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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous new year to all.

1984 was a good year for the Club. We started with an excellent anniversary banquet, Eric Saul as speaker and many VIP's in attendance. In late May and early June, our 8th Goodwill Sumo Tournament, under the guidance of Kats Miho, gave us much publicity and goodwill. This was followed in August by the Hawaii-Fukuoka High School Goodwill baseball series under the direction of Tom Kiyosaki. In September, a novel talent contest at the annual Oahu AJA Veterans Council dinner attracted a large attendance with much friendly socialization among members of the 442nd, 100th, MIS and 1399th clubs.

1984 was also an active year for Club members in a number of auxiliary organizations. The Ballroom Dance Club with instructor Mich Takata continued in full swing. The forty member Ukulele Hula Club had numerous twice weekly sessions at the clubhouse preparing for their performances. Ed Tamanaha and members of the Retiree Golf Club increased their membership to 40 to accommodate additional golfers. Sixty enthusiastic members learning to sing Japanese songs under the tutelage of Charlie Mimura formed the Uta No Kai Club and another eighteen members started a second ukulele/hula club. Much mahalo to those who gave their time and shared their knowledge and talents within these groups.

There were many more significant activities within the Chapters, including trips to Vegas, Olympics, Japan, down under and for many the high light of the year was the ETO and Bruyeres trip.

In brief summary, 1984 was an active and good year for the Club and members and we have much to be thankful for. There were some misfortunes and losses and our thoughts and sympathies are with them also.

1985 should be much more exciting. It will be a full year of Kanyaku Imin celebrations and in July to Maui for the NVR. Your new officers for 1985 have been elected and its congratulations to: George Nakasato (Pres.), Rodney Yamashiro (1st VP), Charles Oda (2nd VP), Akira 'Sunshine' Fukunaga (3rd VP) and Richard Ogata (Treas.). As these officers take over the helm for 1985, we offer them our aloha and best wishes.

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KAUAI 442ND VET CLUB by Margaret Oshita



"JOURNEY INTO THE PAST (With a side trip to the present)"

by Yoshiji Aoki

Greetings from the Garden Island (after too long a spell) where the rains have finally come (and kinda making a nuisance of itself to some folks) so that green things are again looking green. For the ag people and dairymen as well as back-yard farmers this is a more than welcome respite.

The people of Kauai, who were starved for it, gave a huge welcome to the Chidori/Matsudai Show on August 10. We are deeply indebted to Charlie Mimura and his orchestra members and to Irene Sakakida, her dancers, costumers, prop people, etc., of Matsudai Dance Group for their free, gratis, ta-da contributions to this club every two or three years. Such love and devotion, not only to this club but to the populace of Kauai who enjoy the show tremendously, that cannot be measured are what these good friends give us. And because of them, this club is able to carry on its charitable work in this community. Thank you, mahalo, arigato, Charlie and Irene and your generous folk.

Our contingent of veterans, their families, and friends who toured Europe this fall are back with glowing stories, beautiful photos, meaningful mementos, and unfortunately, sickness in all degrees. The latter must have been due to old bodies not being able to adjust to changing weather and climate as they used to.

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IN MEMORIAM

HAROLD YONEMORI

Harold Yonemori an active member of HQ2nd Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on November 16, 1984.

IN MEMORIAM

ERNEST MIWA

Ernest Miwa an active member of 522-A Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on November 17, 1984.

40 years! To some of us, it probably seems like an eternity, but it's finally happened; a pilgrimage back to the battlegrounds for some 50 L Chapter members and family, culminating in a celebration at Bruyeres. Come with us as we retrace our miles and miles of remembering.

Our busload, tour escorted by Paul and Genny Matsumoto, had a stopover in Los Angeles, where we picked up Los Angeles contingent and met with L members and relatives. The next morning we're off to London on a 10 hour flight via the polar route, a one day stopover to see the sights, then off to the continent by hovercraft, landing in Calais, France.

Memories begin to sharpen as we drive north to Amsterdam, Holland and pass World War II places like Dunkirk and Antwerp which reminds us that winning the war was truly an Allied effort. Pillboxes, now used by farmers for storage, are permanent reminders of the German attempt to defend Fortress Europe. After a day of sightseeing and the inevitable ride on the canals, let's board our bus for Paris and its attractions: the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triumphant, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum and its Mona Lisa, a night-time Lido show. Be glad you're not driving the Champs Elysses, where painted lanes are non-existent and everything looks a mess but people get to wherever they're going.

Here's Paul and Genny reminding us it's departure time again, south through the French wine growing districts while we get a crash course in winery from our European tour guide. Be thankful we have a night's rest at Grenoble, France which boasts the distinction of hosting the 1976 Winter Olympics

Okay, enough rest, because we have another long bus ride today, all the way to the Mediterranean and Nice. Ahh, now some memories are coming back. Wally Kawamura and Bill Oshiro prove they're not senile when they show us the building which was the USO 40 years ago, now a luxury hotel, and the then Officers' Quarters. Wally wants us to walk with him along the Promenade and see the famous (infamous?) nude bathers along the beach, only today it's too cold, not like the furlough days 40 years ago.

Going still south, let's take a seldom-used route to climb the mountains where Bill Oshiro was wounded, near Sospel, France. Inching up the torturous way up the mountains, we marvel that the Germans could be dislodged from such

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commanding positions. Paul Matsumoto takes the bus mike and relates his experiences as a mule skinner, and his daredevil jeep driving when he tried to help wounded Bill Oshiro down from the heights.

Italy, and more memories, and also a chance to practice some long dormant Italian. Excitedly, Jun Yamamoto remembers the field L Company had its bivouac at Vada. The bus is turned around, he tells us about the awful explosion during the demonstration on mines. Pete Fujino is killed here, and his sister Fudge Tanishita wants to remember him with some flowers. Our guide finally finds the local church, but it's closed. In a touching scene, Fudge lays her flowers on the church steps, our group makes a circle, and I was privileged to give a prayer.

The Arno River, and more remembrances. Bill Oshiro and Wally Kawamura tell about the group that went to retrieve some bodies with Chaplain Yamada, how a temporary truce was observed, and words exchanged with the enemy. By a weird coincidence, Wally later met an Italian worker at a cameo factory who was on the opposite side and remembers the particular happening.

As we pass through Carrara, long famous for its marble, Lawrence Fujii and Francis Ohta relate some of L Company's actions here, and how Paul Matsumoto, Casey Kasadate, and Kaz Mori were hit. That Lawrence, he can sure remember specific details and incidents, here as well as the action at Bruyeres and the O'Conner Task Force.

Remember Monte Cassino? The 100th was involved in that action before the 442nd went overseas, and Monte Cassino was one of the Germans' bastions along the Gustav Line. From up the heights you can easily see that it was a formidable place to attack, and the big Polish cemetery is a grim reminder of others' sacrifices. Busloads of Polish nationals visit this place every day to honor those soldiers who once fought for the Allied cause. How different today!

Of course, since we're in Italy we're obliged to visit Rome with its ancient wonders like the Colosseum and present wonders like St. Peter's and the Sistine Chapel with Michaelangelo's paintings, Pisa and its Leaning Tower, Florence and its statue of David, Venice with its gondola rides. Except some guys like Hapa Fujimoto say that a gondola ride 40 years ago is enough to last a lifetime. We only skirt Naples because our guide says that with its 40% unemployment, the crime rate is horrible.

So now it's time to head north again, through

Innsbruck, Austria to Munich, Germany to Lucerne, Switzerland. Most of our sightseeing is over, and so's our shopping, so it's time for Bruyeres. It's not encouraging to hear that Bruyeres is experiencing its worst winter in 100 years, or that it has rained for weeks on end, but amazingly our good luck weatherwise follows us right to Bruyeres.

Four impressive ceremonies are held to honor us and our fallen comrades. The first, the unveiling of a memorial by the mayor and the 400 citizens of the town of Biffontaine in the Vosges Forest in the vicinity of the Lost Battalion, involves speeches by French and American officials and placing of wreaths by many groups. You may have read about the dedicated effort to erect the memorial by the Biffontaine mayor in John Tsukano's article in the Star Bulletin.

We also visit the American Cemetery at Epinal where a few 442nd people are still buried. There's a pilgrimage to the memorial in the Heladrage Forest, a memorial that many veterans have visited before. These involved very simple but moving ceremonies, mostly the placing of wreaths. That Sunday, there's a special church service, then a parade to the town square, and more speech making and wreath placing. After that, we have our farewell luncheon. Oh, the previous night we had hosted an appreciation banquet for the town council and other dignitaries.

Some memories have dimmed, even Lawrence's and now there's some question as to the direction L Company entered Bruyeres 40 years ago. Fortunately, Advertiser reporter Mark Matsunaga produces a photograph taken 40 years ago showing the 1st Platoon entering the town, and some identifying landmarks are visible. You may have seen Francis Ohta and Lawrence Fujii walking the same route 40 years later in the local paper.

Jake Jichaku has some vivid memories of Bruyeres, especially his first night here which involved sleeping in a real bed with clean sheets yet. His wish is to find that room again, but in the intervening 40 years the original occupants have passed on, but he's still able to find the same building. What a memory!

Hope everyone who went has forgotten about the colds that everyone came down with, some so badly they gave serious thought about aborting the trip, but with everyone helping others with their favorite medications, we all managed to see it through. Now only pleasant recollections remain, including all the historical events, culture, understandings of other peoples, and of course the hospitality of the people of Bruyeres. As Lawrence Fujii said at our farewell party,

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by Sunshine Fukunaga

What better way to revive a long dormant "Tank-Busters" column than with the following newsletter from Seattle's Ken Maekawa. Ken sold one of the most profitable nurseries in the Northwest a few years ago and is now comfortably retired and living on the Easy. Mahalo Nui, Maekawa-san. His account of a recent Kotonk get-together follows:

The annual fall Anti-Tanker reunion was held at Peppy's Restaurant in Torrance, California, on November 10th. Thirty-four Anti-Tankers and wives spent a very enjoyable evening eating steak and listening to the tall tales of yesterday's heroes.

We must thank Hobi and Kazumi Fujiu for putting this bash together and contacting the many West Coast ATers. He was able to entice Matt Kobayashi, the Squash King, from Los Noches, Mexico, Tets Uyechi from Imperial Valley, Max Mamiya and myself from Seattle. It didn't take too much enticing for me as Hobi promised two days of golfing.

Those in attendance were: Kiyo and Onion Fujimoto, Hobi and Kazumi Fujiu, Tak and Sumi Hattori, Kimi and Kuni Hisatomi, Yoichi Ishikawa, Joe Inouye, Dave and Mary Kawagoe, Eddie Murakami, Tom (Sandbagger) and Kay Nakata, Rose and Roy Nishio, David and Yaye Ogawa, Gerda and Masanori Ota, Amy Sakimoto, Evelyn and Frank Seto (he didn't get any better looking), Betsy and Carradine Takahashi, Doc Takeda, Helen and Fred Okawa, Ted Tsukahara, Matt Kobayashi, Mac Mamiya, Tets Uyechi and Ken Maekawa.

I was very surprised to see all the fellows in such great shape as I expected to see many with an overhang and a cane. It's great to see that the fellows must be living right and not letting that "senior citizen" look get to them yet. I have not seen some of the fellows since leaving Italy many years ago, especially Tets Uyechi. He is still on that special Uyechi diet and it seems to be working fine for him. Of course, he hasn't been married so he doesn't have that hang dog look the rest of us have.

Amy Sakimoto is back at work with the advertising agency of Doyle Dane Bernbach. She says they asked her to come back and gave her a better job than she used to have and she is enjoying her work.

I would like to tell the Hawaiian golfers that Tom Nakata is still up to his old sandbagging tricks but the second day we fixed him good. The

way to beat him is to ply him with free beer the night before the match. It works beautifully.

Eddie Murakami is making arrangements for next spring's reunion. It will be held at Lake Tahoe Harvey's Resort on May 4 & 5. Eddie says that Harvey's will throw in some extra goodies for us if we get a large turnout. Tom Nakata will arrange a golf tournament at Carson City. This will be a must function for all Anti-Tankers.

Come on you Hawaiians. We'd love to have you there. "See you all in May."

While more than 700 veterans of the most decorated U.S. military unit were converging on Sister City Bruyeres to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of its liberation, "Tank-Killers" succumbed to "travel bugs" to other areas.

Kenneth Yokoyama, the Isaac Walton of the AT group, with the utmost discipline steered away from his favorite fishing grounds and instead shared the sheer beauty surrounding Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska with spouse Helen. Such devotion! But the truth, it was learned was that this was during the off-season for fishing.

Yuki and Nora Nakahira sought warmer clime in San Francisco, Vegas and San Jose. A rendezvous with the Tom Nakatas and Eddie Murakami highlighted this visit.

Then Ko and Janet Hata embarked on their first trip to the land of the Rising Sun. Hope to hear a lot from Ko and Janet at the next meeting at "Chillys" in December.

It appears Nippon was like a giant magnet as several others were drawn to this favorite tourist destination. Jack and Margaret Kaguni also opted for a "second" or "third" honeymoon in Japan. Jack's been there, but this was Margaret's first trek to her ancestral land. She definitely will be joining Janet Hata to contribute some interesting tales.

Masato and Sachi Doi were side-tracked to a Niece's wedding in Los Angeles, but also ended up with another trip to Japan. The Doi and the Halo Hiroses enjoyed sumptuous dinners at a function that the Doi's were scheduled to attend. Tadao Beppu (M) was in the vicinity but had to decline as he was ticketed for Hong Kong.

The Sasaki's, Takayuki "Chilly" and Irene caught the trend and followed with a November trip to guess where. This was after Chilly and Irene represented the chapter at private Services for

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Hana Mamiya in Seattle. Joining his parents was son Dennis from Mountain View, CA.

Then, of course, there are the champion travelers of Anti-Tank chapter. Akira "Flash" Fujiki zipped through a whirlwind of conventions and some pleasure to Houston, Denver, Honolulu, Japan, Home again, Las Vegas, Home. Whenever her busy schedule at Park Engineering permitted, Miyeko-san joined "Flash" coming and going.

All you travelers! Your personal impressions and diaries of your trips will be embraced by "Tank-Busters". Please send them in. Space is being reserved for them.

Prexy Chilly Sasaki is putting forth yeoman effort to stay the demise of the once proud and active Tank-Killer group. Apparently nearing dotage and acquiring "night Blindness", AT members have been very reluctant to answer the call to monthly meetings. Only the Big Occasions like funerals and weddings can flush them out of their sanctuaries. Is this malady confined only to the ATers or is it prevalent? What Now?

At the last mixed gathering at Wisteria only the predictable "Old Faithful" were there: Flash and Miyeko Fujiki, Masato and Sachi Doi, Jack and Margaret Kaguni, Tsuneto "Hot Sauce" and Thelma Mizusawa, Yuki and Nora Nakahira, Kosaburo and Janet Hata, Kenneth and Helen Yokoyama, Jerry and Alice Ayabe, Sunshine and Sachi Fukunaga, Chilly and Irene Sasaki.

A surprise guest was Jackson Kouchi from Kauai. He was here comforting wife Lillian who had a medical appointment at Straub Clinic. Hope its back to normal and running smoothly for Lillian and Jackson.

Everyone enjoyed a Tonkatsu or Shrimp Tempura dinner. Camaraderie, as always, prevailed.

Hey! Come on out you "Reluctants". Missing out, Paisans.

The Ayabes, Jerry and Alice have confined their gardening to potted plants at their 1160 Ala Napunani condo. With everybody grown up and on their own, no need for a family mansion anymore. More so, when wanderlust overcomes, they can just pick up and go.

Heard tell Minoru "Monkey" Tateishi and Masaharu "Petite" Suzuki are doing great after major surgeries.

It was also good to hear from C.O. Louis Ferris several months ago. As usual the Captain

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BY GEORGE NAKASATO

The tail-end of any year gives us a chance to pause and refresh & re-energize. For this reporter, it's a time to rededicate his time and effort to another year of reporting. This task will be done accordingly; and for all of us, however, let's remember the many thanksgivings of the past and look forward to the pleasures of good tidings ahead.

