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THE 442ND VETERANS CLUB CELEBRATED THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AT THE PACIFIC BEACH HOTEL. IN THE ABOVE PHOTO THE TRADITIONAL CAKE-CUTTING CEREMONY, LEFT TO RIGHT: RONALD OBA, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT; RICHARD OGATA, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT; ROBERT SASAKI, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY; ERNEST UNO, TREASURER; AND HAROLD FUKUNAGA, PRESIDENT.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time the 442 Bulletin is circulated, the Nisei Veterans Reunion in Kona will be in progress or a few days before. This reunion plus any chapter post reunion in Honolulu will give us opportunities to meet our friends and rehash the war experiences. We should make full use of the reunion, because our ranks are thinning, as the years go by. Have a good time!

We have taken a bold step in recognizing the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, which will be in Moiliili, where the Japanese Chamber of Commerce is presently located. We have pledged a contribution of \$100,000, over a 10 year period, because we believe that the Cultural Center will emphasize the contribution made by the Japanese Americans to Hawaii's historical and cultural development.

The 442 Veterans Club has joined the organization, called "Go For Broke - National Veterans Association," because one of the main goals of this organization is to build a monument in Washington, D.C. This monument is intended to honor AJA's who were killed during World War II and those who were interned during the war. This organization feels that without the effort put forth by the 442 Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion in Europe and Military Intelligence Service (Interpreters) in the Pacific, the country would not have given equal status to Japanese Americans.

Our Long Range Committee is looking into the establishment of a sons and daughters chapter in the 442 Veterans Club. This chapter would be made up of sons and daughters of our members, so that they can carry on our ideas and assets into the future.

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IN MEMORIAM RICHARD TAKESHI YORITA

Richard Takeshi Yorita, an active member of Fox Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on May 19, 1990.

IN MEMORIAM THOMAS YOSHITSUGU KIHARA

Thomas Y. Kihara, an active member of George Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on March 27, 1990.

IN MEMORIAM SHIGEMI TOM FUJIOKA

Shigemi Tom Fujioka, an active member of 232nd Engr/Band Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on March 31, 1990.

IN MEMORIAM TADAO "TAD" NAGASAWA

Tadao "Tad" Nagasawa, an active member of 522-B Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on April 23, 1990.

IN MEMORIAM KENNETH N. OSHIRO

Kenneth N. Oshiro, an active member of Mike Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on May 4, 1990.

IN MEMORIAM SHOSUKE GOTO

Shosuke Goto, an active member of Medics Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on May 5, 1990.



By Ron Oba

This is My Country
Hearts and Souls interred therein
Four Forty Second

442nd Memorial Service

The 442nd Choral Group and the One Hundred Eleventh Hawaii National Guard Army Band provided the interlude between speeches at the 47th Anniversary Memorial Service. Those present revered the Choral Group's rendition of "This Is My Country" as their matured countenances faced toward the bright blue sky with their white and gold caps glistening in the morning sun in resonance with their voices. Otherwise, the memorial was like a reunion with everyone greeting each other over coffee and doughnuts and promising to be at the anniversary banquet.

Mr. Gene E. Castagnetti, Director of the cemetery, stated that burial plots may be available till about October 1991. However, the 10,000 columbarium niches have the capacity into the year 2020. He also stated that he'd like to form a Cemetery Advisory Group from the various veterans' organizations to help fulfill his desire to make the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific into one of the most venerable in the nation.

Social Hour

Fifteen Fox members and spouses met on the slopes of Diamond Head at the Cannon Officers

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EDITOR'S NOTE

REMINDER

This column is being inserted as a REMINDER to all Associate Members (mainland and neighbor islands)

This editor while screening the records of Associate membership, find that many are delinquent in their dues. If any member is not certain of his status, please notice your membership card, which reveals the expiration date.

Members in arrears when remitting checks, please make your monetary figures in multiples of \$6. (Example: 1 year \$6; 2 years \$12; 3 years \$18 and so on), as this will greatly simplify our record keeping.

To all Associate members, remit your payments so that you will continue to receive this Bulletin and keep in touch with the 442nd news. Make check payable to: 442nd Veterans Club.

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Club to say bye bye to Mas Tamaye. You see, he's been in Hawaii since about March 16th playing golf in the Kauai 442nd Invitational and the 47th anniversary golf at the Hickam Golf Course. In between, he's played everyday except at Ron's invitation to play at the Moanalua Golf Course (formerly the Honolulu Golf Course), 2nd oldest (1898) golf course west of the Rockies, since it's only a nine holer -- had to get that in. He said that he was booked solid. He even crashed the Uta No Kai's party and sang to his heart's delight. Mas is a golfer? A singer? Or just an itinerant singing golfer? We all enjoyed his company since we didn't need hearing aids when he spoke. He made the one way conversations quite audible.

Without kidding, we extend our sincere condolences to his family on the passing away of his brother after a prolonged illness.

Those attending the reception for Mas, whose wife couldn't make it, were: Kimi Gusukuma, Barney and Phyllis Miyaji, Kats and Grace Nakamura, Mich and Shinako Takata, Tommy and May Tamagawa, Bill and Audrey Tanaka, Paul Yamashita, Bob Katayama, and Ron Oba.

Potpourri

Luckily for Curtis Fujioka it was a mild one -- not like the 6.9 earthquake. Curtis temporarily lost his speech and feelings on his right side in February. This happened three weeks after his 68th birthday when he swore to give up smoking and drinking. As soon as he recovered about two weeks later, he wrote Ron Oba that he is O.K. Ron called him back and was delighted that Curtis could speak coherently with very little slurring.

Understandably, he and Aki Sasaki who is a bit under the weather, won't be coming to the Kona Reunion for the first time.

Hisashi Fujiyama has been in and out of Queens Medical Center for the removal of a colon cancer. He recently fell at home because of his weakened knee and is back in Queens. He would appreciate an occasional visit by members to cheer him up.

Our best wishes for continued recovery and good health to Curtis, Aki and Hisashi.

Was reading the Advertiser at a leisurely pace when my heartbeat quickened for there was the story of the Rich and Famous Families of Hawaii -- the KAWAKAMIS of Kauai. Yes, big George was prominently mentioned as Senator Daniel Inouye's representative on Kauai, as well

as head of H.S. Kawakami Stores, Ltd., and Commercial Properties, Ltd. Riches and fame came methodically for the Kawakami clan which has diversified to corner the market on Kauai. "You gotta work and you work hard," said our famous George.

Kauai Invitational

F Co. went there to play except for Roy Kubo and Ron Oba. Mich Takata, Mas Tamaye, Tommy Tamagawa and Bill Tanaka respectively won a golf bag, a putter, a golf shirt, and six balls. Tommy Tamagawa shot a phenomenal net 62 at Kiahuna. However, the Wailua course was his nemesis again where Tommy had a net 80. The rest didn't play well, perhaps, because big George had gone to Washington, D.C. and we missed his hospitality so much, especially Kay's Baklava. Nevertheless, in overall play, Mich came in third, Tamaye fourth, Tommy sixth in B Flight and Bill Tanaka, the defending champion 16th in A Flight.

In Memoriam

Spark's Navy Bean soup
To chat, to joke, to tell tales
Of Hawaii Nei

Fox chapter extends its sincere condolences to all his friends, constituents and his family on the passing away of a very GOOD man.

Stanley Kobayashi was a very active member of the Maui chapter. In recent years we had come to miss him at anniversaries and reunions but remember him as an affable, active member. Stanley passed away on March 12, 1990. He has been interred at the Maui Veterans Cemetery in Makawao. Our sincere condolences to his family.

New Members

As people retire, as their children become independent and as the former F Co. veterans find more leisure time, they begin to have that urge. The urge to renew acquaintances, to find out what their old buddies are doing, they are returning to the fold. In the last few months several "long time no see" veterans have joined the chapter to renew old friendships and experiences long forgotten. The first to join was Doc James Mimura who will be featured here. Next was Bob Katayama and an indication by Charlie Abe to join up.

James Mimura, M.D., also known as Charlie Mimura's brother, was actually born in Kalihi Kai and now resides in 3547 Woodfield Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331 (new address). With his fair complexion and Michigan accent,

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he would be a dead ringer for a "kotonk.". Once in awhile his Farrington High and University of Hawaii vernacular would creep in, but going to the prestigious University of Chicago School of Medicine changed all that. It's fitting that after serving as a medic in F Co., he took up the practice of Otolaryngology from 1954 to December of 1989. Before becoming a part-time retiree who now spends 6 months in Michigan and 6 months in Hawaii, he served as an Asst. professor at Wayne State University in Detroit. He was/is a Fellow, President, Member, of numerous medical Societies and Associations too numerous to list.

Trudy, Nee Stevens, his gracious wife is just as famous to us, especially to the Hilo gang.

It's strange but we seem to have only one life to live with predestined KARMA whose invisible chains keep our lives together. The Mimuras have kept close touch with the Hilo Fox gang by visiting them every 2-3 years during the New Year holidays. They exchange kuri kaeshi, eat black beans for mame ni naramasu, koku for yoro koku, ozoni for strength, pop fire crackers to chase evil spirits, and depart for Michigan with a sense of having rejuvenated their friendships -- like charging up the batteries before it goes dead. Their visits have been accompanied by children of a previous marriage: Judy Bertoncillo which sounds Italian and Carol Sue Mimura. Susan Leann Sheldon, Trudy's daughter by a previous marriage, and Sally Ann Mimura from the present marriage.

Carol Sue whom I know the best has a doctorate in Biochemistry and Microbiology, and is a research and graduate student teaching at the University of California at Berkeley. She was recently married to Jim Given in a Mercedes -- I have the pictures to prove it. She also was a guest speaker at the Asilomar conference and visited the Pebble Beach Golf Course just to buy some golf memorabilia to give to Ron - thanks again.

Jim says that during the last days of occupation in Rheims, France, he won enough money at craps to finance most of the cost of his medical education. He skis, fishes for trouts, hunts deer, and cooks once a week - usually oriental. He's thinking of doing creative writing someday, soon.

Maui News

By Bob Matsushita

Nothing's much going on but to those who may be here during the vacation or visitations from the outer islands, we invite you to the

following events: general meetings and socials - May 25, social hosted by "L" chapter at the Kahului community center; August 7, social hosted by "F" chapter, Wailuku community center; November 16, social hosted by "E" and "M" chapters, Kahului community center. Other highlights are the Annual picnic at Kalama Park hosted by "K" chapter; County Fair in October and the New Years Eve Party.

In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened to have one of our original members who has worked so hard for "F" chapter, Maui as well as the Mother chapter I visited Stanley Kobayashi at the hospital on that Friday and on Monday morning, we got word that he expired. While visiting him, he was in good humor and we joked with one another and as I left him, I told him that I will be back again to see him. Knowing Stanley, he said, "Nah no need since I will be discharged during the weekend. No need to make Muri and coming to visit me." Those were the final words I had with him. I then delivered the eulogy at the funeral service held at the Nakamura Mortuary. Stanley expired on March 12, 1990 at the Maui Memorial Hospital.

Hilo News

By Sadao Nishida

Here is our brief doings from down south, where the guys and gals are dreaming, thinking and planning to give all our visitors the time of their lives at the upcoming National AJA Reunion in Kona. The Hilo group journeyed to Kona in early April to reconnoiter the layout with our hard working representatives in Kona, Helen and Yasunori Deguchi and Eni and Kato Matsumura. Many questions were asked and answered by the hotel representatives and the group adjourned to the Manago Hotel's restaurant to enjoy aji and opelu fried the way only Manago can prepare. Like someone said, "broke the mouth." The group was then invited by the Deguchis to enjoy the dessert Helen had prepared. The Kona group had things so well organized that all we had to do was agree to what was being planned by our reunion chairman.

Of course, we are most happy to report that "F" Co. will be lodged at the Kona Surf, where all the reunion events will be held. Our company night activities are still being worked on but planning presently indicates a wonderful unforgettable evening will be enjoyed by all.

It's not all work for us here - Kikue and Wataru Kohashi are now away on a three weeks' tour of the Grand Canyon area and a visit with their grandson in Seattle. The Robert Hondas and Harry Matsuos will be making a Canadian and

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Northwest tour in late May and return in time for the reunion. Everyone else is coming along very well and Hoxie Nagami is getting better with age. See you all in Kona.

Kauai News

By Yuri Tasaka

Typically woman, I spoke too fast saying that Kalaheo was the farthest I had traveled. The travel bug got me after my January AARP trip to San Antonio. To prove, Wally and I went to the California Hotel; just that -- nowhere else except the California Hotel, in April to share some of our hard-earned dollars with the State of Nevada.

To further prove, during the second quarter of 1990, he and/or I will have been to Kona 4 times! In early April, Yuri went to help Dale to chaperone her Makaha School sixth graders on their field trip to Hawaii. Come May 16, Yuri will be there again for an AARP State Legislative Committee Meeting. In early June, Wally will be there for an Appeals Board Meeting. Then on June 27, we will be there again for the NVR Reunion. This has to be the year of Kona! Then came a call for Yuri to go to San Diego for an AARP briefing on May 13 to May 15. Have no money, will travel under auspices of other people paying. So, next time, I won't say that we went only to Kalaheo.

Bernie Hiranaka is busy, too. She started to work at Flowers Forever and she's the Program Chairperson for the Pua Loke Community Association.

The F boys going to Kona for the Reunion are: Masa Agina, George Kawakami, and Wally Tasaka with their more important halves. Joining in the post reunion will be Mamo Hiranaka, Bernice and George and Esther Teraoka. Esther has retired from her Gray Lines job. So, from March 1, she has been relaxing and enjoying herself with bowling and Hawaiiana; but has had no time to hold George's hand.

Sandy, Kensei, and Hiro Iwamoto extend their Aloha to all the F boys.

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FOR SAVINGS
see your CU

FOR LOANS
see your CU



By Joe Shimamura

APRIL

WALTER & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, RICHARD & PAULINE ODA, EDWARD & PAT OGATA, HIROSHI & MARY-JANE SUEYOKA, SEICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA, KEN & JANE TOMOMITSU, with the following soloites, CLARENCE TAMAYORI, KENT KAJIWARA, MARY KOSASA, JAMES OURA, YUKIO TOKUDA, MASAO SASAKI, MASAO OKASAKO, JOE S. FUJIMOTO and THOMAS HORIKAMI, were the following who showed up for the 4th meeting of the year on Wednesday, the 18th at the Likelike Drive Inn as a week night dinner-meeting is coming into being. The checklist indicates that we will be having a mighty big delegation coming from the mainland as the invasion is on for June the 27th. The how, when, and where, for this Kona affair was discussed at great length with many a problem yet to be solved, with the big one but 2 months away, and 2 more possible meetings to put this all together.

K-BITS

ISAAC & BETTY IKEHARA whizzed thru these friendly isle for a short family visit and it was on to Las Vegas with nothing else to do with their accumulated wealth. Had a brief chat with IKE and I must say that he's sounding pretty good, good enough to say he'll be at the next meeting if he happens to be in town. These Guamanian retirees now look forward to this annual trek as they believe in spreading their wealth around. All we ask is that they leave some for us upon their departure from this gambling mecca. As BETTY put's it, better go while the walking is still good.

Latest returnees from this favorite haunt are the R. NAGATA's who came home quite light not being able to fill up that "toronko" as DORIS normally tends to do. Long time no see and it's our guess that they are soaking in a lot of desert sunshine are KACHAN IBARA and YOSHI HIGA who are expected to apply for their Nevada citizenship in the nearest future.

Continuing to check on their ancestors with their annual pilgrimage are FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO who are expected to receive the Order of the Chrysanthemum for their faithful patronage of the land of the rising sun.

HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUEYOKA are headed for the same destination since HIROSHI heard that his roots are in Japan and not Manila as he thought over all these years. Spreading the wealth

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around while doing a lot of investigation we do hope that they end up having a most enjoyable Kankodan. We will be all ears to see whether HIROSHI got lost on this trip or he made it thru without a hitch. "Hanashikata time" should be the main business for the next get together with guest speakers HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUEYOKA manning the podium.

The latest addition to the K-roster who's getting to be a real steady since joining up is JOE S. FUJIMOTO, who hails from the Pearl country. Always remember JOE as the fastest getaway man of the 1st platoon who somehow was able to squirm away from a pinned down situation between the dykes on the Arno river and bring back word of IKE IKEHARA & FATTY OSHIRO being wounded and this combat patrol not being able to move. It was a nerve wracking situation as the 1st platoon went forth to this area guided by JOE to attempt this rescue. With JOE agreeing to lead the litter bearers to try and evacuate the two wounded without no firefight, the red cross flag was displayed and waved as no fire was drawn. Cold sweating their way thru this tense situation, the evacuation was successfully carried out with JOE in the lead being the only one who knew where this patrol was pinned down. This was the day Lt. DAVIS broke the 50 yards freestyle record as he practically ran on the waters of the Arno river when machine gun fire from the opposite bank opened up on him. Still wonder whatever happened to this replacement 1st platoon who turned out to be A-OK, not seeing him since he got hit during the lost battalion escapade???

