaint San Francisco style Bar and Restaurant, visited Stanley Park and the Nitobe Gardens at the University of British Columbia, the many shops and malls in town including an Italian Gelateria with wonderful Ice Creams and Italian waiters. Then to the third largest Chinatown in North America where we had a Dim Sum lunch and shopped for Chinese Bar-

becued Pork and other delicacies. Then, back to Seattle to headquarters at Hana's, stopping on the way in Bothell where Min and Hana's daughter and family reside (the Jhon Laings - he's an accountant; Tina, the daughter, Rika, a real cutie, approximately 8 years old and Ross, a husky about 2 years old). Of course we only stopped to refuel ourselves. However, all in all it was fun in a sort of nostalgic way and while in Seattle we had some wonderful visits and dinner with old friends and our many relatives.

Dick Nomura had some news about the 34th Division Reunion as follows: The Chicago Chapter of the 34th had a picnic for the visiting Hawaii veterans at the Commonwealth Edison grounds near Morris, Illinois where every one had a restful time just eating and drinking and chewing the fat. The fine menu was prepared by the ever-loving wives of the Chicago Chapter, plus the delicious beef roasted on a spit at the scene by Dick Czimmer. At 1900 hours on 10 Sept. we all met again at the Athens Restaurant for a beautiful dinner including seemingly and endless supply of delicious red wine and a very complete floor show including the traditional belly dance by the star of the show. We all left around 2300 hours to get ready for the caravan to Amana where again we all had a wonderful time (the Chicago Chapter Hospitality room was one of the most popular spots at this reunion as it has been for the past few years.)

Vic Izui of Chicago also wrote. He revealed that Dick Nomura was elected to the Board of the 34th Division; the first person from the 442nd to be so honored. Izui's letter continues: Hoping you folks had a good summer and not all work. We've cut down to 3 1/2 days and sort of just coast along. Our summer wasn't very hot, but wet. Didn't go too far. Helped local Red Bulls entertain some Hawaii 100-B folks who wanted to come here Labor Day before going to Amana, Iowa, for the 34th Division Reunion. More Hawaii 100th folks joined us in Amana. The 34th did keep their wartime promise to help Niseis fight injustice done during war, and at the September hearings here of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of civilians, three Red Bulls testified on our behalf. As for the two-day hearings where more than 100 witnesses and friends testified, the memories brought forth again even after almost four decades still hurt! Don't know what the Commission will present to Congress, but it's still an uphill battle with so many still out there who still believe "a Jap is still a Jap". Michi just got out of hospital after one week recuperating from surgery on her right hand (arthritis.) Hope we'll both be well enough for the '82 NVR, and we hope the Medics are going to be attending this in force! Our best to the gang. Vic and Michi.

END



by Eddy Sakai

In late September, KO and JANET HATA met son TIM at the airport in San Francisco. They got on the bus to Seattle and to Vancouver. They didn't have enough time to see all of Canada... but they saw really tall trees...made them feel so insignificant! The weather was cool...on Victoria Island, it was cold! They saw the Buchart Gardens and the gardens were beautiful! Then they started for Banff...they saw beautiful fruits, like prunes and apples and cherries. They also enjoyed the ferry tour, going through the locks. They really enjoyed the differences of the climate change, although they had to bundle-up. They stayed one night in Seattle, and they enjoyed the beautiful tomatoes! They wanted to stay longer, but time passes by. KO really enjoyed the time he spent with TIM.

LIZO and YVONNE HONMA went on a vacation to Europe via Chicago. The main purpose was to visit YVONNE's uncle, age 81, suffering from terminal illness. On arrival at Charles DeGaulle Airport, the sister met them at the airport. It was cold, damp and windy. Rented a 4-horsepower (French) Citroen. Very economical and pleasant to operate (stick-shift). After two weeks with Uncle and Aunt, the HONMA's stayed with MAMA ROSA and MARGUERITE VILLARD for about 10 days. The weather was variable...temperature fell to 33.

The HONMA's met several people, like FORTIERRE LUCETTE, DEMAGEON, MARCHAL, LE MARQUIS, DESCHAS-EAUX, CASANAVE, WAREMBOURG and others. They toured Les Vosges Mountain and Biffontaine with GRAND MONTAGNE. They had a very good time in Bruyeres.

LIZO and YVONNE made friends with a lot of people who came to Honolulu from France. A friend that they met in Honolulu owns a granite factory. They toured the quarry in a torrential downpour and later visited the plant. They also went to Alsace and visited Kintzheim-Cigognes Park; Koenigsbourg Castle-Falcon in action; animal park Montagnes des Singes.

The HONMA's also enjoyed cocktails in Gerard-meil with THIBAUT. Later they spent a week in Epinal with friends. Visited Bacarrat. Later in October, they drove to Lyon via auto route (toll road) which cost them \$6. It was cold, damp and foggy. Didn't see much but visited with YVONNE's brothers. Most of the time they spent having tea and French pastries. On the way to Paris, they drove through Loire region noted for its quality wine-macon, beaujolais, brouilly, pouilly blanc and fume, and sancerre (all are excellent dry wines). They tried to visit

Chateau de Loire but unfortunately it was closed. In Neveks we visited the shrine of St. Bernadette

They also visited Orleans, Cit of Jeanne D'Arc. They also visited the home of Jeanne D'Arc and Monument. We stayed a week in Paris, shopping. They enjoyed the visit at Gallery Lafayette printemp and La Samaritaine.

Uncle died the very day we left Paris. Lost three bottles of VSOPO- Distilled Home brewed Kirisch in Taxi at the airport. Mrs. Sasanave came with us as house guest. In Paris, food is high, gas is around 90¢ a liter, clothing much higher, wine rather cheap and eating in restaurants figure around \$5 to \$20 per head. One must get used to with exchange as at times it is confusing since they talk in terms of the old France. McDonald and Burger King are doing a whale of a business fast food is catching on fast together with supermarkets. Mondays the stores are closed. From noon to 2:00 p.m. you might as well sit in a bar or enjoy your lunch as all stores are closed. The best time to travel is late spring through early autumn. We didn't expect such cold weather so we took mostly summer clothing. Good thing, I borrowed a top coat in Chicago. When coming back, keep all receipts of purchases for custom. Driving in large cities are simply horrible. Double parking passing solid lane, tail-gating, speeding and use of claxon. People are impatient. VISA card is the most acceptable card. Better than travelers' checks. People are becoming more like our people jeans, sweater, dirty shoes, beard, smoking is terrible. We would've enjoyed staying another month touring the vineyards but it was too cold.

JON KAGUNI and LAURIE SIMON KAGUNI are Genetic Engineering. Both have doctorates. They both graduated from UCLA but both are working at Stanford in the hospital doing research work. JACK KAGUNI hopes to hear from TOM NAKATA who lives in Manteca. We hope to hear more news for the next report.

RICHARD "RUGGED" and KATHERINE MIYAKAWA visited Japan. At Sapporo, they stayed at the Century Royal Hotel. In Sapporo, RICHARD and KATHERINE met KENNETH and HELEN YOKOYAMA.

The MIYAKAWAS flew to Tokyo. Stayed there three days. Then went to Hakone area to visit the Buddha in Kamakura. Then they went to the Aizu Village Shiraoi District and to Lake Toya... the lake was beautiful and then to Nakadate (fish and crabs)...good food.

RICHARD and KATHERINE passed through Aomori (apple country) and crossed by ferry. Later they caught the motorcoach to Akeda Districts. Then

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to Niigata to Sado Island on the ferry. Slept at Sado Heights Hotel. Caught the jet-foil ferry to Niigata and stayed overnight. Went to see the beautiful Kenroku Park from there to Amano Hashidate (Bridge of Heaven)...went up to the mountain on a cable car. Went back to Kyoto by motorcoach...it was raining, so they went to Osaka for the Chrysanthemum Festival. It was beautiful! Saw the Kyoto Tower.

They caught the bullet-train to Yamaguchi and spent three days with Richard's uncle, Mr. Erai. The first day was shopping. The second day they went chestnut hunting (you cannot use your hands to pick chestnuts...they are thorny...so you use something else to pick up the chestnuts).

