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KAUAI 442ND INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

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The 39th Anniversary Banquet is now history. It went off with clock-like precision, which goes to show that good teamwork pays off. A hearty "MAHALO!" to TOM KIYOSAKI, for the masterful job as emcee, and for getting the MOLINA BROTHERS from Maui; their music kept the dance floor crowded all evening. Also, "Right on, Brah!" to RODNEY, his Engineer buddies, and the members and wives of 3rd Hq., who did such a great job of getting everyone, validating their parking stubs and steering people to their assigned tables. And MINO, you did it again, those tables markers are everybit a part of the annual banquets as are the cake and sabre; which brings me to the following acknowledgements that need to be made: ROBERT ZUKERAN, Ninth Avenue Bakery, for the birthday cake; HENRY OSHIRO, for the BIG, red carnation leis and the fragrant po-kinikini leis; and CHARLES ODA, for the program covers from Pan Am.

Looking ahead a bit to our 40th birthday celebration - March 26, 1983, I just want to say this one word about it at this time; that is, tell us now what kind of event you think it ought to be so ED TAMANAHA and his committee will have your ideas in mind as they explore options.

Seeing some "new" familiar faces at the banquet reminded me that there are actually hundreds of our former buddies who, for reasons known only to themselves, have not been members of their respective chapters, nor of the mother club. Perhaps, in their younger years these war buddies of ours weren't "joiners" and didn't see a need to belong to a club. For others, maybe the association with the 442 was always a painful reminder of an experience they'd just as soon forget. But the fact is, once a 442 veteran, always a 442 veteran; there's no way you can undo that. For this reason, one of the best things I would like to see happen is to have every chapter open its doors wide to welcome those who've stayed away all these years. Who know, there may be guys who'd like nothing better than to be a part of their old army gang, and in retirement, "talk story" with their old buddies, but are too hazukashii, to ask if they could come in. If there are any bad feelings for whatever, hey, we're grown men. Let the pee go down the drain and reach for another can o' beer. How sad it is to hear of estrangement among old buddies. Have a heart guys, don't make it hard for reconciliation; we need our friends, and they need us.

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INFORMATION ON GO-FOR-BROKE BOOK

The Go-For-Broke book, a pictorial history of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team has been delayed due to printing scheduling problems.

The book will be officially released and distribution to those who have purchased the book will take place sometime in early June, 1982.

THE 442ND VETERANS CLUB SHIRTS

The 442nd Veterans Club shirts will be completed soon and distribution to members who have purchased them will be in early May, 1982.

REMINDER 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 have already paid for multiple years, your records will be adjusted accordingly.

IN MEMORIAM

WALLACE Y. MIYAMOTO

Wallace Y. Miyamoto a member of 522-B Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on March 13, 1982.



by Mino Suzumoto

Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to HIDE MATSUMOTO who had major surgery done unto him at Queens Medical Center in the interim. One kidney was completely removed, he says and a "cyst", his word, taken out from the other. A Kailua neighbor of his named HAROLD WATASE is responsible for putting us on the trail and we, KAZU TAKEKAWA and I and HIDE too, I'm sure, thank him for being concerned enough.

The annual Kauai Statewide AJA Golf Tournament scheduled over the Presidents' Day weekend at the Wailua municipal course, attracted 17 Item Golf Club-ers from Oahu plus 2 dissident non-players. Luckily for all of us we had 5 beautiful days at a stretch (including a gorgeous Monday at Princeville). Maybe it was all that booze, or the weather, or was it the scenery? As it turned out there wasn't even a "2 ball" winner among the whole lot! (Mr. SHIMADA, who stayed away for the first time in many a year must be laughing up his sleeves back there in San Jose). Those who were there: CHAMP, STAN, HIRAM, BRUNO, KENNETH OKUMA, SMITTY, ROY SOMEDA, BOB MIYAJI, ELE, KAZU SHOMA, WALTER FURUKAWA, CAL LUM, JOE HANZAWA, TOM NAKAMURA, PAUL NISHIMURA, GLENN KAULUKULUI, GEORGE AOYAMA and non-golfers BOBBY MAEDA and yours truly.... Also from the San Jose-Santa Clara area: CAP UTSUNOMIYA, SLIM NAKAMURA, BOB SAKAMOTO, DON NAKANISHI, GOOCH YONEMOTO and HUNTER DOI. All of whom will almost positively merge with Co. I, come NVR time.

And speaking of that Princeville deal, all the people mentioned above are indebted to NIOKY IWAI; Kauai Chief of Police ROY HIRAM and wife AUDREEN; GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA; SUB ITAKURA; AL "Brah" GOKAN; JOYCE WATASE; STAN SUZUKI; (m.c.) FRED ANTONI; Tokyo, Japan millionaire ATSUYUKI MIYOSHI for his donations and to MIKE SHEEHAN, owner of the Hanalei Bay beach lot for the use of his place for that after golf picnic. Incidentally, TAK NAKAMURA, ex-president of the 442nd Veterans Club and Medics Chapter member was also among the participants there. He, probably more than anyone else was instrumental in having Mr. MIYOSHI joining the Item golfers.... "Thanks!" too, to GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA, "BRAH" GOKAN and our other Kauai counterparts for hosting us all to a sumptuous dinner at the popular Hanalei Restaurant. Their gesture was deeply appreciated.... And exercising my prerogative a warm "Mahalo nui loa!" to ROSCOE HARUKI, JIM AZEKA, MAXIE MUKAI & CHUNKY MIZUTANI, all of Kauai, for showing me their brand of hospitality at Wailua.

We regrettably acknowledge the demise of Mr. EDWARD NOBORU YAMASAKI, father of EDDIE YUKAWA

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who now permanently resides in Fujisawa City, Japan. The sad news, conveyed to us by BOZO as we returned from Kauai, furthermore revealed that the funeral services were to be held that very evening. Suddenly, it brought back memories of that long ago when almost every Itemite around and the women folks too, used to converge on their beautiful Diamond Head Circle home, gathering plumeria blossoms by the hundreds. This, whenever we needed to string leis for our Japanese (High-School Baseball All-Star teams, etc.) or mainland aikanes. Heavy pupus and refreshments would be served afterwards. And just as suddenly it dawned on us that an "end of an era" has come. Services were held at the Jodo Mission, in lower Makiki. Representatives of Co. I were there. Each of them, with heavy hearts, I'm sure. KAZU, TOGO, BOZO, BRUNO, MITS OSHIRO, MASA & HARUKO MANABE, JAMES OKIMOTO are the names that comes readily to mind. If there were others, I apologize. On behalf of Item Chapter may I express our deepest condolence to the next of kins. And may EDDIE'S father's soul rest in peace.

SHIRO & LOU KASHINO popped into town for a quiet relaxer. And to assure the Co. I pre-NVR Seattle-Vancouver go-ers that YOSHITAKA "CHARLIE" OKADA and his committee awaits them and will be doing their utmost in making the localities stay in the Northwest region a memorable one. KASH, according to his buddy SMITTY, went through surgery to relieve a severe case of sinus he's had over the years. LOU, of course, was experiencing the trauma of losing her dad. Co. I hosted the popular Seattle couple to a china-meshi at the McCully Chop Suey house and followed that up with a NVR oriented cram session at the 442nd Memorial Hall. Mr. "K" managed to squeeze in a few rounds of golf, while she admitted to being out on the sands fronting the Sheraton-Waikiki as often as time had permitted, soaking in our Hawaiian sun. And, as an aside to the "8" who did do some "sacrificing" at the chop suey house, don't worry. I've noted your names down in our records for posterity. A medal, some day perhaps. Who knows?

FRED & BEA MATSUMURA rumored to have been in Hawaii after a visit to New Zealand. It must be a rumor 'cause we didn't get any calls. If that guy is going to pull a stunt like that I wish he wouldn't come through here anymore! MITS "Battle-ship" YAKUMA claims he had bumped into and had spoken to BEA at the Ala Moana Center, while our transplanted kotonk was out golfing that day! I hope the buggah shot a lousy game.

We will forego our monthly "roll-call" this time around and I give you instead BRUNO'S latest Co. I Nisei Veterans Reunion-related itinerary and too the names of those who had committed

themselves as of this date. With pleasant memories I suppose, of past "NVR's" very much on their mind, 81 (Mr. "B" says the possibility it being 82 are very good) Itemites and Itemites-at-heart are already looking forward with anticipation to the 1982 Los Angeles version of same, come summer. In addition there's FRANK SHIMADA'S group of about 30 people out of the San Jose-Santa Clara area. Members of the "Garden City Golf Club", some of whom were on Kauai, will be joining us in Seattle. They, plus 4 more from Chicago: VIC & MICHIE IZUI; GANJI TANAKA and his brother GEORGE, plus the 4 from Pennsylvania: ALLEN & YONE OKAMOTO; MIKE & DOROTHY KRESKOSKY. I'd say we'll be having quite a delegation at the reunion. The latter 8 are scheduled to join us in Reno.

United Airlines will be the carrier throughout with Central Pacific Travel Service handling our other kuleanas. Bear in mind the travel plans are still subject to changes, like as to the mode of transportation. Especially while we're up north, but, let BRUNO himself give you the details sometime fairly soon. And here's the itinerary:

Wed., July 28, Honolulu-Seattle...Holiday Inn, Airport...Leave Honolulu via United Airlines flight departing at 1:55 p.m. for Seattle. Transfer to hotel on arrival.

Thu., July 29, Seattle-Vancouver...Hotel Grosvenor or something similar to it...Transfer to airport for flight to Vancouver leaving at 11:15 a.m. Take city tour on arrival, visiting Stanley Park, the Inner Harbor, Gastown, China-town, English Bay Beaches and Vandusen Gardens.

Fri., July 30, Vancouver...Free for golfing and optional tours. Victoria Island tour cost an estimated \$50 per person. Takes approximately 13 hours. There are other less expensive, less time consuming tours available.

Sat., July 31, Vancouver-Seattle...Hotel as yet unknown up to press time...Transfer to airport for flight to Seattle leaving at 12:30 p.m. Transfer to hotel on arrival. Rest of the afternoon should be free for leisure shopping or whatever turns you on.

Sun., Aug 1, Seattle...Free day. Golfing, optional tours.

Mon., Aug 2, Seattle-Reno...Hilton Reno Hotel...Transfer to airport for flight to Reno leaving at 1:50 p.m. Transfer to hotel on arrival. Rest of the afternoon should be free. Visit the casinos, but, try not to drop all of your money in just one place. Distribute it evenly all over. Optional: MGM Hotel "Hello Hollywood" show, in the evening. Highly recommended. Yours truly

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The following letter was received by our office recently. Anyone with information that might be helpful to Nora Siler in her search for her father, Frank Shigeru Hashimoto, should call us or write directly to her at 3840 Navaho Dr., N. Highlands, Ca. 95660. (Additional information contained in a San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi newspaper article shows that her father and mother met and married during his station at O'Riley Army Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, in 1942.)

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11 Mar 82

Dear Sirs:

I have been looking for my father for over 20 years. He was born in Hawaii somewhere between 1915 and 1920. My mother said he was in the service in World War II. He is a Nisei American Born Japanese. Could you please look through your files and see if he belonged to the 442. His name is Frank Shigeru Hashimoto. The story of my search has been published in two Japanese newspapers here and also a local television station did a story recently. It would also be a help to me if you could furnish me with ~~the~~ names of the local newspapers or television stations that might be able to help me locate my father by running a story on my search. Also please check the 298th Infantry Regiment for me, please. Thank you so much for your time.

Nora Siler

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took it in, in Sept. with the Item golfers and it was fantastic! That you'll ever see anything close to it again is highly unlikely.

Tue., Aug 3, Reno....Free day.

Wed., Aug 4, Reno....Free day.

Thu., Aug 5, Reno-Los Angeles...Hyatt Regency Hotel....Transfer to airport for flight into Los Angeles leaving at 1:35 p.m. Transfer to hotel on arrival, register for NVR. Or have you forgotten this is what it's all about! Hospitality Room are being manned (with apologies to the distaff side) during evening hours, so we've been told. There'll be 7, 8 or more "private" ones, besides the "official" Hospitality Room, at various parts of the hotel and one of them should be ours.

Fri., Aug 6, Los Angeles...Reunion activities: golf, shopping, optional tours... "Welcome Dinner" in the evening. Coat or jacket and tie is being recommended for this one occasion.

Sat., Aug 7, Los Angeles...Reunion activities.

Sun., Aug 8, Los Angeles...Memorial Services in the a.m. Nisei Week Parade in the p.m. "Farewell Dinner" in the evening (casual attire, or, as you wish).

Mon., Tue., Aug 9-10, Los Angeles, Hyatt Regency Hotel...Co. "I" post-reunion activities.

Wed., Aug 11, Los Angeles-Honolulu...Transfer to airport for flight to Honolulu leaving at 1:00 p.m., arriving in Honolulu at approximately 3:40 p.m.

Starting with the "Oahu only" listings of folks who are ready to go, as compiled by BRUNO himself: BOZO & LIZ NISHIOKA, her mom Mrs. SHIZUYO YANAGIHASHI, her brother SATOSHI YANAGIHASHI, DALE PECK, TED & DIANE OGATA, also RENEE ILJIMA; BETSY YAMAMOTO with daughter BETH; JAMES & PATSY OKIMOTO; CHAMP SUZUKI with BELLA NAGATOSHI and PATSY YAMANE; TAD FUJISHIGE with Mas. LESLIE CHANG (11), ED LOPES with son RUSSELL; DANNY & MARY YAMASHITA, her mom Mrs. SATSUYO NISHIKAWA; LARRY & MARION ISHIKAWA; TOMMY & MARI UEDA; KENNETH & BETTY OKUMA; WALTER & JANE FURUKAWA.

Also, MAMO SHIROTA; RALPH ARASHIRO; MOTOMI SHINDO; MITS & SUMI OSHIRO; MASA & HELEN NAKAMURA with MAY and grand daughter KELI (5); SMITTY & ELSIE KOGA; TERRY & ELSIE ARATANI; MINO & DOT SUZUKI with daughter LAURA and son ARNOLD; WALTER "JOE" OKUMOTO; SIDNEY & YOSHI OSHIRO; TOMMY HARI-MOTO; BRUNO & ELLEN YAMADA with PEGGY ANN.