THOMAS HOWELL who's retired in Florida reports that all goes well with he and his family as he's semi retired as a beauty school instructor not being able to sit around and be on full retirement.

SYMPATHY

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the following: MARY KOSASA who lost her mother; HATSUE KANEMORE whose father passed away on the big island; and to the family of SANDY ASATO who was laid to rest in California having resided in the golden state for a number of years. SANDY served his time overseas with the 100th battalion joining them as a replacement from Camp Shelby. So she goes for this one. Keep 'em healthy whether it be the fountain of youth, the maki, Jeritol or Vitamin pills. To NOBU & MINNIE, make it a double dose as it gets pretty cold in Minnesota.

END



By James Sakamoto

Many of us await the coming of March, looking forward to celebrating our annual anniversary and reaffirming our friendship acquired since the formation of the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team in 1943. Members participated in the golf tournament at Hickam, attended the memorial service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and concluded the occasion with dinner at the Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom. The respective chairman of each event and their committee members are congratulated for doing a superb job.

Saturday, March 24, dawned a beautiful, almost cloudless day, by the time we gathered at the Punchbowl National Cemetery. The Call to Worship, Presentation of Colors, playing of our National Anthem, the Rifle Volley and Sounding of Taps always reminds me of reverence of this occasion. I solemnly say "Hi" Rev. Higuchi, Titi, Morris, Forty, Ed and others who rest in tranquility on this nice sunny day.

The dinner at the Pacific Beach Hotel was attended by the Isonagas, Sugais, Ishidas and Sakamotos from this chapter. We had a wonderful time, enjoying the well planned program and selected, well-balanced meal prepared for the very health conscious senior veterans and their guests. We had a pleasant surprise after the evening's program and entertainment were over. Our Colonel Bert and Hannah Nishimura came to join us. Seems that he wasn't informed of this anniversary dinner till late, so they were seated at a distant area. Welcome back to Hawaii and the club, Bert Nishimura, Col, US Army, Ret., and Hannah. Their recently constructed new home in the Salt Lake area is but a stone's throw away from the International Golf Course. Alas, he seems well rooted to be considered retired. We hope he becomes a regular member of this group and attends the monthly meetings.

April 13th meeting at the clubhouse was hosted by Herbert Isonaga and Michael Sugai. In addition to the faithful attendees were: Ken Saruwatari, Bert Nishimura and Tokuo Kaneshige. Guess Friday, the 13th, was a date the University of Hawaii did not schedule any local sport activity, so Ken is here - Toki says, "Naw, it's not the Chevis", - Bert - he needed a break from the hassles of moving into a new home. It was great to see them!

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An item of considerable concern to the Board of Directors of the 442nd Veterans Club was reported by Herbert, our president. The attendance at the annual Memorial Service conducted at the Punchbowl National Cemetery has been steadily declining and the Directors have referred this matter to the respective chapters for suggestions of ways to increase the attendance. It certainly merits our serious consideration. Hope each member thinks about it, discuss it with their wives and come up with solid suggestions by the next dinner meeting scheduled in September.

It's 47 years since becoming a member of the 442nd RCT. In the army, one gets exposed to the use of military terminology such as: rifleman, cannoneers, anti-tanker, squad leader, wireman, machine gunner, etc. There is one terminology which held a magical hold or fascination over me ever since my ROTC days in high school. One who repairs weapons is classified in military lingo as an "ARMOR ARTIFICER". I could never find this term in the dictionary, encyclopedia or other reference books. About 6 weeks ago, in somewhat humorous finality, I ventured to the Pearl City Library, approached the reference section librarian and explained why I needed assistance. "How do you spell it?" was her first question. The misspelling obviously was the reason it could never be found. She went to the computer and after several key punching screen displays, she led me to the neatly stacked "Dictionary of Military Terms" numbered 355.003, under the Dewey Decimal System. "ARMOR ARTIFICER" is a specialist, dating at least from the 18th Century, concerned primarily with the repair of weapons or equipment. The term is also used for an enlisted specialist rating in the military service. In the Navy, artificers repair a range of equipment from engines to gun sights and optical instrument.

The preceding paragraph leads to writing about the Ammunition and Pioneer (A&P) platoon of our company. I was fortunate to renew my friendship with Harry Morikawa during the Maui Nisei Veteran's Reunion a few years ago. I remember Harry as the "armor artificer" responsible for the company's pistols and other small arms. It is interesting to note that during subsequent visits to Los Angeles, Mitsue and I were able to visit with Harry and June at their home where, amongst his hobbies, the love of armament is still apparent. He packs his pistols and rifles and goes off to the firing range using his own hand loaded cartridges.

May has always been a dinner/meeting occasion with wives to celebrate Mother's Day. This year it was held at the Pagoda Restaurant where everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Member and spouses present were: Herbert and Sue Isonaga, Michael and Sue Sugai, Katsuki and Toshiko Tanigawa, Bert and Hannah Nishimura, Richard and Margie Nakamura, Larry and Violet Ishida, Takashi and Jane Okemura, James and Mitsue Sakamoto, Tokuo and Stella Kaneshige, Kazuo and Michelle Tomasa, Lippy Higuchi, Masa Yamamoto, Aileen Yonemori, Bill Thompson, and Yoshio Sugi. Sharon Young from Sebastopol, CA, who considers herself as "almost member" of the 2nd Hdq Co. was also present with her guest. For those who do not know who Sharon Young is, she is the lady who was introduced to us in 1987 by Bill Thompson as one who was interested in writing a book about the 442nd Combat Team to help others learn about or remember their brave deeds. Subsequently, she attended several of our meetings to listen, question and write. She visited Bruyres, France, to learn about the 442nd RCT who liberated the town and its people. She learned of the men's bravery and why the French people still remember, almost 45 years later. She calls it the aloha spirit that's still alive today. Sharon is now a graduate communication student at the University of Hawaii seeking the truth about the 442nd RCT, especially the 2nd Hdq Co.

Our linguist, Katsuki Tanigawa, had many tours of duty in different countries during his army career; among them, the Korean War. In April, he and 29 other Korean War veterans were honored by the Korean Veterans Assn. of the Republic of Korea. They were invited by the Republic of Korea to visit modern day Seoul. The trip was arranged by the local Korean Veterans Assn. It included hotel rooms and meals, tours to the War Memorial, The Military Museum and the Itaewon Shopping Center where gold rings grow green on your finger in a few hours. A tour of Panmunjon, site of the North/South negotiations and the demilitarized zone where the North and South Korean troops patrol was also made. Each of the 30 veterans who made the trip was given a medal and a citation proclaiming them Ambassadors For Peace for participating in the war to stop the North Korean invasion of the South in 1950 - 53. Congratulations Katsuki!

June will be the month for our long awaited Nisei Veterans reunion in Kona. Bill Thompson says everything's arranged for our entertainment and pleasure. Fifty nine members are signed up to go. See you there.

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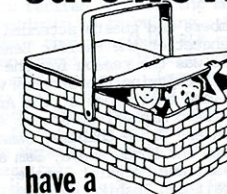
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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS

By Alexander J. Oka

There were 16 members at the April meeting at the home of Ralph and Grace Chinaka. In addition to the usual faithfuls, there were Ichiro Hasegawa and Allan Masuda. Hasegawa has offered his assistance with the Kona Reunion since he has a sister living in Kona. He plans to be in Kona a day early to get things organized. Allan Masuda has retired from his federal job on Okinawa and is now residing in Waianae. He is just flabbergasted with the price of real estate which is the painful part of returning to Hawaii.

Total attendance at the Reunion is estimated at 52 composed of 29 members from the mainland and Hawaii and 23 guests. The count may be a little higher by next month. Ralph Chinaka has been working hard contacting members on the mainland and the other islands. We are lucky to have him chair the reunion.

Like all our comrades, age or time is taking its toll. Former treasurer Dixon Yamashita has missed several meetings since he can no longer drive at night. Shiro Nagasako has made a remarkable recovery from Stroke. He's been seen walking around his neighborhood with the use of a cane.

If by chance you are driving along East Hind Drive in Aiea Haina and see an elderly statesman pushing a stroller, you'll be saying to yourself that "I've seen that fellow before." That fellow is Grandpa Jim Miyake who's "baby-sitting" his only grandchild. That granddaughter is lucky, she doesn't have to share grandpa with other grandchildren.

Noboru Tanoue now has a good reason to visit Texas more often and perhaps stopover at Las Vegas on the way home. His son, Owen presented him with his first grandchild - Nathan. Son Owen is with IBM in Austin, Texas.

Thirty one members and guests attended the 47th Anniversary Banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Perhaps this was the reason for the prime seating arrangement. Enjoying the program were Tom and Chic Tanaka and their guests, the Arahawas, George and Hisako Miyashiro, Robert and Cynthia Otani, Ralph and Grace Chinaka, James and Martha Miyake, Susumu and Kozue Awaya, Sam and Frances Yamada, Masami and Margaret Tanabe, Bill and Betty Toma, Masaji and Toshiko Kurozumi, Noboru and Masako Tanoue, Alex and Jean Oka, Mrs. Martha Morimoto, Mrs. Mirikitani and the "bachelors" Tokuo Furuto, Mike Inouye, and Takemi Kajikawa.

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Kona Reunion

By Stanley Kaneshiro

This is an earlier than usual Bulletin issue, to have it out before the Kona Reunion. For all 522 Battalion members, spouses and guests who have registered for this Reunion, about all we can say at this point is 'see you at the Kona Surf Hotel (host hotel)'. Hotel rooms, hospitality room, all banquet activities, including Battalion night, will be at this hotel. Jerry Ishimoto, our Reunion coordinator, says the Battalion count is now 172. Hideo Nagamine, our hospitality room coordinator, has Hawaii hosts manning the hospitality room in the following order: Wednesday - all chapters, Thursday - Able, Friday - Charlie, and Saturday - Baker. He has additionally requested as much assistance as possible from all hosts at all times.

Post Reunion - Honolulu

Fred Hirayama, our post reunion chairman, says there has been no change in plans. All activities will be by Chapter except for Sunday night, July 1st when Charlie Chapter joins Baker (B, Hdqs, Serv) at Club 100. The activities scheduled are: Sunday night 7/1, bento dinner at Club 100, 4 to 10 P.M. with dinner at 6 P.M.; Monday 7/2, golf at HCC, early start, and tours as planned for others and Mongolian barbecue dinner at Tripler Officers Club, 5 to 10 P.M., dinner at 6:30 P.M.; Tuesday and thereafter free. Fred says B Chapter will be hosting 32 mainlanders here. Drivers who would like to assist in providing transportation for mainlanders should call Fred at 988-7166.

Taps

Tadao 'Tad' Nagasawa (Hdqs), a long-time member of Baker Chapter, passed away on April 23, 1990 at Kuakini Hospital and at the age of 66 years. Tad as we all knew him was born in Kukuhihale, Hawaii. He volunteered for the 442nd Combat Team and spent his war years with the 522 Artillery Battalion, Headquarters Battery, wire section as a Technician 5th grade. After the war, he started in construction, but spent most of his time bowling, which he first learned at Camp Shelby, and before too long became one of Hawaii's bowling greats, going on barnstorming tours on the mainland and competing in the American Bowling Congress Tournaments. His interest in bowling led him to many years of bowling managerial work, as superintendent of maintenance at Bowling City, manager of Kalihi Bowl and managing business partner of Ewa Bowling Center and Waipahu Country Lanes. After his wife passed away, a

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few years ago, he lost interest in bowling and spent some time on his boat fishing. Tad leaves another void in the ranks of B Chapter members and we'll miss him. Our condolences go to his sons Bruce and Lindsay, daughter Chris and three grandchildren.

Chapter Golf

By Don Yagami

Golfers, Please Note

1. Change in dates at HCC:
June 18 changed to June 25 with 8:30 tee time instead of 9:00.
July 16 changed to July 17, same time 9:00.
2. Special tournament July 2nd.
Six tee times arranged for instead of the original five (guests play OK (but no wives) for this one).
3. HCC has requested as a general rule, there be no guest play in our regularly scheduled dates.

March 19th, Kaneohe Marine Base

Kats Miho got back on track, after a spell, for this one and shot a net 70 to win overall. Walter Inouye took the front with net 33½ and Milton Uchigaki, the back with net 34. Par three winners were Ted Tsukiyama, Larry Nakahara and Lester Kato, no one hit one green.

April 16th, HCC

Low handicapper Don Yagami shot a net 67 to win this one. Walter Inouye repeated his March feat and took the front nine again with another net 33½. Tsuji Uehara and Jerry Ishimoto tied for the back nine with nets 34½. Par three winners were Jerry, Lester and Don, one green was left untouched.

Bits and Pieces

Richard Ogata seriously ill and at Queen's Medical Center since April 6th. Spouse Alma and youngest daughter Wendy maintaining 24 hours vigil at his bedside. Neil Nagaroda seen recovering from his operation. Toshi Nishizawa has been out of commission for awhile with eye operation, but expected to be back in circulation (golfing) shortly. Rocky and Leatrice Tanna have been gone for awhile assisting children and grandchildren on the mainland. Sam Hironaka brings guest, John Izumi (Hdqs) to April chapter meeting. Originally a Honolulu

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS

By Henry S. Kuniyuki

The second issue of the "Go-for-Broke" Bulletin for 1990--Livorno Chapter News---features the Masatoshi Mitani Family. Sumie and Masatoshi are the parents of two sons, Marvin and Ken, both of whom are married. Masatoshi received his basic training at Camp Hood after his induction into the United States Army. He was assigned to Service Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team upon his arrival in the European Theater of Operation during World War II. He served as a truck driver with the Unit until his honorable discharge in October of 1946. He settled down with Sumie Okasaki in 1953. After working many years in the private sector, he was employed as a maintenance mechanic with the State Department of Transportation. Masatoshi retired on January, 1990 after fourteen and a half years with the State Department of Transportation. Sumie is semi-retired, having been employed as a seamstress at Tropical Sports-wear for the past twenty one years.

Marvin, their oldest son, is an accountant at First Insurance Company. His wife, Sharon, is also an accountant employed by the State of Hawaii. They have a daughter, Stacey, who is five years old. Second son, Ken, is employed by the Commercial Service Station as an automobile mechanic. Ken's wife, Donna, is also an accountant at First Insurance Company. Ken and Donna made Masatoshi and Sumie grandparents twice as they have an eleven-year-old daughter, Jodie, and year-and-half old baby, Nicole.

Masatoshi keeps himself busy these days putting around his garden at home. At the April Chapter dinner meeting he was observed smoking at the table. Masatoshi was strongly admonished by his fellow Chapter members to quit smoking for his own good. Sumie is most appreciative of this admonishing and for the concerns of his war-time buddies.

As majority of the Livorno Chapter members are now retired it seems the most popular retirement activity is travelling. Shizuo and Clara Oide made their periodic R&R trip to Las Vegas and San Francisco, although both are still gainfully self-employed. Jerry and Ethel Doi had a Tohoku trip with Sus Tomita Tours from May 7 to the 26th. Paul and Betty Takaezu were Las Vegas bound from April 11th to the 15th. Minoru and Mitsue Nagasako were in American Samoa for a business trip in February. They were able to see the Industrial Park in Pago Pago dedicated to Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Raymond and Mimi Tanaka had plans to travel to Las Vegas with the Uta-no-Kai. Incidentally, Ray and Mimi were the sole

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Livorno Chapter representatives at the 442nd annual banquet. Other travellers to Nippon in May, 1990 include Morio and Rachel Omori; and Henry and Emi Kuniyuki.

At the April Livorno Chapter's dinner meeting at Wallana Coffee House, it was decided to have a steak cookout hosted by Paul and Betty Takaezu at their residence. The dinner is the long delayed "Ladies Appreciation Affair" scheduled for May 26th. Since Chapter President, Wilfred Watanabe is still incapacitated with a very serious case of stroke the members at the April meeting elected Henry Kuniyuki to serve as interim president. Wilfred is hospitalized at the Skill-Nursing Department of Kaiser hospital. Visitors are still restricted to only family members. Chapter President, Emeritus Katsumi Sakotani is still confined to a care home in the Salt Lake area as noted previously in the first 1990 issue of the Go-for-Broke News Bulletin. He would be happy to see his Chapter buddies either at his care home location or at the Kuakini Hospital Rehabilitation Department during week days.

Jerry Yamamoto had another surgery at Kuakini Medical Center on an out-patient basis in February. Jerry is still supporting his grown children improving themselves with further higher education. Speaking of education, Minoru and Mitsue's grandson, Oren Nagasako, made the Dean's List at Iolani School. Oren is also noted for his "all-around athletic" activities. CONGRATULATIONS to Mino and Mitsue!