The MIYAKAWAS stayed at the Toyo Hotel in Osaka. They went shopping underground. They spent a day and 1/2 day to the Umeda Shopping Center.

They took a taxi to the Osaka Airport and arrived safely home on Pan Am. This was "RUGGED" second trip, and KATHERINE'S third trip. They enjoyed the people of Japan...they are helpful! The guide was terrific! The weather was ideal! But there's no place like home...Hawaii is a great place! The water tastes good at home!

MASATO and SACHI DOI also went to Japan in October. They spent two weeks in at the Imperial Hotel. They also went to Hakone area to play golf. MASATO spent 7 days playing golf...but it was rainy, and the fog was heavy. The lady caddy had to call ahead so no one would get hurt. Men with some money join the golf clubs...and many buy into several clubs.

The DOIS also had an elegant dinner at Besso, invited by Mr. Miyoshi. All the flooring was marble, with chandeliers on the ceilings. They must have had breakfast in bed. The chef had also served Queen Elizabeth when she came to Japan. For dinner the men wore tuxedos, but not the Hawaiians. There were gold plated spoon and forks and knives. The food was excellent! They also visited other friends and took a "furo" bath. He says it was fun! SACHI met some of her friends and visited jewelry stores and other places.

HALO HIROSE is retiring in December 30, 1981 from the Judiciary. He just returned from Japan. ...stayed one week in Tokyo and talked over plans to coach the Mitsubishi Swim Team for three years. He will be Japan bound in March. He thinks he will be returning during Shogatsu, sometimes for a visit! Best luck to you, HALO!

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LOUIS FERRIS went to the Presidio Army Museum in San Francisco. He sent the "Go-For-Broke" catalog and pictures of what he took in the Museum. He and his wife LESLEY are planning to visit our fabled golden isles. If all goes well, we should be in Hawaii for two weeks around the 15th of February. Our itinerary will be forwarded to you as soon as it is formalized.

LOUIS also stated: "Was sorry to learn from the Bulletin that a few of our A/T group have been quite sick. Give them all my best and tell Sunshine he is just following in my footsteps". See you soon, I hope. Come to Hawaii and enjoy life!

Former Colonel James Handley testified in San Francisco regarding "Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians". However that might be, obviously the concept was to do something to prove that Japanese Americans were in fact Americans and loyal Americans. The cadre began to arrive in Camp Shelby, Mississippi on February 1st, as I said, 1943. They received the cadre from other military units, people of Japanese ancestry who had had military experience, were then members of American Army units. The fillers enlisted men who came in to make up the bulk of the unit, came from Hawaii, in large part, but also from some of the camps along the West Coast.

However that might be, about two-thirds of the officers were non-Japanese, of non-Japanese descent. There were a few Nisei officers. Those of us who were non-Japanese descent were impressed from the first day, at least I was, and I'd see these men get off of trucks, the cadre in particular, I never saw a finer looking bunch of soldiers anywhere than the cadre that climbed off of those trucks and lined up and marched off to where they were supposed to be billeted during that period of time.

We trained up until 1944, we left Shelby on April 22nd, 1944, and headed for Italy...In the meantime, the 100th Battalion Infantry also Niseis, were individuals who had been in the Hawaiian National Guard, had been removed, transferred out of the National Guard, organized into this separate unit, transported to the United States, first to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, where they were organized into a combat battalion. They went over to Italy some months before the 442nd and, when we arrived in Italy, started our combat in June of 1944, the 100th Battalion became our 1st Battalion, and we were in combat in Italy and France as a combat team up until the end of the war, in Italy---first in Italy then to France, in the Vosges Mountains, then to



by Joe Shimamura

FINALE '81

It was a grand slam as the K-s came pouring in for the year closing meeting on November the 7th at the Pagoda Floating Restaurant. All shiek-ed up attired in their very best for this pre Thanksgiving finale were the following: IRENE & YOSHI HIGA-Kaneoe, CHARLIE & KAY IGARASHI-Waialua, SATORU SAWAI, ANNA & YOSHIO OROKU and MASAKO & JAMES YANAGIDE-Wahiawa, KATS & NORA IBARA, MARY & SANDY TAKESHITA, HELEN MAEDA and TED NAKATA-Pearl City, 2 in a row from Aiea BILLY YAGI and the downtown Saturday niters, PAULINE & RICHARD ODA, BOB & DORIS NAGATA, PAT & ED OGATA, CHARLOTTE & JAMES OURA, MARYJANE & HIROSHI SUYEOKA, the surprise package of the evening HELEN & FUJIO MIYAMOTO, DICK UTO, KAZU KAJIWARA and our honorable Prexy BOB NITAHARA. Noticeably absent were BETTY & YASU AMINE who were in Las Vegas checking up on their investment and MASAO NOBORIKAWA who was on weekend duty at Hickam. In the secluded privacy of the floating hut, the order what you want dinner was enjoyed by all with the weight-watchers menu thrown out of the window for this one night. S. "SATUU" SAWAI our talking high chief claims that this was a most noisy affair as he could hear all the chatter in the parking lot on his arrival. Adjourned to the Casino de Nuuanu as no gathering is complete with the K-s without their traditional investment session with YOSHI HIGA delegated to pickup the shobai dogu due to the absence of the KANEMORI's. With the menfolks bucking it up at the round table, the ladies spent a serene evening thoroughly absorbed watching the featured series of Dojo Wide Gekkojo. It must have been a most interesting movie as the menfolks had to wait for the ladies after calling it quits before heeling it on home to bring to a close this final gathering of the year. We hope that yours was a most enjoyable evening as we extend our thanks to the boss-lady MILDRED for hosting this after dinner affair.

K-BITS

A 4 days convention to the Valley Isle found HARRY & KAY OKADA and LEFTY & MARGE NISHIMURA "name de pinpin" as we were able to squeeze in a night of talk story at the NISHIMURA residence in Lahaina. PAT KIYOGUCHI still on the hunt and KARL & ESTHER NISHIMURA joined us for this gabfest with MARGE serving everything but the kitchen sink as she pours out her unbeatable hospitality. Sincerely appreciate this get together, busy as they all must have been. Got a first class tour of the hot house as MARGE showed off her prized orchid collection. This part time horticulturist is getting to be quite a connoisseur as she puts her

green thumb to work. Can't help but feel right at home visiting this friendly isle and I do wish to extend my sincerest arigato to the K natives for their take care beyond the call of duty on these visits.

DICK UTO, our most versatile athlete got a most happy surprise as IKUYE pulled a good one with daughter PAULETTE flying in all the way from Seattle to help celebrate his 60th birthday. Father time is catching up on his agility as he was seen limping around for a spell bumping into some furniture that got the best of him. Slowly does it DICKIE.

SCOTTY IBARA should be opening his own bank real soon as he piles up that green stuff working part time at Daiei and continuing his education at the Leeward Community College. A future Rockefeller in the making, watch SCOTTY go.

November found the R. NITAHARA's becoming grandparents once again. At the rate they're going don't be surprised if you see these retirees opening up their own baby sitting center in the near future. Our congratulations belated as we may be.

Still soloing her way thru life as she retires her precious independence is that boss-lady from Waialua SHIRLEY IGARASHI who's one big wheel at the Kuilima Hotel. This personable young lady must be a major stockholder of this vacation resort considering the years of service she's been with this outfit..

Hawaii Stationery Company is where you will find HELEN MAEDA putting in her 8 hours at this present date after leaving Fisher Inc. some time ago. Should you be in need of any office supplies, I'm sure that this top sales lady will be more than happy to accommodate you. With HELEN, you'll find that shopping is a pleasure.

DENNIS SUYEOKA continues on his merry way of life as he works part time and pursues his education with kid brother TOMMY doing the same. With so many grandpas and grandmas in the making, HIROSHI & MARY JANE are patiently awaiting that big day when they can fit into this category. Better hurry it up, boys.