NEW LEADERS FOR '85

With Prexy GEORGE NAKASATO elected as Incoming President of the 442nd Veterans Club, the Chapter "selected" a new slate of officers for 1985; namely, for President, YOSHI SHIBUYA; Vice-President, SHIGE HIGA; and Secretary-Treasurer, PAUL YAMASHITA. Shige and Paul, of course, will be serving their 2nd consecutive terms. A dedicated batch of officers who deserve our support and assistance in '85!

"COMING TOGETHER AGAIN"

Our plans for the upcoming 1985 NVR on Maui are jellifying along, piece by piece. Recently, the members reached a consensus to a number of issues and ideas, including the key roles that will be played by PAUL & SHIGE; i.e., in coordinating and directing our plans. Your support, of course, will be solicited on a continuing basis. Some of the decisions that may assist all of us in planning are:

- Reservation forms for hotel accommodation at Marriott may be sent to Paul before January 15 (our Chapter meeting date). He, in turn, will send the batch of reservations to the Hotel.

For those who wish to mail in their reservations directly to the Hotel, a proper identification of Chapter affiliation must be noted on the envelope.

In all cases, we hope our assigned rooms will be in one location or section.

- Arrangements for air-travel, surface transportation are still pending,

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however, they should be cleared by January 15.

- Tentative plans for the post-reunion in Honolulu look something like this:

Dates: July 7 evening; July 8-9

Top Activities: Golf; tours and shopping sprees; teahouse; Fellowship Nites.

Hotel Arrangements: Pending

Committee Assignments: To be developed soon.

Other Information of Interest announced by the Maui Fox Chapter: Fox Chapter Nite will be hosted and held at the famous Lahaina Banyan Inn on Friday evening (July 5); Hospitality Room has been reserved at Marriott.

A BLUR OF IMPRESSIONS

Seasoned traveler Ron Oba writes....

Wake up! Luggage out! Breakfast! Andiamo! Were these our Impressions or was it the nine countries, 22 cities and 5,000 plus miles by bus that left an indelible mark on "our behind"? The JOURNEY TO BRUYERES had so many incredible things to remember that the hardship of such an exhaustive bus ride can be negated by the tremendously educational and shopping sprees we enjoyed.

Europe is a veritable treasure of living history. The memories of Waterloo and the Invasion by the Uns, Mongols, Franks and Gauls are starkly evident by the numerous fortifications besides twentieth century buildings and castles on peaks of impregnable mountains. The 100th learned that Monte Casino was one of them. But alas, modern history is too soon forgotten. To our chagrin very few people remembered us, be in Nice, Sospel or Livorno. We were treated as normal tourist until we made our presence known. Even then we were speaking to proprietors and bartenders in their 40's and 50's who were too young to remember. A reunion is only as exciting as the knowing glint in an 80-year old farmer or grandma who remembered and recognized one of the boys who slept in their home.

French chefs are supposed to be world reknown. I looked forward to trying a variety of exotic foods. However, my biggest disappointment was the mediocre food we ate, perhaps it was because half of our meals were consumed at roadside "shl-shl stops." Combined with the ubiquitous colds we passed to others several times around, the only happy spin-off was the 8 lbs. I lost by the time I got home.

In spite of these inconveniences, it was our first on a Mercedes bus. Our driver by trade was a race driver who finished 3rd at the last Monte Carlo Grand Prix. To top this, we were blessed with the best tour guide by the name of Horst. We had horsey jokes going on all the time. Memories still linger: riding the Gondola that was too romantic--heard tales of a heavy-set woman who fell into the ugly water and contacted pneumonia--ugh; yodeling by Swiss lassies; taking more river tours, and riding the cable car to Mt. Pilatus. And, of course, of the many things we bought that are now dust collectors. Maybe the 442nd Veterans Club can establish a museum of collectibles that members can donate following every trip. All in all, it was historically interesting, exhausting and of necessity (at least once) if you haven't been there before. As one vet said, "This is my last reunion... I'm glad I went."

THIS AND THAT AND MORE

HANK OYASATO is back on track again and in a pace he enjoys most; i.e., attending meetings and visiting with members. We were quite pleased to see him "upfront." As in the past, he has been "digging" again for documentaries and memorabilia of Fox Company activities. Recently, he found a set with a descriptive list of Fox Company KIAs, who were buried in Italy and France during the June 1944 and April 1955 period. Burial sites listed were: Tarquine, Falconica, Castelfiorentino and Vada, Italy; Espinal, France. The list also included names and addresses of the next of kins. A very useful reference material for our proposed Fox Company Directory, according to Chairman MINEO INAZUKA.

Pamela Iwanaga, daughter of WARREN and MITZIE, now teaches at Pala Elementary School, Maui County. After spending her early teaching experiences on Kauai, she moved to Maui and accepted a tenure-track position at this school, an excellent "county" school with a track-record of

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COMPANY 'I' EUROPEAN TOUR by Bruno Yamada

Frank Shimada and I would like to thank all the wonderful travellers who were on Bus #1 and Bus #2 for all the wonderful compliments we have been receiving this past month for the recent Europe Reunion Tour.

We also enjoyed the trip too, travelling with such a fine bunch of people. Augmenting the Item Company were members from Love, George, Mike and Easy Company. It was really a pleasure to have them along. Travelling with such a large group (87) was hectic at times, especially for the wahines but we somehow managed, huh? After listening from other groups, I think we were very fortunate for not having too many people with the cold. I heard some of the other busses suffered almost 100% with the cold throughout the trip. We had one misfortune though, when Smitty Koga slid in the shower and ended up with four fractured ribs. This happened in Lausanne, Switzerland on our way to Lucerne. Like a good soldier he completed the tour and returned with the group.

Some of the unfortunate things I recall about the tour is not being able to stay longer in Florence, Italy which is the art center of the world and that is where 'I' Company spent most of their post-war time during World War II. We could have spent a little more time in Paris. There were quite a few more places we could have visited in the heart of Paris. However the tour was only a 23 day affair and the number of miles that was covered was tremendous. Thanks to our fine drivers, Lotte and Heinz and our two hustling couriers, Herbert and Mario.

Reminiscing the tour with some of the members of our group it seems like the places that were enjoyed most were the Westminster Abbey, London Tower and Windsor Castle in London; the Eternal City of Rome with all the historical sights and the Vatican with its largest church in the universe, the St. Peters of San Pietro Cathedral with all its priceless work of art by Michelangelo. Other places that were enjoyed was the tour of Pompeii, a city which is still being excavated after being covered with volcanic ash from the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius nearly 1900 years ago. Then there was the leaning tower of Pisa, still leaning since 1173. The visit to Monaco was also enjoyed by all, not as colorful as Las Vegas but somehow it has a very romantic atmosphere.

For the nature lovers, how was the steamer ride up the Rhine to Rudeshein with the lush vineyards along the banks of the Rhine. Then there was Innsbruck, Austria which looks like a

city from out of storybook. Although we pulled in a little late we did get a glimpse of the magnificent panorama of glacier and snow capped mountain peaks.

Everyone seems to like Switzerland, especially Lucerne. This is where I want to spend the rest of my life if I could afford it. People come from all over the world to admire this beautiful place and now I know why.

There was some excitement on the tour too like the winding ride from Les Carene to Sospel on Bus #1 and from Menton to Sospel for Bus #2. Everyone claims this was a worse ride than the 48 hairpins down from Nikko. Another thrilling ride was the cogwheel railway ride up Mount Pilatus, Switzerland where you travelled 700 feet up at about a 45 degree angle.

Naturally the highlight of the entire tour was the 40th Anniversary of the Liberation of Bruyeres. Since 'I' Company played a big role in the liberation of Bruyeres and also in the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" there was much reminiscing throughout the two day affair in the town of Bruyeres and also in the hills where lots of fighting took place 40 years ago. The hills surrounding the town of Bruyeres are now beautiful with colorful autumn leaves. You'd never believe a bitter war with so many lives lost was fought there.

The entire program was a tremendous affair. I want to thank Mayor Deschaseaux and all the people of Bruyeres and also Sandy Holck for a very priceless and memorable affair. What a fitting climax to a most memorable European tour.

ITEM CHAPTER NEWS

by Kenneth Okuma

BRUYERES

Busloads of 442 and 100th veterans, spouses, relatives and friends began streaming into the huge banquet hall of this small and quaint town of La Bresse, France. We were skeptical as to whether there was a hall in this area big enough to accommodate 600 or more guests. There were twelve buses in this entourage.

The Company I Tour (2 buses) were one of the first group to enter and occupy seats. As a result, we could advantageously observe the various groups, many bedecked with leis, as they marched in and found their places. The gracious friends from Bruyeres were at the entrance to welcome all of us.

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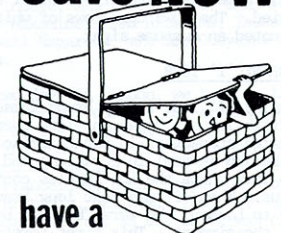
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Needless to say, faces lit up among the various veterans as they greeted old buddies and renewed their relationships with others. Dinner and wine were efficiently systematically served to this overflowing assemblage. This entire affair was hosted by the veterans and guests as a token of friendship with the community leaders of Bruyeres.

With a minimum of speeches, the formal part of the program was carried out with dispatch. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a painting done by Itsuo Tsukano to the town of Bruyeres.

Company 'I' which was housed in a newly constructed portion of the hotel in La Bresse, left at 7:30 a.m. the following day to be in time for the church service. This massive church located in a formidable site of the town was filled to capacity.

This was followed by a giant parade through town. It ended at a square in the center of town with speeches galore from dignitaries representing Bruyeres and the French government. After the program, the twelve buses proceeded toward the memorial located in the Vosges Forest. As the buses wound their way through town, scores of residents were seen waving fond goodbyes from windows, doors and sidewalks. It was a most touching scene.

A short and impressive ceremony was held at the Memorial. A World War II helmet rested like a beacon on the plaque. Immediately, we were whisked away to a convention hall to be treated to a sumptuous buffet lunch hosted by our friends from Bruyeres. The array and quantity of foods were magnificent and we consumed them with much gusto and relish.

Then, it was back to the hotel in La Bresse via the Epinal Cemetery where eleven Nisei soldiers are buried. The rows upon rows of white crosses presented an awesome sight.

START OF COMPANY 'I' TOUR

Our Company 'I' Tour led by Bruno Yamada (Central Pacific Travel) began one late evening in Honolulu with stop-overs in San Francisco, where we picked up several in our group and headed on to New York where the Los Angeles contingent joined us. Then, it was that long trans-Atlantic hop to London. We were "bushed" by the time we left the airport. This first foreign stop commenced a series of currency exchanges.

Throughout Europe, the American dollar brought forth favorable rates. Consequently, this

was a shopper's delight. After spending two nights in London, visits to Westminster Abbey, colorfully attired guards, London Tower, Windsor, etc., we flew to Amsterdam, Holland, where we met our German guides and bus drivers for the first time.

After a few activities with them, our group came to the conclusion that these men were some of the finest in the business. They were well versed and knowledgeable and went out of their way to accommodate us.

One touching incident can be recalled by the occupants of Bus #1. One night while being parked on the street, the bus had been broken into and the driver, Lota, lost his camera as well as cash. The following morning, the group took up a collection and gave it to him. He was so overwhelmed and in tears (man of more than 250 lbs.) as he thanked the group in German.

It is well to point out at this time that on a long trip (24 days) in a strange continent, the foreign guides and bus drivers are the key to an enjoyable and successful tour.

Going back to Amsterdam, visits to the diamond factory, art museum and the well known Red Light District were the bill of fare. Here, many of us consumed our first Japanese cuisine (Kyo etc.).

Then, it was on to Reudersheim, West Germany, via a boat ride on the historic and picturesque Rhine River. We all ate in the small hospitable hotel restaurant in an atmosphere of frolicking native music and dancing. This was a short overnight stop.

Innsbruck, Austria was our next destination. That night the entire group went to a genuine Austrian night club show which included a drink. Realizing that there were representatives from various countries, the band played their national anthems. The playing of 'Aloha Oe' prompted us to stand and take a bow. Mario, our guide said that he had 'Goose Bumps' when we rose among the large gathering. A walk through the Heidelberg Castle revealed many ancient cultures and architectural works. On the way to Venice, Italy, we stopped at a vantage point where the entire city and the Rhine River were spread before us. Cameras were clicking like mad.

Our entrance into Venice, Italy, began a series of enduring memories of this country. We had a walking tour of the city, glass factory, cathedral, lace shop, and the expansive St. Mark's Square which can be flooded periodically as the tide rises and ebbs. Many enjoyed the gondola ride in the evening.

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The long awaited arrival in Rome was realized. Peddlers were at the entrance of our hotel early next morning pushing their mosaics, cameos, etc. Today, it was a long and exhaustive trip to Naples and back. After a tour of the city we paid a visit to ancient Pompeii, the buried city. On our ride, we passed by Monte Cassino where fierce battles involving the 100th Battalion were fought.

The following morning was set aside for shopping - jewelry, Bally shoes, leather jackets, Gucci products, etc. In the afternoon, we spent much time touring Vatican City and its beautiful and brilliant cathedrals.

Pisa and Florence were our next stops. No doubt, the Leaning Tower of Pisa was the center of attraction. It is actually leaning and you lean with it. After a short overnight stay in Florence, (unfortunately) we left for the resort area of Nice. On the way, we passed through the fabled (off-limits) city of Monte Carlo.

In Nice, some of us enjoyed a much sought after Chop Suey dinner. The following day's trip through the treacherous mountains of Sospel and L'Escarène will not be forgotten by the passengers, especially those in Bus #1. This scary drive demonstrated the extreme skill of our bus drivers. Pictures of the winding hair pin turns surrounded by the threatening sheer cliffs are stark reminders of this very hairy ride.

To relieve the tension created by this experience, the bus stopped at the Monte Carlo Casino so that the passengers could unload their currencies. Only one emerged as a winner. Guess who?

Our next stop, a short one, was at Lausanne, Switzerland, which was bordered by the serene and beautiful Lake Geneva. Next, it was on to Lucerne, Switzerland, a shopper's paradise. Many in our group were poised and ready to indulge in this expensive past-time: jewelry, watches, shoes, leather jackets, knives, candies, etc.

The group went on a tour of Mt. Pilatus, which afforded a spectacular and thrilling vistas of the mountains and city.

Then, it was on to La Bresse and Bruyeres, France, which events have been previously related in this article.

Paris, France, the fashion capital, presented all forms of temptations. Many attended the follies show at Famed Moulin Rouge. The group took a tour through modern and old Paris.

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by Stanley Kaneshiro

MELE KALIKIMAKA AND MAKAHIKI HOU

It's that time again and here's wishing you all good health and much happiness. Hope to see you all at the Chapter Christmas Party at Victoria Inn on the 14th and don't forget to sign up for the NVR on Maui by then.

We have Fred Hirayama to thank for the following, an excellent report on the European trip to Bruyeres.

JOURNEY INTO THE PAST 40TH YEAR LIBERATION OF BRUYERES by Fred Hirayama

After many months of anticipation and planning, our "Journey into the Past" finally got started Saturday 29th September 1984. To see what the past would reveal after 40 years, gave rise to much enthusiastic curiosity about the old battlegrounds in Europe.