The Livorno Chapter News conclude with a note of sadness. Betty Takaezu's dear mom passed away on April 15, 1990 at Kuakini Medical Center. Her mom, Mrs. Chiyoka Yasutake, who died at age 88, is survived by three sons, six daughters, 19 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. As eulogized by the officiating priest, Grandma Chiyoka dedicated her life to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Truly her beautiful life was one of "Kodomo-no-Tame-ni". Mrs. Yasutake's memorial service was held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary attended by Chapter members and several hundreds of her friends and relatives. Livorno Chapter extend our heartfelt sympathy to Betty and Paul Takaezu. We would also like to publicly extend our condolence to Senator Spark M. Matsunaga's family. Sparky was noted as a champion for veteran cause! To honor Sparky, we are pleased that Senator Daniel K. Inouye will have the United States Congress name the proposed Veterans Administration Hospital in Hawaii, the SPARK M. MATSUNAGA HOSPITAL.

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By Charles Watanabe

I thought that I just was finished with the news report, but here I am back again with another report. Now where did I leave off, "ah yes!" Time to report about the month of April. Time sure flies, before you know it, it's that time of year again.

Meeting for the month of April was held at the clubhouse. I'm sure you would like to know who and who were at the meeting. Just so everything is legitimate and no hanky panky going on. Left to right; Emie Uno, Takeshi Nakamura, Charlie Watanabe, Sam Sasai, Frank Ishikawa, David Kaiura, and that's it. What you expect, not a full moon nite so members don't have excuse to go out. I don't like to hear "I thought you were at the meeting."

What was the meeting all about. Emie Uno reported about the clubhouse and renovation to the rental units, upgrading the standards and revenues. No objection to that part. "What else," not much more, just the reunion in Kona which is but a couple months away. The reunion took up most of the discussion.

We still have another meeting so decided to have the wives present at the meeting to finalize everything. If you have received Emie Uno's newsletter, we are all going to be at Kona Hilton, total number fifty two. After Kona, thirteen of them will be spread out at different Hotels in Honolulu, which Hq, 3rd must unravel and bring together.

Al and Ida Kariya, and George and Dorothy Tanaka will not be able to make it to the reunion for health reasons. We will miss you, but perhaps for sure the next reunion. With much prayers to the Kariya's and Tanaka's.

What else of importance should you know about, can't think of anything else, except that we will be needing flowers again, more than you think. The list is getting longer and manpower is getting shorter. I am talking about Memorial Day, when we gather at Hajime Matsunaga's residence, then to Punchbowl to lay the flowers. A gesture I think a lot about; it brings the names of the boys into focus and memory. Robert Kuniyuki has precious tapes of each marker in case you forgot. A potluck dinner will conclude the day.

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By Yori Inouye

Annual Memorial Service and Banquet. The 442nd Veterans Club 47th Memorial Service was held at Punchbowl on Saturday, March 24. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful setting under sunny blue skies and balmy trade winds, to pay tribute to our fallen heroes. There were two ladies representing Mike Chapter members in attendance and recognized at the ceremonies: Janice Ohira, wife of the late Masayoshi Ohira; and Hatsu Sakaguchi, sister of the late Kenji Kato. A good number of Chapter members actively participated in the ceremonies. Our own Tadao Beppu served as Master of Ceremonies with his usual flair. Representing part of the 442nd Choral Group that rendered the choral selections were James Kanemori, Paul and Yuki Takiguchi, Ralph and Alice Tomei, David and Janet Umeda, Gladys Uyemura, Grace Yamashiro, Mitsue Shishido, Yoshio and Elsie Teruya, Betty Tomikoshi and Yori Inouye.

Later, in the evening of that same date, the Anniversary Banquet was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom. The whole evening was quite enjoyable with excellent food and entertainment. The Okinawan dances performed by the Nakasone Dance Studio group and costumes were exquisite--that was a real treat. In attendance at this event were our Chapter president and his wife, Melvin and Millie Kunishige, along with Tadao and Alice Beppu, Shige and Yori Inouye, Paul and Yuki Takiguchi and David and Janet Umeda. We'd love to see more of you next year. If you're not getting word of these events, just holler and we'll be sure you get it.

Kona Reunion. Just think how close we are to reunion time. In fact, about the time this bulletin is out we should be enjoying all the festivities with our dear friends from far and near--oooh! the feeling of excitement just thinking about it! Remember Reno? Well, that was hot, but that's out and Kona's in! So let's all have a ball! The following are additional names of people attending which were not listed in the last bulletin: From California, Bill Okazaki, from Washington State, Tosh and Yoshie Maeda; from Nebraska, Sam and Sai Ushio; from North Dakota, Oliver and Patricia Piddler (guests of Clarence Sawamura); and from New Jersey, George Maekawa.

Chapter Night on Friday, June 29, will be held at Kona Surf. Details of this event will be disseminated shortly. Post reunion in Honolulu is scheduled for the evening of July 2nd, Monday, at the 442nd Clubhouse, and this will be a good chance for those not going to Kona to get together with the mainlanders. Frank Nomura

and David Umeda are firming up plans for the post reunion activity; details to follow.

About our President. Melvin Kunishige, our friendly Chapter President, was born and raised in beautiful Hana, Maui. He attended Hana High School and like a true patriot he joined active military service before finishing high school. Mel was in the 3rd Platoon and served as 1st gunner for Paul Takiguchi, his section leader. After discharge from the Army, Mel still remained close to the military as a civilian employee at Hickam Air Force Base for 30 years. During this period Mel was primarily responsible for repair of aircraft used by the military, including periods covering the Korean War, Vietnam and Taiwan conflicts. He is now retired from Federal service and enjoys traveling with his wife the most. Ask him to tell you about his trips to China and Southeast Asia, and he will give you an account of so many interesting things and places he had seen in impeccable detail--boy, what a memory! When he's not going off to far away places, Mel enjoys fishing for halibut--between Waianae and Haleiwa is where you can find him. Oops, maybe this is his secret kapu area, sorry about dat! Mel is married to the former Millie Lau of Honolulu. They have three children and live in Waipahu. We're happy that they're actively back with us again.

Condolences. We express sincere condolences to the family of Kenneth Oshiro who passed away very recently on May 4th, 1990 after a long history of heart problems and cancer since last November. Kenneth was a member of 2nd Platoon and later transferred to mess hall as a cook. He was employed at the Navy Shipyard at Pearl Harbor for over 20 years. He leaves his wife, Leatrice, one daughter and three grandchildren.

Miscellany. Edith Furuya (the other half of Mamo Furuya) has been seen hobbling around on crutches lately, much to our surprise. No, she wasn't putting on--she actually underwent hip replacement surgery in January and is doing quite nicely, keeping up her cheerful demeanor through the whole thing. Later on, when she gets the other side fixed up with more metal and plastic inside her, she'll be as good as any bionic woman. Watch it, Mamo!

Harry Horiuchi suffered a stroke about three years ago and is now confined to a wheelchair. Hang in there, Harry!

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When Ralph Tomei was asked how he and Alice made out when they last returned from Vegas in Vegas in April, he retorted "Don't write about it!!! Well, wat you tink?"

Janet Umeda was there around the same time on a bowling tournament with the Waialae Senior League, but her performance was better in the casinos.

It was like old home week with Dick and Gladys Uyemura also there that week. Gladys did okay at the crap table but was too eager to feed the hungry slots.

Paul and Yuki Takiguchi got there after everybody else hoping to retrieve all their deposits. Chance are they fared pretty well because Yuki sounded very very happy.

Small Adventure in The Big Apple. On the ninth of May, Shige and I left our beautiful paradise for New York to attend our son Keith's graduation from NYU. He was finally completing his graduate work there. Our first day out started poorly. We had a carry-on bag and a flower box containing cigar leis, lantern ilima centers and pikake rope leis wrapped very carefully in ti leaves. The aircraft cabin was nice and cool so we felt the flowers should do very nicely. When we arrived in Chicago for a short layover, we discovered the bottom of the flower box was very hot and we got a good whiff of the pikakes. I was almost afraid to open the box and as we guessed, the leis were all ruined except for the two cigar leis that Frieda Kanemori had made for us. Well, that was that. We then flew into Newark, NJ. Keith was unable to meet us at the airport so we boarded the bus to Port Authority in NY. It was a dismal day -- very cold and rainy, which made it all the more difficult to find a cab. Shige placed our two suitcases and the carry-on bag on the walk and told me to watch them while he gets the cab, so I did. An oriental man approached me at that time and asked, "You can tell me how I find 53rd Street?" And like the friendly fool that I am, very sweetly and kindly I told him I'm sorry I don't know and are you going to be alright, feeling really sorry for the poor soul. And unbeknownst to me that son of a gun was the accomplice for another guy ripping me off. When we were ready to hop into the cab, our carry-on bag was gone. Oh no! All our toilet articles, my cosmetics, brushes, my whole face just disappeared. Now that's a real disaster for me because if I don't put my face on, I look like one obake and I don't even get out in my front yard before putting it on. So first thing Keith did was to find a nice drug store where we could at least replace the basic stuff. Well, that's how it all began but Shige and I agreed

we weren't gonna let that get us down, so the rest of the trip was all roses.

Got to the UN Plaza Hotel overlooking the East River on 44th at 1st Ave, which was to be our home for four days -- very very nice accommodations (kinda ni-ga-haru for us from the sticks). As soon as we checked in and went to our room, the doorbell rang and there stood a gentleman formally attired in black, welcoming us to the hotel by presenting me with a beautiful red rose in a bud vase, spreading out an elegant platter of fresh and dried fruit, candy, and a bottle of imported French Cabernet with two tall wine glasses. Wow, what did we do to deserve all this. We could only conclude they took us for corporate executives from Japan, but we offered no complaints. That evening was still cold and wet so we decided to dine in the only restaurant at the hotel. As we expected, the prices were high; in fact, prices were not even listed for the entrees. But we were so hungry we ate, thanks to FHB Bank-card!

Friday was a full day. Keith took us down in the subway to catch the ferry to Liberty Island to visit Miss Liberty, stayed only briefly, then rushed back to get ready for graduation ceremonies at Lincoln Center. The ceremonies went very well, as did the reception afterwards. A leisurely dinner followed, then The Brothers Cazimero at Carnegie Hall. The show was very enjoyable with the magical musical harmony of the Brothers. Dances and chants performed by the Royal Dance Company added a nice touch to the show. It was heartwarming to see so many Hawaiians in the audience.

Most of the day on Saturday was spent out in beautiful Long Island with friends we had not seen for about 20 years. It took all of three hours to complete the scrumptious home-cooked Italian meal with them. That evening we took in the Broadway show "Cats" playing at the Winter Garden Theatre -- a delightful whimsical musical which we enjoyed.

We took it real easy on Sunday -- had a good brunch, shopped and strolled down Fifth Avenue until the rains came. That evening, to celebrate Mother's Day and our last night in New York, Keith took us to be wine and dined at Tavern on the Green at Central Park -- such an elegant restaurant in a beautiful setting, with excellent food and service. That was a most pleasant dinner, one we will long remember.

The days in New York flew by so fast and the next morning was time for goodbye. It felt good to leave the place and yet sad to leave

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behind. He escorted us all the way back to Newark Airport to insure that we don't get ripped off again.

We left Newark for Chicago, there got on a brand new Boeing 767 bound for San Francisco. Shige thought it was like riding a new Cadillac. In San Francisco our accommodations were much much cheaper -- we stayed with our daughter, Val who has a home in Alameda. There we spent most of our time sightseeing, wine tasting, shopping and eating. The highlight of our visit to SF was getting together with Shiro and Florence Takei. With Shiro at the helm and Flo as the navigator, they drove all those miles from Cupertino to Alameda and picked us up for dinner in Oakland. Rusty Scupper was a very nice restaurant overlooking the Oakland Estuary where you can watch the ships go by. We loved the wide variety of seafoods they serve. Shiro and Flo both looked as young as ever. Among other things, Flo keeps her youth taking ukulele and tap dancing; and like our local Ukulele/Hula Club she's out entertaining other senior groups while Shiro goes out golfing. Sometimes he helps her out by accompanying her ukulele playing with his harmonica. Flo promised to do some tap dancing for us during Chapter Night in Kona. This young couple made a smart move last year. They took a giant step during the summer -- sold their condominium in Saratoga and moved to a retirement home in Cupertino. This life-care home supplies three (or one) meal(s) a day; housekeeping services once a week; and linens. All the apartments have safety grab-bars in the shower/bathtub; emergency call bells; intercom system; smoke detectors and water sprinklers. Provides three levels of care: (1) independent living; (2) personal care unit where assistance is given for bathing and dressing; (3) skilled nursing facility for elders requiring 24-hour medical care." Shiro mentioned a water shortage where they live so water is rationed. He can only wipe their two cars and he can take a bath once a week. He must have just had one the day we saw him because we certainly couldn't tell. At any rate, we enjoyed a delightful evening with them and we're happy to know they'll be around in Kona in June.

It's pau for now, see you in Kona!

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Bring along your picture albums so that we can videotape the pictures and comments. Especially those pictures of the European beauties -- we can talk stores when the wives are not listening. See you all in Kona.

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By Allen Nakamura

Not only the mouth-watering aroma drifting across the grounds of the Memorial Hall, from crab legs and clams, cooked in black beans and oyster sauce was missing, but our professional chefs, Kuro Tomasa and Kila Haraguchi were nowhere to be seen on this dreary, stormy, cold and wet Sunday, Feb. 25, at our annual Shinnen-en-kai festivities.

We catered the food this year on the suggestions from some of our members to give respite to the chefs, so that they'll be able to enjoy the delicacies in a relaxed mood for a change. But, these guys took it literally that the message meant for them to relax at home. Some communications, I'd say, ha!

In spite of the bad stormy weather, which incidentally turned out to be a fairly good weather as the early evening approached, there was a good gathering participating in this annual event as witnessed by the following: Toshi/Betty Nakahara; Paul/Yuki Takiguchi; Tad Sakai; Victor/Timmie Yamashita & their families: Dr. Boyden/Angel & children Kai, Keli, Koa and Byrnes/Florence & their children, Dylan, Evan & Colin; Hajime/Lani & granddaughter Keone; Whitey/Florence Saito & grandson; Hide Nakayama; Allen Nakamura & family: Duane/Cynthia & their children, Kanani & John-Allen; Isa/Hilda Takayama; Jacob/Terry Jichaku; Cowboy/Marian Matsumura; P.K./Genny Matsumoto; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Yoshiji/Betty Aoki & their families: Roger/Alisa & their children, Trisha & Kristine; Kobe/Chiz Shoji & their families: Calvin/Lynn & their children, Keli & Casey; Henry/Doris Ishida; Ralph/Mitsue Shishido; George Matsumoto; Stanley/Asako Watanabe; Lawrence/Chiyoko Fujii; Dr. Wilfred Butchie Leong & their families: Sally Dong and her newborn daughter Patricia; Fumio/Michiko & grandchildren, Irene & Ryan; Ernie/Grace Uno; Al/Carol Los Banos and Hapa Fujimoto who left earlier due to illness of Mabel.

Chairman Victor Yamashita came up with another scoop this year with the able help from wife Timmie. They team up well this couple. He's gradually bringing back this event to be a family affair, which it was once when our children were younger. This time he's doing it with our grandchildren. They came up with a ingenious idea of a kite flying contest, not the commercial kind but the homemade kind that we used to make with bamboo sticks and newspapers with a long tail tied with cloths. Ah! the memories of our youth days. How time flies! But, unfortunately because of the bad weather that day, the children were not able to fly the kite. Maybe it was a godsend, cause who knows whether it

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would have flown, the homemade kind I mean, ha! Nevertheless, the children were all awarded prizes for their effort.

The basic menu were catered from "Marians" of Wahiawa with Kuro Tomasa and Marian Matsumura in charge. Pickled vegetables was prepared by Marian and Betty Nakahara. Once again the ladies came thru admirably with all the desserts. Betty Nakahara--Tsukemomo, Okara & Jello; Marian Matsumura, Tsukemomo; Terry Jichaku, Apricot cake; Florence Saito, Coconut mochi; Timmie Yamashita, Poppyseed cake; Mrs. Protzman, Brownies; Genny Matsumoto, Mango Cake; Nancy Oshiro, Chocolate cupcake; Betty Aoki, Tsukemomo; Chiz Shoji, Pumpkin cake; Doris Ishida, Baklava cake; Butchie Leong, Chocolate Pumpkin cake; Grace Uno, Cream cheese dessert & Mitsue Shishido, Chocolate cake. Thank you ladies for sharing your favorite recipes.

Sashimi was again donated by Capt. Tom Fukunaga (Ret). Bill Oshiro ably coordinated the donors of the beer and soft drinks. Sodas were donated by Victor Yamashita, 1 cs; Allen Nakamura, 2 cs; Isa Takiyama and Kazuma Ogata, 1 cs each. Beer by Yoshiji Aoki, Tad Sakai, Hapa Fujimoto, 1 cs. each and Bill Oshiro, 2 cs. Hapa also donated 1 qt VO & a can of sugar. Paul Takiguchi, 1 btl wine.

Paul & Yuki Takiguchi, Ralph Shishido, and Lani Matsumura labored from early morning cutting the Ahi for sashimi, poke & pulehu'd fish bones for pupu. Kuro Tomasa was sorely missed for shortages which occurred during the day, of this & that. It would never have happened if he was there. Are you listening Kuro? ha!