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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS

by Alex Oka

At long last our reunion plans are beginning to firm. We finally agreed that the reunion shall be in Los Angeles on August 5, 6, 7 and 8. Don't laugh, getting Service Company fellows to agree on anything is no easy task. At least we know that we'll be together on those four nights. After that is real chop suey. Majority will be going to Las Vegas to enrich the economy of the State of Nevada, a few to savor the alpine atmosphere of Canadian Rockies and others to enjoy the company of their friends. This will be the first "Official" contingent of Servites to a mainland reunion. We say official because chapter president "Shadow" Kurozumi is going. We know they'll have lots of fun--what else when these guys get together. We are already saying that three years for the next reunion is too long. Perhaps, since we are all reaching the golden age, to have one every year. Next year could be San Francisco combined with 36th Division in Dallas. The following year in Seattle and 34th Division in Iowa, then back to Hawaii combined with a visit to the Orient. Then back to the mainland-Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Followed by Chicago and the 92nd Division or better yet use Chicago as the assembly point for a trip to the battlegrounds in Europe. Susumu Awaya who is now with Kobayashi Travel Service on a part-time basis will be handling our arrangements. Thanks to Susumu because if he didn't come on the scene I would still be struggling with arranging for the post reunion tours.

Servite attendance at the 39th anniversary banquet was the smallest in years with only five couples at one table. Missing were the "beer drinkers" who prefer an atmosphere where one can sip beer all night while trading stories of little "task force" patrols. But the Ballroom dancers had a really good time with music by some real old timers who understood our taste.

Week before the banquet on the 20th, was Masami "Sashbrush" Tanabe's 60th birthday at Mililani Recreation Center. Many members of Servicechapter and their wives were there to enjoy the celebration. And to make the party official, chapter president "Shadow" Kurozumi let the group in a thunderous 'Banzai' for Tanabe.

Tadashi and Martha Morimoto are still recuperating from their orient trip. This time it was the snow festival in Sapporo and mainland China. And they are still digesting some of the 1,000 years old eggs. Bill Toma had a little surgery to clear his vision. Owari Yamashita, the better half of Dixon, had huge gall-stones removed. Jim Miyake is still nursing his bad back. Ralph Chinaka learned that his back ailment is

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due to spurs or arthritis of the backbone. He said he can stand the pain but dreads the thought that he has to give up golfing. His last golf wish is that I take up golf so that he would be guaranteed someone he can thrash on the course.

Our sympathy to the family of Jack Saito, 72, who was with our post office section. Jack was the former postmaster of Makaweli post office on Kauai.

While our ranks are beginning to thin; most of us have plans to provide for our own families and we often think out loud as to what will happen to the club and more importantly the image of the 442. Our children are all at the age where they are too busy trying to make ends meet and cannot devote their time to any 442nd matters. However, in time they will realize the significance of the events of World War II, and will want to perpetuate what we have done. This will come in time so it is important that we provide a 'handle' to which they can grasp and direct. This 'Handle' is long range project. Accordingly, the goal of the club is not to make life better for its members, other than to provide facilities for comradeship, but something more into the future. Being a little crazy, some say plenty crazy, my thoughts were, "To promote the participation of the Pacific Asian People in the Progress and Development of our Nation." This sounds sluggish but it is meant that we orientals had a part in the development of this nation and to remind others of our efforts. And to achieve this goal, our children and grandchildren must have some means to keep publicizing the achievements of the 442nd. There are avenues available to achieve this---it is to promote the relationship with the city of Bruyeres, Sospel in France, perhaps Carrara in Italy. The means is to establish a foundation to publicize these relationship. Bring youngsters from these cities to visit Hawaii and our great country. Our brothers and sisters in California and other parts of the nation can also participate in strengthening the international relationship.

In the next issue will be names of members who will be going to the reunion.

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by Terry Ihara

Easy Chapter Honolulu and Hawaii will be very well represented at the 1982 Nisei Veterans Reunion to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles this coming August. In all there will be at least 54 former Easy Company dough boys, their wives and friends taking in the Reunion. Beyond Los Angeles the number will get progressively smaller, ending with only 27 of the group returning home together from Vancouver. Names of those going were listed in the last Newsletter.

Because Easy Company veterans in the Bay Area and Seattle receive the Newsletter it is incumbent upon this reporter to list the names of those who will be traveling to those two areas. Rather than list all the names of those going as was done in the last report, only names of those not going to the Bay Area and Seattle will be listed. For the Bay Area the following will not be there: GLENN SAMIYO NAKASONE, RAYMOND & LAURA SHIGENAGA, RAYMOND SHIROMA & friend, HIDEO & BETTY TAKAHASHI, JOHN & BEA TSUKAMOTO, MITSUGI & ROSE YAMADA, CABBIE FUJINO and S.T. & JUNE OOKA. The following will not be visiting Seattle in addition to the names listed above except the YAMADAS: GEORGE & DORIS TANDO and SHIGEO & ELLEN TAMASHIRO. The list does not include CHARLES ARAKAKI, HAROLD KISHABA and TOSHI ANSAI, all from Maui, and that is because their status is still uncertain.

Easy Chapter's project on lauhala weaving of fans is progressing quite well. For the time being there is sufficient working material because of the contributions of lauhala as reported in the last report. "Manon" Yamauchi is the bamboo specialist and he has earned callouses on his hands carving sections suitable for use as fan handles. Some people are born craftsmen. In this category and with respect to lauhala weaving MASAMI DOI stands out. Not only is he now able to teach others; he has used his imagination to create new designs, shapes and sizes.

The class meets every other Monday evenings and on March 15 the class was visited by a television crew from Fukuoka, Japan. Members of the class were totally unprepared but except for the singing of the 442nd Go-For-Broke song, individual members did not do badly. Fortunately for the Japanese there were a couple of our boys who conversed well in Japanese. Rest of the people interviewed were hopelessly wanting in Japanese.

Another of our boys celebrated his kanreki on March 20. This time it was Shigeru Thomas Ooka who observed his 60th birthday on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. His children Michele, Nelson, Jason and Raylene as well as his better half June

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honored Stooka with a Chinese dinner at the Inn of Sixth Happiness. Easy Chapter members and their spouses occupied a good portion of the tables, seven in all. In attendance at the dinner were: MASAMI DOI, TERUO & KUULEI IHARA, ROKU IMAOKA, LAWRENCE & LOUISE IWASHI, BOBBY MAEDA, NAKA & HAZEL MATOI, DON & ALICE MASUDA, GLENN & MIYO NAKASONE, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, HIROSHI & ROSE OKADA, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, TETSUO ONOUE, SABURO & TOKUE OUCHI, GEORGE & HARUKO OYAMA, RAYMOND & LAURA SHIGENAGA, RAYMOND SHIROMA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, JOHN & NANCY SUZUKI, PAKALA & BETTY TAKAHASHI, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, FLY & ELLEN TAMASHIRO, ALAN & JANET TANAKA, GEORGE & DORIS TANDO, JOHN & BEA TSUKAMOTO, NOBORU & HIDEKO UESUGI, ROBERT & SHIZUKO UEHARA, TOMO & MARY UYEDA, RALPH & DOROTHY YAGI, CHICKEN & ROSE YAMADA, MANON & CHIYOKO, NOBU & BETTY YONEDA, TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO and SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE.

Stooka had birthday company that evening. His twin brother was here all the way from New Jersey. One of his older brother was there also and he shared the same birthday, born on the same day but different year. His aunt also shared the same birthdate, different year also. Being a ceramic hobbyist, Stooka and his family presented each guest with bowls and tooth pick holders as favors.

In the last report the writer failed to give credit to a person who was greatly responsible for the kanreki celebration of Tadao Yoshimoto. It is, of course, none other than his better half Sakae Yoshimoto without whom there would not have been a celebration.

Tadao and Sakae had the maestro of the electronic orchestra very well tuned in so that unlike most other such media presentations, the repertoire of music that emanated from the loudspeakers were just in tune with the spirit and rhythm of the older dancers on the floor, especially the members of the Easy Dance Club.

The Dance Club was visited by the ever traveling Hoppy Kaneshinas of Los Angeles during one of its dance classes. Hoppy and Kay introduced a new step to the class...the Bolero, which adds another dimension in the ever widening array of dance steps to use on the dance floor.

Lefty and Kay Sugihara, Neka Matoi, Maui Okamura, Masami Doi and Teruo Ihara participated in the 39th Anniversary Golf Tournament played at the Hickam Golf Course. Maui Okamura came in with a net 67 which put him in the money up high--tie for second place. On the distaff side Kay Sugihara also played well enough to win 10 golf balls. Maui received a \$30 gift certificate. For the

others the less said, the better.

Invitations have been sent out by the parents of Alan Hajime Yamada and Cindy Sue Ying Woo, announcing the intent of their children to exchange marriage vows at the Moanalua Gardens Missionary Church on April 17, 1982. Reception is to follow at the China House Restaurant. This information is included here because to wait for inclusion in the issue following the event would make the news ancient.

Easy Chapter this year will be led by President Shige Yoshitake. He will be assisted by Vice President Maui Okamura, secretary Raymond Shiroma and Treasurer, old reliable Glenn Nakasone. Prexy Yoshitake will also be celebrating his "kanreki" on May 15. Invitations have been received for this celebration which were sent out by Shige's two daughters and their husbands; Gail and Gary Tomita and Linda and Eugene Kumasaki. The event will be celebrated at the Natsunoya Tea House.

Including our Senior U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Easy Chapter was represented by 19 members and their spouses and a guest couple at the 39th Anniversary Dinner of the founding of the 442nd RCT. A surprise attendant at the dinner was Charles Arakaki of Maui who represented the Maui 442nd Veterans Club. Those who enjoyed the 7 course Chinese dinner and the dance following were: TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, MASAMI & MARILYN DOI, TERUO & KUULEI IHARA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE, MICHIO & CHIYOKO YAMAUCHI, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, GLENN NAKASONE and the guest couple WAYNE & HELEN SUMIMOTO, instructor of the Easy Dance Club.

A special note of gratitude must be accorded to Prexy Yoshitake and Lefty Sugihara for two bottles of Scotch which they donated for the two tables occupied by Easy Chapter. A note of thanks also to Mildred Nakata, for some Burgundy wine and 7-Up for the wine coolers; ditto the Masami Doi for the peanut pupus. Thank you also to the guest couple for the jerky beef pupus and cucumber and daikon tsukemono, the latter prepared specially for him by his wife because he does not partake of two legged winged animals. Unlike other anniversary banquets, this year the dance floor was nice and big and the band from Charley Arakaki's home county played many old time tunes. Attendance this year was a little lower than usual. Hopefully, the turnout will be much bigger next year as 1983 will be the 442nd's 40th Anniversary. Let's hope so.

Mack Shoji called about two weeks ago. It was on the occasion of a meeting of Easy Chapter vets, wives and friends living in the Seattle

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by Sam Yamao

The inaudible and noiseless foot of time keeps moving along and another deadline for the 442 Bulletin approaches. A fourth of the year 1982 is almost gone. Have you kept the resolution/s that you made only three months ago?

522 BATTALION SHINNEN-EN-KAI (New Years Party)

The new year's party held at the 442 clubhouse on February 26, 1982, was attended by approximately 50 people this year. We are happy to report that Charlie Chapter was well represented. Attending the shindig were: N. KATO, H. KOBAYASHI, G. SUENAGA, S. HIGA, B. KIKAWA, M. AKAMINE, G. MORISHIMA, Y. HOKAMA, M. SAKAMOTO, J. TAKASAKI, T. MARUO, M. NAKAMURA, L. HASHIZUME, E. ICHIHAMA, S. MIYAMOTO and yours truly.

Besides several different choices of beer, hard liquor, such as Crown Royal, Chivas Regal, etc., for people with more expensive taste buds were available.

Rocky Tanna and his gang catered a big spread consisting several salads, fried chicken, fried fish, spare ribs, steak cutlets, sushi, pickled vegetables and a couple of other goodies that I can't remember.

The food, drinks and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Tail-end Charlie lived up to its name and was the last to leave the clubhouse - after the poker game.

HAWAII VISITORS

MANABI and SUMI HIRASAKI (Colorado) of 862 Camino, Concordia, Camarillo, California, visited our city for a few days to attend a convention. How come his nickname is Colorado if he's living in California anyway?

Thanks to the efforts of FLORENCE KUNIMURA, she rounded up 10 people for the get-together at Suehiro Restaurant on February 13, 1982 to break bread with the visitors. In attendance were: HIDEO HIRATA, NASH KATO, MIKE AKAMINE, GEORGE MIYAKE, GEORGE SUENAGA, MARGIE & TSUNESHI MARUO, RAYMOND & FLORENCE KUNIMURA. Yours truly was unable to attend, as I had a date in Hilo with my better half (Okaka).

442 UKULELE CLASS

The beginners uke class gathered for the first of 10 lessons on March 1st with instructor Mr. Art Wong at the 442 Clubhouse. I believe Stanley Kaneshiro was responsible for organizing this class

which is being thoroughly enjoyed by all of 20 plus students.

Attending the sessions from Charlie Chapter are Hardrock Nakamura and yours truly. It's too bad more people are not taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

We've learned more than half-a-dozen Hawaiian songs to date - even a Japanese number - KOKO-NI-SACHI-ARI.

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

The March 19 meeting was attended by J. TAKASAKI, K. SHIMIZU, M. NAKAMURA, M. AKAMINE, K. HOKAMA, S. HIGA, G. SUENAGA, B. KIKAWA, N. KATO and your reporter.

Prexy Kikawa distributed the L.A. Reunion brochures to interested parties and among other things reported that 442 patches were available to members at a nominal cost on a first come first served basis.

KIKAWAS ON JAPAN TRIP

BOB and BEA took their 2 daughters on a 3 weeks trip to Japan on March 20th. Their itinerary calls for visits to Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Beppu, according to Bob.