TOSHI YAGI is the latest K member of the over the hill gang as he took his retirement from Hawaiian Tel this year. After being AWOL for quite a spell, BILLY made it 2 in a row and gave every indication that he'll be a steady from now on. Glad to have you aboard TOSHI.

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SANDY & MARY TAKESHITA continue to put it all together as they tour the golfing greens and find time to be the number one baby sitter for their grandson. They must be looking forward to the day when #1 daughter LYNN who is a loan officer with Household Finance Company decides to tie that matrimonial knot. Don't keep 'em waiting too long LYNN.

Just be sure that MICHELE ODA is on the job when you take the family out for dinner at Orson's, in the Ward shopping center and you can be assured that you will be in for a most pleasant evening of chowing it down. Her radiant personality sure helps to make whatever you order more ono. The pass word is Co "K" and you'll receive that super plus service from MICHELE. So she goes for K-bits in this issue.

## WINDDOWN '81

This should be the sayonara report for this bi-monthly publication as we bring to a close another year of continuous comradeship. We're still holding it together comes hell or high waters and you and you alone is the major factor that perpetuates the very existence of Company "K" with your presence, year after year. Yours truly patiently awaiting the day when one of our many retirees volunteer to take over this chapter reporter job. Could 1982 be that year of the great change?? Just give PREXY NITAHARA a call if you're sincerely interested in doing some writing 'cause you'll surely make one K-man most happy as it's time he was put out to the pastures for a long overdue R & R. Any change is a good change so no hold back and give CHIKA that call.. as a steak dinner awaits the first taker.

An integral part of the 442nd was lost with the passing of our beloved REVEREND HIRO HIGUCHI during the month of November. A moment of silence was observed at our latest gathering as each one in his own little way said their final farewell to a truly great friend who will be missed by all. Was most gratifying to see the K-s so well represented at Central Union Church as they paid their final respects to a legendary figure, that one gets to meet once in a life time.

May yours be a most happy holiday season and a Prosperous, Healthful New Year. Be seeing you at the Akemashite affair when '82 rolls around. Cheerio till then.

END

by Harold Fukunaga

## DINNER MEETING

To infuse more interest in our chapter activities, we had a dinner meeting at the Ft. Ruger Cannon Club on October 10th. We had a mediocre turnout, but I'm sure everyone, who attended had an enjoyable evening. There were only two choices for dinner, but you couldn't go wrong with either one of them. They were prime rib or lobster tail. Everyone was well satisfied with his or her choice.

As usual, Alfred Amii, our hustling social committee chairman, arranged the dinner. It was enjoyed by all. In fact, most of us were surprised at the way they handled the valet parking that nite. After the dinner, they saw who were waiting at the front entrance and immediately retrieved the respective cars without our telling them what make and color of car. I guess they really deserved their \$1 tips.

Those who attended the dinner were: Fred & Dolores Ida, Alfred & Helen Amii, Speed & Edna Tanna, Mike & Lillian Shiraishi, Harold & Jane Fukunaga, Seikatsu & Clara Kikuyama, Ed Tamana, Bobby Ito and Toshimasa Kanai. The other members who usually attend were in Japan or had other parties to which they had commitments for.

There was a minor blemish to an otherwise very enjoyable evening. The evening was warm so the sliding glass doors by the dining room were opened, because we were required to wear coat and ties. The smell of good food and lights must have attracted the cockroaches, because they came crawling and flying around. Speed, who was closest to the sliding doors, had to quickly close the doors. As a result, the men folks had some "warm moments" during the dinner. Fortunately, it wasn't a serious problem.

## NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Our usual chapter meeting on the 2nd Thursday nite of the month was spiced with two surprises. Jack Kondo, our G Co. "spark plug" from Hilo was in town, so he attended our meeting. He mentioned that his Big Island group enjoyed the last mini-reunion in Honolulu so much that they wanted a similar one in Hilo in 1982. Because of the Nisei Veterans Reunion in L.A. in August, 1982 and earlier discussion within the chapter to stage a mini-reunion in Maui in the future, Jack's suggestion was put on "hold" until we could discuss the matter more. Speaking of the Nisei Veterans Reunion in L.A., some of the fellas have indicated reasonably firm plans to attend. They are: Fred & Dolores Ida, Alfred & Helen Amii, Mike & Lillian Shiraishi,

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Toshimasa Kanai, Speed Tanna, Seikatsu Kikuyama, Jack Kondo and Eddie & Emily Tamana. I'm sure more fellas will be announcing their intentions in a few months. Fred Ida stated that the San Jose group of Kingo Kotake and Bill Oda would like the group to stop over in San Jose after the reunion. More information will be forthcoming.

The other surprise was a group of Japanese TV personnel from Fukuoka. They are here to shoot some scenes for the 40th anniversary of the December 7th Pearl Harbor attack. They interviewed some of our chapter members by asking them why they volunteered for the 442 Regiment in 1943. They also wanted to know how we felt about the fact that U.S. was at war with Japan and our feelings. The Japanese TV personnel stated that they will use these TV shots for a show in the TV station in Fukuoka. The only reason G Chapter was involved was because we were the only chapter having a meeting at the clubhouse when they arrived on November 12th. Those who were interviewed were: Toshimasa Kanai, Bobby Ito and Jack Kondo who all spoke Japanese quite fluently. Fred Ida spoke in some Japanese mixed with some English. Harold Fukunaga spoke in English, so the translator had to translate both ways.

## NEWS FROM OUR L.A. FRIENDS

Taki Handa from L.A. wrote a short note and enclosed a check to be forwarded the clubhouse for the associate membership dues for four fellas:

1. Taki Handa
2. Tets Asato
3. Kiyoshi "Bones" Fujimoto
4. George Karatsu

According to him, they would like to know how many and who are planning to attend the 1982 reunion in L.A. As noted earlier, many are planning to attend. As more people decide, we shall keep them posted.

## TRIPS TO JAPAN

With the coming of the fall season, many people visit Japan, because the weather is ideal--not too hot or cold. Two couples from G Chapter visited Japan at that time on separate occasions. Jimmy and Judy Kono joined a tour group, whereas Taketo and Judy Kawabata went by themselves. I guess Taketo knows Japan pretty good, because of his numerous prior trips. I asked them to write about their trips for the bulletin but they gave a "million" reasons why they couldn't write; however, they said they enjoyed the trip. I guess Judy Kawabata enjoyed it doubly, because she retired from teaching and visited Japan during the cool time of the year.

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by Shiro &amp; Florence Takei

Hey guys! That was the most wonderful barbecue you guys put on November 7, at the DAV Club house complex. Yes Sir! How did we part-Buddhahead/Kotok get in on the deal? We should be so lucky, eh? The Takei's were enroute home from China and Japan and were resting in Honolulu, that is why! We saw so many guys at the party: Shizuichi Hamada and Tommy (we have to name him Numero uno because Hama invited us), Jesper Kikuchi, our capable prexy, some strange faces such as: Tsuji, Barney Hajiro, Fujio (from Okinawa), Nakata, Yamashiro, M. Gushiken, the cook, Sakamoto, Ando, I. Takeyasu, R. Shishido, Matsuda, Akamine, H. Arakawa, Ed. Matsusaki, Tadao Beppu and Alice, and Miki too, Shigeo Inouye and his charming, running wife, Ralph Tomei and Alice, Y. Teruya and BW, F. Nomura and Nancy (how can we forget), Mammo and wife Edith, Dave Umeda and Janet, Dick and BW, Gladys (twice grandparents), (where are you Ralph and Alice). Hey, we apologize if we missed a few Mike chapter guys at the party. It was a grand old party and the committee of Mikers (we don't know who they are) are to be congratulated. We should mention the fact that Dick Tochiwara's friend (Grogan by name) provided the steaks. Dick T. lives in Culver City, down south from us Northern Californians. Yes Sir!

Of course, Dick T. and Tom Kinaga hold the fort in the City of Angels in L.A. We missed seeing: H. Kudo, J. Izutsu, W. Obara (glad to learn you are better), J. Nakao, S. Hashimoto, N. Akut, K. Oshiro, and K. Mihara and please, please who else?