Lawrence Fujii again showered the group with all kind of plants. Everyone really look forward to taking home the plants, from the ooh's & ah's heard echoing thru the hall. Jacob & Terry Jichaku did a yeoman job in handling the Bingo game & door prizes, handing the winners the goodies purchased by Hide Nakayama such as: Soda, Saimin, Wesson Oil, Folgers Coffee, Tang, Fuji Mai Rice, Crayola, Colored Books, etc. P.K. Matsumoto had his Karaoke sound system so all can be clearly heard. George Matsumoto entertained the group with his harp. Yours truly acted as the M.C. and miraculously ended on time at 7 P.M. as we headed for home after a satisfying day of camaraderie-ship.

Observing the 47th Anniversary Memorial Service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Yoshiji Aoki did a good job in coordinating invitations to the

next-of-kin to take part in the ceremonies. Thru his efforts the following families were there: Mr/Mrs. Richard/Gladys Kashiwaeda (they again left an envelope for the chapter), KIA, Goro Kashiwaeda; Mrs. Matsuno Fujinaka & Hazel Hedani, mother & sister of KIA, Noboru Fujinaka; Mr. Shigeo Okubo, brother of Yoshio Okubo; Ms. Fumiyo Okayama, sister of KIA, Saburo Yoshimura; Mr. & Mrs. Roy/Ritsuko Fukuda, sister of KIA, T. Shigihara; Mr. Gary Horimoto, son of Norima Horimoto and sister of Norima, Mrs. Fujiwara. There were other relatives of Norima present.

In the evening, the 47th Anniversary Banquet was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel, Grand Ballroom on Saturday, March 24, 1990. Seating at 3 tables were the following: Kobe/Chiz Shoji; P.K./Genny Matsumoto; Bill/Lily Oshiro; Yoshiji/Betty Aoki; Kazuma Ogata; Tad Sakai; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Fumio/Michiko Ohashi; Hide Nakayama; Isa/Hilda Takiyama; Kuro Tomasa; Wally/Mabel Kawamura; George Matsumoto; Allen Nakamura & Robert/Lily Sasaki. Robert being the executive secretary was busy getting things in order. The entertainment by Mrs. Lynn Yoshiko Nakasone Dance Studio were well received. The main speaker was Stanley Takamine, V/Chmn Governor's 90th Okinawan Celebration Commission. The costs of drinks was well below the regular Waikiki price. The dinner menu of Prime Ribs and Black Bean Opakapaka was delicious.

REUNION UPDATE -- Altho' the reunion will be over by the time this article goes to press and the next article is 3 months hence in September, thought you'd like to know that Paul Joichi of Michigan and Stanley Takamoto of L.A. were the last registrants, beating the April 15 deadline.

SCHOOL REUNION -- Tad Sakai who volunteered for the 442nd on the mainland will be attending the San Pedro High School, 50th Anniversary on July 14. Tad as you know lived on the mainland for 20 years, living with the Gaffey's most of the time. I've always wondered how come he's so sharp in the accounting at our fund drives without the benefit of a calculator. I've learned that he skipped a grade from 10 to 12, having had enough credits. Smart man this Tad! Have a nice time. I'm sure, feeling of nostalgia will be much in evidence. Who knows, maybe a long forgotten kumu might show up.

RECOGNITION -- Remember Dr. Kenneth Inada who was here last June 15 when he was invited to teach a seminar on Buddhism at UH and also to attend the 6th East-West Philosophers' Conference at the East-West Center and that he left to the chapter a very generous donation of \$300? I came across a very fine article on him in the April edition of the Hawaii Herald which I will report in its entire article.

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Kenneth K. Inada, professor of philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB), was recently recognized with the prestigious Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai's Cultural Award, the first American to receive the honor. Inada traveled to Tokyo last month to receive this award.

A native of Hawaii, Inada was recognized for his distinguished career in Buddhist studies by the Japanese Foundation for the Promotion of Buddhism. The foundation is a private organization representing all Buddhist schools.

Inada has been a faculty member at UB since 1969. He has written, edited and published numerous works on Buddhist studies. He has served two terms as president of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophies, and was recently elected president of the International Society for Chinese Philosophy.

Inada earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Hawaii, a master's from the University of Chicago, and a doctorate in Indian and Buddhist studies from the University of Tokyo. Congratulations, Kenneth!!

SICK CALL DEPARTMENT -- It seems there's nary a month that goes by without a member of ours getting hurt. Even professional carpenter like Cowboy Matsumura can't escape this misfortune. While helping to build a storage for his friend about 2 months ago, he fell backwards of all things while climbing a stepladder. He landed so hard that he received black eye and was kept in the hospital 2 days for observation for possible concussion. It was a scary moment for Marian but he's okay now and his usual self.

Freckles Oshiro was hobbling along on crutches for a while from a badly sprained right foot, when his leg gave way while going up the steps as he relates the incident. He's okay also with the foot still black and blue. Man! the way we're all getting hurt, must be old age! ha!

WEDDING BELLS -- Congratulations to Hide Nakayama on the marriage of his son, Rodney to Jill Nakamura on June 24, 1990. Marriage vows are exchanged at the Waipahu United Church of Christ with reception to be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom. I will not be able to attend the wedding, together with some other members as this will be the day that our friends arrive from the mainland for the pre-reunion in Honolulu.

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

By Herbert Akamine

The Medics that attended this year's March 442 anniversary banquet were the Toshiaki Tanakas, Takashi Nakamuras, Rodney Fujui, Ed Onakas, and Ed's friends, the Suzuo Yamadas who have been their guests for more than 30 years. This year's single table was in contrast to the three tables in previous years. Ed Onaka said he enjoyed the entertainment presented by the Yoshiko Nakasone Okinawan singers and dancers.

We paid our respects to Spark Matsunaga at the state capitol rotunda on April 17. We saw Kuilei Ihara helping at one of the receiving tables. One thing that was never mentioned in the press about Sparky was his acting in Japanese plays at the University of Hawaii. He may have been a spark-plug in sports but he was a true star in the Japanese plays of the UH Theater Guild. He told a friend that the purpose of his participation in theater was to improve his speech. He seems to have had greater designs on the future than other university students of his time.

Dr. William Yasutake wrote that he has been enjoying the 442 bulletin. He said, "I've been following the news of the spectacular Kilauea volcano with great interest - hope to see it one of these days." Maybe his wish will come true when he comes to the Kona reunion.

Vic and Michi Izui sent a generous contribution to the Medics kitty. He wrote "Long time gobusata and gomen. Sad to hear about Tom Nishikawa and Yamane. Both, such nice guys. We're losing friends here right and left, too. One week there were three funerals in a row. We lost Cathy Tanaka last Xmas Eve after a long - long battle with emphysema. Glad she was able to go to Hawaii with us in '79 and she got to meet the Medics. She was George Sawada's kid sister. Hope we can get together with the Medics during the reunion. As usual we've signed up with Item and staying at King Kam."

George Sawada's father went to Seattle from Maui in the early 1900's. At that time there was a large exodus of Hawaii Japanese to Seattle where higher wages in the fishing industry lured them. One of our relatives tried to stow away to Seattle from Hilo but failed twice. For the rest of his life of 50 or more years, he was "Seattle" to all those who knew him.

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By Bruno Yamada

Minoru Suzumoto who really is the eyes, ears and heart of I Company is taking a much needed rest after spending nine days at the Straub Clinic following an operation on April 27. We all wish him a speedy recovery so he can join us at the usual watering hole and also be among all his friends at the forthcoming reunion. Also heard that Sidney Oshiro was hospitalized at the Queens Hospital for fifteen days during which time he had a major operation on his knee. He is resting at home under the wonderful care of wife, Yoshiko.

Deepest sympathy goes to Donald and Barbara Kameda whose mom, Kazu Kameda passed away on April 17 at the age of 101. Mrs. Kameda was also the mother of Fred Kameda who was the first KIA from I Company. We've also learned from Frank Shimada of the passing of George Hiura of Palo Alto on March 31. Although he was 82 years old, he was a very passionate golfer. He was scheduled to join the I Company group in the forthcoming reunion. Our heartfelt condolence to his family.

On the more cheerful side of the news, we heard that Smitty Koga spent two wonderful weeks in Japan. He was invited by his kane-mochi friend who took care of him during his stay which was centered around the Tokyo area. Michi Kato will spend a week in New York City with son, Bert. While there she plans to visit with her sister, Mrs. Aoki who lives in New Jersey. Bella Nagatoshii is also planning on a zeitaku tour in mid-May when she embarks on a two-week luxury Scandinavian cruise.

Before Minoru was admitted to the hospital, he started to write about the 442 Memorial Services which was held at the National Memorial Cemetery on March 24. He was so impressed with the beaucoup turnout among I Company members as compared to previous years, he wants to credit Kazu Takekawa, our Veterans Relation Chairman for a job well done.

Itemites and Itemites at heart who showed up at the services were: Ralph Arashiro, Masa Nakamura, Frank Shimada, Kazuma Oyama, Richard and Nobue Oshiro, Kazu Takekawa and Ichiro Suzuki. Also Saburo Itakura, Al Gokan, Michi and Gary Kato, George Oshita, Mino Suzumoto, Fumio Sato (brother of Takeo Sato), Bruno and Ellen Yamada, Richard Nishioka, Smitty Koga, Donald and Barbara Kameda, Fred Matsumura, Kiyoshi and Gay Sakamoto and Kenneth Okuma.

The May meeting which was moved up one week earlier was fairly well attended. Yukio

Naguwa arrived a little late but made his presence with gifts of kakuma (fern shoots) for everyone in attendance. He also brought a recipe which I will enclose at the end of the news or maybe I should do it right now before I forget. Anyway, it is called:

Kakuma Kako (Sambaizuke taste)

- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup shoyu
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- Chili pepper (optional)

Boil all ingredients mentioned until dissolved. Cool it and add it to kakuma which has been cut in small chunks and drained well. (Use towel to dry if necessary). You'll need a gallon jar for your kakuma. Any questions, call Asayo in Hilo (959-7164).

Congratulations to Dr. Jon Nakagawa, son of Togo and Gloria who performed brilliantly at the recent Merry Monarch Festival in Hilo. Jon was on the winning Halau (Chinky Mahoe) for both the ancient and modern hula. Accolades also goes to Wade Okuma, son of Kenneth and Betty Okuma, whose team from the Kaiser High School took second in the Eastern Section of the Oahu Interscholastic Baseball League and went on to play in the State Championships at the Rainbow Stadium. Although the championship was won by some else, Kaiser High School did very well. Congratulations again to Jon and Wade.

On May 8, Fred Fujimoto, the National AJA Reunion chairman reported that 1677 veterans and their guests have registered for the reunion. Because there were 44 cancellations, registrations are still being accepted; however, the golf tournament with more than 200 entries is definitely closed.

King Kamehameha Hotel will be the headquarters for I Company during the four nights of festivities in Kailua, Kona. It will be time again to shoot the bull and relive and recollect the past. The last count shows 144 participants from I Company.

Not trying to add a little salt in your beer, but Yukio Naguwa tells us that due to the strict policies of the four hotels, things will not be the same as past years. Some of the restrictions mentioned were no cooking, no food or drinks from the outside and everything must be purchased from the establishment. Well, the Hilo gang is looking into this matter and maybe come out with some kind of settlement. (What about K and C rations?)

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As of this writing (5/12), ninety one is the count from the mainland and Oahu who will participate along with the Maui group on Maui. The Maui Beach Hotel in Kahului will be the headquarters for the two nights with festivities at the Maui Palm Hotel and the Kahului Community Center where a barbecue party is planned. The golfers will be playing at the Silversword on July 2 and at the Pukalani on July 3. Transportation shouldn't be a problem here on Maui with quite a number taking the room-car package.

On Oahu the group will increase to over a hundred from the mainland and sixty participants from Honolulu. Forty six rooms will be occupied at the Pagoda Hotel, which is located very conveniently in the heart of Honolulu, close to the largest shopping center in Honolulu, two blocks from the main bus terminal, on the same block with an all night restaurant and one block from the Daiei Market and shopping center.

The hospitality room for the three nights will be located at the Penthouse on top of the Pagoda. Gay and C.B. Sakamoto will be the ones in charge with assists from all the local members. President Terry Aratani will be welcoming and introducing all participants at the China House on the eve of July 3. Mino, Fred, Champ and Ralph will keep you all well entertained at the Victoria Inn on the 4th of July and the final night at the Pagoda Hotel banquet room will be kept as a surprise. We hope this final night will bring to a climax a very memorable reunion for everyone.

Transportation chairmen Kenneth Okuma and Joe Okumoto are trying their utmost to have transportation furnished to and from the airport and also to the golf courses. We shall keep you in touch and maybe when June 27 approaches, we'll have it all figured out.

Golfing will be at the Olomana Golf Course on July 4 with the first group teeing off at 6:42 a.m. The following day, the scene shifts to Mililani where the second half of the 36 hole tournament will be played. The starting time will be 8:00 a.m. for the front and back.

In closing let me give you the inter-island plane schedule for the Honolulu group to Kona. Departure time is Wednesday, June 27, 11:20 a.m. on Hawaiian Airline 314 and arriving at Kona 11:59 a.m. The IA group (46) will depart the same day 2:15 p.m. on Hawaiian Airline 330 and arrive in Kona at 2:54 p.m. On Sunday,

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By Terry Ihara

The Kona NVR Reunion is only seven weeks away, to be followed by our EASY COMPANY MINI reunion in Honolulu on July 1st to the 3rd, means that EASY HONOLULU will be in a holiday mood for all of late June and early July. To provide our visitor friends with "omiyage" to take home, EASY Chapter members wives got together last night, May 8, for a craft workshop at the 442 Clubhouse to create some interesting gifts. The following women were at the workshop: HAZEL OKAMURA, KAY SUGIHARA, JUNE OKA, HIDEKO UESUGI, AMY KANESHIGE, MARY UYEDA, HAZEL MATOI, MARILYN DOT, DORIS TANDO, ELLEN TAMA-SHIRO, CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, MYO NAKASONE and BETTY YONEDA. While the women were busy making gifts, the men, all of 25, had their meeting to discuss plans for the reunion. In addition to the husbands of those 13 women mentioned above, the following 12 members attended the Chapter meeting: EDWIN GOYA, SHIGE YOSHITAKE, TADAO YOSHIMOTO, LAWRENCE IWAHASHI, CHICK TESHIMA, RAYMOND SHIROMA, ALAN TANAKA, HIDEO OTAKE, DON MASUI, KOZUN NAKATA, TADAO YOSHIMOTO and yours truly. With 26 members in attendance, it was the greatest number of members attending an EASY Chapter meeting in a long, long while.

The chairmen of the several committees gave reports which will be finalized at the June meeting. The chairmen are: RAYMOND SHIROMA Hospitality Room; GEORGE TANDO, Transportation; TOMO UYEDA, dinners; LEFTY SUGIHARA, Golf; and SHIGE YOSHITAKE, Around the Island trip. As of this date, there are 38 registered to make the trip. About six to eight EASY Honolulu members and wives will be joining the tour to give the tour some local color.

To recapitulate the agenda for our mini-reunion, arrival information is still incomplete and will not be completed until the Kona Reunion. There are several visitors who are not attending the Kona function but coming to our mini-reunion only. Arrival times for those are in hand. Arrival from Kona after the NVR function may be a problem although EASY HONOLULU members going to Kona will be returning to Honolulu before noon on Sunday, July 1st in time to receive those arriving later that afternoon. Following arrival from Kona the guests will be driven to RAMADA RENAISSANCE HOTEL, formerly the Ala Moana Hotel.