I'm sure they'll enjoy their first trip to the land of the NUMBER ONE auto manufacturer. Perhaps Bob will come home with new ideas about cheaper and better optical glasses.

L.A. NISEI VETERANS REUNION

To the best of this reporter's knowledge, the following have made firm commitments to attend the reunion in early August. They are: RAY & FLORENCE KUNIMURA, MASAO NAKAMURA & BETTY NOJIMA (Betty's name subject to change before reunion date), KOKOMO HOKAMA, SADA HIGA, TOMMY TAMAI, SAM & JANE YAMAO.

Most of the participants will attend the scheduled events in L.A. from August 5-9 then travel by air to Las Vegas for a few days before returning home.

442ND VETS CLUB BANQUET

The 39th Anniversary banquet at the Sheraton Waikiki Ballroom on March 27th was attended by RAY & FLORENCE KUNIMURA, COWBOY & PAT MORISHIMA, MASA NAKAMURA and guest (BETTY NOJIMA), JENSEN TAKASAKI, SAM & JANE YAMAO, KOKOMO HOKAMA was supposed to be the 10th person at the table, but couldn't make it at the last minute due to his doctor's orders.

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by Stanley Kaneshiro

For Memoriam

Wallace Y. "Poi" Miyamoto passed away suddenly while watching television at his home, early Sunday morning March 13, 1982. After graduating from McKinley HS, Poi had volunteered for the 442nd Combat Team and served with the 522nd FA Bn, Hdqtrs Battery. After his discharge in 1946, he had reenlisted in the Airforce and retired as a Master Sgt in 1965. At the time of his death, he was an employee of the U.S. Postal Service and an active member of our 522B Chapter. It was with much sadness, many of us attended the last rites for him and as part of the services Mits Kunihiro gave the eulogy and Kats Miho performed the 'oshoko' for all of Poi's former buddies in the 442nd and 522nd FA Bn. Our condolences go to his wife Kise and his many children and grand children.

Up Ahead

Months, and years, are passing by quickly. Only four more months and its going to be the NVR Reunion in Los Angeles, then to Las Vegas and points beyond for many. A number of events have also taken place the past few months and with letters from Jerry Ishimoto (Okinawa) and Ichi Imamura (California) and articles from Rocky Tanna this is going to be a lengthy report.

Don't forget ladies night on May 21, 1982 at the Empress Restaurant, 100 Beretania Street. We'll have some Chinese cuisine for a change.

Meeting Notes

NVR LA Reunion planning is generating steam and if you're interested in the plans being made here and also in LA and Vegas, please attend our Chapter meetings every fourth Friday at the Clubhouse. Much of the transportation arrangements are being made for us by Shige Warashina, Central Pacific Travel Service. Call him at 536-9346 if you need information or help. Members have agreed to an assessment of \$20.00 per Reunion attendee to cover miscellaneous expenses at joint affairs ie. hospitality room, omiyage etc. Attendees are also to submit their own applications to Reunion Hdqs in IA for hotel and other reservations.

Latest word on the 442nd Club shirts is that they should be ready for pickup at the Clubhouse sometime before or early May. Besides the shirts the Club has acquired over a thousand Club patches (442nd logo) which could be sewn on your golf caps, T-shirts, jackets and whatever. These are available at the Clubhouse now and at \$1.25 each.

Activities

Major events past two months were the first official Battalion Golf Tournament (see article by Rocky), the annual Shimenkai at the Clubhouse, the 442nd Golf Tournament and the 39th Anniversary Banquet.

The Battalion Shinnenkai was held at the Clubhouse a few hours after the Battalion Golf Tournament on Feb. 26th. Some 45 former artillerymen attended this annual bash to 'shoot the bull', find out how and why some are holding up much better and reminisce of years gone by. After the 19th hole and more at the Clubhouse, can't remember all who were there. Food from Happy's Catering was good, plentiful and reasonable. Thanks to Fred Hirayama and his brother who owns Happy's Catering located at the Armed Services Y. A tip of the hat to Charlie Chapter members also for the drinks. Less we forget the KP gang of Fred Hirayama, Nash Kato, Kokomo Hokama and a few others, thanks most much too.

The 39th 442nd Anniversary Banquet was held at Sheraton Hotel, March 27th and in one of the best setting and arrangements ever seen. Soft lights, walls with Hawaiian murals, a large dance floor and with men and women in colorful aloha attire, it was a beautiful and somewhat serene Hawaiian setting. Program and podium spotlights were Senator Dan Inouye, President of East-West Center Dr. Victor Hao Li as speaker, MC Tom Kiyosaki, Club President Ernest Uno and the Molina Brothers, all the way from Maui on a special engagement to play tunes of yesteryear. B Chapter attendees at this Banquet were Hiromi Fujiwara (Ann), Mike Hara (Mildred), Fred Hirayama (Kay), Shoso Kagawa (Kay), Stanley Kaneshiro (Hilda), Kats Miho (Laura), Tad Nagasawa, Larry Nakahara (Gladys), Joe Obayashi (Peggy), Richard Ogata, Roy Okubo and Harold Ueoka (Jane).

Have you heard of the 442nd Club ukulele class? If you enjoy singing, you should have signed up for this one. Art Wong, the instructor who has published his own ukulele song book - and teaches ukulele classes at the U.H. and other schools, makes the ukulele simple and fun to learn. And whereas his classes elsewhere are \$35, a student, we're getting same for \$12.50 and with lots of freebies like song sheets. The class started with 25 maximum students and as one student put it, terrific - I don't want to miss a class and can't wait for Mondays. If you want to see the fun and enjoyment, drop by at the Clubhouse 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. After five lessons, and five more to go, the class has learned to play and sing Hawaii Aloha, Aloha Oe, Hilo March, Molokai Nui Ahina, Maikai No Kauai, Maui No Ka Oi,

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Beautiful Ilima, Kanaka Wai Wai, Nahale No Naue, Koko Ni Sachi Ari and Eklolu Mea Nui. If you're interested in joining the next class, call Bob Sasaki at the Clubhouse.

Ukulele/guitar Club is next and shouldn't be too long before we get this one off the ground. Joe Sato and Ed Kawamoto, Engrs, have expressed their willingness to participate and help. If you can play the uke or guitar and/or sing, please call me. We could use some moral support too.

442nd Annual Golf Tournament

Without Rocky Tanna who had the virus, 522-B Chapter golfers couldn't outshoot the hundred or more that turned out for this tournament at Hickam Officers Club for the 19th hole and lunch. B Chapter members who took their chances at the prizes and jackpots were Joe Obayashi, Biggie Nakakura, Teiji Uehara, Bill Horie, Joe Takata, Roy Okubo, Kats Miho, Roy Fujii and Stanley Kaneshiro. We'll have to wait for Jerry Ishimoto to return and pick up the banner for us next year.

Golfers in Okinawa Got it Made (by Jerry Ishimoto)

Read with great interest your account of the Battalion golf--albeit seeing all that high handicaps was a bit of a shock. With all the sunabukeros, small wonder there are sands left in the bunkers. Take JOE OBAYASHI, the former Air Force Ace of Hickam Golf Course. Or BIGGIE NAKAKURA a biggie on the dance floor. They can't be 23 or 22 unless they're talking about their age which makes it ... a bad lie. They must be taking more swings on the links than on the dance floor. ROCKY TANNA, 20? No way! Not when he can play at Leihua Golf Course anytime without tee times. And HARRY TOKUSHIGE a 20? Why, when I roomed with him at the Seattle reunion way back, this veteran golfer already knew what a niblick and brassie were. I still don't.

And where were the great names in golfing such KATS MIHO, onetime winner of the Kauai 442nd Invitational; FLINISTONE YONASHIRO, a shinguru; TED TSUKIYAMA, DON YAGAMI or RICK OGATA, loaded with talent yet getting strokes from him is harder than drawing blood from a turnip. Could he be related to a guy named FRANCIS SUGAI? BILL and TOSHIKO OSHIRO. TOSHIKO must have graduated the par 3 courses by now, eh? JOE TAKATA and BULLDOG NISHIZAWA, coupla pros from the windy side.

Then I see new names like TAD NAGASAWA who's taken up the challenge of golf after conquering bowling. But remember TAD.. in golf, lower is better. STAN KANESHIRO, another rabbit who I see is 27 but will not make it permanent like SHOSO

KAGAWA. SHOSO uses that 27 to make his clients happy. Also I see CHICKEN IKENAGA a 'Big Wheel' of an automotive clinic in Pearl City who can afford to play this game when the rising green fees make this once again the game for the rich.

Anyhow, glad to hear that this will be an annual Battalion tournament. It won't be a threat to the Hawaiian Open and it's something the Artillerymen can call their own. To win this tournament is like winning the British Open. Mostly prestige since each player receives only a ball donated by LARRY NAKAHARA.

While golf is the most popular pastime for the retirees in Hawaii, the same holds true for the 'working retirees' here in Okinawa. Eat your hearts out while I tell you how the golfers in Okinawa got it made. There are two courses readily accessible weekdays and weekends. The Kadena Golf Course of the Air Force and Awase Meadows of the Marines. Of course there are other civilian courses but forget it! They're mostly private and green fees cost from 6000 yen and up (\$26.00) as compared to \$15.00 per month membership at Awase Meadows. That's in retaliation for the \$25.00 weekdays and \$35.00 weekend green fees that the local Nationals have to pay to play at Awase Meadows. Weekend and Holiday tee times are obtained by going down to the 19th hole on Wednesday evenings, drop your membership card and wait for your name to be called...same time while waiting for the waitress to bring your drinks. Weekdays, don't even bother to get tee times. Just go and tee off since there's hardly anybody on the course. During Summers when the day breaks early, and the days are long and hot, it is common to tee off shortly after 0600 and finish about 1030. That is..if there aren't any STAN YAMAMOTO's Rubber-Shoe Gang in front hacking away or looking for lost balls. Going home around 1630 makes the 19th hole longer than the 18 holes. Just about all the members will be through golfing by noon and so the local Nationals drive over in droves despite the \$35.00 green fee. They tip the caddies good too so in the morning when the members play, the caddies go into hiding and comes out when the Nationals play. Oh well...who needs caddies anyway. They're not young and pretty as depicted in the movies. Our foursome, we rent a gas cart, lash four golf bags to it and the four of us take turns riding the cart. We get by with \$2.00 per round and that beats hiring a caddie for \$8.00. From here on, stop eating your hearts out because trouble is when it rains, they don't let out the carts. And it rains practically every weekend. Weekdays, it is sunny and dry. Weekends it rains. I don't mean rain that will fill up the reservoir to ease the water rationing. I mean steady drizzle that makes you

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miserable. Then in which case, it's back to the 19th hole. A hic of a way to spend the weekends.

522 Battalion First Official Golf Tournament (by Rocky Tanna)

The first official 522 Battalion golf tournament was held at Barbers Point Golf Course on Feb. 26, 1982. Co-chairmen for this event was Akabo Takasaki and Stanley Kaneshiro, ably assisted by Sharkey Kobatake, Ben Sugawa, Joe Obayashi, Biggie Nakakura and Rocky Tanna.

Eighteen Golfers turned out for this event, 2 from Able Chapter, 2 from Charley, 13 from Baker and 1 Guest.

The weather was perfect for golfing, wind condition nil, Sky over cast, fairways plush and greens excellent. That's why we had 9 guys shooting net 70 and below.

Winners for cash awards were: 18 holes net score by Joe Obayashi (Baker) with a sensational 45-45=90-23=67; front nine net by Rocky Tanna (Baker) with a steady 42-10=32; Back nine net by Stan Kaneshiro (Baker) with a sizzling 45-13=31½ and nearest to the hole on par 3's won by Teiji Uehara (Baker), Rocky Tanna, Stan Kaneshiro and Sharkey Kobatake (Charley). Other winners were A Flight 1st Joe Takata (Baker), tie for 2nd Guest Hanzawa, Ben Sugawa (Baker) Sharkey Kobatake and Teiji Uehara. B Flight 1st Joe Obayashi, tie for 2nd George Ikinaga (Able) and Roy Fujii (Baker) 3rd Rocky Tanna and 4th Shoso Kagawa (Baker). A Flight cut off was 15 Handicap.

Participant scores, with balls, and for the record were as follows:

B - Joe Obayashi	90-23=67	- 9 balls
B - Joe Takata	81-13=68	- 6 "
A - George Ikinaga	85-16=69	- 5 "
B - Roy Fujii	85-16=69	- 4 "
B - Teiji Uehara	83-13=70	- 2 "
B - Ben Sugawa	83-13=70	- 2 "
B - Rocky Tanna	90-20=70	- 2 "
C - Sharkey Kobatake	78-8=70	- 2 "
Guest- Hanzawa	83-13=79	- 2 "
A - Ralph Miwa	88-15=73	- 1 ball
B - Shoso Kagawa	100-27=73	- 1 "
B - Ted Tsukiyama	87-13=74	- 1 "
B - Stan Kaneshiro	102-27=75	- 1 "
B - Joe Usui	91-15=76	- 1 "
B - Bill Horie	94-15=79	- 1 "
B - Rick Ogata	93-13=80	- 1 "
C - Akabo Takasaki	112-27=85	- 1 "
B - Biggie Nakakura	108-22=86	- 1 "

After the tournament the 19th hole was held at the Barbers Point Club House. Prizes were awarded to the winners and no one came out a loser,

everyone received at least 1 ball. Golfers enjoyed the 19th hole with lots of refreshments & pupus getting acquainted with long time no see members, such as Ben Sugawa, Joe Usui and Ralph Miwa. Hope to see more new faces in our next tournament which will be held later part of this year.

To all of you who participated in this tournament many thanks for making it a huge success. Again, I would like to thank our Co-chairmen Akabo and Stan, they did a spendid job so maybe we can make them co-chairmen again. Also to Sharkey for arranging the starting time at Barbers Point, to Ben and Joe Obayashi for discounts on golf carts, to Joe Obayashi, Biggie and Stan for helping with the score cards, computing the scores for the winners of A Flight, B Flight, Overall, front nine and back nine. Without you guys this task would have been a difficult one. Once again Mahalo.