We learned that Tim Tokuno and Bill Okazaki were visitors in Honolulu.

Just a small comment: when we get called kotok when we buddha-head, it is the limit but when we get invited to a cook-out it is bona-for-tuna, yes sir!

Tadao B. and Alice have been in China, wherever they went. We would like to offer our comments. Our impressions of the PRC.

1. One billion population. In cities it is people wall-to-wall!
2. Public toilets in parks: WOW! But it ain't no different in W. Europe, E. Europe, Japan, and where else? Russia too! No complain when in another country, okay!
3. We walked the Great Wall of China!
4. Mao's tomb in Peking we missed because we had Montezuma/Mao travelers' pi-li-kia. The group did it in 20 minutes compared with

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by Charles Watanabe

One thing at a time, meeting for October was held at the Club house, all present and accounted for sir, Shigeru Goto, Pappy Iwamoto, Takeshi Nakamura, Eddy Tsubata, David Kaiura, Bill Kuwata, Erni Uno, Hajime Matuura, Sam Sasai, Charles Watanabe, Max Isara. (Missing Eh! the buggah). Hope I did not miss any name if they were present. Excuse please. Even names are getting difficult to remember.

Meeting called to order by David Kaiura and with whatever report he had it was over before you can say look fun. Erni brought a big Chinese wok and lots of look fun simmering on the stove with plenty of char siu and green onions. What delicious look fun.. saved us a trip to McCully chop suey or McDonalds. What else and nothing else, meeting ended early and back home to bed early.

November is the last meeting of the year for Hq3rd. So in occasion a dinner-meeting was held at the NOC Club at Ft. Shafter, courtesy of Shigeru Goto, who arranged everything. Of course all the wives were invited, and spent the night eating whatever, crabs, steaks, lobster, with plenty of refreshments. The dinner lasted till late into the night and of all things ending up at another coffee house for more of da kine. Like I said who eats more than Hq3rd. Anyway, I did not attend this affair due to other commitments but by coincidence all my events were at the same place. Ending up at the same place too.. same coffee house. The evening ended up with all good notes so until next year everything all pau. Next year we start all over again. What next year brings, we hope and pray not for better things, but good health and happiness. I am sure Hq3rd members don't need da kine, they have more than enough. Of course enough is always a problem.

Next meeting is in January, 1982, and hope everyone will attend to inaugurate a new president. Be sure to attend or you may find out that you may be the next president. Don't say I didn't tell you.

With ending of the year, this is the time to thank David Kaiura who led the club for two consecutive years, he sure filled the gap which has been a problem with Hq3rd for many years. "THANKS DAVID" a very difficult job well done. Let alone where no one dare to tread. Of course your services are always welcomed for another year, but asking again is too much, but again the problem will be solved.

The holidays are here again, hope everyone had a wonderful THANKSGIVING and more of the same for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR. It may be a little late but anyway MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. To MO NAKATA and SHIG MATSUFUJI too.

Some news of Note, Thanks to Mo Nakata for the delicious mushrooms he sent from Bainbridge, delivered by the delivery service of Takeshi & Irene Nakamura. Hope you got yours, if not then I don't know what to say. How did you cook it? Must find some new recipes.

What's up News. Can't think of any, except Erni is now president of 442nd Veterans Club.

Wonder if Yaeko and Bill are still dancing. Must be a beautiful sight to see them gliding. Me with two left feet envy them. Must ask Yaeko if Bill still falls asleep standing up?

Hajime is sure a UH fan, goes to all the sporting events. One way to keep busy.

Saw Janet Matsuda driving a brand new Mazda. If you don't recognize the car you will recognize her. Still charming as ever.

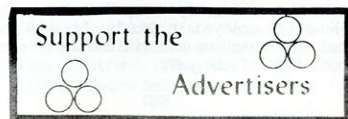
I try to keep tab where each one goes but I guess we don't live exciting lives, except Sam Sasai. Bet we won't see him for a while. Wonder where he disappeared to this time? Ever hear of Timbucktoo?

I keep thinking about next year, something good for somebody, like maybe a new pitching arm for Max Isara. You heard about the guy who went to Japan and had an operation of a new whatchamacallit. "Right." Still good Maxie says. Then must be the Lowenbrau where good people still get by.

With the number of dogs Takeshi has I wonder if every one of them went to school. He sends his dogs to school, did you know that? That's why they are well behaved.

Anything else, no, that's about it, must say all PAU. Gotta go cook some mushrooms.

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by Larry Ishida

Members of the 100TH INF. BN., 442 RCT and especially members of HQ1 bid a fond farewell and Aloha to our beloved Chaplain Hiro Higuchi who passed away on November 7, 1981, at a service held in his honor at the Central Union Church. Chaplain's many friends who came to the service witnessed a very impressive service in the "Loving Memory of the Rev. Hiro Higuchi." Those of us who shared his combat days during World War II and after the conflict, know very well what a dynamic and energetic person he was to the day he left us. I am sure Hisako, Peter, and Jane know that their loved one is in good hands and he will that they should enjoy life as he would have wanted to. Members of HQ2 including Shoho, Narimatsu, Sugi, Ace Higuchi, Masa Sato, Larry Hashimoto, Frances Sato, and Doris Nitta wish to extend our deepest Sympathy and Condolence to Hisako, Son, Peter and Daughter, Jane. A word of gratitude and Mahalo to Jimmy Sakamoto who worked tirelessly as one of the coordinators to make the service a successful one.

I believe two issues of the bulletin have expired since HQ2 had an article; therefore, I made every effort to get something to include in this issue and the following report is all I could come up with:

Our July meeting was held at Prexy Masa Yamamoto's home in Manoa. This Shogun Prexy had Edna working overtime to prepare some fabulous pupus. His only remark was "Why you guys eat and come?" well, Lippy said it all for us, "Why you never tell us you going make Edna work so hard for you like that to prepare all this food." Anyway, Edna, Mahalo from all of us.

August meeting was husband/wife dinner/meeting at Casa Tomasa. Again, all those present enjoyed some delicious Kau Kau prepared by Kazu and Michelle. Daughter, Grace was home for the Summer and she left early on a date. Date? boy, they sure grow up fast don't they?

September meeting was at the Clubhouse. Same old gang present to enjoy beer donated by Frances Sato. Thank Frances.

Sea Fortune Restaurant was the gathering place for October dinner/meeting to include wives. Food was delicious and present for this occasion were: Toshi & Grace Hayama, Kazu & Michelle Tomasa, Titi & Aileen Yonemori, Bill & Margie Thompson, toku & Stella Kaneshige, Jimmy & Mitsue Sakamoto, Masa & Edna Yamamoto, Morris & Joyce Masunaga, Botchan Okemura, and Daniel Saito.

November meeting was at the Clubhouse with Pupus furnished by Prexy Masa Yamamoto and our good neighbor 232nd Engineer Chapter. Present at this meeting were: Jimmy Sakamoto, Titi Yonemori, Masa Yamamoto, Toki Kaneshige, Daniel Saito, Morris Masunaga, Lippy Higuchi, Herbie Isonaga, Toshi Hayama, Sweeney Sugai and Larry Ishida. Discussions covered Teahouse Dinner/meeting (including wives) at the Nuuanu Onsen on December 5th, chaired by Jimmy Sakamoto, assisted by Kazu Tomasa, Titi Yonemori, Botchan Okemura and Larry Ishida. Reunion in Los Angeles 1982 from August 5 to 8. Members interested should contact Bob Sasaki for details. Sweeney Sugai was in the hospital for a few days which none of the members were aware of with possible heart problem. All he would reveal was that his heart is off timing and pumping fast. This all happened after his return from the Japan trip with the High School Baseball Team.

Toku Kaneshige, the ageless runner is training for the Annual Marathon which will be held on December 13th.

Bugensha Tomasa is at it again, house renovated for more rental units, ice wagon peddler, delivery man for Kings Bakery, and the latest undertaking as a tour escort service. When asked what kind of escort he does, his only remark was, "Oh! I escort them to Luau and back", but, I gotta talk plenty Japanese which I don't know too well, I'll learn. What kind of tourist you escort? Oh, mostly young kind Japanese girls.