The first EASY mini-reunion function will be a pot luck dinner hosted by Honolulu EASY Chapter members at the HOSPITALITY room, RM 3331. Since most of the time will be spent to renew old acquaintances, there will be no organized program for the evening except to share

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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT for the Period/Month Ended April 30, 1990

Cumulative 1/1-4/30/89	Cumulative 1/1-4/30/90	ACCOUNT TITLE	Month of Feb 1990	Month of Mar 1990	Month of Apr 1990
OPERATING EARNINGS:					
23,034.39	25,175.53	Interest on Loans.....	5,707.09	6,053.49	6,103.80
34,380.90	18,713.42	Income on Svgs Accts.....	3,335.19	5,729.57	4,671.49
10,074.07	15,760.71	Income on Securities.....	3,760.34	4,969.70	3,758.52
1.00	6.58	Fees and Charges.....			6.58
		Other Earnings.....			
67,490.36	59,656.24	TOTAL EARNINGS.....	12,802.62	16,752.76	14,540.39
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
156.82	253.30	Conference/Travel Costs....	66.30	177.00	10.00
1,000.00	1,000.00	Association Dues.....	250.00	250.00	250.00
490.00	125.00	Office Utilities.....		125.00	
		Postage/Communication Costs			
443.29	224.57	Member Educ/Publicity.....	230.00	(5.43)	
181.54	344.00	Stationery & Supplies.....	70.00	274.00	
990.25	880.56	Subscriptions.....	60.00	60.00	435.36
	360.00	EDP Accounting Services....		360.00	
908.00	684.00	Depreciation-Equipment.....		684.00	
		Surety Bond Premium.....			
1,536.93	1,379.56	Borrowers Insurance.....	231.27	391.79	395.42
958.60	1,093.03	Life Savings Insurance.....	364.37	233.26	236.53
370.73	406.44	NCUA Supv/Exam Fees.....		406.44	
750.26	932.80	Annual Meeting Expenses....			
1,579.45	1,347.42	Miscellaneous Expenses.....	300.00	398.54	300.00
2,107.26	2,627.88	Ofcrs/Cmte/Dir Expenses....	94.24	253.42	765.30
11,473.13	11,658.56	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES...	1,666.18	3,608.02	2,392.61
56,017.23	47,997.68	NET OPERATING PROFITS.....	11,136.44	13,144.74	12,147.78
	5.00	Non-Oper. Gains/(Losses)...			
(39,904.73)	(39,384.60)	Less Dividends Pd/Credited..	(10,000.00)	(9,384.60)	(10,000.00)
16,112.50	8,618.08	NET INCOME/(LOSS).....	1,136.44	3,760.14	2,147.78



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of April 30, 1990

Apr 1989	ASSETS	Feb 1990	Mar 1990	Apr 1990
1,120.73	Loans, Delinquent 2 - 6 Months....	2,693.05	9,192.44	9,192.44
	Loans, Delinquent 6 - 12 Months....			
	Loans, Delinquent 12 Months or More..			
1,120.73	Sub-total, Delinquent Loans.....	2,693.05	9,192.44	9,192.44
798,434.41	Loans, Current and Not Delinquent...	790,105.23	825,792.31	831,380.71
799,555.14	Total Loans Outstanding.....	792,798.28	834,984.75	840,573.15
	(Less Allowance for Loan Losses)...			
12,263.73	Cash in Bank.....	85,141.39	61,084.16	79,313.20
339,570.75	Investment Securities, at cost.....	654,743.05	650,669.30	645,582.56
1,075,759.18	Savings/Time Deposits in Banks/S&L...	708,334.33	717,523.77	727,112.78
100.00	Furniture & Equipment, net.....	4,157.00	3,797.00	3,797.00
52,238.00	Interest Receivable.....	46,232.50	44,926.00	45,710.00
6,417.00	Deferred Expenses.....	8,367.44	6,578.00	6,578.00
	Unapplied EDP Disb. Exceptions.....			2,000.00
	Other Assets.....			
21,394.51	NCUSIF Deposit.....	20,459.89	20,459.89	20,459.89
2,307,298.31	TOTAL ASSETS.....	2,320,233.88	2,340,022.87	2,371,126.58
LIABILITIES/EQUITY				
10,000.00	Dividends Accrued/Payable.....	20,000.00		10,000.00
	Unapplied EDP Credit Exceptions.....	1,759.97		1,178.00
2,958.56	Accounts Payable.....	2,902.37	2,931.78	2,938.68
2,007,083.88	Members' Savings Shares.....	1,979,529.00	2,017,288.41	2,035,059.44
100,000.00	Regular Reserves.....	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
171,143.37	Undivided Earnings.....	213,332.38	213,332.38	213,332.38
16,112.50	Net Income/(Loss), Current.....	2,710.16	6,470.30	8,618.08
2,307,298.31	TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY.....	2,320,233.88	2,340,022.87	2,371,126.58
STATISTICAL DATA				
Apr 1989		Feb 1990	Mar 1990	Apr 1990
1	No. Accts. Delinquent 3 - 6 Months.	2	3	3
	No. Accts. Delinquent 6 - 12 Months.			
172	No. Accts. Delinquent 12 Months & ...	150	150	153
	No. Accts. Current, Not Delinquent...			
514	No. Savings Accounts.....	502	503	503
523	No. Savings Potential Members.....	502	503	503
26	No. of Loans Made Year-to-Date.....	9	14	21
4,337	No. of Loans Made Since Organization.	5,384	5,389	5,396
199,678.	Amount Loaned Year-to-Date.....	28,650.	103,574.	135,264
7,671,271.	Amount Loaned Since Organization....	8,022,851.	8,097,775.	8,129,465
10,254.	Amount Charged Off Since Organization	11,861.	11,861.	11,861
3,811.	Amount Recovered on Charge-offs.....	3,811.	3,811.	3,811

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memories and snapshots of that WW II period. There probably will be more slinging of "bull" as attempts to remember the littlest details take front seat.

Monday morning, July 2nd, the men golfers will head for Honolulu Country Club for a tournament beginning at 9:30 a.m. A busload of visitors accompanied by several Honolulu residents will go on an 8 1/2 hour trip around the Island of Oahu at 8:00 a.m. That evening a Chinese dinner is planned for CHINA HOUSE, off the Ala Moana Shopping Center opposite Sears.

Tuesday morning, July 3rd, the golfers will continue tournament play at Mililani Golf Course starting at 10:00 a.m. Women golfers will join the tournament play on this day. For the rest of the visitors, Wednesday is a free day to do what they please. There is shopping to do, places to visit, old friends to contact and there is the beach. In the evening, EASY HONOLULU is hosting the ALOHA BANQUET at Zippys Iwilei ballroom. For those light of feet, there will be dancing to the music of JOHN T. SUZUKI and his electronic band.

Figures produced by GLENN NAKASONE show that there will be 89 mainland visitors plus 54 from EASY HAWAII making a total of 143 of us who will make up, hopefully, a most successful EASY MINI-REUNION. As the aging process takes its toll, memories of the past become dearer and dearer and the need to meet more urgent. EASY COMPANY has always had members, wherever they may be, keenly interested in getting together in reunion so after this one is over, plans will be made for one next year at Seattle or the Bay area in California or at Lake Tahoe. Then there will be a big one in 1993 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team at the place here where it all got started in March, 1943.

MAS SHIOZAKI of Chicago is a student of WWII. He has in his possession documents which details the family of Admiral Yamamoto of the Japanese Imperial Navy. Mas's father was an associate of the admiral. A few years ago, MAS made a special trip to South Carolina and had his picture taken in the company of General Mark Clarke, who, if you remember, was commander of the American 5th Army in Italy during WWII.

WAICHI TAKEMOTO, a retired school principal and teacher is now a very earnest student of the arts. The University of Hawaii System provides tuition free access to the myriads of courses offered at all the campuses of the

University System. WAICHI like most of us, had little exposure to the arts while in the public schools. He is making this up in doubles, taking innumerable courses in ceramics, painting, dance and now music which includes voice. How about that!!! That is what a retired person should be doing -- to widen horizons beyond into the area of arts which in the past was considered not essential in the development of the human mind.

The TAKEMOTOS truly live a full retired life. CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, WAICHI'S better half, also a retired teacher, is heavily involved in work with the Church. As a lay member of her church, she has been traveling back and forth to the mainland and to the Neighbor Islands to attend meetings of one sort or another. Some time last month she had to attend a meeting on this Island and while on her way home she fell asleep at the steering wheel a few blocks from her home. Fortunately, she must have been traveling at a reduced speed as she suffered only minor injuries. She apparently is well enough as she was in attendance at the Crafts meeting at the Clubhouse last week.

It was good to see GEORGE OYAMA at the services for ROSE OKADA. ROSE suffered a massive heart attack a month ago and passed away without regaining consciousness. ROSE was well remembered as a woman, very light of feet, who loved to dance the waltz, cha cha, rumba and other dances. All of EASY will miss her active participation in Chapter affairs and wish to extend our deepest sympathies to HIROSHI and her other survivors. The children of the OKADAS will now be without their most reliable baby sitter. As for GEORGE OYAMA, he looked very well and hopefully, we will see him more often at our Chapter meetings now.

SABURO OUCHI suffered a tragedy recently which no one would wish on anyone. Fire consumed his home leaving him with only the clothes he had on his back. It happened a few days before ROSE OKADA'S services and when TOKUE OUCHI remarked that she had difficulty finding clothes to wear for ROSE'S services, the loss of her home really touched this writer.

Received a letter from KATHY CROWLEY, widow of Captain Tom with a check for \$200.00 enclosed. As a loyal EASY Company Commander, the late TOM CROWLEY always generously contributed to EASY COMPANY functions and as KATHY wrote, "that is what her late husband would have wanted her to do for him." Merci beaucoup, Gratsi, Mahalo and Arigato. Mrs. KATHY and the late TOM CROWLEY.

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Since this Newsletter became a quarterly, omission of an account can become news six months old. Such is the case when this writer failed to mention the heroic deeds of five men who placed flowers on the cemetery plots last December a few days before Christmas. They were HIROSHI OKADA, MASAMI DOI, S.T. OOKA, FLY TAMASHIRO and yours truly.

Over the last three months, three EASY COMPANY VETERANS have been added to the list of EASY burials at Punchbowl. They are SUSUMU MURAYAMA, 2nd Platoon whose ashes are interred in the Mausoleum C-102; HERBERT YOSHIMOTO, who passed away about 2 months ago and is buried in Plot No. V-23; and LAWRENCE NAGASAWA, 2nd Platoon and jeep driver who died about six weeks ago and is buried in Plot No. U-1523. There probably is one other EASY burial which has to be investigated. SUSUMU MURAYAMA of Wahiawa and Waiialua, by the way, passed away about six years ago.

Had a long telephone conversation with the ever helpful HIROSHI OKADA. The suddenness of the death of his late wife, ROSE, and the pressing needs attendant to making final arrangements for laying ROSE to rest has been the source of much stress to HIROSHI at this time. HIROSHI is willing to talk about the problem which is a plus factor. In any event, HIROSHI needs our support and anything we can do to give him that support will help him regain his self confidence as well as his ability to cope with life's day to day problems. Give him a call and/or visit him.

As a final note and related to the discussion above of HIROSHI OKADA, it is time that EASY CHAPTER consider developing an approach to provide assistance to Chapter members in time of need. The stress that engulfs one as has happened in the OKADA case is really more than what one should be expected to face solo. In other words, we who served together in war have a strong bond between us which often times is as strong as that which exist among members of families. Therefore we should organize ourselves so that we can provide each other whatever support assistance necessary to promote a calmer and less stressful resolution of a difficult problem. Thank you.

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July 1, the two groups leave for Kahului on HAL 329 at 12:30 p.m. and arrive in Kahului 12:57 p.m. On July 3, the two groups leave for Honolulu via HAL 119 at 2:00 p.m. and arrive in Honolulu at 2:31 p.m. All flight numbers and time are subject to change.

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by Henry Chagami

He graduated from the University of Washington in 1931, with a B.A. in journalism. Like all writers, he must have dreamt of writing the great American novel. It took almost 60 years at age 83 to realize his dream of having his first novel "Sushi and Sourdough," published by the University of Washington Press.

Tooru Kanazawa's historical novel gives an account of the experiences of Isseis and Niseis in Alaska, starting with the gold rush days of the then U.S. territory. It is based on the lives of Tooru's father and a youthful Tooru. It is very apparent that a great deal of research and composition time went into the novel to satisfy Tooru's high literary standard. The result is a very interesting book, especially where it covers Tooru's many adventures in god forsaken Juneau, Alaska. His command of vocabulary is almost astounding to me and his many excellent descriptive phrases caused me to reread many sentences to savor their beauty. The novel ends when he was sixteen years old in 1922 and about to leave Juneau to continue his education in Seattle, Washington. It was a disappointment that the novel ended at a time so early in his life. But I look forward to his next book which I hope will be soon. I would highly recommend you to read this novel. The book can be bought from the University of Washington Press.

The following are some interesting facts about Tooru. He was born in Spokane, Washington, on Nov. 12, 1906, and went to Juneau when he was 8 years old. He had a photographic memory and was almost infallible at spelling as a student. As an enterprising youngster, he would do almost anything to earn money, such as selling reusable soda water bottles, setting up pins at a bowling alleys and selling brook trout that he caught. At the early age of 12, he worked in a salmon cannery during the summer vacation. After graduating from the University of Washington, he was a reporter for Los Angeles Rafu Shimpō. He moved to New York in 1940 and at age 36 volunteered for the 442nd Combat Team.

Cannon Chapter meeting was held on April 27, 1990, at the Flamingo Chuck Wagon restaurant. A very good turnout of members and wives heard our chapter reunion general chairman John Ushijima present plans for Chapter Night at the private home of a client and friend of his in Kona. Our group will be staying at the Kona Surf Hotel. Other reunion plans include a one-day stay in Hilo, visiting the volcano area before going on to Kona. Post reunion plans to entertain mainland visitors while they stay at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel have been made. President Curly

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Muraoka, vice president George Tonaki, Secretary/Treasurer Kaoru Watanabe and Kazutaka Saiki have been doing a great job with preparations for the reunion. Golfers will be playing one day at Hilo Municipal, two days at Kona Surf and a day at Pearl Country Club.

There will be a total of 85 members, wives and friends attending the Kona reunion. An additional 26 people on Oahu will be participating to entertain the mainland visitors while they are in Honolulu. Those who will be in attendance at Kona are Mary & Eric Andow, Henry Chagami, Osame & Arthur Doi, Martha, Elaine & Masa Enomoto, Linda & Willie Fujioka, Alfred Goto, Honey & Gerald Gustafson, Mariko & Takeshi Hanami, Reiko & Thomas Hanami, Marian & Shuki Hayashi, Shiz & Shig Hinatsu, Tooru Kanazawa, Mary & John Kashiki, Keiko & Charles Kobayashi, Juliana & Jesse Kitagawa, Helen & Manuel Kitagawa, May & Dr. Masaru Koike, Mitsue & Kazuyuki Kudo, Sakae Kunishige, Irene & Lincoln Maeda, Betty & To Makabe, Sue & Everett Matsui, Yuri & Naoki Misawa, Mitsie Miya, Takeshi Mizukami, Mamoru Morita, Yukie & Tsukasa Murakami, Takeshi Muraoka, Chieko & Alan Nagawa, May, Karl, Mathew, Stewart & William Nitta, Katherine & Wallace Nunotani, Reiko & Charles Oda, June & Masami Ohara, Akira Okamoto, Larbara & Tom Okino, Faye Osako, Yukisada Oshiro, Judy & Kazu Saiki, Norman Sato, Norma & Edwin Shorey, Sumi & Frank Sugihara, Ellen & Tosh Suyematsu, Tooru Taguchi, Ruby Taki, Alice & Norman Ugai, Margaret & John Ushijima, Isabel & Kaoru Watanabe, and Samuel Yoshinari. The additional 26 people who will be participating in activities on Oahu are Natsuko Chagami, Dora & James Kamo, Ethel Kunishige, Mary & John Mikasa, Toki & Kiyoshi Taba Yoshiko & Fred Tanigawa, Margaret & George Tonaki, Nancy & Thomas Inouye, Edith & Keiji Kawakami, Florence & Charles Kubota, Yoshiko & Itsuo Nakamura, Dorothy & Tamotsu Takahashi, Clara & Yoshio Terashima and Mieko & Nadao Yoshinaga.

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When this news article was being prepared, the Chapter Reporter learned that Minoru Nagasako's younger brother, Allan Hichiro Nagasako, succumbed to the dreaded cancer on April 28 at the too early age of 66. Allan is survived by sons, Roy and Carl; two brothers, Minoru and Shiro; a sister, Mrs. Mitsue Miyasato; and three grandchildren. Memorial service was held on May 1 at Diamond Head Mortuary. The Chapter also extends its deepest sympathy to the Nagasako families.

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By Harold Fukunaga

Reunion News

By the news article deadline date of May 15th, our tabulation shows that we expect 74 Mainlanders to be present at our welcome banquet on July 1. We'll have 71 the following night at our Sayonara Chinese dinner at China House. The response to our questionnaires sent out almost a year ago, has been tremendous, never expecting these results. Now that we know how many are coming, we'll try to show them a good time during their short post reunion in Honolulu.

The reunion committee, headed by Harold Fukunaga, has many able sub-committee chairmen in Hiromi Suehiro handling the Pagoda Hotel accommodations and dinner accommodations at Pagoda and China House; Taketo Kawabata handling the transportation assignments; Fred Ida handling the 2 golf tournaments at Mililani Golf Course and Honolulu Country Club and souvenir T shirts and shell leis; Speed Tanna handling the hospitality room requirements and sightseeing, with assistance from Ray Handa, Whitey Nakayama and Takeshi Onuma; and Al Amii has developed a spread sheet, which shows the names of all our Mainland visitors, dates and times of arrival and departures by airline, attendance at the dinners, participation in the different events scheduled on July 1, 2, and 3.

The tentative lineup for the reunion are:

Sunday, July 1 - Arrivals from Kona and Maui by Mainlanders.
 " " 1 - Welcome dinner at Pagoda
 Monday, July 2 - Golfing at Mililani Golf Course
 - Sightseeing
 - Shopping
 - Catamaran Ride
 - Sayonara dinner at China House
 Tuesday, July 3 - Golfing at Honolulu Country Club
 - Some Mainland departures
 Wednesday, July 4 - Most Mainlanders will leave today
 Thursday and Friday, July 5 and 6 - The remaining Mainlanders will leave.