Our first stop was at San Francisco, then a direct ten hour hop to London. The people from L.A. flew directly to London where we all stayed at the Hotel Forum. At this point, we grouped together to form the AA-1 and AA-2 buses of the Globus Gateway Tours, traveling together all the way thereafter. Later, it was found that more than twelve buses, including statesiders were to converge in Bruyeres during the October 19, 20 & 21 get-together for the 40th Year Liberation of Bruyeres. The AA-1 bus was comprised mostly of the 522 FA contingent with a few Kauai infantry people from an overflow of the AA-2 Kauai contingent bus, led by Tsuka Murakami. Our hardcore 522nd people who finally made this memorable trip included: from L.A.: Sadao Kodama, Jim Mizuno, m/m Roy Adachi, Sueko Nakanishi; C Btry: m/m Nelson Kato, m/m Ray Kunimura, m/m Tsuneshi Maruo, B Chapter: m/m Robert Hirata, m/m Melvyn Hamamoto, m/m Walter Inouye, m/m Lester Kato, m/m Mits Kunihiro, Hideo Nakamine, Fred Hirayama, Tadashi Matsumoto, m/m Neil Nagareda, m/m Joe Obayashi and m/m Don Shimazu.

With two days in London, we took on the sites of the city, ancient castles and crown jewels, and a boat ride on the Thames River. We then, headed for Dover, England on the 3rd day, where a Hovercraft awaited us to take us on a 40 minute ride to Calais, France. We then, hopped on a bus to take us to Brussels, Belgium. The "Pissing Boy" was still there and not as bit as it was glamorized to be. A night at the Hotel Bedford and on to Amsterdam, by way of Rotterdam, which is said to be the most industrialized seaport in Europe. Eye openers in Holland would be the thousands of

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acres of reclaimed lowlands and the master plan for it; boat ride through the miles of canals and the Ziderzee; the largest flower distribution center in the world at Als Meer; and a visit to the Van Mopes Diamond Factory to watch craftsmen at work. Wahines for an eye on diamonds had a field day. Word got around, later, that in spite of all security precautions one lady's newly bought diamond got stolen. I can see another trip for her to this factory again, shortly.

About this time, 40th of October, many were with sniffles and coughs, taking all kinds of Tylenol, Contac, Vicks, or what have you. It was a struggle of who could survive the sniffles. Being in an enclosed air conditioned bus didn't help. Fortunately most cases were mild and all survived.

5th of October found us going through Cologne Germany, stopping to see another of many huge Gothic Cathedrals. We passed the popularized Remagen Bridge of World War II and then went on a scenic boat ride down the Rhine river to see historic castles and sights until we got to Weisbaden, staying over at the Hotel Forum. This chic resort town boasts of a very elaborate Casino where roulette tables and roulette slot machines are the featured games. Robert Hirata, Nelson Kato and others thought they'll get something out of this place, but no way. The "big time" section required coat and tie and a fee to enter. While the "small time" section was "as is" and no fee. We struck to small time.

On the 6th, we started down on the romantic road to Donauwörth, going through quaint medieval towns that have retained their charm since the Middle Ages--noteworthy being Rothenburg--the town square cuckoo clock and all.

We arrived in Donauwörth in the late afternoon. The town has since developed and outgrown its size. It was difficult to remember, at first. But traces of downtown still remain, especially the old Hotel Kronen, where the 522nd CP was headquartered. It is not a hotel anymore. Many of the old buildings including the Cafes could be recognized in spite of the 40 years. The newer part of Donauwörth have developed along the outskirts of the older section with the new Hotel Kronen as part of its growth, which is where we stayed over for the night and for dinner. Some of the local residents who were alerted earlier of our coming, showed up. Acquaintances of Tsumeshi Maruo still remembered him and came for the evening to reminisce old times. A pair of brother and sister and their families remembered Melvyn Hamamoto and renewed their acquaintances of 40 years ago. It was a heart warming remembrance.

Don Shimazu, Joe Obayashi, Hideo Nakamine and Fred Hirayama took a trip to Merten where HQ & B Btrys were stationed. The village has changed entirely--the old school house is fronted with a bigger building in the front and the creamery has since been rebuilt with a bigger new factory. Still remaining is the large Gaus-thaus building, now Braerei-Gasthof, with the stork's nest on the chimney roof, intact as it was. Older people we talked to still remembered the Japanese soldiers of 40 years ago.

Robert Hirata, Melvyn Hamamoto, Tadashi Matsumoto, Mits Kunihiro and Mark Matsunaga (our conscientious reporter) made a fast trip to Baunheim where Service Btry was stationed. People remembered. Looking over the population and trying to see what happened since 40 years ago, brought out many interesting and heart warming situations. Time has passed, so we leave well enough alone. Local papers of Donauwörth covered our return to "our town" well.

After only a short afternoon and evening, we left Donauwörth in the morning for the infamous Concentration Camp at Dachau near Munich. Most of the structures in Dachau Camp have been renovated or newly constructed and improved with various memorabilia as a future reminder of the holocaust of the past--lest we forget. We were well covered by TV of all sorts from all over. John Tsukano worked hard to contribute much of the publicity that has come with our itinerary.

We got to Munich soon after, looking over the town and having lunch at the world famous "Hitler's Hofbrauhaus". It was food, beer and all the drinks with live musical entertainment. This huge 1000 people or more beer hall is one fantastic hideaway.

That afternoon we were hosted by the Jewish Community of Munich, the Civil Rights Group from Paris and VIPs in Germany in appreciation of our participation, fighting for the same great cause as they have always fought for. It was a memorable occasion with more TV coverage.

We moved into Konigsee Badhotel that evening and early next morning we were on the road again. It was unfortunate that we had to miss Hitler's retreat at Berchtesgaden where many of us still remember the ruins.

A long four hour scenic drive down from the Bavarian and Austrian Alps took us into Venice, Italy on the 8th. It is amazing to note that Venice was man-made by Venetians during the Austrian exploitation. Although slowly sinking with

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an uneven poor land-fill, the island was finally connected by the works of Mussolini and annexed to the lands of Italy. A gondola ride through the canals of the city is a must. The Don Shimazus, Mits Kunihiros, Ray Kunimuras and Joe Obayashi all felt romantic about it and were well entertained with live music throughout their ride. A visit to the glass blowing factory and quality crystal glass ware were the noteworthy attractions in Venice.

The next day took us into Florence where leathercraft was the attraction, next to the cultural attractions of Michael Angelo, Machiavelli and other famous artists. This the Cultural city of Italy.

After staying Hotel Firenze Nova on the 9th, we headed down south to Mt Cassino where we drove up the steep mountain and visited the 100% reconstructed Abbey as it stands in magnificence over the many miles of terrain below. Its panoramic overview is inspiring.

We then headed for Sorrento, overlooking the Mediterranean, Naples Bay and City, and Mt Vesuvius from the Hotel Sorrento Palace which I thought to be the classiest with the nices design and decor the elite can afford. The reception and dancing areas were about the largest--even the Obayashis, Nakakuras and Kunihiros couldn't dance their hearts away.

The next day on the 11th, we passed Naples and Anzio, and paid our respects to those lay buried at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery & Memorial, known to be the largest in Europe. Flowers were presented by each person to the graves, including the few 442nd men buried there.

We continued on to Rome for Hotel Agip and had dinner at the Ristorante-Mino that evening. It was women's night. The "pinching waiter" got all the women so excited that many looked forward to the "three finger pinch", considered to be the more amorous "pinching". A few ladies considered reciprocating. How was it, Jane? Ellen? Margaret?

The "Three Coins in the Fountain" in song and picture was seen with all its lights and water that night. "One coin over the left shoulder to return, two to return with spouse, and three to return with lover." Sadao Kodama was trying hard. So was Sueko Nakanishi.

The next day was a tour of the city, including the old uncovered ruins and the still being repaired Colosium. The Vatican City was a must to see. It is the greatest.

Another greatest is the Tivoli Water Fountain Gardens. It is spectacular--day or night. Dinner in the evening was full of merriment with songs, music and "pinching", at the Ristorante. Who said Lester Kato or Walter Inouye couldn't sing? Sounds of O Solo Mio certainly came from their section! Roy Adachi was trying his damndest to put away all of the Vino that kept on coming to the table!

We left Rome early Saturday morning for Livorno. We passed through familiar battle places like Civitavecchia, Belvedere, Vada and Rosignano. Staying at the Excelsior Hotel, we toured around and on to the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, thankful that the Tower remained as is and still standing. Can you imagine Jean Kato, Ellen Kunihiro, Chiyoko Shimazu and Florence Kunimura walking up the spiral 294 step stairway to the top?

Next morning on the 14th we went through Genoa along the Italian Riviera and San Remo town, known to be one of the largest flower growing areas in Europe with hundreds of hot houses all over the coast. Going further, we crossed the Italian border into France, staying over in Menton at the Hotel Bristol.

That evening we played the games at plush Monte Carlo Casino. Ever thought of suckers coming ahead as winners? Sugar Kaneshiro of Kauai didn't think so. He seem to have been the only one to come out ahead. But Ray and Walter were seen trying like hell.

Do you believe: The greatest cactus garden to be in Monaco? A Carlsbad Cavern type of underground tour in Monaco? Museum of Prehistoric Man findings on Monaco? Yes, right in Monaco! Hideo Nakamine was wondering about his ancestors--considering his Frenchman look!

For nostalgic reasons we took a trip to Sospel in the mountain area to look over the "Champagne Campaign" of winding roads. We visited the plaque dedicating two 442nd men who gave their lives during combat in that area. We were heartily greeted and thanked for coming, by the town's Mayor, dignitaries and the French people. We, later, went on to visit the perfume factory in Eze where the best of perfumes are made. The sweet fragrance of Joy and Chanel No 5 could easily be sensed on Rose Adachi, Toshi Mizuno and Otaka Kato. The hubbies certainly must have had a sweet smelling evening.

After Nice, France we continued on to Grenoble which is considered to be one of the more modern type of city in France. The Alpotel Hotel

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seemed new and modern. Don Shimazu and his war-time survey crew certainly couldn't have surveyed the roads as straight as the main Avenue!

We got into Switzerland on the 17th and stopped over at Geneva and Bern and then to Lucerne for two nights. We took a trip to Mt Pilatus on the steepest cogwheel train in the world at 7000 ft. A boat ride in the evening completed the splendid sites of this beautiful city.

On the 19th, we arrived in the afternoon in Gerardmer, France where our stay was at the Grand Hotel Braggard for the celebration of the 40th year Liberation of Bruyeres. It is about 5 miles away with many large hotels, which held most of the Hawaii contingent. Few stayed in hotels in Epinal. Each member was given few mementos by people of Bruyeres which were left on each recipient's bed. In the morning the next day we headed for Biffontaine on bus and transferred on to 2 1/2 ton French Army trucks to drive up in the Vosges mountains area to a newly created permanent monument to commemorate it for those who died during the rescue of the "lost battalion". Jim Mizuno still remembered some of the incidents but could hardly distinguish one hill from another with so many being so much alike. The ceremony was a memorable occasion with a U.S. Army representative, French dignitaries and Veterans Organization representatives attending, plus many French people. Some of the women folks like Jane Nagareda who stayed back in Bruyeres renewed old acquaintances with some of the local residents. In the evening, we were hosted by the community of Bruyeres at a large banquet on the outskirts at Le Bresse. It was a festive occasion. More food, beer, wine and speeches.

The next morning on Sunday 21st a nondenominational memorial service was held at the church in Bruyeres, followed by a parade in town to the World War I and II Memorial at the Town Square for wreath placing and ceremony for the 40th year Liberation of Bruyeres. A trip to the Bruyeres 100/442 Monument in the Vosges mountains was followed with wreath placing and ceremony. After that, we also visited and paid our respects to the dead at the Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial. We later gathered in the afternoon in the newly constructed Bruyeres gymnasium for a farewell luncheon, hosted by the community of Bruyeres and to say Au Revoir.

We left Gerardmer on the 22nd and headed for Poree for a lot of city touring, two nights of fun and laughter at the Ala Bonette Franquette Club and the Cabaret Nouvelle. More food, wine, songs and music. The nights were fantastic. A trip to Versailles was a must to see the splendor and affluence of the French Renaissance.

We left Gay Paree and ended our stay in France on the 24th, where at Boulogne we boarded the Hovercraft to Dover and then to London.

Our last night in London was spent at the Beef Eaters Restaurant where an elaborate King Henry VIII dinner was hosted by the European World Travel Service with all the splendor and gaiety that was typical in style and costume of the ancient era.

Leaving the Hotel Forum in London, we went on various direct flights to our own destination with the bulk arriving in Honolulu on Thursday 25th October.

What did we get out of the trip? Memories, experiences and for everyone a good dose of cold sickness. The end.

CHAPTER GOLF (by Rocky Tanna)

Twelve golfers teed-off at HICC on November 13th.

Don Yagami shot a fantastic round of golf with a score of 39-38-77. This wasn't a net score it was gross and with a 15 handicap the low net was a record 62. 'Keep shooting like that Don for your handicap will be 12 the next time'. Milton Uchigaki who played with Don had nothing but complaints about Don's lucky charm. On the 15th par 5 hole, Milton was on, on 2 and Don was over the green on 2. Don chipped his shot in the hole for an eagle 3 and Milton 3 putted for a par. Second place winner was Shoso Kagawa with a 98-28 net 68. He also won the front nine. Nearest to the pins were Don (twice), Milton and Richard.

Thanks to Roy Okubo for the starting time and Toshio Nishizawa for being tournament chairman. After the game, the golfers ended up at Violet's for the 19th hole.

JERRY ISHIMOTO (by Rocky Tanna)

Met Jerry Ishimoto, from Okinawa, at the Tuesday retiree golf club game at Pali. He was on TDY and scheduled to leave on November 23rd. Sent his regards to Chapter members and regretted he couldn't make the Chapter meeting. He was surprised and shocked to hear the bad news on Shige, Shozo and Kats and wished them well.

As for the bald headed man from Okinawa, he looked very healthy and was enjoying his TDY here. Said he couldn't retire in Hawaii because of the high living cost. He had gone to a bar with friends and gotten one drink for a \$20.00 bill he placed on the table. He said in Okinawa, \$20.00

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by Kaoru Watanabe

Charlie and Reiko Oda are proud grandparents at last. Bonnie Homsey - their daughter, gave birth to a baby girl on November 21 - almost a Thanksgiving baby! So anxious were the Oda's that they hopped on a plane Thanksgiving morning to Los Angeles to see their grand daughter.

On the same plane was the writer's wife on a somewhat similar mission - to baby sit for our 8 month old grandson.

Plans for the 1985 NVR Reunion is progressing where it counts - the budget. Funds are coming in and we expect to hear from more of our Hawaii members to participate. Charlie Oda made a special trip to Maui just to make sure that our Mainland Cannoneers who have contacted us for attendance are booked at the Maui Marriott - on the same floor! For those who have not yet decided to attend - subito, please! We hear that Tooru Taguchi, Shuji Hayashi, Norman Ugai, Arthur Doi, John Kashiki, Jerry Gustfson, Tom Hanami, Takeshi Hanami, Wally Nunotani, and their wives will attend! Speaking of Wally, - read his accounts of the recent 100/442 Tour of Europe:

"Journey into the Past". "Sentimental Journey". Whatever we choose to call it, I'm sure most of us who journeyed to Europe on the 100/442 tour in October will remember it for a long time.

Accounts of the trip will surely be chronicled by many writers, but Kaoru Watanabe, our chapter reporter said, "What the heck, go ahead and write something anyway". So here I am. I will try to tell it as I saw it, without going into all the details.

First, I have to put in a plug for the Cannoneers and their wives who went on the trip. Our bus group included Sandy Holck, our dancho-san, Yoshio and Clara Terashima from Haleiwa, Sam and Alice Yoshinari from Chicago, and Wally and Katherine Nunotani from San Francisco. Tsuka Murakami, the fearless leader from the Garden Isle, and Yuki were busy leading another group. Tooru and May Kanazawa of New York joined us for the Biffontaine and Bruyeres programs. Sorry Curly and Ann Murakami, Bunker Kawamoto, and Dykie Kunishige couldn't make it.