Mainland News (by Ichii Imamura)

Read the article in the Go for Broke bulletin about our friend, Norman Funamura..he has been in the hospital again but doing well. Hope to see you all in August at the NVR in Los Angeles, at which time that 100/442 MIS exhibit should be transferred to L.A. from S.F. in time for the reunion. Hope it has more about the 522 F.A. by then. We have given many more names so they can up-date the history of the 442 and its other partners of the Combat Team.

As promised, we have gathered information on a family that served in the 522 FA, the ARAI brothers, Harrison Arai "C" battery, Rupert Arai Service battery, and Yosh Arai Headquarters.. Medic. Harrison is on 30th year with U.S. Postal Service. Yosh retired from the V.A. Hospital. Rupert died in an auto accident, May 1967.

All 3 men attended school in Kent, Washington and during the evacuation, the Arai family went to Pinedale Assembly Center, then to Tule Lake and to Minidoka, in Hunt, Idaho. The 3 sons served in the U.S. Army, while their parents were in Concentration Camp (America Hood). Basic training for them was in Fort Hood, Texas as anti-tankers. They joined the 442 as replacements in Feb. 1945 in France. Yosh with his education ended up in the Medics. After discharge he earned his B.A. & M.S. at Denver University. Worked in the V.A. Hospital since 1952 to retirement in 1975 as a research chemist and as a part of an organ transplant team. He also served as Commander of the Cathay American Legion Post in Denver, CO. in 1963 and again in 1975. Denver is also the home for another 522 FA Medic Sam Tsuchiya.. and many 442 vets remember enjoying Denver's hospitality on their Centennial, prior to the NVR in Chicago, and the Bicentennial

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by Ronald Oba

Last night we celebrated the 39th anniversary of the 442. The crowd was notably smaller with each succeeding year and conspicuous by their absence were the Imaiz, Iritanis, Okamoto, B. Tanakas, Urankas, Murashiges, Kuwayes, Tamagawas, Masudas and Roy Kubo. Guess most of us are getting tired of Chinese food - or was it old age? As the keynote speaker, Dr. Victor Hao Li quoted Shakespeare, I looked across the tables and saw the sea of waving white hair. Shucks, don't they know of Grecian Formula, Youth Hair or Great Day? Follicle transplant might help too.

The Molina Orchestra that came all the way from Maui to play for this occasion dispelled all doubts about old bucks can't shuffle any more. When the orchestra played my favorite, "Stardust," a Maui couple was heard saying, "I remember these musicians as a little boy when they played at parties around Maui." The Mich Takata dancers proved to me that the "Aging" conferences and seminars on how to grow old gracefully are not for us young bucks. Examples are Yoshio and Shige. When they dance, you just gotta give them room. They don't shuffle, they "Go-for-broke." As they say at these symposiums, everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work. Last night we proved to everyone that when our nee hurts it's from too much rocking and roll or overuse. No, stupid, not the right or the left side - talking about the wee nee. Some of us whose knees actually hurt sat around and reminisced. Not about the war. That's too animated and takes the wind out of us just thinking about it. We talked about other things such as what an 85 year old Kentuckian, Nadine Stair, wrote in "If I Had My Life to Live Over." Some of the things she wrote were, "I would take more chances, I would take more trips, I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers, I would go to more dances....I would pick more daisies." What would you do if you had to do it over?

As we sat around, I connived: Mich Takata - I would have followed in Astair's footsteps and Arthur Murray would have been one of my dance pupils. Hank Oyasato - I would have pursued my teaching career and developed the finest educational system in the nation and would have aborted the Board of Education before it was born. Kats Nakamura - I would have sent Grace to a flight attendants' school, hotel management, tourism and perhaps teach her how to fly an airplane so she can bring all the boys and girls to the casino I would have bought. Barney and Roy - we would have liked to travel and bunk together more often and would have made more money if we stayed away from casinos. George Nakasato - I would have studied the art of caring. Caring for lost husbands' wives while

they're golfing, caring more to show these lovely ladies the wine country of Napa Valley and the giant redwood trees of upper San Francisco. Yosh Shibuya - I would have learned to play golf sooner than last year and be shooting in the low 90's. I would attend more class reunions, travel more and retire the same time as Clara. Bolo Yorita - I would learn the finer art of dressing like Frances and develop my epicurean senses to more acutely appreciate the knack of eating Chinese food gracefully. Harry Shimada - I would wear a microfilter mask when handling asbestos if I had to do it again and would invent a smaller, compact oxygen tank for golfing. Oscar Tsukayama - I would have returned sooner from Japan to more sooner enjoy the company of the Fox members and their wives. Doug Gusukuma - I would smile more, laugh more, make more friends and keep friendships such as the Rodrigues' because I like people and they like me. Joe Tanaka - I would control my diet more, stress less, trip less, exercise more, golf more, and change my two left feet for better dancing feet. Ron Oba - I would major in English and philosophy to more subtly understand the members and to more ably write the Fox Fables, take more trips, more chances and perhaps win more tournaments instead of blowing the money hole! Purple eggplant - I would have like to be born a green cucumber because they are longer than these vain Foxes and the average cucumber stays hard for a week, never suffers from performance anxiety and you can fondle them in a super market. (cucumber: computer printout).

REUNION, POST REUNIONS

The X NVR reunion is generating considerable interest as well as last-minute change in plans as more options are made available. The latest of these is the survey being conducted by the Southern California group to see how many would be interested in a post mini reunion among the Fox members. As you know, about eleven couples will be headed for the East Canada tour and another 16 couples will be rolling in Las Vegas and still another 15 couples are strictly for the reunion and back to home. Unfortunately those of us who planned post reunion trips are tied to package deals and air fares not subject to increases due on April 1st. Of course couples may still make changes subject to family squabbles and fist fights. We also know which wives are stronger than their husbands so it seems to me that most wives have already made up their spouses' minds. It's too soon to name those who are going and who goes where after the reunion. From all indications from tour directors, this is going to be a big, big one. The disturbing rumors have it that all banquets will be on a first come, first served basis. So come prepared with your bentos and rice

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mats. This writer for one will not tolerate first come first served functions after swimming across the Pacific and fighting the Los Angeles traffic. I'll march in with pine tree as he carries the American standard into the banquet room---wonder if my uniform still fits -- remember when we were 125 lbs. clothes and all? At any rate, if the reunion committee can dispell some of these ugly rumors with timely newsletters before too long, we might even bring our mothers-in-law to keep things in perspective.

UKU LELE CLASSES

The Portuguese who introduced the ukus (fleas) as well as the leles (jumping) to go with it thought that if you were carrying a colony of ukus in you hair, you can rid yourself of them by strumming such a lousy tune that the ukus will jump off at the first sound of flat keys. The Nakasatos and Nakamuras are faithfully attending classes but by looking at their strained faces, I think the ukus are enjoying the music, sic. Ironically the first tune they are learning is called, "My Dog Has Fleas."

442 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Just when it would have mattered the Fox members did not put up a jackpot of its own. Why? Only because Ron came in with a net 67 and Mich tied for the back nine with a 32½ net. The overall tournament winner had a net 66. Ron's missed chances are too painful to recount here - for a blow by blow account of the 18th hole please ask Kats, Harry or Oscar. I would have given them a \$100 for their 4's for my 6. Amen.

FOX CHAPTER - KAUAI by Mrs. Yuri Tasaka

KAUAI REPORTING FOXILY

Kauai wasn't washed away
Despite the seasons' rains.
Just unqualified proof by Waialeale,
As the world's wettest spot it still reigns.

The guys are still around,
'Though sometimes they're "All Wet,"
But when together they gather 'round,
They're never dry: you can bet!

The gang was there so early
Anxiously to greet Kats and Grace.
The merriment had started,
The pupus all were ready.

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by Charles Watanabe

Getting the news report out is getting to be a chore these days even if it's only three times a year. Why? Well you should know by now that age has nothing to do with it but somehow yesterday and today are two different days. Anyway where did I leave off at the last report, must have been February. So now I gotta report for the month of March.

Meeting held at the club house and as usual with David Kaiura leading the way. I must pay more attention to what David says because I somehow seem to miss his report. Now what did he report about? Let me see, the reunion in L.A. and the side trips, and the trip to Vegas and Seattle. I guess all those who are going are more or less set, and you know who you are.

Also reported on the Hawaii State baseball with Fukuoka, Japan, on a sister relationship exchange program etc. More on this can be had from David.

Also, I have a note on my pad which says Rohrer donation accepted. I don't recall anything on this but I guess you can call, you know where for any information.

Sam Sasai had a report for the Memorial Day outing at Kuilima, Kahuku. If you are planning on it more details are forthcoming.

One more on the agenda, a report by Takeshi Nakamura, a letter he received from Tad Tadakuma on the reunion in L.A. Tad is in charge of the affairs of HQ3 and reports things are pretty good.

That's it, should cover whatever was said, and if you no likee, you writee. Sassy eh!

Now for some kine-da-buggah news. HQ3rd is getting to be a retired mens' club. More retired members than who else.

Bill Kuwata celebrated his 60th birthday with a party given in his honor by his wife and children. HQ3 members had the pleasure of celebrating it with him. What a shindig it was too, at the Hong Kung Restaurant, with dimmer and dancing and entertainment, especially provided for Bill by Yaeko. The last and only time he will ever have another, then his wife sit on his lap and enjoy her -- whistle -- oooooo. A very much endowed wahine, Whistle.

HQ3rd helped celebrate 442nd 39th anniversary Banquet at Sheraton, Waikiki, with 20 members present. Hope that figure is correct, thought

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it was more. Those attending were: ROBERT OWAN, HENRY KATSUDA, ED FUJIMURA, JAMES & ALICE MATSUNAGA, MAX & JANE ISARA, HAROLD & MARYLIN MIKUNI, HAJIME & HANAYO MATSUURA, SAM & MICHIE SASAI, SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, ROBERT KUNYUKI (Edna missing), JANET MATSUDA, BILL & YAEKO KUMATA, ERNI & GRACE UNO, CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE. Of course, Erni is the president of the 442nd this year. Did I miss anyone? like I always do, otherwise remind me.

After the dinner and dance, the members all went to as usual to the Nakamuras residence for more dessert and coffee. As if they did not have enough, did more chatting and the men did more bull s---. It is now after 12 midnight so good night and call it a night. Not used to this late night hours.

These days when you say goodnight to the Nakamuras, be sure to say "Goodnight Grandma or goodnight Grandpa." Because Irene and Takeshi just became the proud grandparents of a granddaughter on the mainland. Forgot to ask the name. they are tickled pink. Hope more to follow, I think so. Just the beginning.

Sam Sasai is off on another trip to sashimi-land. Short trip he says.

How did you like the tsukemono Pappy brought to the banquet? Maui style. Some good eh! with tea and rice.

Dis is it, no mo, sorry Shig and Mo, gotta call it PAU.

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in Washington, D. C. Yosh now enjoying retirement with wife Fumi and their 3 children.

We hope to get an interview later with Mrs. Pearl Kimura, for a script on Dr. Sam J. Kimura, M.D. that was our Medical C.O., 522 FA...the only Buddhahead officer to go overseas with us.

Regards to all the FA vets...and hope to see you all in L.A....maybe we can join the Bon Odori gang.

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by Allen Nakamura

Congratulations to Masami "Casey" Kasadate for reaching the milestone of 60 years. To celebrate this important event, Casey shared the evening with his buddies at the chapter meeting. Many more years of happy birthdays, Casey. By the way, the chapter treasury on the generosity of Casey is \$100 richer today. Thanks ole' buddy!

Congratulations also to Hideo & Mary Higa on becoming grandparents as Fredric & Naomi Higa presented them with a healthy, bouncing granddaughter, Michelle, 7 lbs. 2 oz. on Jan. 28, '82. Congratulations to all!

My apology to Kelvin & Lynn Shoji on an honest mistake in the last issue, reporting that they were blessed with a new son, Kelly. When grandma Chiz forwarded the info that, Kelly weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz, surely I thought it gotta be a son! Sorry bout' that. No wonder grandma Chiz had bones to pick with me. Strange, the Shoji's used to be all boys. Now they have two grand daughters!

With the Los Angeles Reunion fast approaching, we have a pretty good size contingent of 42 already signed up at the latest count headed by president Isa Takiyama and Fumio Ohashi. Present plans calls for the group to leave on Western Airlines the morning of Aug. 4, at 8:45 a.m. which incidentally is a day ahead of the reunion date. The group will be flying over on the Las Vegas junket package to take advantage of the airfare. After the reunion and sojourn to Las Vegas, the group will fly over to San Francisco with a few dropping off to L.A. Yoshiji Aoki is corresponding with Min Sumida to keep the group apprised of the latest from L.A., while I have been selected to write to our friends in San Francisco. I am in contact with Howie Hama-mura and will be updating info to him on our time schedule, etc.

It was reported at the last meeting in March that the 442 patch is available for \$1.25. The 442shirt should be coming out sometime in late April. Next year being the 40th anniversary of the 442RCT, plans are being made by the current administration for appropriate celebration. We weren't too bad this year with 3 1/2 table sittings but it is short from past years 5 or 6 tables. The attendance at our monthly meetings continue to be great. We have on the average of 29 or so members monthly, sharing fellowship and oishi-i pupus. We tried something different at the March meeting when we had the members write to our congressional delegations opposing the Reaganomics

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benefit cut for disabled veterans. Members who wrote already received acknowledgments of letters sent. This is what Legislative ACTION PROGRAM is all about!

February 21, 1982 Shimmekai Sunday, co-chaired by Bill Oshiro and P.K. Matsumoto was a resounding success. This pair from Hawaii Kai working as co-chairman together for the first time worked extremely well. Of course the physical likeness had nothing to do with the success, but the key must be that they stayed out of each others way with Bill laboring all day over the hot barbecue grill, and P.K. making himself known in the kitchen. He probably must have thought that he's back in the catering business.

It have been quite a number of years now that the ladies are looking in over the kitchen counter with a forlorn look. You gotta remember that the men took over to give you ladies, a day of rest. Of course it is everyone's envy to watch the kitchen crew of P.K. Akira Gerlach, Dyna Matsuda and Henry Oshiro showing off their stuff. It's exciting to watch Henry chopping the vegetables and meat, just like the Teppan Yaki chef, only it's better. Thanks a lot gang.