Just to make sure that everything was planned properly, Speed Tanna, our chapter President, called a meeting on May 10th, with our wives participating. They were apprised of all the events which were planned. Taketo Kawabata had a listing which showed which Mainlanders we were supposed to pick up at the airport. Fred Ida had the souvenir T shirts

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available for payment and pick up by the members. The wives were asked to assist in the hospitality room, driving some of the visitors on sightseeing tours and assist in shopping. All in all, it should be a reunion with excellent participation, based on the enthusiasm shown by the members and the wives.

Investment Club Dinner

The George Investment Club held its quarterly dinner on April 21st at the Swiss House in Niu Valley Shopping Center. It was a nice drive away from the crowded Waikiki. This restaurant is quite popular, even though it is away from the crowded areas. We were fortunate in having our reserved table set up, so we didn't need to wait, as some other unfortunate customers were required to do.

The food was good, judging from the responses of our members. Most ordered seafood and chicken, while a few ordered steak. The delicious dessert highlighted the meal. One thing that didn't look too good, especially during these days. The waiter tried to "push" too many drinks. He kept saying, "Don't worry, tonight's Saturday night, so you don't have to hold back on your drinks." Fortunately our members were cool headed and disregarded his remarks. The manager should tell the waiter to lay off "pushing" drinks, especially when bars and restaurants can be cited for contributing to a customer being DUI.

Shiraishi - Kawabata Challenge Match -

By Fred Ida

The Ala Wai Golf Course on April 18th was the scene of the first Kawabata - Shiraishi Challenge Match. It was on a Wednesday, and when Taketo called to invite me to join the foursome, without hesitation I accepted, leaving my regular at Waialae short one. Speed Tanna made up the other leg.

Mike, for a change, was feeling no pain. In preparation, he had taken a triple dose of pain killer prior to going to the 1st tee. He immediately made it known that if he couldn't win with his clubs, he was going to win it with his mouth.

Taketo played a very steady game, forcing Mike to make a 7 footer on the 3rd hole to stay even. On the 4th, Mike drew 1st blood with a bogie to Taketo's double. On the par 3 No. 8, Taketo's attempt for a par just rimmed the cup as Mike's approach hit the pin squarely for a gimie par. Speed was accused of giving his brother-in-law a 7 foot putt. The first nine

ended with Taketo's double bogey to Mike's par, when he missed a 6 footer for a birdie. Score: Taketo 45; Mike 41. It was a well played round by both participants and still very close.

Both bogeyed the 10th (old 13th) and then it happened on the 11th (old 14th). Taketo made an easy par by getting on in 2 and almost made a birdie. Mike struggled by having an unplayable on the right side near the canal, then getting in the ditch and ballooned to a 9. Now the 4 stroke lead that Mike had on the tee disappeared and he was down by a stroke. Exciting? Hell, this was like watching the Masters on TV.

Nothing happened for the next 3 holes -- at this point, Mike's pain came back and he began rubbing his shoulder. Taketo was sure that Mike was feeling pain and getting tired. They approached the 15th (old 18th). Taketo put his ball in the water, his second landed on the canal wall, just inches from the water. Gaining relief, he put his next in the ditch and counted 10 strokes, while Mike made a bogey 5. Taketo made a vain try during the remaining holes, but it was not to be. It was a rare privilege to watch two determined gladiators, jockeying for position. Looking back, not for Taketo's 10, the match could very well ended up even.

The foursome ended up at Hee Hing for a wonderful dinner hosted by the loser. When I called Dolores, to tell her that I wouldn't be home for dinner and to call Judy, Edna and Lillian with the same info, she said it all when she asked, "Who won?"

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boy, Izumi has been on the mainland most of his life. Much mahalo to Chapter members who directed parking at the recent 442nd Memorial Service at Punchbowl. Lyn Cross has assisted Dachau Project by forwarding Dachau research information to various interested people and organizations. Dan Valk, our friend from New York, will be at the Kona Reunion and also in Honolulu for the Post Reunion. Capt Andrews and family also registered for the Kona Reunion. Hiroshi Kato golfed with chapter golfers in April and displayed a smoothly grooved swing. Next, Ladies and White Elephant night will be at the Clubhouse on August 25th.

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1990 KONA REUNION

Co-General Chairmen, Tommy Kiyosaki & Walter Matsumoto announced that everything's all set and ready to go. So, Kona, you gotta be ready because we (232nd Engrs/Band) stay coming.

47TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Golf Tournament

This popular annual tournament got things underway and was held at Hickam, one of the better golf courses on the island, early Friday morning on March 23. Mits Honda, Hichi & Walter Matsumoto participated and that's all. Playing their usual unspectacular game their best wasn't good enough to win, place or show -- not the first time. The bright side is, there's always next year.

Memorial Service

Field Saturday morning, March 24 at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific. Ancora was da-kine yakeru and kogeru type blistering hot day like last year. Three of our buddies' widows attended; Eleanor (Yoshinobu) Ando, Barbara (Roscoe) Haruki, and Grace (Yoshitomo) Mitsuka. Ever dependable/reliable Hazel (Walter) Matsumoto again volunteered her services to call all the widows to get as many as possible to attend. She is a gem. Another one of them behind-the-scenes hardworker -- no can thank them enough. In the 442 Choral Group that rendered three selections; "This Is My Country," "Kanaka Wai Wai" and "Let There be Peace On Earth" were Eleanor Ando, Millie Honda, Eddie Kawamoto, Hichi & Janet Matsumoto and Joe Sato. Meni mieta people sitted in the audience were Walter & Hazel Matsumoto, Masa & Yvonne Yamasaki & Barney Zenigami. The two charming ladies passing out the programs for the morning's service were our Mary (Doc) Kawamoto & Lily (Calvin) Yasuhara. Was plain and simple and yet nice service. Only thing that could have made it better was if more people took the time to attend. After all, it takes at the most wasukana two hours of one Saturday morning.

The Banquet

The 47th Anniversary Celebration ended with the Annual Banquet Saturday night at the Pacific Beach Hotel. A nice, good looking, clean cut and tall happa hiale young man, well mannered and very respectful of others, sat at our table. And guess what, he turned out to be Kosuke Imori's son-in-law, married to his youngest daughter.

Introducing himself, his speech and mannerism so refine and articulate, we thought for sure he was from the mainland and if from here (Hawaii) a product of Punahou. Are dokoroka, him from Kalihi (our furusato) and from Richard Lane yet-- the very heart of Kalihi. When he said he went to Kalakaua Intermediate & Farrington High School, there was a loud thud heard -- that was Masao Yamasaki falling from his chair. And him (Kosuke) son-in-law, forgot the name) ga inuru toki, thanked the people sitted at our table for showing him an enjoyable evening. Kochira koso, with open arms welcomed his presence. This young man oozes with class. Who said Kalihi get only furyo shonens. Oh! The banquet? It was like the other 46.

YUKI MATSURI

Tooto after much deliberation, we were able to take in the ever-so popular and much talked about and Hawaii kara etto mini iku Snow Festival in Sapporo, capital city of Hokkaido. B'rrrrrrr totemo samukatta. "Bakani tsukeru kusuri wa nai" is a famous and often used aged old Japanese koto waza. The person that coined that phrase must have been one akamai bugga and could have been speaking from experience. Mirayo, hard earned (retirement annuity) money etto tsukote go freeeze da behine side. Just saying meniota is not emphasizing it too strongly.

Not moloha or trying to goof off on our part but we were forced to delay this article to a later edition because no can help, try as we did and nambo kangaetemo nannimo kangae dasan. A losing battle. Needed time out to thaw out the frozen natta brains. Now, we know the true meaning, when guys say, numb skull. How soon (about 45-46 years) a man forgets, looks like we never suffer enough or wasuretoru from the bitter winter cold while in Camp Shelby, the wilds of Mississippi and overseas. That time no can help, we had no choice but forced to stick'em out because "Uncle Sam" ordered us to do so. This one (trip) by our own (da good wife) choice, so no more too much room for any kind monku. But still yet baka mita.

The uniform of the day (everyday) was to wear whatever could be put on and some more on top of that, that even a yaseta yagi looks and pass for one koeta buta. Just layers and layers of shitagi upon shitagi. You try it, kyukutsuna yutara. Your try anything to nukumoru yourself.

Jap-pahn nara anytime and how often (okane sae areba) yorokonde iku. The selling point is the food, especially. Notably da kine boo-coo variety of oshinkos, junjun ni narabete laid out for display on the counters and the best part is

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you can go try'em all of 'em and just keep on sampling and no cost you nothing. The only thing to make it complete is musubi and lots of it. You tell us what could smell better than the variety of narazuke, rankyo and related goodies no aroma go floating throughout the shopping centers and arcades. Even Chanel #5 ni makeyasen. Yodare ga dondon nagareru hazu. We consider that the hi-lite of any trip.

We like to call ourselves well-seasoned travelers but never in the past, so much time and effort was spent fussing around with the trip ni motte iku 'wardrobe.' To help lessen the load us "smart" guys trying to beat the game anyway we can, were thinking of packing only about half the necessary clothing needed, more so the underwears. The trick was turning da sarumatas and jibans inside out every other day. Pretty cool, huh. Our nephew Brucie's brainchild. Good wife kara shikarareta, she muttering under her breath something like, "You going smell, you know." Like who da guy say, "What's being a little stink among friends."

1972 Japan hajimete itta toki with the 442 kanko dan (had audience with the then Crown Prince Akihito & Crown Princess Michiko) the yen no value was chodo 298/299 kurai datta. When we went with the (Tommy) Kiyosaki kanko in 1985, da stuff was down to 213/214. Kondo was 144/145 so, yura ikutsumori dattara, no guzu guzu, hurry up and go because the exchange going only da kine.

Odon tachy yappari Nipponjin jya. Through the years visited numerous places like Europe, Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mexico and countless number of yumeina places in the good old USA was good and enjoyed immensely but once ittara takusan and 'nuff. The Neighboring Islands and Las Vegas are the exceptions. Doko sandon saruita. The old country nara no seem to get to go often enough. In fact, modotte kara not quite yet fully thawed out from the sub-freezing Hokkaido cold, the wives already (okane tsukau no jyosu and no more fukeiki with them) talking about go see the back side of Japan -- Ura Nihon. Mainly go for abiru in the onsens made popular by TV. The big selling poing was watching one of our favorites "Soko Ga Shiritai." The other one we watch is "Ohzumo Digesto." No more. We were wondering honto ka, so many (Japanese people) of them spending so much time cleansing their bodies. B.O. must be unheard of in Japan. A big plus for us is, we're putting to full use and getting our money's worth for our daibun harota acquired passport.

Small kid time, our mom always used to tell

us kids, "Nihon was totemo ii toko ga aru, sodake shimbo sete okane wo tamete ippen gurai ikan nara." Those weren't the exact words but something in the neighborhood. Not then but now believe. The first trip more than convinced us.

Sekkaku traveling thousands and thousands of miles, not to mention going through 19 or was it 5 different time zones was thinking nasake nai if we didn't at least go try and taste the TV kookoku ni yoh deru Sapporo Biru. Hey, ajikiite matara not bad and wanting to help the local economy, we all had a few (cases) whenever we had the urge, which was often enough. Price of beer? What the heck, you like make like one tourist, you (suffer and) pay the tourist price. In other words, no be manini.

THE SNOW FESTIVAL

The show case of the Snow Festival in Sapporo was mainly at the Makomanai and Odori Parks. Grand display of ice formations and carvings-- boo-coo of 'em. Something very unusual and interesting as well. For details, better go see 'em yourself, no can describe 'em and do justice-- so fantastic. Ukupaila people (tourists like us and locals) mulling throughout. Well worth the while going to see once but not twice--mainly due to the food. Plenty of that high cholesterol stuffs like crabs, lobsters, oysters, clams and more and more of the same. Was like that throughout Hokkaido and the northern part of Honshu. A common sight was seeing so many guys taking not one but several different kinds of pills with their meals. If and when should we weaken and decide to give it a try once again, we'll make darn sure and bring along a kaban packed full of the old standbys like spam and vienna sausage for starters. For sure we'll be the most sought after during breakfast. Was freezing (0' c) temperature bit were well prepared for any eventuality and all the sekkaku kota winter wear minna make use seta. We paid good money and went to see snow and weren't disappointed, the weather cooperated 100%. Chumon seta yohna, snowed everyday.

FUJI SAN

What a marvelous/grand spectacle, ichiban, the ultimate. You get turkey skins and kuchi akete miru. To get the full impact, you gotta be there in person, no can describe the sensation. On arriving at Lake Kawaguchi's Hotel Highland Resort in Yamanashi Ken late afternoon was snowing like it did everyday and the weather was bleak and visibility next to nothing. Chances of the weather clearing up the following day on a scale 1-10 was "0". No can see nothing. But the following morning, picture window no drapes akete

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outside miruto, holy mackerel, the Grand Old Lady in all it's splendor was mammae, directly in front it seemed, looked so close that you felt as though you could just reach out and touch her. The photographers had a field day, going for broke with their cameras. Covered with snow, well below the half way level. Breath taking and totemo kireina. The heart went skip a couple of beats and went up the throat. Our plush hotel, one of the five lakeside hotels at five different locations was ideally located at the base of Fuji-san. Our own Diamond Head is world reknown and something to admire and brag about but sonovagun, this Grand Old Lady is something else and no take no back seat to anything in sheer beauty. Plain and yet.... We must have been on our very best behavior if not she wouldn't have presented herself so majestically, so we were told. We were so fortunate, our first time there and look. Arigatai. Fujiyama probably was the first thing learned in the Kalihi Japanese School, chiri class. Now, it's referred more to as Fuji-san.

NASU IN FUKUSHIMA

A fabulous hotel complex (this is one of two places we slept on tatami) with a theatre and shopping mall, way up in the snow covered mountains, something like a castle in the sky. The Tenno Heika has a besso nearby. It's more like a playground for da daibun okane aru people. We made like one during our one day stay there. Like they say, you got it, flaunt it. And you know what they say too, retirees get all the money. Can you top this, they even had a band (in full dress uniform too) waiting to greet us at the hotel's entrance, a group of nobodies from far away Hawaii. As though that wasn't enough everybody in the party of 44 received an omiyage from the management, our leader Ichi Nakamura no okage samade. Coming home to Hawaii victorious from the war, never get nothing--not even coffee or donut. Of the unexpected welcoming delegation, now embarrassing, but everybody loved it though. To us by far the No. 1 attraction of the evening during our stay there was our 3 Nightingales (or mynah birds) going up on stage and singing accompanied by a real live band of all professionals. The numbers sung were "Otoko Bune," each singing a verse and for encore (imagine) in unison, "Hoshi Kage No Waltz." Dumbo where they picked it up but the three lovelies was introduced as "The Three Cherries." Cherries???? Da Sammin no sakuras felt at least 10' tall having a once in a lifetime thrill of having the kleig and spotlights ala Las Vegas, thrown at them on center stage. Let's say, they have "arrived." But the most fun part was while going up on stage, the girls go sort of go push one another, "You go first, you go first," you know Hawaii style. On

stage ikitoote moten noni go make lilibit enryo like. The "other" show that followed was an all girls (similar to Takarazuka show) revue, plenty legs with all the frills. The instant stars' reward for their Academy Award performance was the tape of the songs they sang. This here theatre is something like on the strip in Las Vegas, dinner and then followed by live musical show on stage, only a little on the lesser scale. Several nights later, was it Zao, the girls again put on a show. This time with a Hawaiian theme, so went under the banner of "The Three Borots" ---Glad, Mil & Jan. Oh! in Nasu was Japanese so, was Hideko, Toshiko and Yukie. Don't breathe a word to anyone but they made their spouses so "Proud." We had an excellent bunch of people in our tour group, bless them. All local Nihonjin about the same age and retired. Very cooperative, no monku, they sit and listen and appreciate (?) the music.

ZAO

Da teppen at Mt. Zao was under a blanket of at least 6' or 7' of hardened snow, so we were told by a ski-lift attendant. Was cold, cold, cold, hanashi ni naran. Man alive, with just a minimal stir of breeze even the covered pepeyau more like fall off and the face like crack. All the trees and everything frozen stiff to all kinds of ice formations imaginable. Then to us was the coldest spot in the world. Going up to the peak on the rope/cable car, reminded us of going up Mt. Pilatus in Lucerne, Switzerland. And in typical Japanese fashion, enryo nashi pack you in like sardines. They more than double the capacity and nantomu omowan. By far was the coldest place visited. Even da atsugaris turn into instant samugaris. Agyan samudatta. The no can describe breathtaking and beautiful scenery soften it somewhat and made it bearable. Snow is a thing of beauty but sugu agu when it starts to tokeru, especially.