Europe, what we saw of it in 25 days (9/30-10/25) and traveling almost 5,000 miles, was a wonderment. It would be impossible in this limited space to adequately describe all that we saw the great museums, palaces, cathedrals, art works, and sculptures that graced the Old World for hundreds of years. Our whirlwind tour permitted us to see only a few of the main attractions of each of

the nine countries we visited. Never in all our lives did we go through so many different languages, many changes, continental breakfasts (ugh!) and different toilet flushes. It was a challenge, but we survived it. So in the whole process, we did manage to soak in some European history and culture.

Another reason for our tour was to revisit the areas in Italy and France where the 100/442 fought its major campaigns in 1944-45. We were not always able to pinpoint the exact areas where we were 40 years ago. There were three contributing factors for this dilemma: the elapsed 40 years have dulled our memory powers, all the mountains look alike, and we were on the main highways most of the time. But we were able to point out some general locations to our wives and other touring members for their enlightenment.

Finally, our main reason for going to Europe was the reunion with the people of Bruyeres on the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres by the 100/442. And what a welcome we got! American flags everywhere, welcome signs on most of the store fronts, and genuine warmth and friendliness by all the townspeople. It was both a happy and emotional time. It would take too long to elaborate on all the ceremonies and events that took place in Biffontaine and Bruyeres, so I will just give a quick rundown of events in chronological order.

Sat. Oct. 20

A new monument in the mountains above Biffontaine was dedicated. This monument honored the nisei soldiers who effected the "rescue of the lost battalion". The afternoon program was a visit to the U.S. Cemetery in Epinal where another wreath laying ceremony was held. Sandy Holck did the honors for Mayor Anderson of Honolulu on both occasions. That evening the Hawaii and Mainland visitors reciprocated with a appreciation banquet for the officials of Bruyeres. It was a gala affair held in La Bresse, with over 600 in attendance.

Sun. Oct. 21

It was another busy day, starting off with a church service in the morning, followed with a parade to the town square where a ceremony was held at the French Soldiers Monument. We were then taken by bus some three miles outside of Bruyeres for another ceremony at the 442 memorial. Sandy again did the honors for Mayor Anderson. A luncheon reception was given us in the high school gym by the people of Bruyeres who put out a beautiful spread of food and drinks. There must have been enough food left over to feed another 100 people.

There is so much more to say, but this arti-

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by Charles Watanabe

My last report for the year 1984. Yes! time just went by and if nothing good has happened perhaps next year, but be thankful anyway for your good health and say Thank You no matter how small. "Amen". We all cannot have everything in life.

Now the last meeting of the year was held at the club house. November has always been the last meeting of the year for HQ3rd. Then back again in January. Whatever report we had was minimal, not because Frank Ishikawa was absent and had to go to a baseball banquet, so to Bill Kuwata. Those two old men, I mean Young men, sorry, still playing baseball. Womens' league, of course not, slow pitch, fast pitch you gotta be kidding what with Bill wearing bi-focals. Anyway, Takeshi Nakamura picked up the minutes of the last last meeting and discussed whatever need to be discussed.

The Reunion issue came up again and brochures given to each member to fill out and return with D/Payment.

Also, a donation request was made by the 442nd club from each chapter to the Statue of Liberty fund. HQ3rd approved a ten dollars donation from each member and payable to Takeshi Nakamura who donated from the club fund. Please Kokua, no arm twisting this time, just voluntary. Master card or whatever not approved.

That is about it on the serious side and now for some dis and dat and no Huhu.

First the good news, October and November were a busy month socially. Takeshi and Irene Nakamura son Carl returned from the mainland and presented his wife at reception at the Natsunoya Tea House.

David Kaiura son Byron had his reception at the Regent Hotel. HQ3rd members all invited, a wonderful time had by all.

Mo Nakata had Takeshi bring home a salmon from Seattle and what with all the social program on the agenda, Sam Furuya invited members to a open house at his residence at Keolu Hills, Lanikai. Members accepted with humility and gratefulness. Hope the salmon not overly frozen. No such thing eh!

Whats with David Kaiura, he just returned from Las Vegas and already making plans to return.

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by Joe Shimamura

FINALLY MADE IT

It took a good 40 years and a lot of convincing but GEORGE SHIGEMATSU, better known as "SHORT STUFF" to all, finally made it to this 50th State as he arrived with wife HELEN on September the 18th, for a 7 days Hawaiian Holiday. He must have been a good cadre as more than 50 K-s turned out for the first night gathering at the Pagoda Restaurant to give them a royal welcome. Sure had many long time no see individuals present and "Howdy-doody time" turned out to be a long night for many. With "BIG JOHT" OROKU taking charge of their schedule here GEORGE & HELEN were kept on the go from morning till night, bringing this all to a close with a trip to the big island to spend some time with the Hilo wreckers who turned en-mass to take care of this New Mexico couple. We're more than sure that the Hawaiian hospitality did make the SHIGEMATSU's take home some happy memories of their visit to these fair isles. With vacation time all over, it's back to walking the beat as a postman for GEORGE who has still got some years to put in before qualifying for retirement benefits.

K-BITS

Wishing a most speedy recovery to the best from the big island JONAH MORIMOTO who was hospitalized for a spell after undergoing a general surgery at Kuakini Hospital. Sure was rough on his better half RENEE who commuted from Kaneohe daily to spend her days with this ailing patient. Retired as they may be, we do hope that a speedy recuperation will find them home in time for the holiday season.

A 28 days tour of continental Europe, the main purpose being to take in the 40th Anniversary Commemoration program of the liberation of Bruyeres France found the K-s still held in the highest esteem by our many friends there. PIERRE MOULIN, SERGE CARLESSO and MARTIAL HILAIRE are but a few who went all out to take care of things as this Sister City of ours went all out to make this a most memorable visit. 3 nights in Nice, France found the "FABULOUS" ZELLERS giving it their all as they took command and had a fantastic program set up for our visit to the towns of L'Escarene and Sospel, France. Doing an incredible job of overcoming some major obstacle, such as two buses too big to make that trip to Sospel, ALICE & MARIAN with their know how and connection proved that nothing is impossible with the ZELLERS at the helm. A most eventful, unforgettable day was spent by this tour group, thanks to the perfect planning by these "FABULOUS" ZELLERS. Mere words

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by Lillian Shiraishi

EUROPEAN TOUR - 1984

We're very fortunate in having Lillian Shiraishi describe the European Tour, which included the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres.

We joined the Co. I Europe reunion tour, leaving Sept. 30th and returning Oct. 24th, visiting England, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France. The weather was in our favor as it started crisp and cool, then became cold in France. We enjoyed the spectacular fall foliage of fiery reds, bright yellows and orange, and the intense green of the Black Forest.

In London even the street signs were entertaining - way out (Exit), give way (Yield), areas marked 'Staff car park', office to let (Rent), etc. Visited popular 'Harrods Dept. Store' where 'Di' shops. Saw their fabulous sea food section where half the wall is covered with fresh fish of all sizes and stream of water filtering through the display. The show cases were filled with lobster, crab, prawns, tako, scallops etc. There were ducks, sausages, bacon hanging from the ceiling. Truly a shoppers delight. The Queen was in Canada so there was no flag at Buckingham Palace. Queen's Mum was in Scotland, salmon fishing.

There are buildings in Amsterdam still standing in water built in 1560. On some buildings the wooden foundations are giving away, so they're slanted at an angle. The water is clean, for the water ways are cleaned once a day. The pretty lace window curtains were especially attractive in each home. An average wage is around \$1100.00 a month. Social security and taxes are deducted giving everyone free medical, hospital and dental care.

Germany has 62 million inhabitants. During Hitler's regime there were 6 million unemployed, so he had them build the autoban (freeway). Their highways have no speed limits now; however, they are considering a limit to reduce air pollution. They're also under the social system like Holland where 40% of their wages go to taxes. They receive social security at age 62. Part of the Black Forest is slowly dying from pollution but nothing is being done yet. They claim 65% is from industrial pollution and 35 % from automobiles. Saw acres of cabbage planted for sauerkraut. It's a special variety, which weighs up to 40 pounds. They learned how to make sauerkraut from Japan (tsukemono) and Italians learned to make spaghetti from China.

In Italy the autobans are privately owned by family businesses or corporations, thus toll charges are required. They started to build these in

1955 and completed them in 1960. Italy grows olives, grapes, tobacco, sunflower seeds for oil, tomato etc. The olive trees take 30 years to produce and keep for hundreds of years.

Pompei is called a human tragedy, for at 79 A D its entire population of 20,000 died from poisonous gasses emitted from an eruption and buried the City under 18 to 23 feet of volcanic ash. Seventeen years before this eruption there was an earthquake to forewarn this tragedy. An excavation was started in 1748 for the ruins of Pompei. The excavation shows their living, dining quarters and public bath houses with saunas and steam rooms.

In Venice we saw the authentic venetian blinds made of sturdy wooden slats and not the plastic variety. It was astounding to see buildings built on water and standing for centuries. The gondolas go right up to a home to deliver at their front door. The intelligence of men centuries ago to build these foundations to withstand the element of time is a marvel for present day people, trying to study the components required for repair work as needed.

We took an excursion to Mt. Pilatus 7,000 feet above sea level. We crossed Lake Lucerne by steamer, then cog-wheel railway to the top and returned by 4 seater cabins of aerial cable car. It was a clear day, so we enjoyed the beautiful Swiss Alpine scenery and as far as the Black Forest Lucerne is a shoppers paradise.

Our motorcoach, seating 50 people, climbed the mountain of Sospel which was a hair raising experience, for even army trucks had great difficulty making these sharp turns over 40 years ago. Most of us took this option, for we were to stop at Monaco and its famed gambling casino. The slot machine area was open but black jack and crap tables were closed till 4:00 pm. Please ask Mike about his "luck".

To our dismay the Louvre Palace was closed on Monday so we couldn't see the famous painting with a smile. However we enjoyed shopping in Paris at the Louis Vuitton store. This store at 78 Bis Ave Marceau, is triple the size of their Ala Moana Store with about 20 salespeople, over 80 customers. We had to literally fight to get a seat to be waited on. It was worth it. We saw the Moulin Rouge show, which Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas had built to such magnitude and splendor. It was an interesting presentation.

The autoban or auto strada as their freeways are called in Europe can be converted to an air-strip for jet take off should the need arise.

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This has been a delightful tour escorted by Bruno Yamada of Item Chapter. It was interesting and educational. We were able to shop for specialties, tour members were congenial and it was fun.

But, I'm still on Paris time-wide awake at midnight and sleepy at noon.

by Harold Fukunaga

DINNER MEETING

George Investment Club had its quarterly dinner meeting at the Andrews Restaurant, located at Ward Center, on Nov. 10, 1984. This restaurant selection was good, because it is located outside of Waikiki and parking was no problem. Andrews is supposed to be an Italian restaurant, although the name doesn't indicate so; but it had a full range on the menu, from steak to fish to cacciatori. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meals.

Those attending the dinner were: Taketo & Judy Kawabata, Mike & Lillian Shiraishi, Speed & Edna Tanna, Francis & Grace Ishii, & John & Clara Kikuyama, Hitoshi & Leatrice Matsumoto and Harold & Jane Fukunaga. Jimmy and Judy Kono were unable to attend the dinner.

Because Mike Shiraishi had just returned from the European (Bruyeres) trip, he was telling us about how he made a few francs (about \$600 worth) at Monte Carlo, although he only had about 20 minutes to shoot craps. The crap table was opened only a limited time and the tour bus was waiting for him. Otherwise he would have been able to make a few more hundreds or perhaps thousands. He also grumbled about having to walk at several sight seeing places, because his back cannot take long walks.

After dinner, the Investment group was invited to the Kawabatas for coffee and dessert and some card playing. It was a nice way to spend a Saturday evening.

RETIREMENT

Another member who has joined the ranks of the retirees is Fred Ida. He retired as of November 30th, from Pacific Insurance Co., after 31 years of service with that firm. He says he can sharpen his golf skills more so, now that he can play more often at Waialae Country Club. However, he will still be in touch with Pacific Insurance Co. as a consultant.

Normally, a retiree will start taking more trips to the Mainland or Far East. In Fred's

case it's not so. He has been traveling so much already. He will merely be continuing his trips.

He went to Japan in September and played 9 rounds of golf while there. He enjoyed playing on the manicured golf courses, even if he had to walk the entire period. Most of the courses don't have electric carts, but have caddies.

He also went to Hartford & Boston in October on business. As if that wasn't enough traveling, he went to Denver in November as a representative of the Easter Seal. While there he visited the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs.

If he is flying with one airline, such as United Airlines, he must rack up enough mileage to be always traveling at half-fare and first class.

MAINLAND TRIP

The writer attended a conference in Albany, New York in mid-October. His wife, Jane, accompanied him, now that she is retired from the school system. It was a long trip, especially the non-stop 7½ hour flight from Honolulu to Chicago and the 1½ hour flight from Chicago to Albany.

Being from Hawaii, we took our top coats, expecting cold weather in Albany. We were surprised by the relatively warmer weather of 50-60 degrees. We were expecting 30-40 degree weather. Residents told us that it was "Indian Summer" weather, so it was milder than normal.

The changing colors of autumn leaves were gorgeous, with yellow, red, orange and green mixed.

On the way home, we stopped over at Las Vegas to spend a couple of nites at California Hotel, "home base" for Hawaii visitors. Because they were honoring Hawaii during October, all of the employees were dressed in "Aloha" attire. How did we make out in gambling? As usual, we lost a few bucks.

Incidentally, Speed & Edna Tanna and Francis & Grace Ishii were in Las Vegas recently also. They had a good time, they said. Must have made some money in gambling.

NEWS FROM CHICAGO

Carl Ogawa, a former Hawaii resident living in Chicago, sent a note about G Co. fellas in Chicago. He says that Stanley Serikaku retired from his job and took a trip to Europe (to Bruyeres?); Tom Kimura is retired and taking it easy. Kats Abe will retire soon; Hiro Tanaka is still

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS by Henry Kuniyuki

The Livorno Chapter officers, members, their wives and families extend the greetings of the season to one and all. Throughout this Christmas Season may you find new joys, renew old friendships, and rejoice in happy memories.....and may the New Year bring fulfillment of your brightest hopes!

The Livorno members held its semi-annual "Wife-Appreciation" dinner at the Flamingo Chuck wagon on November 17, 1984. As in past practice the honored guests at the dinner affair were the wives of Chapter members. The guest list included Ethel Doi, Yukie Harada, Janet Higa, Ruby Kawada, Kikuye Takamori, Clara Oide, Ruth Sakotani, Nancy Sekiya, Betty Takaezu, Amy Takayesu, Mimi Tanaka, Patsy Teruya and Frances Watanabe.

As announced in the September-October issue of the "Go-for-Broke" Bulletin the Minoru Nagasako family is proudly featured for this year-end publication. "Minoru Nagasako" is synonymous with "Hotei-Ya" as he is the President of both the retail outlet of Hotei-Ya, located at Ala Moana Center, and Honolulu Sales, the wholesale division, situated in Kalihi. Minoru's family is truly a 442nd Regimental Combat Team family as two of his brothers and a cousin also served honorably with the 442nd Colors. Minoru, himself is a former member of "Charlie" Company, having been assigned thereto as a replacement. After a war-time and occupation duty as company clerk Minoru was honorably discharged with a rank of sergeant. His brother Shiro, who is the sales representative of Honolulu Sales Limited, is a veteran of Service Company. Brother Goro, who passed away in 1969, was a member of "Love" Company. Cousin Masao, also deceased, served with "Mike" Company. With three brothers and a cousin, all having served with distinction in the "Go-for-Broke" Regiment, we can be truly proud of the Nagasako family.

Now for more fascinating facts about Minoru's personal family. His wife, Mitsuye, affectionately known to Livornites as "Mitchan", hails from the Nishimoto family of Honolulu. They were married in 1943, prior to Minoru's shipment overseas, thus have an enviable record of 41 years of blissful marriage to date.