Received a letter from Salty Mizuta from Miami, Florida. What is he doing in Miami? Golfing! A bunch of them went to the resort town of Doral and Orlando for 10 days of golfing. He says "Aloha" to all HQ2 members. Salty has been golfing for only a few years but ALREADY he has come up with several trophies and his latest triumph is the NVC Golf Tournament held annually in September. He has already won the "B" Flight in 1977, so Salty is probably the only Golfer to win both titles for this major event.

Now hear this, Aileen and Daughter, Donna is in the Drive-In business. Papa Yonemori set them up for business at the site of Kalihi Shopping Basket. Stop by for a snack at Kam Fort Drive In and say "Hello" to Aileen and Donna. While on the subject of the Yonemori's, Son, Wayne and daughter-in-law Sue presented Titi and Aileen with a grandson. Wayne and Sue reside in Guam.

How time marches on, little Mae Isonaga, who's not little anymore became the bride of Mark Echert on October 31st. Herbie and Sue are hoping to join the grandparents rank; however, Herbie says

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# MINI-REUNION IN KONA

by Hichi Matsumoto

Reunion, any kind, big or small, good fun but some erai when pau. No such thing as hold back, if not no sense in attending. The magic word is Go-For-Broke from beginning to how long you can last or until tutto finito.

The 232nd Engrs/Band contingent was a huge and nigiyakana one that branched into several smaller groups. Like the golfers went their way the fishermen their way, the ladies their way. And guy like Charley Ijima, he no golf (can't see chasing a ball), he no fish (to him no bettah go Tamashiro Market), no go sightseeing, no nothing but enjoy doing his thing, whatever. That's why he's the only guy looking fresh and well rested at the end. He is one guy that does things da pololoi way. His motto is: Piano piano. Wit da kine kangae naga iki suruyo.

Fred Fujimoto, Mr. Kona himself no okagede we got to stay at Kona Surf, a plush hotel right on the beach. How many stars rating they get we dunno but today's kids call 'em, neat. Before time we used to say swanky. All the rooms with lanai had an ocean view. Any hotel people will tell you, that's the best in the house. The rooms were the haikara type and the all-important price was just our speed and liking. It was so da kine that Bull Namba commented, "Dis kine deal no can beat anywhere you go." Bull's been around the world only several times. Trips to the mainland no count to him.

As though doing everything possible to make our three days and two nights stay at the hotel most enjoyable wasn't enough, the Fujimoto's invited the whole group up to their beautiful spacious home up on the heights for lunch on the last day prior to leaving for home. Lunch is name only because it was more like a feast. Had two long tables, one all kinds of kaukau and the other pupus. Didn't ask but the Fujimoto home must be on a lot not less than an acre. And you get an unobstructed panoramic view of the Kona coastline....and lava tondemonai hodo.

George & Janet Mikai and Jimmy & Daisy Kuwaye assisted in putting this Reunion together. It was a good one. All Reunions are. Only sad note was nobody from Maui, Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, Niihau or Kahoolawe could make it. Maybe next time, fellas.

## HOSPITALITY ROOM

It always has been and always will be the heart and command center of the Reunion. A golfer may not see a fisherman and vice versa, both doing their thing, but here you get to see and talk to one and all. The Hospitality Room was just super with a big suite and bigger lanai that comfortably accommodated everybody. In Kiyo Kimura's absence, Doc Kawamoto volunteered his services to be the M. C. Taking time out from his chores every now and then to remind the people he's no Kiyo. No need to apologize because chanto wakattoru no more another one like Kiyo. Like they say, get imitators but no emulators. Doc did a commendable job, only thing if you tie his hands behind his back, he all jam up. He was well prepared for this because him hitoride sohdo shiyotta. And the more he partied, the more his golf score soared.

This is the place you hear all kinds of stories, new ones as well as the old kabe ga waitoru kind. Was it Teiji Chima or Masao Yamasaki mentioned, how come Mits Honda so quiet. That was all story-teller extraordinaire Yoshinobu Ando needed. Him ga yunoni, an aku about a ten pounder caught by them was used as bait for bigger game by the skipper. And knowing Tomo Mitsuka since 1943, hajimete he saw him drink beer. Mirimonai eh, witnessing not one but two shocking events within only a few hours apart.

The choir members (Walt Matsumoto, Mervyn Takano, Hide Nakashige, Barney Zenigami, Paul Watanabe and Doc too) treated....or was it treatment....the group with boo-coo songs. They were good but not too sharp with no more Maestro Eddie Kanaya to conduct them. Tom Masamori was called and responded with "Danny Boy". We were hoping for something like "Spring Time in the Rockies." With several key members in the choir not singing that night and feeling lilibit sabisihii for them, a wife joined in and lent some support. Millie Honda's piercing voice yoh kikoea.

Yuso Iwane, Ed Ezuka, Pilute Miyashiro, Ike Ikemoto and others had their beer bust going in their own corner, listening mostly to Tomo Mitsuka Yoshi Ando, and Charley Ijima's "honest to goodness, this is no lie" stories. Time after time the happy hour boys were cited for being carried away, making too much noise. The three story-tellers all long-winded guys, no wonder they so big.

But to us the most memorable thing we'll remember about the Hospitality Room was watching Kotonk Fujii enjoying ochazuke. No bull liar this is the first time we see anybody use a paper cup and fork instead of hashi and chawan. We

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dunno how true this but somebody was saying after going for seconds he went go loosen his belt and went at it again. Good boy Kotonk, that's the way to go, bambai enryo shitara you poho.

The nigiris, fried fish and sumono things whipped up in a jiffy by the hostesses and some of our girls for the golfers after their round at Waikoloa was a winner dochi kara mitemo. Time was about 3 p.m. and the thing is, asa kara tabete oran, eh.

## WIT DA WAHINES

Like always shopping was top priority and most popular among the ladies. That was expected of them (the majority) and they sure didn't disappoint their husbands. Besides indulging in their favorite pastime, some went sightseeing, glass bottom boating, etc. Of the 30 or so ladies, had three bold ones: Sue (Tommy) Kiyosaki, Janet (Hichi) Matsumoto and Betty (Paul) Watanabe. And you know what they did? They went go auau (or just tread water) in the hotel's freshwater pool. This we found out after coming back from another day of dueling in the hot sun. If we only knew about it beforehand we'd have sacrifice a round of golf and as Kiyo Kimura would say, go spark them in action (swimming). Golf can go anytime, watching the bathing beauties is entirely another ball game and mettani dis kine stuff no happen.

Our supposed to be johinna and yasashii wives like to kakeru a little something playing cards. Hanafuda is their meat and had not one but two games going simultaneously in the Hospitality Room. One was oibana, da chase kine with the two pakiki head go head on, one on one. The other game was the partner game. Margie (Charley) Ijima's horse race game was a riot. We hate to think what would have happened if we weren't Fred's guests. All the while, the cool-headed husbands fighting the war all over again. And of course taking frequent breaks to fill her up again. Roger Eaton (Yamada no mukosan) and Barney Zenigami, the van drivers, with some kokua from the ladies spelled out 232nd Engrs with rocks at the entrance to Maunalani Golf Course. All the ase kaita hard work was poho because nary a golfer noticed it kaeri shina. To which the disgruntled wives remarked, you menfolks all ake mekura.

## WIT DA FISHERMEN

It didn't make much difference to the fishermen whether their leader Da Beeg Fisherman was with them or dem hotto kashite went traveling in the old country. First Mate Gary Kawate, in the absence of their skipper assumed command of the ship and held them on steady course. Being in

Kona, they made like bigtime fishermen and went deep sea fishing. Lady Luch must have been with them because they caught several pretty good size akus. The biggest one of them all caught was a 100 lbs plus ahi biting Richard Murakami's line. A veteran as he is, and tried as he did, he no can bring da bugga up so totto shimai ni the skipper went land 'em. Richard, a sermon when comes to telling fishing stories, this time dake had to zup the mouth lilibit. Dobka shiran but fisherman no hanashi kiku noni, you no get full credit unless you bring 'em in. No despair, bull, because half a loaf is better than nothing. Others like Gary Kawate, Yoshi Ando, Monte Okamoto, Mervyn Takano, Mits Honda and Masao Yamasaki never hit the jackpot but for all their troubles yoh kogete modotta. We thought the fishermen were shibai guys and more pretenders than contenders but they fooled a whole lot of guys, themselves mostly.