MIHASHI TETSUYA

Meeting face to face with Mihashi Tetsuya, actor, producer, businessman in Tokyo, the feeling was now, doh yutara iika. Anyway, had the pleasure of chatting and shaking hands with him too. Shake hands seta ato never like wash the hand but gave up the idea because nani setemo kanawan eh, with only one (left) hand. Imagine, being hosted to a yukkuri dinner (a fabulous one that took more than two hours) by a VIP in Japan. Us guys tashita monja. All because of being a friend of Gladys (Dee-ku) Uyemura. Like they say, who you know helps a lot. Being one of them guys not too keen on watching or following Japanese TV programs, we may have or may have not seen or heard of him in the past. But as of the handshake (a firm one)

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and dinner too, a fan of his for life. A gentleman, shin kara and even a celebrity and a big name in Japan, comes down to meet us at our level to entertain us, him ga entirely shiran and hajimete laid eyes on people. Da okusan, who was a former actress was antonan too. Our host has been to Hawaii on numerous occasions in the past and by far his favorite on anything whatsoever, enjoyed nothing more than having his fill of kim-chee, no not any kind; gotta be the one with the Kohala brand. The Mihashi/Uyemura deep friendship was hatched way back when on one of his earlier visit to Hawaii from Japan when he was still yet a nobody, Gladys' mother befriended him and kawai gatte yoh sete yatta. He must have been born in the year of the elephant because atari maemo mon nara, unintentionally of course forget suruga, but not him, even in later years a big name nattemo. Autograph dokoroka, so shook up meeting a real live star, never even think about da kine stuff. In a group picture taken at the restaurant for posterity, he had his arm wrapped around our shoulder. Now honestly, you tell us, how can you not but admire and take to a person like that. Hana mo tako nashi and no need to hold back and very easy to storyup with. Ahem, credit us for kiwo tsukote not using da arai yuga, miga hyobolic kind language. And da okusan is no different, a down to earth person and teineini go tsugu biru for us guests. Just meeting the gentleman and his lady was well worth the trip to Japan. The restaurant that we went to is a story in itself. No was da kine on the main drag with all the glittering and flashing neon lites but the side street semi-kurai mama-san, papa san operated kind place. They specialize in Kyoto-ryori. You one regular/steady customer, they hang one chochin with your name on 'em. Lots of well known stars had their names on. Neat and clean as well. Not only that, this was the kind place, even how much direction you get and nambo sageshite mo, mitsuke dasan.

P.S. Modotte kara impatiently waiting to see any of him ga haitoru movies but sonovagun, no more nothing yet.

JAPAN TRAVEL BUREAU TOUR LEADER/GUIDE

Mr. Tsuchi-YAH of Nago-YAH, him mada oboetoru? That name rings the bell? Remember or not he was Bus #1 Group Leader/Guide during the 1972, 442nd kanko to Japan. Anyhow, if our memory serves us correctly, upon conclusion of that 1972 assignment, his plans then were to return home and take over the management and day to day operation of the family farm, he being da chonan. But somehow omou yohni ikan datte because after some 18 years have come and gone, he is still with JTB, in what capacity, we don't know. Anyway,

during one of our conversations with our tour leader on this trip, also of JTB, asked him if by chance Tsuchiyah san shittoruka. Answered, "Oh yes, he one of the veterans and still with JTB". Going further, "He and my father knows each other real good." Our Leader/Guide, Jun Katayama, Yakudoshi age, personable and nice scholarly looking young man, lives in Sendai with his wife and two kids. Lilibit on the reserved and otonashii side, the book worm type, could speak fluently several languages including Chinese and Taiwanese. Born and grew up in Taipei as a child. Of course with our group, spoke both in Eigo and Nihongo but omo in English. You'll agree with us, when we say that some things could be explained way better and easier in Japanese than in English and with far fewer words. Jun-san, that's what the ladies called him, being respectful and him being about their older children's age, takes tour groups to the U.S., Europe, Australia, etc.

HAWAII TOUR GROUP LEADER

Our Hawaii Leader, Ichi Nakamura, we're not saying he is the best (to each his own), but some hard to beat. How we size him up. He no try put on any kind smoke screen or camouflage or any kind furi or shibai, he just be himself. The language just like the majority of us guys, pidgen and you no hear any of the tongue twisting "th" or "er" baloney, just our speed. He being in this travel business for some 26 years or something like that, get all kinds of connections. At a number of hotels and restaurants (all first class) had huge, in bold letters too, welcoming the Ichi Nakamura Tour Group from Hawaii, that's us guys yo. Shopping Arcades (what a rat race) ni ittemo, store proprietors kyoso yohni calling out, "Hawaii kara kita Nakamura-san no kumi, kochira desuyo." Eh no fool around boy, they make your time worth your while visiting with them because tonari mise yorimo, shina mono yasusete kureru. You no go wrong, when you with him--that's speaking from experience. And him and the wife for spoil everybody, always passing out all kinds of goodies like mochi, manju, okashi, the delicious anko kaki, and other mezurashii stuffs in the bus. No get chance to get hungry.

BUS GIRL

The Bus Girl that pointed out the local places of interest around the Kusatsu area and points south--her personality and style was so pleasing and yasashii, one cannot help but like her. Not only did she lead the bus in singing what else but, "Kusatsu yoi towa dokkoi sho." Nanisetemo or yattemo, yoh kiwo kikasete and always lending a helping hand. The bus girls all were courteous and teineina but she gets our vote

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for number one.

BUS DRIVER

The bus driver on the same bus was by far the best of the numerous drivers that was assigned to our group. Always on the alert, always on the move and ready to assist anyway he could and did. No guzu guzu but hashitte did things. At every stop (at the tourist traps) as the people would dismount, while bowing he would address each and everyone with a crisp, "Hai, itte irasshai." Returning to the bus the same thing. He must have been a non-com in the army or something like that, his speech and actions were sharp. He made up for some BA-NA-NAS, like the one that took us into Tokyo, our last stop.

FABULOUS CUISINES

The Wanko Soba lunch at Morioka, a first time experience was a riot. Da kyakusans, all narande sits on tatami floor facing each other on a long rows of tables and waitresses, several for each table parades up and down the aisles, between the tables and in the back of the serve suru people, carrying trays (kasanete) full of cooked and prepared and ready to eat soba in teshio size mini-plates (five mini-plates equals to one regular serving) and with the twist of the wrist slip 'em in your chawan-size bowl as soon as you gulp (you no can chew-mani awan) one down. Went on until you full or akira mete got tired of wiping the mess (soba) after they splash 'em and/or smear 'em in your nostrils and mentama. Da megane kaketuru people need windshield wiper. Simply described--was ways. Oh yeah, for your protection, nuren yohmi, you were given an apron to maku around you. Being sermon at their chosen profession, the waitresses were accurate in their delivery but at times wazatto go make pake hemo to liven things up, you know, put on a show. Bull or not, the restaurants (Wankoya) record for one sitting is 218. Our group's best was in the proximity of 40. What do you expect, furui inkyo-sans bakkari noni.

Zao Echo Hotel dimer was a novelty too. Notable thing was, needed all of 16 different dishes to serve the complete meal and just for one person. Took up so much table space, two guests sat where ordinarily four would sit. The servings a little of everything was good.

TRANSPORTATION

Even for the potot guys like us, the seats on the busses (all brand new) were on the lilibit semai side. Must have been really kyukutsuna for the bigger guys. Subways! (aremo notta), that's

'the mind boggling place. Japan now get 123,000,000 people. You'd think they are all down there. Peak hours osoroshii yutara, they no only walk over you, they take you with them. And you come up on street level, just as many people and never did see two guys looking alike. Da busses yo, get color TV and karaoke too. The leader rascal bugga, when things get sukoshi on da shizukana side, hyokutto go sneak in the parental guidance kind monpick-cha that mitara mega potto sugu sameru kind. No fool around, boy, they know their stuff.

The ferry from Hakodate to Aomori through the Tsugaru Straits have been replaced by brand new ones. Comfortable cabins for all passengers and several good sized lounges with all the conveniences and where we saw live from Tokyo, the heavyweight title changed hands. We saw too on live TV in Aomori the following day, David Ishii winning the Hawaiian Open. He is popular in Japan the country being gorofu kichigai.

Just so we can say, we rode the snowmobile (the odometer must have gone around at least a dozen times) even for just a couple of "blocks", did so at Kusatsu Spa, up in the snowy mountains. This was the only place geisha girls (more like our age) entertained Maken yohmi otagaeni our group reciprocated.

The stewardesses on JAL, unlike the American carriers with the ba-sans, all young and pleasing to look at.

YUKIMATSURI - SHORTS

Outside was freezing cold, bus or building in haittara, on da nukui, in fact hot side due to the amount of clothing worn, so people excess clothing hemo suru nagara, would grumble something like, "mendo kusai diskine, kimono kitari nuidari," which made us recall a poem from school days that went, "As a rule, a man's a fool, when it's hot, he wants it cold, when it's cold, he wants it hot, always wanting what is not."

What makes guys like us go back namben demo to the old country is they make you feel good, important, build your ego, cater and takes care of you (your money especially). Entering a hotel, restaurant, dept. stores, etc., they irasshai mase you with a low courteous bow and warm welcome so at times iran noni, weaken and buys.

Tommy Kiyosaki, who went to Japan several days prior to us, paid our group a visit at Keio Plaza Hotel in Sapporo. A hometown friend is always a pleasant sight and welcomed any time any place. We wanted to have dinner together but being a well-known and popular sports figure in

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Japan (more in the advisory capacity), shikata nashi had to kotowaru our (Hondas, Matsumotos & Uyumuras) invitation and hokan mon (Japan people) to deta.

Being together day and night for two weeks, felt lilibit sabishii when a couple, the first in the group left for home. The following day, the bulk of the group left. Then the following day our group of six and still yet after us the last group of four. This tour group was somewhat of a rarity with two brothers and a sister, two sisters and two brothers with their spouses. Wonderful traveling companions. We repeat, this tour personnel was a rarity in more ways than one. You the earlier one's to leave, da ato no people miokuru you to da bus in front of the hotel and bid you sayonara. The last guys no problem, our Tour leader Ichi Nakamura, took care of that. Him the kind guy, he gotta katazakeru everything or kiga suman type.

There is an old Japanese expressions, "Aruite hoga hayai," This actually happened and saw it with our very own eyes, on our way from the Keio Plaza Hotel in Shinjuku to Narita Airport in the bumper to bumper traffic. A guy in a taxi cab sugu in front of us, nagai kao sete got out of the cab and walked. Yep, seeing is believing.

Noticeable improvement in the rest rooms from the last trip in '85. And the '85 one was a vast improvement from the first visit in 1972. So, hayo ikan nara, you going miss our experiencing a part of old Japan. Because at the rate they are getting things done, they'll have it corrected in the very near future. We knew we were in Japan when a local national (more like a inakappe) after relieving himself and emerging from the benjo, ookina koede to his friend, "Oi, shonben batta bai."

Experienced a mild earthquake while relaxing at Keio Plaza Hotel in Shinjuku. A gentle rolling like tremor. Knew what it was the instant it occurred but never did panic, no need to because all the high rises in Japan are designed and built to withstand earthquakes, so says the hotel manual that are placed in the hotel room drawer for your consumption. We were on the 16th floor.

Was our second time around at Keio Plaza Hotel in Sapporo and Shinjuku. The Sapporo one and vicinity, no noticeable changes. But the surrounding neighborhood of the Shinjuku one, odoraito of the construction going on. Several high rises, just as tall as the Keio Plaza and taller one coming up. Was at 45 stories and still counting when we were there. That replaces what was a former spacious ballfield where kids were

able to play four baseball games simultaneously--that big an area. The poor kids, where they going now--Pachinko Parlors?

One of the best investment was getting a snow shoe. Kept the luau feet dry and warm and so comfortable, wore 'em all the way home.

The low point of the trip and only unpleasant thing encountered was the number of young mada student age girls, now they take to smoking cigarettes. Ibatte like, puffing away. Make you hagaii. You like shake 'em up and choke 'em.

Feeling the effects of the one night stands nearing the end of the trip, the gut feeling was hereon in, say a week long junket to Las Vegas would be da max. But like they say, "Time heals all wounds."

Mada etto aru but bambai the editor monku, eh.

SHIGEMI TOM (S.T.) FUJIOKA MEMORIAL SERVICE

EULOGY: by Walter T. Matsumoto

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are gathered here this evening, to pay our last respects and to bid Aloha to our comrade-in-arms and dear friend, the late Shigemi Tom Fujio-ka, more familiarly known to many of us as S.T. He passed away on Saturday, March 31, 1990, at the Kaiser Medical Center, following a long and losing battle with the mysterious and fatal ailment, known as Alzheimer's Disease. He was 79 years and 4 months old. Just 8 months short of 80. He was enjoying a well-deserved retired life, when afflicted by this dreaded incurable illness.

S.T. was born in Mountain View, on the Big Island, on December 4, 1910, the youngest in a family of two sons and two daughters of the late Mr. & Mrs. Hidekichi Fujio-ka, who came here near the turn of the century from Hiroshima, Japan. As a youngster, the family moved to Kakaako, Honolulu, where he grew up. He attended Pohukaina School and McKinley High School. He worked for a while at a Neon sign firm, then went to California in 1929, when he was 19. He settled in Guadalupe, and like most nisei's there, toiled in the produce fields. For pasttimes, he participated in all forms of sports, and with his rugged Kakaako upbringing, he excelled in boxing. He fought well in the amateur ranks, and even contemplated a professional career.

In 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Then in January, 1943, when President Franklin

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Roosevelt issued a call for AJA's volunteers on the mainland and Hawaii, to form a regimental combat team, S.T., despite his age at 32, volunteered and was accepted. He was assigned to the 232nd Combat Engineer Company of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, where he eventually found himself in the 3rd Platoon. This was the beginning of a friendship, that was to run continuously over the next 47 years.

S. T. was always in good physical shape, and despite being 10 years older than his compatriots, he had no trouble in keeping up with them in the strenuous physical training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

In May, 1944 the 442nd was ordered overseas. To break the monotony of the long trip across the Atlantic on the Liberty Ship, a no-decision boxing match was arranged between the Engineers and the merchant-manning crew of the ship. S.T. represented us in the featherweight class, and gave a good account of himself.

He participated in all four campaigns of the 442nd, in Italy and France. He was wounded in combat, and was awarded a Purple Heart Medal. When Mako showed it to us, she was asked if she knew where he was hit. And as she indicated with her hand, said, "In the okole." Actually, I wanted to know whether it was in Italy or France, and the campaign, that he was wounded in.

After the war, S.T. returned to California, and faced with same pre-War hopeless situation for AJA's, he decided to return to Hawaii. He had no money to pay for his transportation, so he joined the merchant marine and worked his way on a ship to Hawaii.

When he learned that AJA veterans were being hired at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, he applied and landed a job in Naval Supply Center, where he was to remain until his retirement.

In 1950, he married the former Masako Yamasawa and settled down to a long happy married life, that was to last over the next 40 years.

From the outset, S.T. was an active member of the 442nd Veterans Club and the 232nd Engineer Band Chapter. In the 50's, he served as a vice-president of the parent club. On the Chapter level, he was always one of the leaders, especially in organizing soft-ball and bowling teams to participate in the 442nd Leagues. And because of his experience and expertise, he was also involved in running the leagues. As the members grew older, many chapters, including the Engineers, dropped out due to inability to field enough players. S.T., however, continued to play by

joining another chapter with a team. Even after the 442 League folded, for lack of teams, he joined the Makule Soft-ball League and continued to play into his early 70's. As more and more members turned to golf, they tried to talk him into taking up this game too, but they couldn't as he insisted "Golf is a sissy's game."

After about 25 years at the Naval Supply Center he retired in 1974, as a clerk; and for the next two years, worked at Gilbert Kobatake, Contractor, to meet the minimum quarters required to qualify for Social Security Benefits.

All his life, S.T. was a scrapper. Being handy with his mitts, he never stepped back from any confrontation. But for all his gruff exterior, he harbored a softness in him. He loved to sing. He never refused an emcee's call to come forward and render a solo or two. His favorite and ours too, was his rendition of his trademark song, Joyce Kilmer's "Trees," in his own inimitable style.

In his last years as an active chapter member, he served as permanent Sgt-at-Arms. With his seniority in age and loud voice, he kept the meetings quiet and orderly.

In 1983, he attended what was to be his last chapter meeting. After the meeting, he left the 442nd clubhouse about 9:30 p.m., but didn't return home all night. With not even a call from S.T., Mako was frantic and called the Police and some members for help. Then at 7:00 a.m., to her relief, he drove into the garage. She asked him what had happened but all he would say was that he had a flat tire. She sensed it was more than that. She felt, perhaps, he had forgotten where he had parked his car, and spent most of the night looking for it. And when he finally found it, he was so tired and frustrated that he decided to rest a while in it.