Turning back the years a bit, Minoru graduated from Lahainaluna High and thereafter attended one year of Middle School in Hiroshima. It is a matter of lucky history that his parents recalled him back home prior to Pearl Harbor, otherwise he surely would have been a casualty of the Hiroshima holocaust. Minoru and Mitsuye are the

parents of a son, Walter, and a daughter, Lynn. Walter, who made Minoru a grandpa twice, is a Certified Public Accountant employed by the renowned CPA firm of Alexander and Grant as its Tax Manager. Walter graduated from the University of Hawaii with a degree in accounting. Walter's two sons, Reuben and Oren are ninth and tenth graders at Iolani. Both are honor students. Minoru is especially proud of Reuben, who is an all-star athlete on the Iolani's 9th grade football and track teams.

Minoru's daughter, Lynn, is one of the first females to graduate from the ivy halls of Princeton University. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Princeton with a degree in Japanese literature. Thereafter, she entered Columbia University for her graduate study in law. After receiving her Juris Doctor degree she initially worked as an attorney in the financial district of Wall Street, New York. She became "homesick" for Portland, Oregon where she first attended the Reed College for two years before matriculating in Princeton. So back to Portland she went to work for the giant Georgia Pacific firm before the company moved its corporate headquarters elsewhere. Lynn is now Associate Legal Counsel for the First Interstate Bank in Portland.

This exclusive interview with Minoru revealed the sad news that he plans to close Hotei-Ya in the foreseeable future. As Minoru put it he is "getting on in age" and would like to take life a bit easier. The Ala Moana Shopping Center Management is planning to renovate the entire area where Hotei-Ya is currently situated. Minoru is reluctant to go through another hassle of re-opening the retail outlet after site renovation is completed. He however, will continue to manage the wholesale division located in a 10,000 square foot fee simple property at 1724 Hoe Street in Kalihi. So folks, you got the news break of a close-out sale at Hotei-Ya sometime early next year.

Hotei-Ya has been most generous these past many years in donating items to veterans organizations and other community/civic groups in their fund raising endeavors. So, there you are folks, you now know the reasons we in the Livorno Chapter are rightfully proud of the many accomplishments of Minoru Nagasako and his fine family.

As a post script to the story on Jerry Doi's long European odyssey, published in the previous issue of the Go-for-Broke Bulletin, this Chapter Reporter, who served as the Tour Director, was pleasantly surprised to discover that six other tour members were 442nd or 100th veterans. Besides the Chapter Reporter and Jerry the follow-

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by Sam Yamao

RAIN (AQUA)

Webster's dictionary defines RAIN as "water falling to earth in drops that have been condensed from moisture in the atmosphere". The lack of or over abundance of this important chemical compound to virtually all living creatures can mean drought and famine as in Ethiopia or too much of it can cause flooding and major disasters like in some areas of our south eastern states recently.

Here on Oahu the long awaited precipitation is a welcome change. Our parched lawns parks hillsides are turning a beautiful green again. It brought with it a noticeable coolness to the atmosphere too. A good indication of ample rain on the leeward side of Oahu is when Diamond Head begins to look green and alive.

442ND JAPANESE SONG CLUB

Approximately 60 members have joined the 442nd UTA NO KAI which was recently organized and meets at the clubhouse every Friday evening for 2 hours. The group is very fortunate in having MAESTRO CHARLES MIMURA of the CHIDORI ORCHESTRA as our "sensei". Some of the old Japanese ENKA songs as well as the recent hits such as NANIWA KOI SHIGURE, MUSUME YO, NANIWA BUSHI DAYO JINSEI WA, etc. is now being practiced by the members.

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

The meeting was held on the 4th Friday night instead of the 3rd and for one reason or another the attendance dropped to 6 members only, who were: E. ICHIIYAMA, G. SUENAGA, Y. HOKAMA, N. KATO, R. KUNIMURA and K. SHIMIZU. This meeting was the shortest ever, according to prexy Eddie.

CHAPTER TRAVELERS

As mentioned in the previous issue, 3 couples, namely NASH/JEAN KATO, RAY/FLORENCE KUNIMURA and TSUNESHI/MARGIE MARUO from Charlie Chapter, Hawaii journeyed into the past on the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres by the 100th and 442nd Combat Team.

The 522 group consisting of 2 bus fulls departed on Sept. 29 and returned on Oct. 25 visiting the following cities and countries: London, England; Brussels, Belgium; Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Holland; Wiesbaden, Donauworth, Dachau, Munich, Berchtesgaden, Augsburg, Germany; Venice, Florence, Monte Casino, Sorrento, Anzio, Rome,

Livorno, Italy; Menton, Nice, Grenoble, Bruyeres, Paris, France; Geneva, Lucerne, Switzerland.

The highlight of the European trip of course was the pilgrimage of the 442 and 100 Veterans to Bruyeres, France for the anniversary program on October 20 and 21st for banquets, parades, speeches, church services, etc.

MAC NISHIMOTO who travelled with the Seattle group to Europe was met on several occasions according to Ray Kunimura.

HARDROCK NAKAMURA celebrated his 60th birthday in Las Vegas on November 25 with Betty. They stayed at the Union Plaza Hotel for 4 days followed by a couple of days in San Francisco.

SADA and PEGGY HIGA spent about 10 days in October and November to attend son, ROD's graduation from DeVary Institute of Technology in Phoenix, Arizona. They stopped in Vegas for a few days and also got together briefly with TEE and KAY SUGITA in L.A.

BOB and BEA KIKAWA visited their daughter ROBIN in Yokohama and travelled the country for about a month during October and November. It was an enjoyable trip according to Bea.

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

This meeting was held at the clubhouse on the usual 3rd Friday evening and was attended by M. NAKAMURA, H. KOBAYASHI, N. KATO, R. KUNIMURA, L. HASHIZUME, M. AKAMINE, K. SHIMIZU, S. HIGA, G. SUENAGA, B. KIKAWA, E. ICHIIYAMA, G. MORISHIMA and yours truly. The main topic of discussion was on the N.V. R. Reunion on Maui in 1985. SADA HIGA and KOKOMO HOKAMA will be sending the registration applications to mainland members. The final chapter event for the year will be the Christmas party at the clubhouse on December 9. We'll tell you all about it in the next issue.

REUNION REMINDER

The '85 Maui N.V.R. Reunion will be history, finito, pau if you don't act soon. Again, the dates are July 4 - 7 at Kaanapali so don't procrastinate. If any of you mainland Charley Chapter members do not receive an application and plan to come, write to SADAICHI HIGA, 1141 Hookahi St. Pearl City, HI 96782 or YOKICHI HOKAMA, 91-2126 F. Ft. Weaver Rd., Ewa Beach, HI 96706 immediately. We will appreciate a note from all of you mainland members who are definitely planning to attend the reunion. MAHALO.

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by Larry Ishida

November 9th get together at the Clubhouse to enjoy delicious pupus prepared by HERBIE (SUE) ISONAGA and MORRIS MASUNAGA was just too much for just 9 members present. Missing were TOMASA, LIPPY, SUGI, TITI, and TOSHI. At any rate, all the pupus were gone since Herbie saw the hungry looks of 232nd Engineer Hide Nakashige and offered the whole lot.

Now that the trips abroad are concluded, we can get down to future planning for our Chapter. KAZU/MICHELLE, LIPPY HIGUCHI, and YOSHI SUGI went to Europe to attend the 40th Anniversary of the Liberation of Bruyeres. All expressed complete satisfaction for a wonderful trip. LARRY/VIOLET returned from Australia/New Zealand trip with mixed group of 442 members. Namely, RAY SHIGENAGA of Co. E, MICH/SHINAKO TAKATA of Co. F, TITI/AILEEN YONEMORI, and LARRY/VIOLET ISHIDA of HQ2, WHITEY/FLORENCE SAITO of Co. L, MASA/YVONNE YAMASAKI, MITS/MILLIE HONDA, GEORGE/MARY YAMADA (L.A.), and Leader of group TOM/SUE KIYOSAKI of 232nd Engineers. The group of 17 people was ideal for travelling and experienced "First Class" privileges throughout the 20 day trip. Tom and Sue Kiyosaki were super hosts and the group send their Mahalo to both.

"AND THEN SHALL IT COME TO PASS, THAT THE SPIRITS OF THOSE WHO ARE RIGHTEOUS ARE RECEIVED INTO A STATE OF HAPPINESS, WHICH IS CALLED PARADISE, A STATE OF REST, A STATE OF PEACE, WHERE THEY SHALL REST FROM ALL THEIR TROUBLES AND FROM ALL CARE, AND SORROW (ALMA 40:12)"

HAROLD TOKITO "TITI" YONEMORI, our friend and comrade-in arm, born 8 October, 1917, died on 17 November, 1984. Services for Titi was held on 20 November, 1984, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It was a beautiful send off for Titi, hundreds of his friends were there to wish him peace and prayed that "God Be With Him". Titi's final resting place is at Punchbowl National Cemetery. To Aileen, Wayne, Marsha and Donna from all of us our Deepest Sympathy and may you continue to be strong and purposeful as Titi would want you to be.

Our Xmas Party on December 15th will be an appropriate time for Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes, but for those members unable to attend, may I pass on our "Best Wishes" for a Happy Holiday Season and a Successful and Healthy New Year.

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by Herbert Akamine

We received a post-card from Masa and Dick Nomura. It was sent from Munich and dated 6 October 1984. They said "Well, here we are in Munich and we shall go to the Oktoberfest tonite - later we shall be in Vienna and in Salzburg to see Mozart's home area, and later the two Berlins."

From Bruyeres-bound Kay Kaneshina we got her card dated October 9, 1984, Rudesheim, Germany. She wrote "We've been travelling for a whole week now and the trip thus far has been very nice. Our trip from Rudesheim, Heidelberg, and Munich, Germany to Innsbruck, Austria was most interesting and pleasant. The drive through the countryside was so beautiful and picturesque. Tonight we'll be in Venice and the tour of the city will begin at 8 a.m." The Kaneshina girls, Jocelyn and Nina, were in Honolulu in November to pay their respects to their father "Hoppy" at Punchbowl. They brought the usual "goodies" for their Honolulu friends. Jocelyn said her mother had another heart-warming reunion with the Zeller family at L'Escarene. Nina said her mother is already talking about a return trip next year. The girls were dinner guests of the Kozum Nakatas.

Dr. Minoru Masuda and an associate conducted a three-year study at the University of Washington on Aging of Nisei. K. Patrick Okura summarized the study in the following manner for the Pacific Citizen: 1. For most Nisei, reference to the Nikkei community becomes stronger as they get older. Nikkei involvement in politics, service groups, etc. also increases at the same time. 2. A Nikkei who grew up in the Midwest where few Japanese reside feels "at home" in the Little Tokyos on the West Coast. Nikkei retirees and widows also tend to live out their lives in the old J-towns. 3. Like the Issei, Nisei women tend to "clique" with other Nisei women as they grow older; same with the Nisei men. 4. Children are a heavy investment for the Nisei. But because Nisei have been "shut out" before, there is less demand made upon the children in terms of "oya kooko."

In a subsequent Letters section of the Pacific Citizen Hana Masuda clarifies the "Nisei Aging Project." Although her husband Dr. Minoru Masuda initiated the work, Dr. Donna Leonetti worked on the project from the beginning and carried out the entire project after Min fell ill. Hana was disappointed that no credit was given Dr. Leonetti in the previous article.

The following paragraphs appeared in the Pacific Citizen regarding the JACL convention held in Honolulu: "May I point out to the JACL readers

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by Terry Ihara

This reporting period is not what you call a period of, on the part of this reporter, an overabundance of news. This resulted because the writer was on a trip during most of November and except for the dinner meeting of the chapter held in early October news of the chapter was not available to me.

The October dinner meeting was a ladies night affair held at Bobby McGhees restaurant in Wai-kiki. Guest Speaker that evening was Bud Smyser, former editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. He spoke on the subject of Hospice, a word derived from hospitality and in one dictionary is also defined as an inn for travelers. Mr. Smyser recounted the experiences of his late first wife who rather than be institutionalized during her terminal infirmities was given love and care of a hospital at home. In short the hospice program provided her with a more pleasant and natural atmosphere wherein she made peace with the Lord. Anyone interested in such a program should call St. Francis Hospital.

There is dancing nightly at Bobby McGhees and is a place where singles like to congregate and meet partners for cocktails and dancing. Easy Dance Club members of course took advantage of the music and dance floor to test their skills doing the Tango, fox trot and cha-cha as well as the Disco dances. Attending the dinner meeting were the following: Mr. & Mrs. BUD SMYSER, BEN & DAISY TAKAYESU, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, TERUO & KUULEI IHARA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, PAKALA & BETTY TAKAHASHI, MASAMI & MARILYN DOI, JOHN & NANCY SUZUKI, TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO, SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE, LARRY & LOUISE INAHASHI, S.T. & JUNE OOKA, RAYMOND & GLADYS SHIROMA, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, NEKA & HAZEL MATOI, CHICKEN YAMADA, DAN AOKI, TOK SHIO-MICHI & sister-in-law Pat Kagi-hara and SABURO & TOKUE OUCHI. TOK was back in Honolulu to attend his brother-in-law's final services.

At the November meeting of the Chapter BEN TAKAYESU was elected to lead the club in 1985. He will be assisted by Vice President S.T. OOKA, Secretary, T. IHARA and Treasurer, GLENN NAKASONE. Until someone volunteers to this reporting, this reporter will continue the chore. Also at the November meeting the members decided to hold the chapter's annual Christmas Party at the Clubhouse on December 22. Food will be catered.

October and November were traveling months for several Easy Chapter members and their wives. Traveling to Europe to attend the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres were TOMO and MARY

UYEDA. Traveling down under to New Zealand was RAYMOND SHIGENAGA and going all the way to Mandalay, Burma were MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO and TERUO IHARA. Actually the latter trip was organized and led by the last named. The 17 day trip included visits to Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila and three other tourist spots in Burma; i.e., Rangoon, Pagan, Maymaw in addition to Mandalay of Rudyard Kipling lore. The trip was an eventful one what with a lost passport and with the visa to visit Burma, lost credit cards, the entering and departing formalities at Burma, a Police Chief and Airport head getting the group in and out of Singapore because of the TAKEMOTO's son's friendship with the son of a VIP in Singapore and having dinner with former Thai students who studied at the U.H. as well as a couple of influential Burmese educators who spent some time visiting Hawaii. All in all there was much about the trip which the OKAMURAS, TAKEMOTOS and this writer will want to share with other Chapter members at the appropriate time.

NEKA MATOI won the 442nd V.C. Retiree's Golf Club CHAMPION TROPHY with an average low net of 71.78 for 16 rounds of golf played at the Ala Wai, Pali, Makalena Public courses plus the Barbours Point course over the last twelve months. LEFTY SUGIHARA who carries the lowest handicap in the club won the average low gross award. At the other end of the scoring range, the average high gross, was disgracefully awarded to this writer. If this type of play continues this writer is prepared to sell his clubs and take up mah jong. DAN AOKI played some fine golf this last week when he came in fourth with a net of 69 and a closest to the pin award on the difficult lengthened number 15 hole at Ala Wai. In addition he won a bundle of balls in a team play because his partner of a high handicap came in with a net of 63. Dan Also won 10 dollars for shooting the lowest net for the second nine holes which he promptly donated to the Club kitty.

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will last a long time. As for his golf, he's shooting his handicap or better, beating his drinking partner Bill Takabayashi for big money. He says he'll donate his winnings to the Reunion fund. 'Thank you very much Jerry and hope to see you at the NVR on Maui'.

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by Hichi Matsumoto

Another good year (1984) came and went. The only thing that marred an otherwise perfect year was losing George Kurio, a gentleman and friend. On the bright side, we have added another member, Charley Mimura, who was with the band. He'll make his debut at our Christmas party.