## WIT DA GOLFERS

Gorofu, that's what got this thing (Mini-Reunion) started with the fishermen and the wives joining in. What was supposed to be a tournament with everybody having an even chance to win ended up just the opposite. The final results, donkon naran bai. Da Beeg Bugga (Tommy K) winning first place all three days and corraling the top prizes. He felt so kinodokuna (and good too) winning so often and so much, he donated a healthy sum to the kitty. Not only that, he donated his time too, like hustling for this, that and anything you asked. The unlimited stamina and energy he possesses is simply amazing. The Hawaiians have an old saying that goes something like this: "Bambai akua sabe." Meaning, you do something good, in return something good will happen to you. But sometimes it doesn't work that way because Paul Watanabe, golf chairman went bust his okole for a super tournament, never fare too well. Probably he was like the majority of the boys trying to squeeze a week of go-for-broking into just a 3-day weekend. This game of golf is difficult enough, living the straight and narrow. Others assisting were Francis Fujita, closest to the puka, par 3 holes; Mo Miyasato and Pilute Miyashiro, scoring; Eddie Kamikawa, Calcutta, Calvin Yasuhara and Yuso Iwane, prizes. The strong contenders but for second place and less (first place all sewed up) were, Walter Matsumoto, Eddie Kamikawa, Ike Ikemoto, Calvin Yasuhara, Kotonk Fujii, Pilute Miyashiro and Juju Nakasone. Teiji Chima, Francis Fujita, George Kurio and Mo Miyasato, the guys that usually finish at or near the top in most tournaments, forgot or left their good shots at home. Corillas like Howard Hirono, Bull Namba, and Yuso Iwane who belts 'em a mile every which way were in pilikia too often. The two guests from L.A., George Yamada and Herbert Kimoto get no respect from the local boys. Dis Hawaii guys,

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chicken buggas, they no give 'em chance and let 'em win. Looks like the two of them came only for the ride. As okay, like Yoko says, no worry, you can pay 'em back and geev 'em next year at the L.A. Reunion. Hide Nakashige, no need make any kine iran shimpai because we never overlook you. How could we when you took so good care of the yoh-nodo-ga kawaku guys. Hide's assignment (voluntary) was to see that the well didn't go dry all three days playing golf. It didn't. On second thought, maybe only once. Not his fault because dem golfers, as the old folks would say, soko ga nai. Maybe Hide went only for the ride too but he get our vote for the MVP award. Ed Ezuka and Doc Kawamoto went kokua with the beer but in another way....make 'em disappear. This is a first, the once ever so dependable and reliable Joe Sato missing the van (transportation) to Waikoloa. Waza waza Fred Fujimoto chauffeured him. Wat kine guzu guzu you was making, anyway. You are forgiven though for giving so much of your time entertaining in the Hospitality Room. How about dis guy. Of 25 entries, he ends up 25 and collects \$25 in prize. Who says it doesn't pay to be hamest golfer. George Mukai, a wartime casualty (lost a leg) plays to a solid 9 handicap. Us guys get two good legs and yet our handicap two times George's and plus 4 more. How you feegah.

The three day tournament net scores: 196-Tommy Kiyosaki; 209-Calvin Yasuhara; 210-Walter Matsumoto.

KOTONK FUJII

Hisashiburini Kaz Fujii came to visit Hawaii, primarily to attend the Mini-Reunion in Kona. Gomen for those of you kinda puzzled by the unfamiliar first name, it should be Kotonk Fujii instead. How you like this guy, with thousands upon thousands of kotonks he ends up getting pinned with that name. Could be very much so that his squad guys went give him that name. Had some pretty kolohe guys in that group. Sure, this is his first trip ever to the islands but for a good many years now, mainland Reunion time, "Dis for the boys" yute did tsutsumu something and send 'em to the chapter. Our Oregon friend is a big-time farmer in a little town tonari doshi to Portland. The farm is down to only 200 acres now, he says. Much, much smaller than before, selling a good portion of it. He says that this is only his second major trip to anywhere away from home. The other time being Uncle Sam treated him to an all paid European trip back in 1944-45. We have some samurais amongst us here in Hawaii but never realized get on the mainland too. This guy no wife, uchi ni oite, he comes himself. The boys told him (kiddingly, of course) next time bring your wife, if not send her over and you stay home and rusuban the place. The chop sui dinner at

Hong Kung in his honor was well attended by the members and their ladies. It was the usual nigiyakana party with a "can you top this" incident. S.T. Fujioka, a more straight shooter you cannot find, returned Kotonk the \$50.00 he borrowed from him while in the army. Hayo shakkin modose tai but no can, this being the first time they met since overseas. Kotonk, the okane mochisan that he is pronto donated it towards the Kona Mini-Reunion. Da dainishiki portion of the evening's program was taken over by who but Doc Kawamoto. He was getting warmed up for Kona. For recreation Kotonk goes golfing at least twice a week. The course being only about a ten minute ride by car. He may not be (he aint, we saw him in Kona) the best golfer but shobai dohgu wise, he got the best Kenneth Smith set, complete. Did he enjoy his stay in the islands? Best description would be, like the old folks would say, "aji ippen kiitara, pau."

YAMADAS

George & Mary Yamada and daughter Diana and husband Roger Eaton came for a Hawaiian vacation again and tsuideni attended the Kona Mini-Reunion. Dis guy George, he comes to Hawaii more times than most of us go around the island. We go (not the wives) at least once a year after the camp-out at Teiji Chinn's beachhouse. During his stay here, George went golfing so many times that towards the end, akirame was forced to kotowaru some invitations. He went with Walter Matsumoto and George Kurio to Shafter before going to Kona for three days of you know what. After coming back to Honolulu from Kona, ancora the same threesome went to the same place. And us not all. Primo Kikukawa of Kaunakakai, Molokai, yohji ga atte came in town. Getting his business completed in less time than expected, he coaxed George and Tommy Kiyosaki for a round of golf in Molokai and came back the same day. They flew on the small-type plane (six sitter or so), you know da kine the pilot does everything. Check your ticket, handle your luggage and numerous other chores besides flying the plane. Da good fun part was before boarding the plane, the flight attendant (pilot) lined up the passengers, big to small. Primo was the biggest of them all so he was assigned to seat next to the pilot. Tommy next in size so he was seated right behind the pilot to get the right balance if not bambai all jam up, man. George's last words before going home for a good rest was, "You guys all come (L.A. Reunion) next year now."

FUJIOKA's

We are on safe grounds, saying that the Tad Fujioka's of Seattle, Washington are second only to the George Yamada's of L.A. in coming to the islands. For their fourth trip, Tad & Cherry

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brought along their whole clan and we do mean kanai zenbu. Others in the party were sons Jeff and John, daughters Sara Jean & Barbara. No, not pau yet, because son-in-law Roger Edwards (Barbards husband) and daughter-in-law Carol (Jeff's wife) and their bambinos came too. Also Tad's sister Mariko Fujioka, who lives in Chicago came too. All in all they stayed two weeks. One week in Kihei, Maui and the other week right here in Honolulu. The timing of the Fujioka's trip with the Yamadas and Fujiis was sukoshi kapakahi. The Washingtonians going dis a way (to Kihei) and the Oregonian and Californians going dat a way (to Kona). Would have been something had they met here of all places. Tad, a mechanical engineer with Boeing Aircraft for 32 plus years, retired at the end of August. You've heard of dedicated workers, Tad's one of 'em. Having only one employer after graduating from the U. of Wash. With all four of their children on their own, Tad and Cherry will pull up stakes in the not too distant future and retire permanently in Alaska. Why Alaska? It's where they first met and also Cherry's home town. The town name us ni yuta but we forget already. Anyway sounded Indian. The chapter hosted our friends from the northwest to a boo-fay style dinner at our clubhouse. The food catered from nearby Suehiro Restaurant. Unlike the last time, this time the food was delivered on time. Doc Kawamoto still in Reunion mood kept reminding everybody that Tad's from the first platoon. No need tell you what platoon he was in, eh.