On Mako's insistence, S.T. finally, but reluctantly, agreed to go for a medical checkup. It was diagnosed that he was suffering from the dreaded Alzheimer's Disease. This was substantiated by a chain of events about two years ago. About 10:00 o'clock, one morning, he told Mako that he was going to the barber shop. He failed to return far beyond a reasonable time. Then about 2:00 in the afternoon, she received a telephone call from S.T. that he was in an automobile accident in Hauula, but that it wasn't serious so not to worry and a friend would accompany him home. But worry she did, because he failed to return in due time. Then at about 7:00 p.m. she received a call from Queen's Hospital, that he had been admitted, following another

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auto accident, that happened on Likelike Hwy, near School Street, just a short distance from home. Fortunately, it was not serious, and he was kept overnight only, for observation.

His condition worsened, and on January 25, this year, he was confined to an nursing home. On March 16, when his fever rose to 105 degrees, he was admitted to Kaiser Hospital, where his condition rapidly deteriorated, and he passed away on Saturday, March 31, 1990.

In retrospect, S.T.'s demise came as a blessing in disguise to him and Mako. For him, it meant eternal rest and peace, after 7 years of suffering from an incurable illness. And for Mako, it was the end of 7 years of devoted and dutiful care over her husband of nearly 40 years, and which, in the process, had seriously taxed and undermined her health. She would now be able to rest and relax and try to rebuild her health.

Mako, on behalf of the congregation, may I extend to you our deepest sympathy and condolences on the loss of your beloved S.T., with a little extra-special from the members and wives of the 232nd Engr/Band Chapter.

Thank you.

On the lighter side. At gatherings down through the years, although told and retold, Taka Mizukami used to bring the house down with this incident which happened while playing in the 442 softball league. S.T. was pitching, Ben Ono was catching, a base runner was going from first to second base. Ben, with everything he had, pegged to second base trying to nab the runner, at the same time ripping the seat of his pants. The perfectly thrown bee-line ball didn't get to the intended target due to S.T.'s forehead being in the path of the flight of the ball, causing the deflection to left field and on the fly too. Fearing he being injured with the impact of the ball, spinning him completely around, the boys rushed to his side for moshimo. He scolded them, "What you guys doing here, I'm alright, get back to your position." He was tough. The following Sunday, Stanley Nakamura brought a brand new Sailor Moku pants for Ben. Ben were the Golden Days. All four of them are not with us anymore.

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By Bruno Yamada

Kauai Invitational

George Taketa, the veteran Club 100 golfer from Hilo shot a record 62 at the Kiahuna Golf Course on March 18 and combining it with his earlier round of 70 at the Wailua Golf Course for a 132 total and cruise to a five stroke victory at the 25th Annual Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament.

George who is the present president of the Club 100 (Hawaii) is believed to be 72 years young and have participated in almost every tournament since it was formed in 1965. (Now who was the one that was complaining about being too old to golf?)

The closest golfer to George was Bob Sakamoto, the flower grower from San Jose, who fired a 137 for the 36 holes and nail down B-Flight while Fred Ida was the A-Flight champ with a 138. Others shooting 138 were Stan Takahashi, George Oshita and Mich Takata but the final decision was done by the drawing of the cards. Frank Shimada and Ron Kiyabu came in next with four under 140.

George Taketa was awarded the Senator Dan K. Inouye's trophy, Governor John Waihee's koa bowl and a set of irons while Bab Sakamoto and Fred Ida each won themselves Governor John Waihee's koa bowl and a set of metal woods.

Tournament chairman Yuki Arashiro announced that next year's tournament will be held on March 19 and 20 (Tuesday-Wednesday) on a trial basis with a special Senior's flight for those veterans who are 70 and over and the maximum handicap of 27 will be changed to unlimited handicap. Yuki hopes that these changes will attract more golfers in the future. (What about maximum stroke per hole so we could end the game on time?)

442nd Anniversary Tournament

Club 100's Richard Hamada who was a post entry, filling in for Wilfred Fujishige, posted a net 65 to come in with the lowest score out of the eighty men participating and four ladies at this year's 47th Annual 442nd Golf Tournament at the Hickam Air Force Base Golf Course on March 23.

Since Richard was golfing as a guest, he was awarded the second prize while the top award

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went to Minoru Tamashiro (3rd hq), a new face among the 442 golfers. The five golfers who finished with 68 at the plush Hickam layout were: Dennis Makiya, Norman Sato, Jensen Takasaki, Don Yagami and Dick Uyemura. Ken Kawate was the lone golfer with a 69.

Thanks to Stan Yamamoto, Hiram Doi, Tony Miyamoto, Bill Tanaka and Bob Sasaki for all the kokua, you made it so easy. Also thanks to Tad Kitaoka and Sammy Souza for letting us play on your wonderful layout, mata tanomimasu.

National AJA Reunion Golf Tournament

This will be a 36 hole tournament and will be held at the Kona Country Club in Keahou, Kona on June 28 and 29. More than two hundred are entered as of May 8, 1990. Chairman for this tournament will be Claude Onizuka who does advise all golfers to seek their own transportation to and from the golf course.

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I think I have uncovered the mystery of a George Yamamoto, which had Hq 3rd members puzzled for many years. I know I did. Well anyway, just that the mystery has been solved and something which I don't think I will mention anymore and let it pass. It was through the help of a Jim Suenaga who called a Hq 3rd member recalling during Pisa, Italy. "Thanks, Jim." A very unfortunate accident happened.

I see where Irene Nakamura and I made the same mistake or rather I did. She fractured her right ankle and here I go follow her and do the same thing. It is not an easy act to follow but feeling sorry for her, I thought I'd keep her company. I hope she is fine by now and chasing her grandchildren around. As for me I'm fine, "just fine," raring to go and resume my lifestyle at the tennis court. That's where my problem started but thst's okay, tennis and I go together.

Hope too that David and Doris Kaiura are fine, strong enough to shake and cubes and roll it.

Hajime and Hinayo Matsuura were on a Japan trip, but are back and normal again.

What else, not much more.

What else, reminding everyone that the countdown till reunion has begun -- you have two months. By the time you get this report, we may be in Kona. Take care you all, you hear.

END

RETIRES GOLF CLUB

by Eddie Tamanaha

The Retirees Golf Club is well and still going strong, although we were not in the past several issues of the Go-For-Broke Bulletin. We had 21 tournaments during the 1989 year, no rainouts. The average number of participation per tournament was 28 members. Top golfers of the year were Lefty Sugihara Low Average Gross score of 82 and Teiji Chinn Low Average Net score of 72, 89. Congratulations!

We welcomed into our club 3 new members replacing members who no longer could participate with us. The new members are Satoru Gota, Jerry Ishimoto and Herbert Yamamura. Hope you are enjoying the golf and fellowship at the 19th hole.

Our annual meeting and election of officers for 1990 was held at the Wisteria Restaurant on Thursday night November 30, 1989. The following officers were elected: President, Ed Tamanaha; Tournament Chairman, Rocky Tanna; Handicap Chairman, Tom Mayeda; Assistant, Harry Tokushige; Secretary/Treasurer, Maui Okamura; and Schedule Chairman, Ed Tamanaha.

Some of the tournament winners for 1990 (missed some of the tournaments) were: January 4, 1990, at Makalena, 1st place John Kikuyama net 63; 2nd Maui Okamura 63; 3rd Hichi Matsumoto 65; 4th Speed Tanna 65; and 5th Tadashi Kunishige 65. Front 9 Mits Honda net 33; and Back 9 Terry Ihara net 31. Closest to the pin #6 hole Bobby Hirayama, and #17 hole Hichi Matsumoto.

January 18, 1990 at Shafter, 1st Herb Yamamura net 67; 2nd Mits Honda 69; 3rd Herb Isonaga 69; 4th John Kikuyama 70; 5th Teiji Uehara 71. Front 9 Terry Ihara net 33; and Back 9 Bruno Yamada & R. Tanna tied 33. Closest to the pin, #5 hole Maui Okamura and #17 Lefty Sugihara.

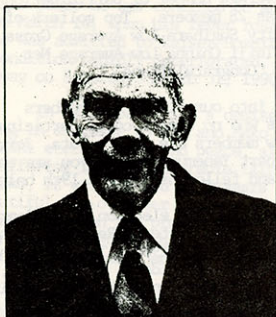
February 15, 1990, at Makalena, 1st Speed Tanna net 65; 2nd Herb Isonaga 67; 3rd Tadashi Kunishige 68; 4th Bull Namba 68; and 5th Tom Mayeda 69. Front 9 Bruno Yamada 31; and Back 9 Herb Yamamura 32. Nearest to the pin, #6 Bobby Hirayama; #17 Speed Tanna.

March 15, 1990, at Shafter, 1st Bruno Yamada net 63; 2nd Milton Uchigaki 66; 3rd Smitty Koga 69; 4th Neka Matoi 69; 5th Stan Yamamoto 69. Front 9 Hichi Matsumoto net 33; and Back 9 Rocky Tanna 32. Closest to the pin #5 Maui Okamura; #17 Tadashi Kunishige.

March 29, 1990, at Makalena, 1st Dick Uyemura net 65; 2nd Hichi Matsumoto 65; 3rd Teru Nishiyama 67; 4th John Kikuyama 67; 5th Rusty

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WWII's 442nd fought war and race relations



ROGER SMITH

By KEVIN SHINKLE

Staff writer

In 1943, four white U.S. Army second lieutenants came to grips with Southern heat, race relations and live combat.

They were in a unit whose members eventually won 18,000 personal decorations and a Congressional Medal of Honor in some of the fiercest fighting in the European theater. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team stood out even more because all but its original officers were Japanese-Americans.

Forty-six years later, the four original platoon leaders of Company L of the 442nd plan to reunite Sept. 15-18 at the northern Orange County home of Roger Smith. They have not been together since V-E Day in May 1945.

They plan to be typical tourists. But the real mission of the reunion is to sit on Smith's porch, look out over the county, and recall a time when Japanese-Americans were dying in battle while their relatives were being forcibly relocated to internment camps in the U.S.

"It was a very significant part of our lives," Smith said. "The reunion is just a wonderful thing to look forward to." Smith enlisted in the Army 50 years ago, the same day German tanks rolled into Poland to start history's most devastating war. The two events were not connected. "I didn't know who Adolph Hitler was," he said.

After four years in Hawaii, the newly commissioned second lieutenant Smith joined a group of white officers headed to Fort Shelby, Miss. They knew something was different when they were met there by

Japanese-American enlisted men of the 442nd.

"When they arrived, they were shocked to find out what the hell they were getting into," Smith said of the officers.

In the never-ending search for more men, President Franklin Roosevelt had become convinced that a unit of Japanese-American volunteers could be an effective fighting force in Europe.

In an age of contradictions, it was Roosevelt who had responded to the wartime hysteria against the Japanese empire by ordering the relocation of the Japanese-American population from the West Coast.

These were also the days of the segregated Army, so all of the original officers were white. When the fighting started, however, battlefield commissions became common for the men of the 442nd.

Many of the volunteers of the 442nd came directly from the relocation camps in which they and their families had been interned. They volunteered to prove they were Americans too, Smith said.

That accounted for their bravery on the battlefield, he said.

For Smith, the exposure to Japanese-Americans was nothing new. Four years of service in Hawaii had acclimated him to the Japanese culture. But for others, it was a bit of a shock, he said.

Early tensions between the white officers and the Japanese-American soldiers at the Army fort eventually disappeared.

Relations with other units, however, remained strained. Some racial incidents occurred during training in Texas, and several Japanese-American soldiers were given dishonorable discharges after refusing to comply with orders from officers who had harassed them.

The unit arrived in Italy in June 1944 and fought its way through Europe until the end of the war. "Go for broke" became its motto. Aggressiveness became its hallmark.

"They had two battles to prove," he said. "The first was against the Caucasians in Europe.

"The second was to prove they were as good as any other American citizens. They proved that beyond a shadow of a doubt."

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), a veteran of the 442nd, read a piece written by Smith into the Congressional Record several years ago attesting to the unit's success.

"Every combat story is different," he wrote. "But there is usually one common denominator among the winners. Aggressiveness is often more important than manpower or firepower."

The veterans of the 442nd meet every three years. And through the efforts of Inouye, the Japanese-Americans who were forcibly relocated have been given recognition and financial awards. The U.S. government has acknowledged that it was wrong.

But this month's reunion will be the first time that 2nd Lt. Smith, George Buirke of Florida, George Harris of Illinois have seen each other since 1945.

Smith made a career of the Army, retiring to a home atop a hill near Efland. He has written for several Triangle publications and has been a frequent competitor in the Senior Olympics.

"I'm sure there will be a lot of B.S.," Smith said of the reunion. "There will be a hell of a lot of

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CREDIT UNION

JOINT ACCOUNTS?

A good many credit union members are asking what joint share accounts are, whether they are offered by credit unions, and if they are a good idea. What's the story on them?

A joint account is one in which a member lists a spouse or children as co-owner. They do have several advantages.

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Consider opening a joint share account. It could prove a useful tool to provide for your family's security should an emergency situation arise.

Department of Veterans Affairs

VA ANNOUNCES NEW TIME LIMIT ON CASHING BENEFIT CHECKS

Sam Tiano, Director of the Honolulu VA Regional Office, announced that, effective October 1, 1989, recipients of VA benefit checks have one year in which to cash them. Previously, there was no time limit on cashing government checks.

The new policy, the result of legislation bringing federal check-cashing policies in line with the private sector, requires that checks issued by the U.S. Treasury Department on or after October 1, 1989, carry the notation "Void after one year."

Also affected are uncashed checks issued prior to that date. Recipients holding checks issued before October 1 must cash them no later than September 30, 1990. Checks not cashed by the deadline will be cancelled by the Treasury Department, and recipients will have to request the authorizing agency or department to reissue them. The new check-cashing deadline does not affect an individual's entitlement to the benefit payment.

Also not affected are direct deposit of government checks. VA encourages veterans and dependents who receive monthly VA benefit checks to request that their payments be transmitted electronically from the Federal Reserve to the beneficiary's bank account. To obtain direct deposit, request necessary form from the nearest VA regional office. Of the 4 million VA compensation and pension payments processed each month, nearly 50 percent are released through the direct-deposit program, Tiano stated.

For additional information contact the Honolulu VA Regional Office: from Oahu, 541-1000; from Big Island, 961-3661; from other neighbor islands, 1-800-232-2535. Those residing in Guam may call our VA office at 344-9200; in American Samoa call the Veterans Affairs Office at 633-4206.

VA 1990 INSURANCE DIVIDENDS ANNOUNCED

Sam Tiano, director of the VA Regional Office, Honolulu, announced that for the second time in the 73-year history of the veterans' life insurance program, more than \$1 billion in dividends will be paid in 1990 to veterans holding active policies.

Tiano said, "These dividends are made possible because veterans are living longer than predicted and the insurance trust funds are earning high yields from U.S. government securities."

The record payout of \$1.036 billion exceeds 1989 dividends by \$31.2 million and will be credited automatically to 2.8 million policyholders on the anniversary date of their policies. Policyholders may choose to receive a dividend check or select one of five alternate payment options.

Only those policies that have been kept in force receive annual dividend distributions. No application from individual policyholders is necessary.

Government life insurance policies were issued to veterans of World War I and II and the Korean Conflict who served between 1917 to 1956.

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The largest group receiving 1989 payments will be 2.39 million veterans of World War II with National Service Life Insurance "V" policies. Members of this group will each receive an average of \$373 for a total of 892.8 million.

Dividends totaling \$10.8 million will be paid to 39, 455 World War I veterans holding U.S. Government Life Insurance ("K") policies for an average of \$274.

Some 283,849 veterans have Veterans Special Life Insurance ("RS" and "W") and will receive dividends averaging \$351 for a total of \$99.6 million.

Holders of Veterans Reopened Insurance policies ("J", "JR", and "JS") currently number 110,703. They will receive 1990 dividends for a total of \$32.9 million, including an average of \$278 for "J" policyholders, \$434 for "JR" policyholders, and \$469 for "JS" policyholders.

Individual payments under each of the seven programs paying dividends vary according to age, type of insurance, and length of time a policy has been in force.

Though VA also administers a special life insurance program for disabled veterans and a program offering mortgage life insurance coverage, neither pays dividends. For active-duty servicemen and reservists, VA supervises a contract with a private carrier to underwrite Servicemen's Group Life Insurance.

Veterans may call the VA Insurance toll-free number at 1-800-422-8079 for questions about their insurance

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Honda 69. Front 9 Lefty Sugihara net 35½ and Back 9 Charley Igarashi 31½. Closest to the pin #6 Mits Honda; #17 Dick Uemura.

May 7, 1990, at Honolulu Country Club, 1st George Ikinaga net 68; 2nd Stan Yamamoto 68; 3rd Lefty Sugihara 69; 4th Dick Uemura 70; 5th Tom Mayeda 70. Front 9 Ed Tamanaha net 33; Back 9 Maui Okamura 33½. Closest to the pin #4 Teiji Chima; #13 Herb Isonaga.

Our next tournaments for May, June and July are: Thursday, May 24, 1990, at Makalena; Thursday June 7, 1990, Pali; Thursday July 5, 1990, Pali; and Thursday July 19, 1990, Makalena.

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