CHAPTER MEETING-OCTOBER

Dare datta kano we forget already, anyway somebody from another chapter at Charley Mimura's surprise birthday party, prior to our 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter October meeting asked, "with so many members away on trips (Europe & Down Under) you guys still gonna have meeting tonight? OF COURSE. Rain or shine, hot or cold, sleet, hail or snow us dedicated and if you like add die-hards, we come out. It's something everybody look forward to. Besides it's been and still is a big thing for us. Even meetings hardly miss suru guys like Hide Nakashige, Richard Murakami and Richard Urada, the core of the Pearl City gang absent, still yet daibun kitotta....26 to be exact.

Most of the evening's time was spent on next year's Reunion on Maui. Mada somethings hakkiri shitenai and still yet a good many months away so everything was put on hold. More better than to rush into things makapaa and regretting later moaning "Aiyah, we make boo-coo boo-boo." We are strong advocates of the old saying, Cool head the main thing or something like that.

Chapter president Yutaka "Pilute" Miyashiro seemed pleased and was smiling up more than usual after meeting pau. Waving the index finger up high saying, "One more meeting and pau"....that is at the clubhouse. November's chapter meeting will be held in conjunction with our annual camp out/stagnite at Teiji Chinn's north shore besso. The Chinn's putting the place up for sale, with this would be history. This could be our last so minna dete koi koi koi. No say we never warn you. The date is November 17-18, an open date for U.H. football team.

After the business meeting it was do your own thing. With election coming up next month had some political discussions or should we be bold and blunt and say arguments. For the sport minded and we do have a whole slew of 'em dem Monday morning or armchair quarterbacks, it was TV time for the 3rd game of the World Series. Like always, the bar area was crowded with room for one more.

CHAPTER MEETING-NOVEMBER

Since we were absent from the November chapter meeting, what follows is gathered information.

The 1985 Maui Reunion was top priority of the evening's agenda. Considerable time was spent on it and much was accomplished.

The nomination committee headed by Walter Matsumoto came up again with a top notch slate that would take no back seat to anybody and they will be announced at our upcoming Christmas party. An announcement ga pau natta ato, the new officers for next year will be introduced.

Sukoshi kapakahi and confusing you say to follow? No, not really if you are familiar on how our chapter operates. Like for example, some guys jibun kara volunteer their service. Others involuntarily volunteers. In plain English yutara, dareka ga volunteer sete kureru and you'd be surprised how it works. Has been for many many years. No sense in making changes just for the hell of it.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

We dare you, go and ask any 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members whose name comes first to their mind when our boys on the island of Kauai is mentioned. Without any doubt would be Roscoe Haruki. You go for golf or holo holo or just plain fool around it doesn't matter, he's always there to kokua you whatever way he can. That is when he knows about it. Oh yes, there are others lending a helping hand every now and then but (that inevitable word) no more him, no more the action. You can say he is the one man USO on Kauai.

All good things written about our Personality of the Month, he deserves every bit of it and more. But (that word again) you gotta give Barbara a lot of credit too for all the behind the scene menial kind assistance. Because where do you ever find a successful man with a deadhead wife. Maybe aru kamo shiran but we never come across and mada mita or kiita koto ga nai. Anyway, anytime we mention Roscoe's name, we mean Barbara's too.

Busy as he is being a vital cog on the Kauai 442 Invitational Golf Tournament Committee, an annual affair, he always manages to catch a car to some time from his busy schedule to spend time with the boys and nanja kanja yoh sete yaru. That's not a one time stuff but Kauai Shima iku tanbini. It's been like that ever since this golf thing got started and that's going back a good many years. For a good many boys the most fun part for them was the invitation to Roscoe's

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home for a beer bust and bull session prior to heading for the airport and home, golf tournament za sunda ato. The Harukis live behind the mountains in Kapaa, a beautiful countryside.

Through the years we had the pleasure of golfing with Roscoe on several occasions. His game was always sound from tee to green and what impressed us most was his ability to hit the long irons. Not too many could do that, hit 'em with precision and accuracy, that is.

Like a number of Engrs boys, Roscoe experienced an open heart operation a few years back. His health today, the old folks from the old country would say, "mame de pin pin." Of course he is not as active as he once was but during his prime days he was top notch championship flight golfer with a 6 or 7 handicap. It could have been lower. In comparison us guys nara we blow all the strokes by the 3rd or 4th hole and that's on a good day. He was also a superb skin-diver too and hitono hanashi kiku noni, he knew just about all the good pukas with ukupaila fishes along the Kauai coast. His days was the good old days, no air tank, no face mask, no rubber suit or any of today's modern and fancy equipments. For them it was only goggles (make 'em from hau tree) for the eyes and a spear (make 'em from steel rod) all home made variety. And of course the empty kome bag to put the loot in.

Roscoe, long time with the Federal Government Weather Bureau is retired but Barbara's status junusepa. They have two sons, Warren & Alan and a daughter Ann, who lives in Seattle, Washington.

232ND ENGRS/BAND WAHINE

The latest to join the Honor Roll of the Wahine version of our Wall of Fame and rightfully deserving such an honor is Mary (George) Yamada. We call her our L.A. Godmother.

She and hubby George are only a handful of people within the chapter, mainland or local, that have attended every Reunion from the very first one to the latest. Incidentally, they've already signed up for next year's on Maui. Diana and Roger are coming too. More kuwashiku yutara, they've also attended Mini-Reunions at Kona, Molokai you name 'em, they were there.

You can say that the Yamadas are the heart of the Engineers in L.A. as well as the Southern California area. The reason why our chapter members and their spouses enjoy and goes back to L.A. time and again are mainly because of them. Guys ga iku tanbini chanto they're waiting for

you. This been going on from the very first L.A. Reunion back in '58 and even some 26 long years later, gives no hint or shows any outward signs of letting up even lilibit. It's more better now because futari tomo inkyosan natte shimota. Retired but not really retired for George because he works part time for a golf course, a couple of days a week. And plays golf a couple of times a week. In between he tetsudai Mary to keep her on his side. Talk about being akamai. He get da duck soup motte koi hanbun asobi kind job, issuing motor carts to the noru guys. The best part of the job he says is no need use the brains, which makes it that much ankina.

Excuse, we're being carried away, George not supposed to be the main boy in this one. Anyway, people like Mary makes all the Reunions and in-between get together what it is. Reunion time she no bar nothing and asa kara ban ma de she's always on the go. If not doing this then doing that. That's why we still keep repeating the mada hitotsu mo itta koto ga nai people really poho. They dunno what they missing. Us Hawaii guys brag (sometimes too much) about our Hawaiian hospitality but dem us to kurabetara maken and dem with far less personnel.

Of the three Yamada daughters, Diana da man-naka wan yoh parents tsuite dete kuru and lend a helping hand wherever needed. Their haole mukosan Roger (Diana's husband) too sempre comes out and takes a very active part.

STAG NIGHT

Toshi. Yeah, that must be it. This year's turnout at our once-a-year stag night was wazukana on the sukunai side. Nineteen members to be exact attended and a guest Roy Fujii (522B) who is a member of the 232nd Engrs. Golf Club. It may seem like a good turnout but that number is considerably way below our norm, compared to past years.

Imagine, the majoity of the boys went hit the sack before midnight. Something of this nature was unheard of in the past. Maybe for others yeah, but us guys? And asa hayoh kara mega samete get up with the chickens before sunrise, giving the excuse, no can sleep on the floor because the back sore. That's what they were doing all along. Must be getting soft. The biggest surprise was two cases of beer went left over. Like we said, we had less guys this year and in the never come guys had some soko nashi guys. Another surprise was the poker game. No more guys in the waiting line, not to mention a couple of open seats. Ima made all the unheard of things happened. Another thing of note, the fire wood motte itta dake.

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The boys soro soro getting more furui and slowing down. Lilibit on the late side but in the process are getting to see the light. The snoring was less vicious and vibrant than say, tatta kono aida made. And we had the behemoths like Tommy Kiyosaki, Ben Ono and Doc Kawamoto. Grinding the teeth was less irritating too. Could it be due to less teeth? About the distractions, the light sleepers yoh monku iiyotta but missed all that, complaining too quiet.

Before days when we get left over beer, the feeling was kinda haji but now nantomo omowan and save 'em for the next chapter meeting. Now, not more makule more pupule but more makule more akamai.

A very large majority of the boys their kanreki birthday koshitoru that's why mimi ga sukoshi on the toii side. That's why even when they are just having a warm and friendly chat among themselves, at a distance kara kikoto, kenka shite or yohna the way they raise their voices. Having more than a few cold ones weren't helping any either.

To keep the hot streak going, Chef Richard Murakami's main entree for the evening like the past years was mata beef stew and rice. Side orders were da yoh whiff ga kiitoru kim chee and takuan that would even oosh away da usually attract suru kusobais, not to mention clear up anybody's sinus, pronto. Calvin Yasuhara went gibu enough sekihan for everybody could get their fill. His omiyage was right on the hirogeta to amoutara minna miteta. Da Chef went makasu breakfast to aspiring chefs like Yoshi Ando, Jimmy Nakamura, Joe Sato, Paul Watanabe and a couple of others.

Old Faithful Mervyn Takano and his assistant Hichi Mastumoto were assigned the firewood and ice detail. The "ice" is a story in itself. For years and years now stag night ni ikutanbini iran-hodo we get the ice from Gilbert Kobatake's yard located in Mapunapuna Industrial Area near the airport. Retired and taking it easy and on a lazy Saturday morning, Gilbert waza waza came all the way from the other side of the Pali, Kaneohe where he lives to open up the place for us. Merci boo-coo Gilbert, not for only this time but for all the past years too. No can thank you enough.

Kaerishina, Mervyn's supposed-to-be dependable pickup truck hyokutto turned undependable and da bugga no like start for nothing. But no sweat because had a coupla fly-by-night instant "broke-chanics". Monkeying around, tugging on something here and banging on something there

(all guess work) and putting in a gallon of gasoline had the pickup truck on the road without too much lost time. Once again, cooler heads and Engineer's ingenuity prevailed.

Golfers Fred Arashiro, Mo Miyasato, Juju Nakasone, Ed Ezuka and other golfers headed for the golf course Sunday morning asa meshi kaukau seta ato. They were joined by the non-camper golfers. They had a two day tournament. Saturday at the lush Kuilima Golf Course and Sunday at the neki Kahuku Municipal Golf Course. Not very nice but some refer Kahuku as the cow pasture.

Gary Kawate, without too much competition was declared da winnah of the 232nd Engrs/Band Invitational Fishing Derby from the field of him and Richard Murakami. One quick glance at the raging surf and old timers and pros like Monte Okamoto and Masao Yamasaki never even bother to assemble their fishing tackle. The newly crowned champs papio caught measured eight full inches. No, that's not the length of one fish but the total length of the four that got either tangled on the line or accidentally got stuck on the hook.

Policing of the bivouac area was done by everybody and the end result? Could pass any GI inspection with plenty to spare. The samurais (do nothing at home guys) you could just spot them without half trying. They whole cheese the broom and mop and omoshiroi yohni go do their thing. And another thing, no can pry 'em away, it being a novelty for them. Maybe the army never teach us too much of anything but that (cleanup) was one thing they taught us but good.

Again boo-coo thanks to Teiji & Michiko Chima for letting us use their beach house. The chapter's been invited so many times we sort of lost track of the count. We may have forgotten the number of times we've been there but haven't forgotten the good times and from the very first one to the last one was enjoyed to the max. We assume it's the last because as we have mentioned several times in the past, the place is up for sale. A choice beachfront property.

Oh my goodness, gomen nasai, we lilimo forgot to mention the main boys who went put this affair and others in the past together. Richard Murakami and Masao Yamasaki been at it for so long they've been taken for granted. They did an excellent job. You know on generation guys, you do a good job you no hear anything. Sono kawari you do something half-ass, mama mia boo-coo monku ga dete kuru. Richard and Masao, from all the boys thanks again. What you two did, not too many guys would care to change places with you.

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"REUNION"

Coming home Sunday (Oct 21) after an enjoyable but tiring and lengthy 20 days trip to Australia and New Zealand, the Kiyosaki Kanko had a one night stand mini-reunion at the Kanko Dancho's cassa in Manoa Valley. Reunion night was held on Thursday night instead of a yukuri weekend night to accommodate the George Yamadas who were slated to leave for home in L.A. akuru nohi.

Makes a difference, me and the good wife never make the trip but were invited. In all honesty, we were hepped and all set to go with this congenial group of people but had no choice but to pull out at the last minute due to illness in the family. Tommy & Sue dohmo thank you so much for having us over. And to everyone in the contingent too, for da omiyage. No can find adequate words to express our gratitude and namida ga deru kind feeling, you get.

It was a "segregated" group, typical of our generation at Tommy's house. All the ladies went atsumaru at one end of the living room and the men huddled at the opposite end. Which group was more vocal and nigiyakana, you ask? Kinda silly and ridiculous question. If our (menfolks) noise pollution was say 5 decibels, their's (womenfolks) was at least double that.

Mostly for the ladies was going over snapshots and reliving the just sunda trip. The men concentrated more on trying to catch up on the missed out seta local type beer and heavy on the recently aired on TV "The Nisei Soldier."

The evening get together was much more than just storying up. Had real live entertainment from the talent laden guys. Like hula dancing, ukulele playing, karaoke singing and jokes. Would n't be a party without it. Some you can tell at church gathering parlor-type jokes and some just the opposite da kine dat you might offend the true blue and delicate type of people.

According to Mich Takata, 15 to 17 member group put on poundage. Only wife Shinako and Violet Ishida had the discipline to push themselves away from the table. Undisputed chowhound champ was Masa Yamasaki with fourteen solid (?) pounds.

Boo-coo time also was spent on hashing over the tamageru hodo amount of food put away by everybody for breakfast and dinner. Wisely, most of them passed up lunch. The cold weather had considerable coverage too. With the average temperature being in the high 40's and low 50's even the menfolks on the iro ga kuroi side when they left, returned home at least a couple of

shades lighter in complexion and da irone was much better than itta toki.

Present at this Reunion were Host & Hostess Tommy & Sue Kiyosaki, Mits & Millie Honda, Masao & Yvonne Yamasaki, George & Mary Yamada and Hichi & Janet Matsumoto. Also Mich & Shinako Takata (F), Whitey & Florence Saito (L), Raymond & Laura Shigenaga (E), Larry & Violet Ishida and Aileen Yonemori (ZHQ). T.T. Yonemori was under the weather so shoganashi had to stay home and rusu-ban the house.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To show some kind of appreciation, 442's Friday Night Japanese Song Singing Group threw a surprise birthday party at the clubhouse for Instructor/Maestro/Sensei Charley Mimura for unselfishly giving so much of his daijina time, effort and expertise. The beautiful part of this man is you get talent or no more makes no difference to him, he sticks with you and no let up until you ga narau made. Another beautiful thing is, he is ever so patient, understanding and keeps encouraging you. That's why shimaini no can help but love this man and otagai ni give your all.

Gladys (Dick) Uyemura, Vice President of the singing group cooked up and was in charge of this fun filled affair and what a showperson she is. The amazing part was nothing was planned in advance, program-wise that is. All impromptu. But the end result was hilarious and omoshirokatta. Way mo bettah than if it was carefully planned and rehearsed.

Sensei, that's our Charley, had so many leis kakeru on him by his admiring seitos that the last few in line, even how much they wanted to plant a kiss on their "idol's" cheeks had to settle for somewhat less and shoganashi were forced to kiss his bolohead. No can help boy, that was the only exposed part left. He was overwhelmed as well as deeply touched with all the attention and affection heaped on him but regaining his composure which took awhile, it was back to the drawing board. Learning new songs as well as reviewing already naroota ones. Songs are not the rock 'n roll the young kids go for but more to our speed and liking enka songs, similar to ballads in American. Coming back to the leis. Had osoroshii hodo ippai and when he went unload 'em on the bar counter, mama mia, had as much as any lei stand at the airport. Maybe stay lilibit blown out of context but honest to goodness daibun atta.