Howard Hirono, who was with Tad from the start to the end while in the army had this to say, "I knew Cherry before I met my wife (April). Tad introduced 'em Camp Shelby days.

SIDE-LITES

Tommy Kiyosaki said grace at the opening night banquet and also at the buffet style dinner at the Hospitality Room lanai the following night. Man, no can believe ussa same guy we play golf with because the vocabulary, Oh my goodness, the difference just like day and night, marukiri chigau.

Talk about knowing all kinds of people. He met a bonsan friend at the gate prior to boarding the plane for home.

Gilbert Kobatake is one akamai guy and we'll bet our last golf ball that he probably was the only person that didn't cuss out but enjoyed the beautiful golf course at Keauhou. Making like a shahinyasan, he went go-for-broke taking pictures.

Yoshinobu Ando ran into some humbug in the Poi Pounder (hotel's night club) but when they (hotel people) found out that he was in Fred Fujimoto's party, auew brah, subito they made a 180 degree turn and went make all kinds of boto boto to erase all the meiwaku they went kakeru on him.

Yoshitomo Mitsukas prolonged their stay a week and went to visit their son in Wainea. Their son is a manager of one of the stores in the shopping center.

Yvonne (Masao) Yamasaki was on sick call and confined to quarters for a day. You can say she's one that got her money's worth.

Monte Okamoto was on a working vacation taking care of the finances. He is so da kine that no can help. He is involved anytime money is concerned.

The 40 cases of beer all went gone or not, nobody seems to know for sure. Some say no 'nuff and others say some nokotta. Anyhow was an impressive sight all 40 cases neatly stacked against the wall at the Hospitality Room (no wonder the place went look kinda semai). Just like the Great Wall of China.

Kotonk Fujii, although being some 2,500 miles away from home wasn't forgotten on his birthday, his 62nd. The timing was perfect, coinciding with the opening banquet. Had a birthday cake with everybody joining in singing happy birthday.

Although being on vacation, most of the wives hayo kara okite went to breakfast with their husbands at 6:30 a.m. Most likely kinda missing them because they go golfing/fishing all day and drinking something like half the night.

The opening banquet was haole food and the evening's M.C. was Calvin Yasuhara. He did his job and more, getting April (Howard) Hirono to sing Lili Marlene.

The Ishigakis of San Francisco and Masamoris of Denver are the newest to join the "mata kita" club.

CONCLUSION

You know get rots of stuff kuwashiku kakitai but we have used up our arroted space so with this we rike to write finis to the Kona Mini-Reunion.

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KAUAI INVITATIONAL

by Bruno Yamada

Registrations are being accepted for the 17th Annual Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament which will be held again at the popular Wailua Golf Course on February 13 and 14, 1982.

Tournament Chairman, Saburo Itakura announced that the 1982 tournament will again feature the popular Aloha night Bar-B-Q and beer bust on February 12 and the awards luncheon on Sunday, February 14.

A post tournament will also be held at the Kauai Surf Golf Club in Lihue on Monday, February 15 for all the die hards who want to put in a little more golfing before returning to their respective island or back to the Pacific Coast.

Registration Chairman, Roscoe Haruki announced that all entrees must be received by Saturday, February 6 and handicaps will be the lowest handicap as of January 1982 with a 22 maximum. The entry form that appears in this bulletin may be used as your official entry.

Defending Champion is Charles "Chunky" Mizutani who shot a 135 total in last year's tournament.

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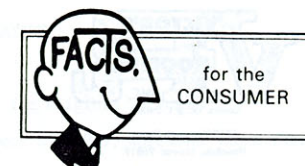
by Kaoru Watanabe

October 24, 1981, was the day Tom Okino gave away his daughter Laurie in marriage to become Mrs. Takita.

Curly Muraoka took his new bride, Ann, on a 28 day tour of Japan, Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong. Now that he has seen a better part of this world, he still sez, "no place like Hawaii." I'm not certain if he meant to include Las Vegas, where he is more than a casual visitor.

Charlie Oda urges all those who have not yet done so to plan on the 1982 Reunion at Los Angeles, August 5 thru 8. A side trip to Las Vegas is being arranged so hurry and sign up.

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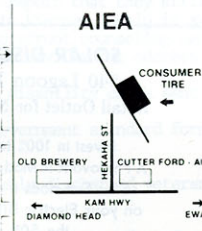
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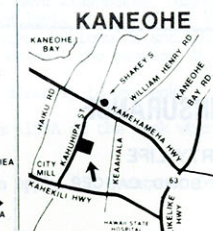
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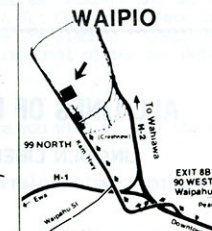
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- Q - My father was a veteran whose grave marker has been damaged by the weather over the years. Is it possible to have it replaced?
- A - Yes. Replacements for damaged markers may be requested by writing: Monument Service, Department of Memorial Affairs (42), 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420. The cost of the replacement will be paid by the government if weatherworn to the extent it is no longer legible.
- Q - Can you tell me something about presidential memorial certificates?
- A - Presidential memorial certificates are sent to the next-of-kin, or upon request to a relative or friend of a deceased, honorably discharged veteran. The certificate expresses the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the armed forces, and it bears the signature of the President.
- Q - Who can change the beneficiary on a Veterans Administration life insurance policy?
- A - Only the veteran can make a change by writing to the VA Insurance Center or by submitting VA Form 29-336 which is available at any VA regional office.
- Q - I am a disabled veteran receiving 100 percent compensation from the Veterans Administration. Am I eligible for dental care?
- A - Yes. Veterans receiving compensation at the 100 percent rate for service connected disabilities may apply for dental care at the nearest VA medical center.
- Q - Where can I obtain a flag for burial services for a World War II veteran?
- A - You may file a claim at any Veterans Administration or most local post offices. Take a copy of the veteran's discharge papers and death certificate to apply.
- Q - Is it true that memories of Vietnam still bother some veterans, and if so, where can they go for help?
- A - Yes. Some veterans report that they still have flashbacks, nightmares, anxiety and depression from their service in Vietnam. Help is available at one of the VA Vet Centers. There are over 90 of these storefront counseling centers nationwide and more are planned. Check your local telephone directory for the address or call the nearest VA regional office for details.
- Q - How can I get my VA disability check sent directly to my bank?
- A - Simply fill out a government standard form 1199A at the bank where you wish to have the check sent.
- Q - Where does an honorably discharged veteran apply for treatment for alcoholism or drug addiction?
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It is estimated that the large memorial stone we have in mind can be placed in the cemetery for \$10,000. Any money given to the Rohwer Center Memorial Fund which is not needed for the memorial itself will remain on deposit and its earnings will be used for upkeep of the cemetery.

Little remains today, besides the cemetery, as a reminder of Rohwer Relocation Center, where 9,000 of us Japanese Americans were interned for 3 1/2 years during the war. Incidentally, the center, certainly one of the historic spots in America, has been added to the Register of Historic Places of America.

Dr. Joseph Boone Hunter and the Rev. Nat Griswold, both of whom were on the staff of Rohwer Center, now live in retirement in Little Rock, and both are helping to promote this drive. We want to do whatever we can to assure that the Rohwer Center cemetery and its memorial markers will be preserved for centuries to come. Dr. Hunter is 94; Mr. Griswold is in his 80s; and I am 76. Help us to accomplish this great purpose before we vanish from the scene.

Please make your check to Rohwer Center Memorial Fund and mail it to Commonwealth Federal Savings and Loan Association, P.O. Box 2220, Little Rock, Ark. 72203, Attn. Mrs. Mosely.