As usual this affair draw a number of guests we see every year. We know that they enjoy as they come each year. George Kimura, Dorothy Fukunaga, Joyce Kim, Bob and Lami Prozman, Jack and Barbara Bueker, Tom and Fran Estes whose group provides us with the sashimi's. Then there's the other perennial donors as, Donkey's relative Mr. & Mrs. Harry Yoshinaga, 2 turkeys; Sueo Kuramoto with his tasty Octopus; Marion Matsumura's Canopy and vegetable tray; Betty Nakahara's Koko; Grace Uno (wife of Ernie Uno, 442 president) Koko; Gloria Oshiro's Andagi; Izzy Kerr, Oregon cheese; Wally Kawamura, Pickled Mangos; Walter Kajiware, Japanese cookies; Norina Horimoto and Iwao Kashi-ma, 20 pineapples, Paper towels, Toilet Tissues, Ziploc Bags, Zee Wax Paper, which was given as prizes.

With my wife Emi handling the bingo game assisted by professional helpers in Mabel Kawamura, Terry Jichaku, Kazuo Fink, Jacob and myself. It was fun giving away the fabulous prizes gathered by Prize Chairman Kazuo Fink who again did a fantastic job.

Altho' there's no losers at this affair as everyone get to win something, there will always be someone who'll jump for joy in winning the grand prize. This year it was Betty Aoki (I did not know she could move fast to claim her prize ha!) winning \$50 merchandise certificate from Gem of Hawaii, courtesy of Jacob Jichaku. Kazuo

Fink made a surprise announcement of a special prize from Fink, Inc., to be given to members only with a Japanese name. The prize was a 14kt gold necklace pendant to be engraved with the winner's name engraved in Japanese character. So who should have the lucky number? None other than Akiko Gerlach! The prize must be worth at least \$50 plus.

Tommy Kakesako once again came thru with his donations ranging in cost figures from \$5 to \$40 of 14kt jade earrings, 14kt pendant, wallets, etc, and Kazuo Fink besides the special prize donated also in the cost figures to \$40 of musical rotary dolls, Antique photo frame, velvet lined jewel box. 14kt GF earring, Kukui Nut Lei, etc. Tommy's friend John Wiel, ratchet wrench, quick set pliers, etc. John Fink (Kazuo's son) from Radio Station KIKI Records, etc. The combined total prizes retail value is around \$450.

Last but not the least in donations is the twosome of Lawrence Fujii and Bill Hagio who always provide the chapter with beautiful orchid plants, and assortments of garden and house plants. It seems that we take it for granted that we'll have these plants donated yearly without giving it a thought that it will not be available without their tender loving care and time involved. On the contrary, we do understand and appreciate all the efforts put into the care of the plants so that we are able to enjoy each year.

To all the donors, thanks! thanks! & thanks! To all the participants, we'll see you again next year - who knows, you may hold the grand prize number!

'L' CHAPTER HALF YEAR GOLF SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 24, 1982

Makalena Golf Course Tee Time: 12:54
6 Tee Times

Tuesday, June 8, 1982

Navy Marine Golf Course Tee Time: 11:26
7 Tee Times ----Mahalo to Ray Sumikawa

Please call Isa Takiyama (941-9749) or Wally Isobe (734-3341) if you can make the first tournament.

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FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of February 28, 1982

Feb 1981	ASSETS	Dec 1981	Jan 1982	Feb 1982
10,640.01	Loans, Delinquent 2 - 6 Months.....	2,521.63		1,225.83
3,420.45	Loans, Delinquent 6 - 12 Months.....			
3,243.16	Loans, Delinquent 12 Months or More...	2,400.00	2,300.00	2,200.00
17,303.62	Sub-total, Delinquent Loans.....	4,921.63	2,300.00	3,425.83
582,619.11	Loans, Current & Not Delinquent.....	639,472.32	627,687.57	632,770.46
599,922.73	Total Loans Outstanding.....	644,393.95	629,987.57	636,196.29
(3,762.40)	(Less Allowance for Loan Losses)...	(983.46)	(983.46)	(983.46)
12,940.04	Cash in Bank.....	18,065.31	10,950.47	11,829.96
9,273.06	ICU Investment Securities.....	911.71	920.06	929.06
284,613.41	Savings Accounts in S&L and Bank.....	297,128.66	317,128.66	317,128.66
1,438.46	Furniture & Equipment.....	1,438.46	1,438.46	1,438.46
(351.52)	(Less Allowance for Depreciation)...	(575.36)	(575.36)	(575.36)
5,670.00	Accounts Receivable.....	4,122.00	5,435.00	5,298.00
	Other Assets.....	153.14	153.14	153.14
	Unapplied Disbursement Exceptions.....			3,600.00
	Deferred Expenses.....		2,041.21	2,041.21
912,362.24	TOTAL ASSETS.....	964,654.41	966,495.75	977,055.96
	LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
9,200.00	Dividends Payable.....		6,000.00	12,698.55
	Accounts Payable - (EDF Except).....	706.56	2,023.92	5,824.25
821,797.35	Members Savings Shares.....	873,110.72	867,464.47	866,748.07
35,000.00	Regular Reserves.....	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
44,364.69	Undivided Earnings.....	44,364.69	55,837.13	55,837.13
2,000.20	Net Income/(Loss).....	11,472.44	170.23	947.96
912,362.24	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY.....	964,654.41	966,495.75	977,055.96

Feb 1981	STATISTICAL DATA	Dec 1981	Jan 1982	Feb 1982
3	No. Accts. Delinquent 2 - 6 Months	1		2
2	No. Accts. Delinquent 6 - 12 Months			
5	No. Accts. Delinquent 12 Months & Over	1	1	1
247	No. Accts. Current & Not Delinquent...	248	249	252
510	No. of Savings Accounts.....	524	519	524
700	No. of Potential Members.....	700	700	700
27	No. of Loans Made Year-to-Date.....	128	2	12
3,551	No. of Loans Made Since Organization..	3,652	3,654	3,664
94,638.	Amount Loaned Year-to-Date.....	453,224.	8,700.	43,426.
4,038,128.	Amount Loaned Since Organization.....	4,396,666.	4,405,364.	4,440,090.
7,011.	Amount Charged Off Since Organization.	10,254	10,254.	10,254.
3,811.	Amount Recovered on Charge-Offs.....	3,811.	3,811.	3,811.

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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT for the Period/Month Ended February 28, 1982

Cumulative 1/1-2/28/81	Cumulative 1/1-2/28/82	ACCOUNT TITLE	Month of Dec 1981	Month of Jan 1982	Month of Feb 1982
		OPERATING EARNINGS:			
8,752.09	9,620.03	Interest on Loans.....	5,613.05	4,955.08	4,664.95
4,750.54	6,114.51	Income on Svgs Accts.....	3,045.43	2,725.22	3,389.29
359.24	17.35	Income on ICU Securities..	8.65	8.35	9.00
1.00	1.50	Fees and Charges.....	.75	.25	1.25
13,862.87	15,753.39	TOTAL EARNINGS.....	8,667.88	7,688.90	8,064.49
		OPERATING EXPENSES:			
	40.00	Conference/Travel Fees....			40.00
100.00	20.00	HCUL Association Dues.....	179.24	20.00	
	100.00	Office Utilities.....	50.00	50.00	50.00
	11.13	Postage/Communication....			
109.00	82.00	Stationery & Supplies....		11.13	
89.52	199.83	Subscriptions.....		82.00	
		EDF Accounting Services...	106.88	101.62	98.21
		Provision: Loan Losses...			
	55.96	Depreciation-Equipment....			
184.70	190.45	Surety Bond Premiums.....	92.35	92.35	98.10
		Members' Shares Insurance.	112.00		
728.10	814.21	Borrowers' Insurance.....	(63.37)	409.49	404.72
381.50	391.81	Life Savings Insurance....	(72.23)	196.08	195.73
		NCUA Supervision Fee.....	292.62		
		NCUA Examination Fee.....			
420.00	356.00	Annual Meeting Expenses...		256.00	100.00
600.00	600.00	Miscellaneous.....	300.00	300.00	300.00
2,662.67	2,805.43	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES..	1,053.45	1,518.67	1,286.76
11,200.20	12,947.96	NET OPERATING PROFITS.....	7,614.43	6,170.23	6,777.73
(9,200.00)	(12,000.00)	Non-Oper. Gains/(Losses)...	(14,894.30)	(6,000.00)	(6,000.00)
		Less Dividends Paid.....			
2,000.20	947.96	NET INCOME/(LOSS).....	(7,279.87)	170.23	777.73

We hereby certify, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that this statement and the related statements are true and correct and present fairly the financial position and the results of operations for the periods covered.

Barbara S. Taba

Treasurer

Officer



by Eddie Sakai

The 442nd Veterans Club had its 39th Anniversary Banquet at the Sheraton-Waikiki Ballroom on Saturday, March 27, 1982. Three couples from the Anti-Tank Chapter attended the event: MASATO and SACHI DOI, HARRY and JANET TOKASHIKI and EDWARD and MARY SAKAI. RODNEY and IRIS FUKUI were at the table and Mrs. WASANO and son WADE WASANO. The 7-course dinner was terrific! We were so filled with food that some of them waited before dancing. The band played beautiful music and we danced and danced...we were out till that last dance and we danced and danced!

LIZO and YVONNE HONMA had also planned a get-together on the same night, March 27, 1982. Some of the A-T members went there: MINORU TATEISHI, AKIRA and MITSUKO FUKUDA, DONALD and SALLY NAKAMURA, HARRY and ALICE OKOUCHI. They invited other friends and they came. They had a good time!

When LOUIS FERRIS and LESLEY came to Hawaii, there wasn't much time for LOUIS...he wanted to go to the other islands. So, we had a get-together at Pagoda Restaurant... "SUNSHINE" FUKUNAGA, KO HATA, JACK KAGUNI, "BRUNO" NAKAMURA, EDDY SAKAI, and "CHILI" SASAKI. We had an interesting time discussing war-time and how we lived... LOUIS sent me some pictures...I will give the pictures to you all at the next meeting. JACK KAGUNI, KO HATA, and EDDY SAKAI went to pick up the FERRIS' at the Hawaiian Hilton. ADOLPH NAKAMURA returned them to their hotel. LOUIS and LESLEY visited the neighbor islands...we hope that you had a good time.

KATHERINE MIYAKAWA went to Corpus Christi in Texas...the granddaughter's name is MARY MIYAKAWA. The son took her out for trout and 'crooker' fishing. I'm not sure what 'crooker' is, but it is a fish. They also went shopping in Dallas...but it was cold...24 degrees.

SHORT NOTES

'SUNSHINE' AKIRA and SACHIKO FUKUNAGA has a grandson at Cookeville, Tennessee... MATSUO KAMINISHI is still working on his patio (must be a big patio!)... HARRY OKOUCHI says that he is with Aiea Super Jet (he is a travel agent) so if you want to give him business, call him... YUKIO MIYAMOTO had a stroke about three years ago, but he can talk; but he has to use a cane.

Anti-Tankers had a terrific get-together in Los Angeles. HARRY YOSHIMURA was the chairperson and it was a terrific turnout. Those who attended were: ONION and MARY FUJIMOTO, HOBI and KAZUMI FUJII, TYKE and SUMI HATTORI, KUNE HISATOMI, DAVE and MARY

KAWAGOE, CHAPLAIN & MOLLIE KISHABA, EDDIE & GLADYS MURAKAMI, BOW WOW & YAYE OGAWA and niece DIANNE, YOSH HAMADA, MASA & GERDA OTA, HIM & AMY SAKIMOTO, FRANK & EVELYN SETO, CARRADINE & BETSY TAKAHASHI, HARRY & MAY YOSHIMURA, BILL & DOROTHY DAVENPORT, FRED & HELEN OGAWA (Chilly's sister), YUKI & MICHELL ICHIKAWA and GUVEN'S wife and son. You had a beautiful turnout! Terrific!

In Los Angeles, there are retirees: DAVE "BOW WOW" OGAWA, EDDIE MURAKAMI, YOSHIO HAMADA, KIYO "ONION" FUJIMOTO. It's good to retire and enjoy life!

CALLING ALL TANK-BUSTERS. If you are going to Los Angeles for the Reunion, call JIM and AMY SAKIMOTO, 3840 West Blvd., L.A. 90008, call (213) 292-8404, get-together on Saturday, Aug 7, 5:00 p.m. They will have fun! Stop by, if you can!

LOUIS FERRIS wrote: "Please let me say again how much our meeting and the dinner with you and the boys moved me and I shall be forever grateful."

Our entire visit to you fabled shores was perfect except for the crowds and hassle at the Maui Airport. During our stay on the Big Island, I saw GORO INABA twice and also met his charming wife. We had a splendid time together and was sorry not to have had the time to go with him on the trips he so graciously proposed.

We returned to the mainland to find alls well. We have many glowing stories to tell of your hospitality and beautiful land.

Aloha, good health, and the best to you all.

Louis"

A student from Kailua High School called me... she asked whether I would be able to tell about the 442nd Combat Team.

In my speech I said, "United States is a wonderful country. We have right and justice. Other countries do not have certain rights."

We volunteered and my dad said, "This is your country. Fight well!" He came from Japan. I told them that I was seasick on the Pacific and Atlantic.

We worked hard at camp. In the big cities, we had to close the blinds because they knew we were Japanese, but we were Americans. We had night activities as well as daytime activities.

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In Naples, people were starving. We were to cover the food left over, but the Italians said, do not cover it. When we left, they jumped over the fence and got the food. We left Rome and went farther north. We started to fight... and in one case, we heard the artillery coming. We jumped in the foxholes...one landed six feet from me. I heard the ringing in my ears.

Later we pulled back to Rome. We were planning to invade Southern France on August 15, 1944. The paratroopers needed the help of the Anti-Tank guns, just in case the tanks came. We flew twice in the gliders; but we tied double ropes...none of the glider pilots were killed. There were others who died, but not the Anti-Tank group. The paratroopers removed some of the bombs. Three sets of gliders were coming...we had to go around once, and land. It was a terraced area. We landed...but our glider hit the terrace and we were up front...the tail of the glider was up... but we worked it and were able to meet the group. After that we split to protect the paratroopers.