Dick Uyemura (M), da kolohe bugga, for the birthday gift presented the beaming Happy Birthday Boy with a wig he went aihui from his mother-in-law

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Mark our words, the next time he go visit dear mother-in-law, for sure her kara, komagedo yuwareta severely okora reruke. It being a woman's required some modification, trimming, touching up, etc. His wife ga yuh noni, he did the tonsorial operation hitoride, no more outside help and wari-aini did a remarkable job. Closely observe setemo, no can detect any rat bite.

Laugh everybody did, namida ga nagareru and stomach ga sore naru made seeing guys with not too much left on their pate taking turns trying on the wig for size. And sonovagun, all instant yoka otokos. There is an old saying, Clothes make a man. We found out that night, a wig helps too.

Food and refreshments had ample with the champagne going the fastest. Jane (Sam) Yamao's (522C) sekihan like always was very popular and shiran uchi ni minna miteta. Must be toshi because small kid days "shake hand" was a no no. But now never seem to get enough of it. Nishime is another. Who said you gotta be toshiyori and an issei to be able to put something (sekihan) like that together. To make easier for the wives food was catered but just the same, from habit all of them teni nanika sagete kita.

Jane (Harold) Ueoka (522B) led the group in singing happy birthday to you. Big, we never say monoma now, as he is Charley nanbermo try setemo no can blow out the candles. Some waru bozo went sneak in da no can pio kine candles on the birthday cake.

This group, the Ukulele/Hula group ni yoh nite, are a jovial bunch of people having the same thing in common and just oozes with class and enthusiasm. In judging them on a grade 1 to 10, they are 10 plus.

Only blueeye of an otherwise perfect evening was Hilda (Stanley) Kaneshiro (522B), one of the founders of this group couldn't make it. A state health nurse, she had to work overtime due to the measles epidemic among the school kids. That's okay, you do people good akua sabe, bambai iikoto ga aruke.

The singing group's name is 442nd Uta No Kai. Here are the officers and their duties: President Raymond Tanaka (Livorno), conduct meetings. Vice-President, Gladys Uyemura (M), finds reasons or look for excuses for having parties. Treasurer/Librarian, Eddie Kawamoto (Engrs/Band), takes care da loot and circulate song sheets. Official Photographer, Doc Kawamoto (Engrs/Band), takes still or mompicha of activities. Note: Eddie and Doc are not related by any means or even tokoromon.

Not only that, their myoji you write 'em with different kanji. Their only similarity is they get kotonk wives and good ones. Oh, Charley's age? We find out at the next one.

ONE FOR THE BOOK

Some say that a boy even futottemo never really grows up. Year after year he gets a year older and that's about it. What follows prove it correct 100%. This is an honest-to-goodness true story. We met in real life. Marcus Allen, NFL's star running back of the Los Angeles Raiders, defending Super Bowl Champion, at the L.A. Airport.

It was like this. A group of us from the 442 Ukulele/Hula Group made a junket to Las Vegas to make our annual "deposit" (we're quite sure most of you do too) and kaerishina we were delayed not a couple but three supposed-to-be hagai hours, missing the connecting flight between L.A. and Honolulu. An early breakfast at Las Vegas being the last real meal, the ladies himojii yute (first to go and the men to follow) went go for a bite to eat in the snack bar. That's where all the commotion started.

Uchino good wife ga yunoni, Ellen (Bruno) Yamada went spark Marcus Allen and being on the lilibit hazukashii side and never can summon enough dohkyo to approach him, no worry and have no fear because Gladys Uyemura was right there for the rescue and took over.

Anyway, while the menfolks were waiting for the women's return, the usually guzu guzu suru good wife isoide half running came back reporting the incident. Us guys too got all excited and on the double went to check 'em out. We also got to see Rod Martin, Lester Hayes, Jim Plunket and the Honcho himself, Al Davis. Some more guys we saw but no can make out without their numbers. And the size of many of them even a kid could tell they were linemen in the NFL. They were not big but huge and then some. We saw O.J. Simpson too, not flying or hurdling over barriers but walking at a brisk pace in the terminal.

Yoshi Ando, da rascal bugga go keep the Marcus Allen ga used seta utensils and cup. He going auction 'em to the highest bidder and if the price is right, going keep 'em for souvenir.

Unlike lotta stories you hear about superstars being dis 'n dat, Marcus Allen to us behaved like a true gentleman. Person like him you call an All American, on as well as off the field.

SHORTS

Walter & Hazel Matsumoto went to Australia and New Zealand a couple of weeks before the

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Kiyosaki kankodan. Much as they wanted to join up with the K.K., no can do because they committed themselves with another tour group long before the K.K. was formulated. Chatted briefly with both parties (Matsumoto's and K.K.'s) and the hanashi armari kawaran.

Doc Kawamoto is gung-ho on video and presently taking a course at the University of Hawaii, which takes up a good deal of his free time. We told him with his already tight schedule going be so much more tighter now and going get less time than before to serenade wife Mary on the piano. He answered, "No worry, I get da bugga (playing the piano) down pat." Confidence must be this ossan's middle name. He retired 100% not too long ago from Kaiser Medical Hospital. This personality boy is so much in demand that he is far more busy now working part time here, there, and everywhere. So now get to play golf only on the time ga attara basis. By golly, something gotta give boy.

George & Mary Yamada, just like our yoh kuru friend from L.A. went come again. They were part of the Kiyosaki Kanko to Australia & New Zealand. George says that a good many people will be coming for the Maui Reunion. And if we heard correctly, the Toma's will be coming too. Henry & Dorothy, too, hisa awan. Since coming a few days before the trip and staying a few days more when the trip went pau, the Yamadas had some free time so chapter members hosted them to dinners and him some golf.

Henry "Dorsey" Teshima came again this year. This time for his nephew's wedding. Us Engrs. boys (Ben Ono, Joe Sato, Eddie Kawamoto & Mervyn Takano) met him at the clubhouse. After the Ukulele/Hula adjourned, with Dick Uyemura's and Yoshio (call me "Chow") Shibuya's and him (Dorsey) went across the street to Misuzu Restaurant for a bite to eat. Eating was the minor part. The major part was you must know, talking stories. Hanashi was nagokatta but having (ahem) class, we never stay until oidasa reru mada. Dorsey, Dick & Chow are mukashi kara buddies.

Met Glenn Iwane, Yuso's #1 son at Ala Moana Fish Market during his lunch break. This big and friendly and well mannered boy papa ni nite good looking and has the personality to match.

There may be others but these are the known 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members, wives and kids that's playing a major role of the "Raging Waves" that has hit Aloha Stadium by storm at UH games. Mits & Millie Honda, Yuso Iwane and son Glenn, Doc Kawamoto, Gary Kawate, Hichi & Janet Matsumoto, Ben Ono and Masao & Yvonne Yamasaki. And possibly Kay (Harry Fujii). We're 99% sure it was her exiting the makai tunnel during half time at the Utah game.

Yeah, it was her alright. We met her and Harry too, the following game against Wyoming.

Uso iiyoru mitaina but the adults and very mature guys (our age bracket) are very much a part of the wave. You play dead head and you no get off your okole and no go all out, for sure you'll hear of it, from the observing guys across the field.

Eleanor Ando, Millie Honda, Grace Uno (3rd Hq) and Ellen Yamada (I) of the 442nd Hula/Ukulele Group, supported by several other ladies from their Halau, put on a hula recital at the Ala Moana Shopping Center's Amusement Area Center Stage on November 18. Yottari tonu have come a long way, not to mention deko ageta.

To those of you not too akamai in Hawaiian or the hula lingo, halau means kumi, class, group, unit, etc.

SICK CALL

Konoaida, Ben Ono was laid up for more time than he cared. Of all things, trying to hook up his boat trailer, koshi ga nuketa. Imagine, hito-ride. He thinks him Tarzan or what. Eh Bull, dem strong back days are mukashi nokotoja. Ono San, taishita karada yohjin suru koto neh, bambai nienta possibly to do da hula. As you may know by now, Ben is one of the male hula dancers in the 442 Ukulele/Hula Group and a good one. He may not be 100% pau but sure is strumming the ukulele with gusto.

Richard "Ike" Ikemoto with some kind stomach problems is presently undergoing tests at Kuakini Hospital. Ike, get well fast, the boys miss you at the golf course.

Dorsey Teshima underwent open heart surgery no sooner he returned to his home from his latest trip to Hawaii. He is doing well and resting at home in San Pedro where he resides.

This is one area dekiru dake we wanna keep it down to no more nothing the better but no can help no, because toshi toruto guys complain over here sore, over there sore yute moan and groan.

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KAUAI TOURNAMENT

The 20th Anniversary Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament will be played at the Wailua Golf Links and at the Kiahuna Golf Course on February 16-17, 1985. Chairman Saburo Itakura announced that the thirty six hole tournament will be alternated on Saturday and Sunday and the winners will be determined from their net scores of both days. Entry fee for this year's tournament will be \$75 which will include your green fees and carts for Kiahuna only. Carts for Wailua will be optional. Your entry fee will also include a beer-pupu party on Friday night and also an awards banquet on Sunday night at a place to be named later. The defending champion for this prestigious tournament is Honolulu's Jiro Shimomura who won the Senator Dan Inouye's perpetual trophy in 1984.

For those desiring more golfing on the island of Kauai, there will be a special tournament at the Kauai Surf Golf Course on Monday, February 18. The cost for this tournament is \$30 and it will include your green fee and electric cart. Registration forms will be available at the Club 100 and also at the 442nd Club House. The tournament will be opened to all paid up members and guests who participated in the 1984 tournament.

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The following article written for GEORGE Chapter by Mary Karatsu.

Trip to Europe

Monday, September 17, 1984

The Los Angeles contingent arrived at LAX at 7:00 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. Pan Am flight to New York. "G" Company members from L.A. included: Dewey & Kiyoko Fukui (actually from Sparks, Nevada); and their most congenial and welcome brother and sister-in-law Tom & Alice Imagawa; Taki & Ann Handa; Ike Ikeda; George & Mary Karatsu; Frank & Hisa Konno; Jim & Dorothy Nakagawa and Kay Sekino. From the 100th were Jim & Sumi Abe, Henry & Fumi Sakato and Ted Yoshiwara. Others included Sachi Kaneshiro, Rosemary Sato and Hana Tamaki.

Left one-half hour late but made up time in the air -- only to have to circle Kennedy for 45 minutes or so. The Hawaii-San Francisco group was even later in arriving, although they were scheduled to land ahead of us (just too many planes up there!).

Ray and Aki Nosaka (100th) were the group leaders from Travel Ways and other 100th from Honolulu, Kauai and Kona were: Mike & Bea Takahashi, John & Akiko Kihara, Harold & Phyllis Nakahara, Makoto & Lillian Takiguchi, Kazuo & Norma Senda, Masami & Sandy Iwashita, as well as Yuri Hoshino, Millie Oda, Masako & Julie Yukimura.

It was wonderful to see our Northern California "G" members -- Bill & Esther Oda, Minor & Lilly Miyasaki and Yukio Okamoto. Also joining us from Chicago was Stanley Serikaku.

Had a smooth flight to London and landed at approximately 7:00 a.m. Went through immigration and onto our bus to the hotel. Since our rooms were not ready at the Forum (in the Kensington area), we waited and waited and finally got settled around 1:30 p.m.

In the meantime, most of the wives went to the world famous Harrod's to spend a few pounds. It's billed as the world's largest department stores -- where Princess Bi shops -- quite an experience.

Returned to the hotel and found Muhammad Ali was registered at the same hotel -- he graciously signed autographs and posed for some pictures with us. After resting a bit, groups went to different places to eat. Esther even found out there was a Chinatown (after all, we didn't have rice for a whole day!) so several went to eat Chinese food and to test the subways.

Wednesday, 9/19:

After having our first (of 26) continental breakfast in our rooms, we all met at 8:15 a.m. for a sightseeing tour of London.

There is so much to see in this fascinating town -- impossible to cover the city in a couple of days but we did see the usual highlights like the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace -- were there for the changing of the guards but there were so many people that it was rough to get too close -- I'm sure we all have pictures of the backs of thousands of heads.

Our guide, Ruth Eleanor, was a dynamic English personality and a real history buff -- she was fascinating, especially when she led us through Westminster Abbey -- really made that place come alive when she explained who was buried where.

Big Ben was getting a face lift (as it seems half of London was also being restored) and, of course, we were happy we didn't have time to stop in Trafalgar Square with

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all of those thousands of pigeons everywhere!

Our Austrian guide, Regina, joined us on the first day and remained with us throughout the entire trip.

We then boarded a cruiser for a sail up the Thames River. We had the whole boat to ourselves where we enjoyed lunch and had an audio-visual presentation of all of the historical sights on either side of us.

Our congenial bus driver, Gordon, then dropped us off wherever we wished. Of course, most of the women -- and a few fellows -- opted to go shopping. He suggested the Oxford Street area where there were many department stores and tourists everywhere. We were able to find our way back to the hotel by subway (thank goodness, everyone spoke English there). We also learned to dodge cars which came at you from every angle. We were honked and yelled at several times by impatient and impolite drivers (can't help it if they drive on the wrong side of the street!).

Thursday, 9/20:

After two beautiful sunny days, we left London in the rain. Left at 7:30 a.m. for Dover. It was a two and a half hour drive past some beautiful and lush countryside.

At 11:00 a.m. we boarded the Hovercraft at Dover for a 35 minute -- not so calm -- flight across the English Channel to Calais. Cleared customs at 12:25 and then boarded the bus for Paris -- our bus driver for the rest of the trip, Louie, joined us. Advanced our watches to 1:30.

The countryside of France was also lovely -- distinct difference in architectural design from England. Went through many parts of the country which were hit during the war -- the sign being small cemeteries here and there and all very well kept.

Knew Paris was a large city but was surprised that it was so massive -- and what a thrill to see so many of the landmarks which we have only seen on postcards and in books until now. We checked in at the Mercure Porte Del Vanes Hotel and then immediately left for dinner at a typical French restaurant with music, French onion soup, cheese, etc.

After that we had the illuminated tour of Paris -- beautiful at night -- Notre Dame, Place de la Concorde, Arc de Triumpe, Eiffel Tower, the Opera House, the Louvres, River Seine and all of the many museums and cathedrals. For the fellows, we toured the Montemarte section with its blocks of sex shops, porno shows and girls holding up the buildings (it doesn't cost anything to just look!).

Friday, 9/21:

Began with another bus tour of the city. Many places where French history was made centuries ago -- walked through the Cathedral of Notre Dame, stopped at Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triumpe and other spots for picture taking. Walked through the Louvre and saw the original statues of Winged Victory, Venus de Milo, the beautiful Mona Lisa and numerous others. Was told it would take over six months for a true art lover to go through this huge art gallery. (most of us not being true art lovers -- two hours was enough!).

In the evening, everyone dressed in their finest for french cuisine and then to the Moulin Rouge show. Got back to the hotel about 2:30 a.m. The show was disappointing for the price (\$73 per- for just a one-half bottle of champagne) -- guess Las Vegas shows have spoiled us -- but at least we can say we've been to the

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Of course, the focus of this trip was to participate in the 40th anniversary remembrance of the liberation of Bruyeres and its environs. To most, it was reunion with the good folks there, some with sad and haunting memories, some happy ones; and to all, everything was impressive in one way or another.

We are already looking forward to the next NVR on Maui and making vigorous plans to attend it.

In the meantime, we are having fun quarterly membership meetings--in Kalaheo to accommodate the Westsiders and at Lydgate Park the Eastsiders. Election of officers for 1985 will be held shortly and plans for their installation at our annual New Year's Party/membership meeting will be made.

Our heartfelt sympathies, belatedly, to the wife and family of fellow-veteran, Yukio Miyakado, who passed away this year.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

'Tis that time of the year again when we celebrate one holiday after another, and since you will not be reveiving this issue probably until early 1985, we wish you all a belated HAPPY THANKSGIVING, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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he learned more about history during the trip than in all his years in school. What school was that, Lawrence?