Gratefully yours,

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Kazuma Ogata, Bill/Lily Oshiro, Yoshito Tome, Tosh/Betty Nakahara, Fumio/Michiko Ohashi, Lawrence/Chizuko Fujii, Casey Kasadate, Wally/Mabel Kawamura, Wally Isobe, Doc Miyamoto, Jiro Watanabe, Yoshiji/Betty Aoki and Tad Sakai.

It was at this gathering that we learned that George Matsumoto need a crutch to get around. George as you know had an operation on his hip from a fall at work quite some months back. He actually returned to work but found that he's not able to withstand the pain from staying on his feet all day. In fact, he had aggravated his recovery to require the aid of crutches. God's speed to you George for complete recovery.

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## A-TANK/cont. from page 14

what we called the Champagne Campaign, at Nice, in the mountains above Nice, France, then back to Italy, a total of some seven campaigns.

...that the 442nd Combat Team became the most decorated unit in the United States Army. Even if that is not literally true, we had many hundreds and thousands of decorations. As I said, the size of the Combat Unit was about 5,000. All together, during the course of the combat operations, we went through about 15,000 men. Now that doesn't mean that they were all killed. Many of them were, of course, and many of them were men who were wounded, never returned back to the unit. Many of them were wounded who did return back to the unit.

...We knew that they were there to prove something, not only the rights of their country, but also the facts that they were, in fact, Americans, and they knew that what they did in combat, what they did during the war would reflect upon them, themselves during the rest of their lives, upon their parents, upon their brothers and sisters and on succeeding generations.

...We had no disciplinary problem to speak of. They were young men that sometimes might get into a little fracas, but we had no serious disciplinary problem. We only had one general court-martial. We never had any deserters---we only had one deserter. He deserted out of the hospital to come back to the unit.

...Now, that is the type of spirit that these young men had, and they did, in my opinion, a great honor to themselves, to their families, to their ancestors, to future generations, and to their country.

Thank you.

END

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## EASY/cont. from page 5

on *The Kingdom of Hawaii* 1810-1893. It is a series of 8 filmstrips which highlights the past existence of a unique sovereign nation which is today a sovereign state in a union of federation states called the United States of America. Co-author of the works is Violet Kuilei Ihara.

Easy Chapter members and their families wish to express their deepest sympathies to the family of the late Chaplain Hiro Higuchi. Easy members have a special Aloha for the Chaplain who they felt was always nearby to help them whether in war or in peace. Easy's Senator Dan Inouye provided a short commentary at the Memorial Services while Chapter members served as parking attendants. Members who helped control the ebb and tide of the traffic at the Services at Central Union Church were Lefty Sugihara, Maui Okamura, Pakala Takahashi, Naotomo Matoi, Raymond Shiroama, Masami Doi, Raymond Shigenaga, Alvin Planas, Noboru Uesugi, Hiroshi Okada, Bobby Maeda, Fly Tamashiro, Waichi Takemoto, Saburo Ouchi and Teruo Ihara.

END

## SERVICE/cont. from page 3

agent should be able to sign up a bus load of members and spouses to continue on to Europe after the IA reunion. As for the East coast tour, it will most likely be a small group that will travel on a rented van. Perhaps small groups of 8 people on a van will be better than trying to get 35 people to agree on a tour.

Susumu Awaya, the saint, was in Las Vegas on a sightseeing tour. He doesn't gamble but he did walk thru almost all the casinos on the strip and the downtown area. Also enjoying the hospitality of California Hotel in Vegas was J.B. Leonida. J.B. since his retirement has been enjoying himself. Tom Tamai and his handsome son were trying their luck in Vegas. It was the father teaching the son the fact of life; or was it the other way. And with all those showgirls all over the place, learning can be fun.

This being the last issue for the year, my wish to Santo Claus is that he give this job as a present to someone else. Jim Miyake would be an excellent choice, being an educated man and a very sociable creature at that.

END



522-B/cont. from page 10

hit a power pole. Months of hospitalization, skin-grafting and rehabilitation, and he can now walk with a cane. We had planned a trip to the 442nd Exhibit at Presidio, but cancelled out when he became too tired, next trip we'll make it. Of interest about the Funamura family of ten, 6 boys and 4 girls, some born in Hawaii, most in California, five of the boys were in the Army at the same time, like the Masaoka brothers; Sam in MIS, Norman in 522, Roth in U.S., Maso in England and James in Belgium. My regards to all, especially to Biggie. Hope to send you info in Arai brothers next, all three were members of 522. See you all in 1982 at LA.

END

MIKE/cont from page 17

- 2 hours at Lenin's tomb in Red Square that we could have gone.
- Chinese kau-kau noon and night! With lots of cha and rice you all can manage.
  - Lots of smiling faces among children as well as adults.
  - Civilization began in China many years ago, we are certain now.
  - All visiting China should include Xian for the DIG and Guilin for the scenery.
  - In the cities people outnumber bicycles, and bicycles have right of way over taxis and cars, but watch your step!
  - Don't look for bargains in China, there are not any!
  - If you like pork, chicken, beef, bamboo shoots, water-chestnuts, long rice, mushrooms, you will survive.
  - Don't drink the fresh water but hot water for tea, beer, and soda pop everywhere.

Japan hurriedly compared with 10 years ago:

- The bullet (Shinkansen) is great but so are prices in Japan.
- Thatched roofs have gone to blue tiled roofs.
- Sub-urbia is now totally urban.

It was so nice seeing all of you! But, see more of you in August, 1982, in the City of Angels, you hear?

ALOHA from Saratoga, nuf sed, sweet memoirs, Mikers.

END

ITEM/cont. from page 2

Oct. Roll-Call: BOZO NISHIOKA, MOTOMI SHINDO MINO SUZUMOTO, BILL NAGANUMA, RALPH ARASHIRO, TOMMY UMEDA, DANNY YAMASHITA, HIRAM DOI, TAD FUJISHIGE, KENNETH OKUMA, MASA NAKAMURA, C.B. SAKAMOTO. BOZO was asked to conduct the meeting by TERRY when the latter realized he couldn't make it... Booze and Pupus: roasted peanuts donated by BOZO. BRUNO, KAZU, MASA MANABE and JAMES OKIMOTO were already on their way to Japan.

Remember that "tentative" 1982 Co. I Pre-NVR itinerary I informed you about? Well, BRUNO says we'll be leaving Hawaii on WED., JULY 28 instead of the 29, as previously noted here. The new schedule, with a slight additional revision in Reno, at WILSON's insistence, reads as follows (disregard previous listing): WED., July 28, fly into Seattle; Thu., Fri., Vancouver; Sat., Sun., Seattle; Mon., Tue., Wed., Reno; Thu. thru Sun., L.A., NVR...Stand by for further development, if any.

Nov. Roll-Call: MOTOMI SHINDO, BILL NAGANUMA, KAZU TAKEKAWA, JAMES OKIMOTO, MINO SUZUMOTO, TOMMY UMEDA, MAMO SHIROTA, HIRAM DOI, MITS OSHIRO, CLARENCE TABA, TERRY ARATANI, SHIG MATSUMOTO (well look who's here!), TAD FUJISHIGE, MASA NAKAMURA, KIICHI KATO, TOGO NAKAGAWA, CAL LIM...Pupu donors KAZU (Saki-ika), JAMES (Shio-konbu, Saki-ika), MAMO (Pistachio, mixed nut), BILL (Tako).

I really should be winding this down and wish you all an old fashioned "MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!" Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving! I know I did.

And let me sneakily inform TERRY ARATANI who wasn't there, that he's been elected President of Co. I for another term (is it 10, 12 straight years?) Ditto TAD FUJISHIGE who has been our Treasurer longer still! Our "CONGRATULATIONS!" to you both!

END

HQ2/cont. from page 19

"Naw, givum time--I'm not that old yet."

See you all next year and from our hard working 1981 Officers, Mahalo and Best Wishes for 1982, and also from this hard working loafer of a reporter, MELE KALIKIMAKA, SHINNEN AKETE OMEDETO, BANZAI AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

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