We were in a house that the Germans had occupied. We didn't touch anything; but later the paratroopers came through and blasted the safe. They found American money and the group picked up the American money.

We were told not to go into Italy. So we stopped; and we had a ball! People were able to go to Nice and enjoy themselves. I went there several times. But we did capture some Germans on the high hills.

Later, we found out that the 442nd Combat Team went up to Bruyeres. We were able to save the lost battalion from Texas. At that time the trees were down, but when we visited Bruyeres two summers ago...the French people did not want us to stay at the hotel...they insisted that we stay at their homes. There are two memorials for the 442nd Combat Team...when we first started to fight and there is a memorial...when anyone passes there they bring flowers!

At one point we were told to contact the next troop. This was close to winter and sometimes the cloud cover the sky...we couldn't see the trees or anyone. But the night that I was supposed to go, it was a beautiful night and we were able to contact the next troop. After that we left for Nice.

Later we went back to Italy. We climbed a steep hill for eight hours...and the troops spread out. The Germans were surprised. They asked, are we Japanese...we said 'yes', but we are Americans!

Later, we were in Turin...the Germans walked on one side of the river and the Americans walked on the other side of the river. We did not shoot each other...the war will be over in a few hours.

We visited Italy...different cities. Later, we came back to the U. S. and back to Hawaii.

There was a party for HALO and KIYOMI HIROSE at the SAKAI'S residence. They left for Japan. Those who came were: KO and JANET HATA, JACK & MARGARET KAGUNI, YUKIO & NORA NAKAHIRA, ADOLPH NAKAMURA, KENNETH & HELEN YOKOYAMA, LINCOLN & RUTH YOSHIMASU, TOSHIO MORIYAMA, ISAO OSHIBA, EDDY & MARY SAKAI. The rest who didn't come, expressed their regrets...they had something else to do. Carnation leis were given to HALO and KIYOMI by TOSHIO MORIYAMA. KENNETH and HELEN brought special cuttlefish and char-siu. Baked beans were supplied by KO and JANET HATA with pupus, dip and crackers, steaks were delicious...we should have it more often. Drinks were supplied by EDDY and MARY SAKAI, with ISAO OSHIBA doing the work! The vegetable platter was artistically arranged by HELEN YOKOYAMA and NORA NAKAHIRA. NORA NAKAHIRA brought apple cake. ADOLPH NAKAMURA brought custard pie. JACK KAGUNI brought beer. And as a final gift, JACK KAGUNI presented a lovely luggage for HALO to take to Japan...HALO didn't have a suitcase so he could use it well! Good luck, HALO and KIYOMI.

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The evening's menu was a 7 course Chinese dinner. Frankly the remarks around our table were not exactly complimentary of the food that was served.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Victor Hao Li, president of the East-West Center, who was introduced by Senator Dan Inouye.

Dancing to the music of the "Forties" by the Molina Brothers of Maui was enjoyed by many of the young at heart. This writer envied those that were capable of doing the intricate dance variations so gracefully--even at our advanced age.

KOKUA--(HELP)

Again, we ask those of you out there, local and mainland to please call or drop me a postcard if you have any news of interest that we can share with our membership. The number to call is (808) 732-6314 and the address is 4457-A Puu Panini Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816. MAHALO.

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by Harold Fukunaga

NEW GOLF CHAMP

We shall mark the 1982 Kauai 442 Invitation Golf Tournament as a historic event for George Chapter, because FRED IDA won the tournament, which was held on February 13-14 at Wailua, Kauai. He shot a net 138 for the 36-hole event as follows:

Saturday---2/13/82 ---79 - 9 = 70
Sunday ---2/14/82 ---77 - 9 = 68
138

As a result of his triumph, he won a set of Spalding irons, plus a trophy and monkey pod bowl. He also had his name engraved on the perpetual trophy.

He was good on the golf course and the cards also. Bobby Hirayama of K Chapter, playing in B Flight tied Fred with a net 138, so the officials asked both players to cut playing cards. Bobby drew a deuce and Fred drew a deuce also. However, on a second draw, Fred drew an Ace, so he won the overall prize.

We were all happy for Fred, because a G Chapter member finally came through. However, we had other thoughts while we were playing in the same foursome, because he was our opponent in the bet. Well, with such scores, no need to say as to who had to pay off on the bets.

BILL AULL'S VISIT

Some of the members heard that Bill Aull, our former Co. Commander, was in town recently. As a result, a group was formed after contacting members by phone. They were able to treat Bill and his wife, Mary, plus Bill's sister and her husband to a dinner at the Pottery Steak House in Kaimuki on February 27th. They found out that Bill and Mary were here for almost a month.

The members and wives who were able to attend the dinner were: TAKETO & JUDY KAWABATA, MIKE & LILLIAN SHIRAISHI, JIMMY & JUDY KOMO and SPEED TANNA.

According to Taketo, Bill Aull plans to spend about 3 months in Hawaii next year. Let's hope he lets us know earlier when he arrives, so that more members can get to meet Mary and himself.

LOS ANGELES REUNION

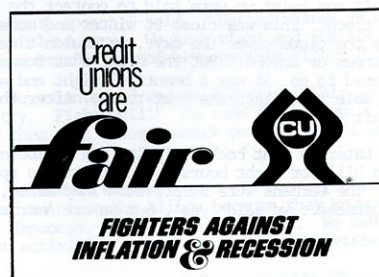
A recount of the members who are planning to attend the L.A. Reunion in August indicates that the number has dwindled since the last count. Among those who are planning to attend are: JAMES & JUDY KOMO, MIKE & LILLIAN SHIRAISHI, ALFRED & HELEN AMII, EDDIE TAMANAH and SPEED TANNA. Fred Ida says he might be able to attend on a solo basis. It depends on his business activities. If all of the members attend, as indicated above, there should be enough to form a six-men golf team to challenge the Mainland guys in L.A. and San Jose. The latter group sent us some feelers that they wanted our members and wives to stop over in San Jose after the L.A. Reunion.

442 ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

This year's banquet was held on March 27th at Waikiki Sheraton. Because of many reasons, the attendance from G Chapter members was poor. There were only 5 members and wives and a guest to fill only one table. Jimmy and Judy Komo, Billy and Margaret Yokochi, Mike and Lillian Shiraishi, Harold and Jane Fukunaga and Alfred Amii and his military guest were present. Eddie and Emily Tamanaha were there also; however, they sat at the VIP table.

The usual Chinese 7-course dinner was served and was good. The atmosphere was nice also; however, the attendance seemed to be down from prior years. It seems that the Club should consider other options, rather than continuing the same kind of anniversary banquet. It may be that the cost is too high, or the members are getting tired of the Chinese food. At any rate, the Club should take another look, to see if another kind of dinner can smoke out more members and their spouses.

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by Herbert Akamine

The 39th anniversary banquet of the 442 was held at the Sheraton Hotel's Molokai Room. The Medics who attended the event were Shigemi and Mitsue Nakamura, Rodney and Iris Fukui, Edward and Janet Onaka, Marge and son Wade Wasano, Toshiaki and Mitsuyo Tanaka and Herbert and Nancy Akamine. Again, now almost for 20 years, Mr. and Mrs. Suguu Yamada were guests of the Edward Onakas. Edward and Suguu have been continual friends ever since kindergarten days at Kaahumanu School; almost 60 years. We had a sort of mini-reunion with Henry Nakama, the Medics' Christian's brother, who has retired as principal of Kaahumanu School. Among other things, we vaguely recalled our horn tooting days in the UH ROTC band several eons ago. Charles Arakaki was one we hadn't seen since induction days. He is now a successful PR man for Ed Ige Construction Company of Maui. Arakaki informed us that the Molina brothers whose orchestra played for the banquet were his fellow villagers at Keahua, Maui, before World War II. Shigemi Nakamura recalled with nostalgia dancing to the Molinas' music during his high school years when life and dancing were far less complicated. His wife Mitsue found the Mauians' music very danceable. Then there also was Minoru Suzumoto, fellow alumnus of Rome's 33rd General Hospital; still very much his youthful self. We remember well the huge, zipperlike bullet scar straight across his back. Don Masuda and Ike Masaoka were also patients at 33rd at the same time in 1944.

Joe and Nell Saito of Oregon were hosts to the Medics at Natsunoya Teahouse after they participated in a national agricultural convention in Honolulu. Their Medics guests were Rodney and Iris Fukui, Masanao Co, Shigemi and Mitsue Nakamura, Takashi and Eva Nakamura, George Nakasone, Tom K. Nishikawa, Jerry and Florence Ogawa, Roy and Claire Sakata, Toshiaki and Mitsuyo Tanaka and Herbert and Nancy Akamine. The guests were presented with beautiful prize-winning apples and onions grown by the Saitos. During the evening there were much singing of vintage songs and joking about Camp Shelby days and Joe Saito treated his guests with his favorite song, the Wabash Cannonball. Fellow 1st. Battalion Medics Toshiaki Tanaka, Shigemi Nakamura and George Nakasone took the Saitos around during their stay in Honolulu. Joe and Nell even went golfing with Shigemi and Toshiaki at Hawaii Country Club.

After returning home to Ontario, Oregon, the Saitos wrote "Gee, it was sure great seeing you again, if only for a short while, Nellie and I don't see as much of Hawaii as the conventional tourists, but we get to see more friends than do many and we really appreciate the opportunity to do it. Of course, Herb, to those of us who live

some distance, and especially to us in the boonies, your messages in the Newsletter are of special significance. Trying to keep tabs on a few people in a world of so many is hard to do so you get my vote. Thank you very much for joining us and for the beautiful leis. We really appreciate your friendship and generosity. I was so busy trying to visit everybody that I really didn't do a good job at it. Maybe next time we'll do some more. Got to leave a little room for Nellie."

Sincerely, Joe

"Just want to add my many thanks too. With such severe winter, many of our friends are still plagued with illness. We feel fortunate we are well and able to call on them as we have done the past week. The highways, too, are falling apart from excess moisture and cold weather which makes driving extremely dangerous. Again-- it was great to see so many of you. We must try to meet some place on the mainland before too long. We feel the 442 reunion in California is too big. Were you planning on it? Take care."

Love, Nell

February 27, 1982 was blessing and open house day for Imua Builder Services Limited's new plant at Pearl City Industrial Park. We were guests of Carl K. Miyabara, executive vice-president, treasurer, and director of the firm. The blessing of the premises was performed by Reverend Abraham Akaka. The building was dedicated to John Warren, a former director of the organization. Pupus and music were enjoyed by the 300 guests. Carl and Chiyo Miyabara conducted a personal tour of the plant for us. The new building has 40,000 square feet (one acre) of operational space under roof. Always in stock are \$500,000 of hardwood such as walnut, oak, teak, Philippine mahogany, and koa. Most of these various woods are processed in the Pacific Northwest. Imua specializes in millwork, architectural woodwork, and complete interior construction of stores, offices, and restaurants. It has become Hawaii's largest company in its field. Its other plant at Campbell Industrial Park encompasses 60,000 square feet. The enhancement of "public places" is a specialty of Imua. The magnificent use of Hawaiian koa for walls, staircases, chairs, conference tables, filecases and office desks in the new building was an artistic revelation to us. Carl informed us that the company has done interior work for the Royal Hawaiian Center, Hemmeter Center, Sheraton Hotel and Hawaiian Village Hotel and is now occupied with beautification of the Kananapali Alii Condominiums and the Marriott Hotel.

Hana Masuda wrote that studying the libretto gave her a deeper understanding of Mozart's opera,

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by Joe Shimamura

AMINE'S HOST

The initial gathering of the Eagles took place on the eve of January 30th, with YASU & BETTY AMINE playing host in their usual generous grand manner, as we kicked off this new year with a bang. With the exception of BOBBY HIRAYAMA, the country crew was out in full force in the way of CHARLES IGARASHI, JAMES YANAGIDA, YOSHIO OKOKU and SATORU SAWAI. KATS IBARA was the loner from the Pearl country while YOSHIO HIGA came soloing in from Kaneohe. The big city crew out on pass were KAZU KAJIWARA, JAMES OURA who has really trimmed down, CHIKA NITAHARA, EDDIE & PAT OGATA, HIROSHI & MARY JANE SUEYOKA, DICK UTO & MASA NAGATA who came dashing over after taking in the UH basketball game and a weekend guest from the Garden Isle in the person of PAUL 'POKI BOY' OKAMURA. This best from Kauai came thru in his traditional manner and this time it was Nenui poki which was highly complimented by the hostess BETTY AMINE as being delicious beyond words. You're getting better as time marches on PAUL, and we sure thank you for your usual generosity. To our transplant Guamanians ISAAC & BETTY IKIHARA goes our sincerest arigato for that Christmas donation which was received by PREXY NITAHARA. The main order of business was announcements on the forthcoming Los Angeles Reunion with further details to be brought up at a later date. For the investment crew it was off to the races with all seats taken as happy hour time rolled around. The usual courtesy was extended the guest of the evening for this chop-chop session and it looked like PAUL was reeling 'em in during the early hours. How he came out when go home time rolled around is the big question. Our Ft. Knox caretaker, K.K. KAJIWARA had a most busy evening collecting the green-stuff as the dues, club shirts and the upgraded \$3 per year fee for the "Go-For-Broke" Bulletin. If you haven't coughed up your obligations as yet, please see KAZU at the next meeting as he is not the type to go chasing after you for this. With the round table session going full blast, the women folks watched the Japanese TV show with the left over menfolks glued to the UH basketball game. Chief Chef BETTY A's main dish this evening for those who forgot to eat dinner and come was her famous 'potogee beans soup' which was a gourmet's delight aside from all the rest of the ogochiso she had prepared for this initial gathering. JIMMY OURA our latest member of the 'weight-watchers syndicate' was the talk of the night with his newly acquired svelt, trim physique, looking good JIMMY, just continue watching those calories. YOSHI HIGA our Kaneohe strongman was late for this meeting for the first time as he finally

latched on to a part-time job since his retirement. Attending his annual shimenkai dinner, TED NAKATA was unable to make this one. Don't know what happened to BILLY YAGI who made it two in a row to close out the old year. Our ichiban HANCHO ROBERTO 'STONE FIST' NITAHARA looked rather relaxed now that he's officially off as a V.P. of the mother club. This will give him more time to devote his full effort to the KINGSMEN as the irreplaceable headman. Tho in retirement, the recent rainfall is keeping him rather busy playing Mr. Fixit for a flooding basement. Endless are the task of a home owner, and the NITAHARA's are no exception to this rule. C. 'TATA' IGARASHI is getting to be a regular to Las Vegas since his retirement. Should be getting his residency in the nearest future at the rate he's going.