The following L Chapter members and family made the trip. From Oahu: Yoshiji/Betty Aoki, Lawrence/Chiyoko Fujii, Hapa/Mabel Fujimoto, William/Harumi Hagio with daughter Diane, Hideo Higa, Jake Jichaku, Wally/Mabel Kawamura, tour escorts Paul/Genny Matsunoto, Cowboy/Marian Matsunura, Donkey/Betty Nakahara, Bill/Lily Oshiro, Yoshito/Pauline Tome, Vic/Timmy Yamashita; from Maui: Albert/Utako Goo, Manju/Itsuko Hayashi, Francis/Yuri Ohta; from Kauai: Whitey Kurasaki, from California: Hide/Merry Kiyomura, Tay Nobori, Tom/Yoshiye Mori, Don/Sumi Seki, Fudge Tanishita, Jun/Bev Yamamoto, Jack Yoshimoto; and from Seattle traveling on their own but meeting us in Bruyeres: Turk/Yuri Suzuki and Mits/June Takahashi.

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came through with his warm and generous condolences to Amy Sakimoto and Mary Sakai during their bereavement.

Long retired from his N.Y. Stock Exchange seat with Bache and Company, he is now securely ensconced at his Woodlands Road estate in Harrison, New York, 10528. See you and Mrs. Ferris at the Pagoda? Once more?

"Tank-Busters" will welcome any newsy morsel or tid-bits you Glider Troopers see fit to send in. You send it in, it will be in print.

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Moulin Rouge.

It was wonderful to be met in Paris by Sam and Marie Ishida ('G' Co. from Columbus, Ohio) who then joined the group.

Saturday, 9/22:

After breakfast, we packed and left the Hotel Mercure at 11:15 a.m. for the next stop, Belgium. A long rainy drive through the beautiful green countryside. Ray and Aki helped pass the time by leading some group singing (and, of course, Yukio and his "Lily Marlene" at every opportunity). At 3:15 p.m. we entered Belgium and the town of Antwerp, the most cosmopolitan and popular northern port. We then entered the city of Brussels and toured the old Worlds Fair grounds. Saw the Chinese and Japanese pavilions, the famous Atomium structure and the majestic palace grounds.

We then slowly cruised by the "houses" where girls sit in big bay windows -- for window shoppers. Next was a stop at a shop where beautiful lace items were handmade (or at least that's what we were told).

We then checked into the Jolly Atlanta Hotel. Had dinner then a night cruise of the city. The highlight was a walk to the Menneken Pis statue -- the famous little boy peeing (the most illustrative description) and then some of us took a stroll in the mall by the hotel (looking for Belgium waffles -- no luck so we ended up at McDonalds).

Sunday, 9/23:

After a very nice breakfast, we checked out of the hotel at 7:30 a.m. for Holland. A beautiful morning -- crossed the border around noon and the first stop was at a diamond center in Amsterdam. We quickly walked through (not too many purchases) and then took a boat ride through the canals and locks. After lunch, visited a wooden shoe factory, Dutch windmills and gift shops. It then started to rain and hail -- we were so thankful that Louie was such a good driver because for awhile we couldn't see a foot ahead of us.

Went to an Edam cheese factory where we sampled and bought some (Phyllis bought nine which I'm sure was a pain to pack and unpack -- not to mention the clothes starting to smell cheesy!) I know some of us ate some of our "omiyage" before we got home.

We then went to the Zuider Zee coast for more shopping and then took a boat across the sea where the bus was waiting us. Holland is criss crossed all over with canals and dykes as the country is much below sea level. Arrived at the Euromotel Hotel at 6:30 p.m. and had a good family style dinner of fish, french fries, salad, carrots, rice and ice cream. The hotel was too far from the heart of the city so we all just stayed in and wrote cards and went to bed early.

Monday, 9/24:

Left hotel at 8:00 a.m. for West Germany and entered at 9:15 a.m. Stopped for lunch in Cologne and visited a cathedral. Boarded a beautiful river boat for a leisurely three hour cruise up the Rhine River... what a scenic ride up stream with all of the many castles and ruins sighted on the hilltops. There were acres of vineyards planted neatly straight up the mountainside -- we all wondered how they plant, cultivate and harvest the grapes. The wine sampled on the boat was Zehr Gut. Arrived in Frankfurt around 7:30 p.m. -- had a good meal of ham and sauerkraut at the Hotel Arabella.

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Tuesday, 9/25:

Had an early breakfast at 6:15 a.m. and hit the road at 7:00 as everyone was looking forward to the visit to Bruyeres this day. The Frankfurt area was very much like California with its modern tall buildings, beautiful freeways and large vegetable farms.

We turned into the heavily wooded hills towards Bruyeres and drove into the Town Square where we were warmly greeted by a welcoming committee. Some of the townspeople who greeted us were Mayor Michel Langlois, Deputy Mayor Henry Bernard, Mayor Jean Cuny of Laval, Madame Rosa Colin (affectionately known as "Mama Rosa" who during the war had a small cafe and was very kind to the 100th and 442 boys), Serge and Monique Carlesso, the president of the Friendly Relations Committee, Dr. Raymond Collin (the Mayor's assistant), Lucas and Genevieve Antonelli (he was with the U.S. Cemeteries and our interpreter) and many other wonderful and friendly citizens of Bruyeres.

We walked to a nearby restaurant where a delicious French lunch complete with wine, cheese, and blueberry pie was served. After presentation of gifts, we were all given a small wooden shoe filled with candy and appropriately inscribed made by the townspeople.

We then drove to the 442 Memorial perpetuated by the people of Bruyeres and then on to Epinal and the beautiful American Cemetery. Flowers were presented at both locations, plus at the marble crosses of several of the boys who are still buried there. It's too bad it was raining (and quite hard) so we were not able to have a graveside memorial service as planned with our own "Chaplain Bill."

I'm sure all of us will remember the hospitality and sincerity of the people of Bruyeres -- this truly was the highlight and purpose of our anniversary reunion, and to recall and remember the experiences and buddies of 40 years ago. I do think that some of the fellows still expected to see a familiar farmhouse or landmark (after 40 years?) but did recognize some of the mountains where they were "stationed."

Couldn't get over some of the street names in Bruyeres -- such as 442 Street and Honolulu Avenue. This truly was a wonderful day for all of us.

After a long downhill ride through wooded mountains, we arrived at Colmar and checked into the Terminus Bristol Hotel about 8:00 p.m. This was a most elegant hotel with crystal chandeliers, flowers everywhere, thick rugs and other elaborate furnishings.

Wednesday, 9/26:

Left Colmar at 8:00 a.m. for Switzerland. This ride was every bit as beautiful as picture postcards with its high snow capped mountains and deep green valleys. Pulled into Lucerne and the first stop was the Lion Monument. Then we stopped in the middle of the city where some immediately began shopping at Bucherers while others went for the ride up the Mount Pilatus. After a 7,000 foot cogwheel train ride (straight up!) we were able to see the snow capped Alps for miles around. During lunch at the top it clouded up and then began to snow -- what a beautiful breathtaking spectacular panoramic sight as we descended on the cable cars (closest thing to heaven that many will experience). Back down to the city again and a walk through the old wooden bridge on Lake Lucerne -- where many of the boys remembered seeing on their one week Swiss R & R from Italy.

P.S. (Editor's Note) Due to insufficient space Mrs. Mary Karatsu's story will be concluded in the next issue (Jan - Feb).

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No one mentioned who the boss man for the next year 1985 will be. "Thanks" to Frank Ishikawa who volunteer to carry on.

A little bit of discouraging news, Pappy Iwamoto is laid up at Rehabilitation Center. We may not see him for a while but being the kind of Dinosaur he is he should be up and around in no time. I pray and hope and suggest members give him all encouragement he needs. A very special speedy recovery Pappy.

Hear also that Kats Koga is not well and needs attention, and laid up at home.

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and with this wish everyone a very Happy Holiday, Best Wishes for the New Year.

Not much to write about. "God Bless", till next year, you all.

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cannot express the very best in southern France, for their unbeatable hospitality, as they ask, that their very best be extended to all the K-men.

Our deepest sympathy to PAT OGATA and family in the passing of PAT's mother who suffered a tragic accident during the month of October.

With but 3 days before that Thanksgiving holiday, this semi-monthly report will be the final one for this year. The Seattle Reunion was the big one for 1984 and on to Maui comes the 4th of July, will be the major event for 1985. So chalk this up on your calendar as a big surge of the Mainland K-men is expected to make it for this Valley Isle event.

May yours be a most Happy, Healthful, Prosperous New Year, as we reintroduce our guiding staff for another 12 months: Prexy ROBERT NITAHARA, VP JAMES OURA, Secretary HIROSHI SUYEOKA and Treasurer KENT K. KAJIWARA.

Till the next one, Keep 'em smiling.

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active and working in advertising; Ray Sugai is still working; Shig Ozima will retire soon; Rocky Matayoshi is active; and Kenzo Tanaka is also ready to retire.

Carl also said that he had Cornea transplant operation recently and might receive an early disability retirement. He closed his note by saying that the cold weather was around the corner and disliked it, as he grows older. Guess we, in Hawaii should be thankful for our warm weather.

1985 MAUI REUNION

Judging from the discussion in our chapter meetings on the 1985 Maui Reunion, interest seems to be slight at this time. However, we anticipate that some mainlanders will be attending the reunion, so we plan to set up a pre or post reunion in Honolulu, to entertain the Mainland visitors.

Fred Ida was asked to contact the Mainland participants, to see how many visitors will be attending the reunion, to enable us to set up plans for the Honolulu segment.

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that the Alvin Onaka that I mention in this piece was at the hotel for the entire evening, making sure that we were secure. He is the same Alvin Onaka that performed the tedious task of recording all the registrations for all of the events. He stationed himself at the convention daily and took detailed care of changes that were requested, or snafus not of his doing, to insure that we had a good convention. At the close down meetings with the hotel and with Hawaiian Adventures, his calculations were exact, greatly assisting in keeping the costs of the convention to a minimum. We didn't get a chance to thank you properly, Alvin. In fact some of our folks were downright abusive to you at times. Kotonks are a demanding bunch sometimes. This Musubi is for you, Brah. Mahalo for the object lesson in Aloha." Alvin Onaka is the son of Janet and Ed Onaka. Incidentally, the senior Onakas enjoyed a visit to the Orient recently. They were surprised to run into Rodney Fukui in Taipei.

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noteworthy alumni (guess where the writer came from). Knowing Pam and her dedicated spirit to her A-B-Cs, we can be certain that her students would have the best during their formative years. For Warren and Mitzie, it's another good reason to visit Maui and attend the 1985 NVR.

Head-huncho MICH TAKATA and 11 Fox Chapter golfers had quite a day at Milliani. This time, it was the annual Fox Chapter President's Golf Tournament. After all was said and "done," the 1984 winners were:

Low Net: Bill Tanaka (66); Kats Nakamura (68); Mich Takata (70)

Front Nine: Kats Nakamura (28)

Back Nine: Mich Takata and Toshi Tsukayama (34)

Closest to Pin: Toshi Tsukayama (Front and Back Nine)

Of course, the overall jackpot winners were Bill and Kats, first and second respectively. Others who tested and massaged their "swinging" forms: Shige Higa, Ray Iritani, Yoshi Shibuya (1983 winner), Ron and Michi Oba, Barney Miyaji, Tommy Yamagawa.

The spirited holidays are here again. PAUL and SHIGE are working on plans and surprises for the ANNUAL FOX CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Clubhouse. So far, over 35 members and guests have registered. More about this annual affair in our issue.

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Finally, a sayonara banquet was held in a quaint French restaurant which was walking distance from our hotel. Monetary gifts were presented to the two guides, Herbert and his assistant Mario, and the two bus drivers, Lota and ----?, as an expression of our appreciation for their excellent performance of their duties.

Long bus rides could be boring and tiresome. To liven things up (bus #1), guys like Kazu Takekawa, Mits Oshiro, Bruno Yamada, Frank Shimada, Vic Yamashita (L) and Paul Nishimura (522) recounted their war time experiences as we passed through the various areas. On the lighter side musical renditions were piped through the microphone by Mrs. Richard Oshiro (harmonica), Yoshito Tome (L), Toshi Nakahara (L), Mike Shiraishi (G), George Ogata (guest), and Smitty Koga.

Another item we shall not soon forget was the daily fare of European hard crusted bread and the dark and strong coffee--Continental breakfast. Mario, our assistant tour director, promised that on his honeymoon to Hawaii, he will bring enough of this bread to feed all of us. In turn, he expects us to feed him and his bride with our genuine Hawaiian spaghetti. Arriverdicci!

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ing 442nd veterans and their spouses experienced a fabulous trip to Scandinavia and Eropean Countries: Terry Aratani, Max Imai, Edwin Kamida, Sadao Sasaki and Tom Sekimura. The 100th Infantry veteran was Larry Hirokawa of Hilo. Among the 48 fellow travellers were also Ruth Watanabe, widow of a 100th Infantry veteran, and Ayame Taniguchi, sister of Monte Cassino campaign casualty. A touching, private and very informal memorial service was conducted at the Monte Cassino battle site by Larry Hirokawa.

This last article of 1984 was prefaced by the Chapter's seasonal greetings. It is appropriate to close with a paraphrase from the "Hallmark" files: "MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS WITH ITS PEACE, THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH ITS HOPE, THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS WITH ITS LOVE, BE WITH YOU ALWAYS!"

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cle is too long already. I will close with excerpts taken from Mayor Langloix-Perrin's speech: "On this 40th anniversary of our liberation, I want to say again---thanks to the 100/442...we regained our liberty, we escaped total destruction of our town which was caught in artillery crossfire, and we do remember---we remain thankful for their being so humane and warm---they, the "Gentlemen Soldiers", were always ready to help us in spite of enormous difficulties and terrible fighting...they left us with unforgettable memories of their heroic efforts and kindness. It is an honor and a joy for all of us to greet such courageous ambassadors from the United States".

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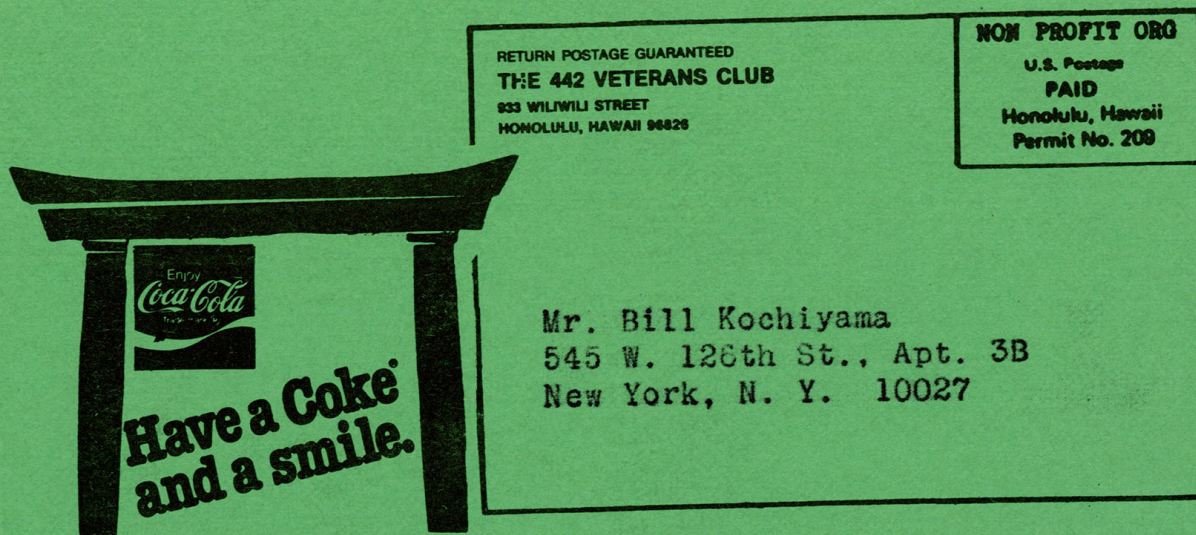
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