As it always is at the AMINE's, it was a most enjoyable evening and we once again extend our sincerest thank you to BETTY & YASU for making it possible for the K-men to have such a grand premier opener.

K-BITS

Apologies to YOSHI HIGA our retired postman who never ring twice as he was omitted for the list of part-time painters who was there to give HELEN MAEDA's house that much needed overcoat. Sorry about that YOSHI.

Ichiban scribe HARRY NAKABE reports that the state siders are all set for that forthcoming NVR with a hospitality room all reserved, as well as 20 more rooms set aside for the K-men at the Hyatt Led by that San Jose Hanchi RUDY TOKIWA, the Californians are meeting regularly in different areas putting this all together. A conscientious group that has never gone wrong as yet, all attending should be in for an unforgettable 4 nights of whooping it up. BOBBY HIRAYAMA is the man to contact if you're interested as he takes on the job as the coordinator for the 50th state.

VIOLET & P. 'POKI' OKAMURA from the garden isle are all ready airing out their suit cases as they anxiously await this big day. Can't blame PAUL as retirement leaves him with too much idle time. We're assuming that he's already starting to fill his Poki warchest to take care of the pupu end of things.

In bringing to a close this 2nd report of the year, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the Y. AMINE's in the recent passing of BETTY's beloved mother, during the month of March.

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by Kazu Tomasa

Sunday, February 31, 1982

Once upon a time on a Special Sunday morning was just perfect. Everything seemed to fall in place. It was almost like people were chosen to be there at Manoa Valley Church this Sunday morning. One can hear friendly greetings to one another. Some were asking and saying things that were so natural; almost like a setting of a play. Especially, when the weather was this perfect, this made us feel more so Chaplain was with us all the way.

This special Sunday was dedicated to Chaplain. This Special Day was his birthday. Hisako and her family planted a red poinciana for him on this day. Many happy birthdays Chaplain and congratulations!

The service and tree planting ceremony were represented by various veterans groups. Representatives were from the 100th Infantry Battalion, the DAV, and our 442nd Mother Club. Being a gasa and a ki no mijikai yatsu, I thought I would be fidgety, restless, and bored. I was wrong and I was happy. Everything seen, said, and done was so real, honest, and so good and humanly that one cannot help, but be carried away into listening and to appreciate what was taking place. Yes, I would end by saying, "Hai, nandemo yoku ikimashita".

I remember while in the army, Chaplain led us in singing the hymn 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God' in one of the services. This hymn brought back good memories. The words seemed so powerful that it is almost like one can feel God is with you. I'm sure many of us must have thought the same, too. Everyone, in fact, enjoyed singing this popular hymn.

The tree planting ceremony with the poem 'Tree', again, made us reminisce of the past. The last two lines always make me feel I am only half a dust and God a mountain. I had to hold my breath and thank God when lines read "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree".

This wonderful experience this Sunday morning will remain with us for a long, long time. I'm sure we all felt Chaplain was happy and smiling. So, you see what happens 'Once upon a time on a Special Sunday morn'ing when the weather was just perfect'.....

Installation Banquet, Saturday, Feb. 27, 1982

Terrific! what an evening! I can't say which I enjoyed the most - the food or the thrill of being one of 'Us Guys' in interacting with these wonderful people. The food was just 'ono' as can be and plenty. The people were just great fun. I can definitely vouch that both options were good.

I can loudly yell, "I'll take both".

Hisako Higuchi gave the invocation and from then on good things took over.

This evening was a treat for all of us. The food prepared by Suehiros was of conoseur de tre bon ichiban (hope my Japanese French is correct). The shrimp tempura, the noodles, the sushis, the mashed potato salad (but ono it was), and many more were all good. The other side orders were prepared by de bon chef Edna Yamamoto were also so onolicious. Since everything was of ono standard, the two prepared by Edna must have thought by everyone that they came from Suehiros. Tch, tch, tch, remember we have wives in our chapter who are almost or better da kind than Suehiros! And also not finished yet, the dessert was prepared by "ano ichiban jozu na cook-san" Grace Hayama. Edna and Grace we thank you from our bottom of our stomach, arigato. We were all filled and there were more for even seconds.

The officers for the year were introduced and recognized. President Larry and his cabinet members, Vice President Toshi Hayama and TT Yonemori, all looked sharp and looked good and ready to plunge into their responsibilities. As expected, we know you will all do a tremendous job. The "chisai tori" told me that officers will keep their positions for 10 years before being recycled into another nominating district! Gee! if that is the case, "Central" got to wait 20 years before getting our turn! 20 years is too long eh! Central!!

Incoming prexy gave a short speech. His speech had heavy emphasis on having more meeting with wives at the Club House. Pot luck at times were suggested. We all thought this was a good suggestion. It seemed that everybody felt more at home in an environment like the Club House.

Some items discussed as part of the agenda were:

- 442nd Vet shirts will be finished in April.
- Rohwer Memorial Fund
 - Other chapters are donating funds.
 - Feelings with other chapters about this fund raising is good.
 - It has been suggested that 2nd Hq., too, should go all out for this Rohwer Memorial Fund raising
 - At present, this project needs more money.
- Veterans Reunion
 - Dates for reunion will be from August 5th to the 8th.
 - Anyone interested in this, get a form

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giving his all since Day #1, when the tournament was born many years ago. Us guys nara dohdemp yoka, go or no go depends on our whims. But him, no matter rain or shine, hot or cold, but not sleet or snow, he geev'em. Molto thank you, Roscoe for everything. Ancora next year, enryo-nashi you ni humbug shinikuruke.

It was like Kona all over again (we went there last October). Tommy Kiyosaki, that man nosan yutara, he's spoiling the boys kusaru hodo. All he did was make all the plane reservations, hotel accommodations and went sasou the U-Drive too. Whole cheese bugga dat, he no give you chance to shine even ilibit. Being the good guys that we are, we never shake da boat even sukoshi and went cooperate 100% and also never monku nothing. And the way he set things up was just beautiful. Like assigning three persons to a room and the same three shared a car. You like compensate him for all the meiwaku we went kakeru on him, what you get is, da-wassa-matta-with-you kine stink look.

Baka ni tsukeru kusuri wa nai. The author of that age old Japanese proverb must have had the Engineer's boys, pardon, the golfers in mind. Man, what they'd do just to play golf. Like catch ing the 0615 early bird flight. Which means you had to be at the airport at least 1/2 hour prior to departure time. The more kurushii part was itsuyorimo hayo kara you force yourself to get up and against your will too. Having breakfast posed no problem (that was the only good part) because it was the previous night dinner no nokoris. And also, do your thing, which takes from ten minutes to an hour, depend on the individual. More for the guzu guzu guys. One guy (we no like mention name, but you all know him because he likes to play the guitar and sing) admits to getting up at 0300 hours (yonaka to most guys). He likes to do things yukkuri. That's why we say again, golf-ers are a strange and a rare breed of people. The only way you can keep them from playing is closing the golf course. Storm means nothing. They tell you, you no sugar, you no going melt. The only remedy to that Buddahead Kotowaza; no more da kine medicine to put on pupule guys, is shinan nara naoran.

Sorry to say but nobody from the talented Engr's group won anything big or went burn up the beautiful Wailua Municipal Golf Course, site of the tournament. But to the last man, more than held their own at the 19th water hole. Here, everybody was a winner as well as an all star. Teiji Chinn, one of our better golfers was right up there with the elite group the first day but the next day he went broke leg and his name went disappear from the leader board. His second day

game was as bad as his first day game was good. One consolation, the Engr's were well represented.

Year after year, it's the same old story. Everybody get mean fight and high hopes of winning and go practice up. Come tournament time, no take too long before you hear the all too familiar "Ai yahs" and Ah shits" all over the course. Besides pounding the clubs on the ground (that's the yake guys) moaning and groaning, "Wat kine lolo game dis." The cooler heads counter with, "What a frustrating way to enjoy yourself." And dem famous last words, "Wait till next year, going be different story." P.S. Boo-coo next year went come and go but nothing happen yet.

Met up with long time no see "Sgt." Ernie Kagawa and Ford Okada at the Hanamalu Tea House where the Kauai Engrs. hosted their Honolulu counterparts. Ernie, you can spot him anywhere. For sure looks older, otherwise an mari kawatto-ran. As always, friendly, cheerful and fun talking to. Ford, he still can make the ukulele talk. Who could forget his version of "Stars and Stripes Ernie, like most of us, is retired and asondoru but Ford being on the younger side is still working as a ranger up in Kokee. "No worry" Yokoyama went show his face too. He's more busy now than when he was Kauai's water boss. He has his own consulting engineering firm.

Everybody went to Kauai the same time very early Friday morning but kaerishina, came home separately. Taisho & Okusan Kiyosaki, Walter & Hichi Matsumoto, Teiji Chinn and Bull Namba came home Sunday after the tournament went pau. To them enough is enough. The foursome of Doc Kawamoto, Calvin Yasuhara, Yuso Iwane and Paul Watanabe made like tourists and went on a leisure sightseeing trip to Kokee and Kalalau the day after the golf tournament. Was very relaxing and some good, they said. The three days (Friday practice round, Saturday & Sunday tournament) of golfing no "nuff guys like Ed Ezuka, Howard Hirono Ike Ikemoto, Mo Miyasato, Hide Nakashige, Juju Nakasone and Joe Sato went to Kauai Surf Hotel Golf Course on Monday for (you guessed it) more punishment. About playing an extra round, they all sang the same tune, "Mo bettah we went home with you guys." Sure, because they had the 'I had enough and initial kine' expression written all over their yowattoru faces. Dis pakiki head guys, a commitment is a commitment and no backing off nambo erai demo.

FRIENDS FROM FRANCE-----by Walter Matsumoto

A French couple, Monsieur and Madame Jose (Hilda) De Muernynck of Beausoleil (next to Monte

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Carlo) were given a taste of Hawaiian Hospitality by Gilbert and Kay Kobatake and Walter and Hazel Matsumoto when they visited Hawaii recently, for the first time. The friendship with the French friends began in December, 1944, in the little mountain town of Sclos de Contes in southern France. The Company had just moved into the town with the HQ and 1st. Platoons billeted in various pensions and unoccupied buildings scattered around the town. The 2nd Platoon was in Sospel and the 3rd, in Menton.

As it usually happens, in a foreign country, the language barrier was the contributing factor in this long friendship. It seemed that some of our men had struck up a conversation with the Padre of the town's church, but were getting nowhere, as neither side understood the other. The Padre, knowing that Madame De Muenynck, who spoke fluent English, was in the town at the time, scrounging for food, such as eggs, vegetables, poultry, etc. from the farmers, to take home to her family in Beausoleil, and requested her assistance. The writer, who was 1st. Platoon leader and acting Company C.O. at the time, (Captain Nakada was in the hospital for a minor surgery) was called to join in the confab. The subject matter escapes the memory, but it was casual and not on any problem. Having been educated in England, when she was a girl, Madame De Muenynck acted as our very capable interpreter. In appreciation for her help, I invited her and her friend, Madame Louveau, to have breakfast the next morning in our mess hall, adjoining the village bar. Needless to say, they enjoyed the fare of cereal, bacon and eggs, coffee, etc. To them it was a real treat.

She also acted as our interpreter with Madame Kaspard, the owner of the pension, in which we were billeted. Mdm Kaspard, a retired nurse, was not too surprised to us, as she remembered treating some AJA's from Hawaii in WWI.

The Beausoleil-Monte Carlo area is at the foot of a mountainous terrain. Consequently, there are no farms or grazing land. Nearly all of the food must be brought in, so this is a constant problem, and more so in time of war. Yet in spite of this shortage, the De Muenyncks invited some of us (Barney, Punjab, Tatsukawa, Morimoto and me) to their home for Christmas dinner. To supplement their fare, we brought along our rations to share with them. After dinner, we sang Xmas carols, with Punjab doing the solos. Understandably, there was nothing fancy about the whole affair, but one we'll always remember. The thought of their sincere kindness to invite some American soldiers, who were total strangers until a short time ago, into their home at Xmas time, was indeed heartwarming.

When Gilbert returned to the Company, after several months in a hospital in Dijon, for S-mine wounds received in the Vosges, he, Francis Fujita and I visited the De Muenyncks, they for the first time.

In March, 1948, after over four months in this part of France, the Combat Team was ordered to prepare for movement to Italy. Before we left we paid a last visit with our French friends and bid au revoir. We left with them and Madame Kaspard boxes of accumulated articles like soap, chewing gum, candies, etc. We parted with the hope that we could meet again someday, after the war, under more pleasant circumstances. For Gilbert, this wasn't the last, as he was able to see them again shortly after the war. He had crossed the Italian-French border, ostensibly to look for construction and repair work for the Company. And, by "coincidence," he wound up at the De Muenynck home.

Our friendship continued over the years and kept alive by the never-failing Xmas cards and occasional letter or two each year.

In November, 1974, the 442nd Veterans Club traveled to Europe, the highlight being to join the people of Bruyeres to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the liberation of the town from the enemy by the 442nd. Since the itinerary included a two-day stop at Nice, we wrote them in advance the date and hotel of our Nice stay. Beausoleil is a half-hour ride, East of Italy side of Nice.

On the morning after our first night in Nice, we were pleasantly surprised to see Madame De Muenynck waiting to meet us outside the hotel. Naturally, the intervening 30 years had brought changes in our appearance, and we had to look questioningly a few moments, before we were sure of recognizing each other. We exchanged greetings, befitting a 30-year separation. She then took us (Hazel and me and Gilbert and Kay) for a leisurely ride to their home, where husband Jose awaited us. Lunch was served, after which we spent a relaxing afternoon, reacquainting ourselves reminiscing the old days and bringing things up to date.

The next morning, Hilda and Jose picked us (less Kay) up at the hotel in their compact car for a whole day, sight-seeing and re-visiting old familiar places. Our first stop was at Sclos, where it all began. The pension, we stayed in, had been enlarged with an addition. The Cathedral, the HQs and kitchen buildings and road through the village, remained nearly the same. After a soft-drink treat by the new owner of the pension, we

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continued up the winding road through Lescarene and on up the multi U-turns to Col de Braus, at the high point. Here, at a makeshift roadside restaurant, we enjoyed an unusual lunch, the entree being a choice of rabbit or bird, both native to the area.

We continued down the winding road to Sospel. And as we rode downward, we were reminded of the constant shelling by the enemy on exposed sections of the roadway. The town looked the same as we saw it 30 years ago. The school building, which we occupied, and which was the target of countless shellings, now stood in serene quiet. From Sospel, we headed south via Castillon to Monte Carlo, where we said good-bye to our friends and rejoined our tour group in the Casino. Thus ended our short Reunion, which we hoped would not be the last.

The following years went by and we settled down to a well-earned retirement. Then in early October, we received a letter from them, which took us by complete surprise. They were in California, and were scheduled to come to Hawaii on October 28 for an 8-day stay. We couldn't be happier, but sad because we, only a couple of weeks earlier, had committed ourselves to a trip to Australia and New Zealand. We were in a quandary. After sleeping on the matter overnight, we decided to cancel our proposed trip. Reason? Well, Australia will always be there, and we can go any time later, while our French friends will have traveled 10,000 miles for their first trip to Hawaii, possibly their only one, only to find out that we were far away in the Antipodes. And I've been telling them that they must visit Hawaii someday. As it turned out, we're glad we stayed back.

The De Muenyncks arrived on Wednesday, October 28, 1981. The Kobatakes and we greeted them at the airport, ala Hawaiian style. Needless to say, they were thrilled by their first experience of being laden with leis.

Before checking in at Holiday Inn, we stopped at the La Ronde Restaurant for some refreshment and a view of the City. In the evening, they had their first taste of Japanese cuisine at the Pagoda Floating Restaurant. After dinner, we discussed the schedule for their stay. By this time, of course, they were pretty tired from their long day, and had only one thing in mind---to retire early.

The next day, their first full day in Hawaii, was spent sight-seeing--the Civic Center, tour of Iolani Palace and Punchbowl National Cemetery in the morning, and in the afternoon, the tourist's tour of Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbor. Dinner was another new experience---a Hawaiian luau at

the Hale Koa Hotel. As expected, they did not care for the poi and raw fish and opihi, but they enjoyed everything else, and especially the hula show that followed.

A trip around the island with Gilbert took all of the next day. Stops were made along the way at all the familiar scenic spots. The highlight was at the Polynesian Cultural Center at Laie, where they took in the afternoon show, and also toured the village grounds. That evening, the regular Chapter meeting was on at the Clubhouse. They stopped by to be introduced to the members and to renew acquaintance with a few. They were impressed by the fact that we were still organized as a Club, the large turnout, the friendliness and the gay spirit that pervaded among the members.

The next day, Saturday, was a free day. They got up late, spent most of the day shopping for their loved ones back home, and even took a dip at Kuhio Beach. They liked the warm temperature of the water, unlike the cold Mediterranean. Lunch was something special for Jose. He attended a Rotary Club International luncheon meeting, and was introduced, not only as a 45-year member, but also of having traveled the farthest to attend the meeting.

On Sunday, they enjoyed a day-long visit to Hawaii (island). Through Gilbert's arrangement, his brother in Hilo greeted them and took them to Kilauea Volcano and other scenic spots. They returned tired, but glad that they had visited at least one other island.

Because of their advanced ages (150 years between them) and Jose's frail health, they spent the three remaining days relaxing, shopping and swimming. We got together with them in the evenings, usually for dinner. Another ethnic cuisine they enjoyed was a full course Chinese dinner at Hon Kung. Since this was their last night, we retreated to our home up Sierra Drive and spent the last couple hours relaxing and reviewing the events of the past week.

After eight eventful days in Paradise, they left on Thursday, November 5, 1981 on the first leg of their long trip home. We gave them the usual Hawaiian send-off, with leis and goodies to take home to remember their visit with us. They were, as the French say, fatigue, but happier that they had realized a trip they dreamed about for a long time. They reached home safe and sound, and like the sailor home from the sea, they no doubt are saying, "There's no place like home."

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by Bruno Yamada

KAUAI 442ND INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

After sixteen long years of waiting, Fred Ida, an 8 handicapper at the Wai'aleae Country Club, finally put it all together to capture the 17th Annual Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament at the Wailua Golf Course and win the Senator Dan K. Inouye's trophy and also a set of irons.

Fred's net 138 for the thirty six hole tournament tied fellow Oahuian, Bob Hirayama of K Co. but Fred drew an ace on a card-draw at the clubhouse while Bobby pulled a ten and had to be content with the B-Flight award and the Governor George Ariyoshi's bowl and a set of woods.

The A-Flight winner was veteran George Taketa, all the way from Hilo, who fired a 73 and 69 to nose out Clay Hironoto and Richard Yano of Kauai for another Governor's bowl and a set of woods. Two more Garden Islanders, Kiyo Inouye and Richard Takemoto trailed Hirayama in B-Flight with scores of 141 and 142 respectively.

A record 211 participants were entered in this year's tournament which was followed by a post tournament at the Kauai Surf Golf Course. Saburo Itakura served as general Chairman.

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442ND ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT

Fantastic scores were carded in this year's 39th Anniversary Golf Tournament held at the plush Hickam Field Golf Course on March 26, 1982. After the "shootout" and all the smoke was cleared HQ2nd Larry Ishida and guest player, Harry Lee were tied with rounds of 66 each.


In accordance with our tournament rules, Larry was declared the first place winner and with it the President Ernest Uno's award while Harry took the runner's-up award and the Columbia Inn's prize.

Maui Okamura, Ron Oba and Teiji Uyebara followed closely with 67's while Isa Takiyama, Roy Fujii, Mich Takata and Alfred Amii were in the clubhouse with 68. Another bunch coming in at 69 were: Terumi Kato, Stan Yamamoto, Walt Furukawa, Walter Matsumoto and Saburo Itakura.

Eleven women were also entered in this year's tournament and the winner was Chiz Shoji who ran away from the field with a net 67. Her nearest competitor was Doris Kiyuna with a net 74 followed by Chick Tanaka with a 75.

Ninety five participants were entered in the tournament which ended with an award luncheon at the Hickam Officer's Club. As chairman of this year's tournament, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colonel Edmund Yee and Alfred Amii for making the fine facilities at Hickam available

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area. More specifically they met to plan for our visit this summer and wanted to get some idea as to what would be the kind of activities that would interest us most. Suggestions like fishing, golfing, horse racing, city tour and the like were mentioned. Hopefully sometime soon we should be able to give them this information. At that meeting which was held at Joe Nakatsu's home your reporter conversed on the telephone were besides Mack and Aiko, George Iwasaki, Bill Yokobe, Kay Kato and Seichi Yamamoto and of course Joe. Joe, by the way, is taking the lead especially since Mack is still a little under the weather.

Failed to mention during an earlier discussion of the forthcoming marriage of Chicken and Rose's son Alan Hajime that Rose is now retired. And because she is retired it has given her the time needed to put her creative skills in skillfully designing and producing letters of invitation as well as thank you notes. They are beautiful.

The obituaries this morning, March 28, 1982, lists a Sam Sueichi Tateyama, age 60 as a member of the 442nd RCT. In checking the roster found in The Americans (the story of the 442 Combat Team) a Sueichi Tateyama, Pfc is listed. During the early fifties there used to be a Sam Tateyama in Hilo who first came to Hilo as manager of the Sears Hilo branch, and later opened up a classy restaurant near Coconut Island. The tidal wave of 1961 demolished the restaurant. There are others out there who served with Easy Company during WWII and some effort should be made to reach them. The roster now being developed is one way names of those missing can be added. Tateyama's name is on the present draft of the roster but no one seems to remember him. Regardless of the reasons for former Easy Company members to stay away from Easy Chapter activities, the glue that molded the company into a fighting unit, (now I'm editorializing) should always be the reason for the Chapter to exist. If this is true, we then have obligations to all who served with Easy Co.

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In the next issue a report of the February meeting hosted by the R. HIRAYAMA's will be forthcoming. Arrivederci till then.

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for our use. Also, to the rest of the committee members namely: Bob Sasaki, Fred Ida, Bill Tanaka, Mary Kosasa, Stan Yamamoto, Bill Gonzales, Hiram Doi and Champ Suzuki. I would like to thank them for all their time and effort.

'RETIREE' GOLF CLUB NEWS

The first tournament of the "Retiree" Golf Club was held on Thursday, February 25, 1982 at the Barbers Point Golf Course. Those who participated were Maui Okamura, Masami Doi, Kenneth Okuma, Neka Matoi, Speed Tanna and Ed Tamanaha. Bolo Yorita was also present but did not join us due to a touch of the flu bug. Neka Matoi was the winner with a net score of 70. Speed Tanna came in second with 71 followed by Maui Okamura with a par 72.

The second outing was on Thursday, March 18, with the following showing up: Masami Doi, Terry Ihara, Neka Matoi, Kenneth Okuma, Lefty Sugihara, Ed Tamanaha and Speed Tanna. Too bad, we were rained out this day after playing only seven holes. The day started out bright and sunny but the thunderstorm really hit us.

The next outing is scheduled and confirmed for Thursday, April 15, at 11:30 a.m. at the Makalena Golf Course. Prospective new members who may join the "old timers" are: Hiram Doi, Steve Hirotsu, George Ikinaga, Harry Shimada, Champ Suzuki, Mike Tsugawa and Stan Yamamoto. Others who want to join the "Retiree" Golf Club are welcomed and requested to phone Ed Tamanaha (455-2832) or Bob Sasaki at the clubhouse (949-7997).

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From the island of Kauai: SUB & ITOE ITAKURA; GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA and her mom Mrs. EIKO YORITA (residing in Honolulu); JOYCE WATASE.

From the island of Maui: SADA & JANE NAKAMA; SUGURU & BETTY TAKAHASHI; MOTOSHI & EDNA TOKUNAGA; SADA "Puukolii" HASHIMURA.

From the Big Island of Hawaii: TOKUMI & MILDRED MASAKI; KIICHI & NELLIE SONODA; KENJI "Pop-eye" & HIROKO SEGAWA; TOSHIO KOKUBUN; KIICHI FUKUCHI; HITOSHI & HIROKO KOHARA; RICHARD "Curly" & SETSUKO KANAYAMA.

And JERRY ISHIMOTO (522), who'll be coming in all the way from Okinawa to join us. The one additional likely prospect: PAUL NISHIMURA.

Words have reached us through KAZUMA OYAMA that the mother of TOM MAKABE had passed away just when this was due to go to press (late Mar.). He's originally a "G" Co. member, I believe, but, have been a long time affiliate of Co. "I" in L.A. Services were conducted locally at the Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission. Our deepest condolence to TOM and to all the others she held dear. May her soul rest in peace.

The 442nd Veterans Club 39th Anniversary Banquet, March 27, 1982, Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel Ballroom drew 42 of our members and guests. Will list them all in the next Bulletin, table by table. I promise.

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The Magic Flute. Continuing about music she said "the pleasure and sheer beautiful melody has helped stabilize my hectic life. To me music is the epitome of relaxation and peace." The Nomuras are always in touch with her and phone her at least once a week. They all plan to attend the L.A. reunion and she will stay over for the JAFL convention. Hana enjoys her grandchildren very much but soon they will be moving to the San Juan Islands and this makes her sad.

Several hundred people enjoyed Raymond Tanaka's (Livorno) birthday and retirement party at the Ilikai's Pacific Ballroom. Many speakers, including Chinn Ho, paid tribute to Raymond's character and accomplishments. We learned that Takaka had been a loyal community worker as well as avid fisherman and connoisseur of exotic beer. He was an accountant for Capital Investment Co., ever since his discharge from the 442. His wife Mimi and their children were instrumental in making the event a successful one. The guests were treated to a sumptuous dinner and many enjoyed dancing to a musical group later in the evening. Several of Honolulu's leading Japanese-American dance teachers demonstrated their Terpsichorean art during the evening. Not to be outdone by the instructors were L.A.'s Chiyoto and Kay Kaneshina who have become accomplished dancers through the expert tutelage of Harry Kanada.

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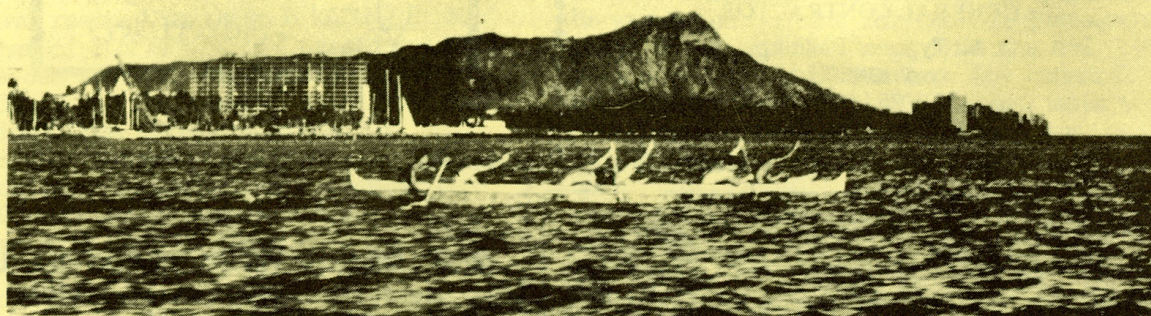
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