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Pictured above, Senator Dan Inouye who was one of the speakers during our Nisei Veterans Reunion, during the summer of 1990, held at the Kona Resort of the Big Island.

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President's Message

Now that the annual anniversary banquet is behind us, we will be looking forward to some events planned for the near future. The high school baseball series between Hawaii prep baseball stars and Japanese high school baseball stars are scheduled for early September. With the passing of Tom Kiyosaki, who used to coordinate this event, Katsugo Miho has been selected to coordinate this event. He will be assisted by other 442 members and Masa Yonamine and his wife, Lillian. Many thanks for their assistance.

Although the 50th Anniversary Reunion is far down the road, George Nakasato, our reunion chairman, has been meeting with his committee regularly, to set up this gigantic event. He will need assistance from many volunteers, so anyone interested in assisting him, should contact him.

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IN MEMORIAM TADASHI FUJISHIGE

Tadashi Fujishige, an active member of Item Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on March 20, 1991.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN KAZUO TSUKAMOTO

John Kazuo Tsukamoto, an active member of Easy Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on April 27, 1991.

IN MEMORIAM MITSUO NAKAGAWA

Mitsuo Nakagawa, an active member of 'H' Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on May 10, 1991.



By Harold Fukunaga

Golf Tidbits

Normally there is not much happening during this time of the year, so it makes it that much harder to dig up any George Chapter news. Nevertheless, here are some tidbits that I was able to get.

Taketo Kawabata and Mike Shiraishi have had an on going "grudge" battle on the golf course over the years. The last one occurred a month or so ago at the Ala Wai Golf Course. Speed Tanna was an interested by-stander, as well as Satoru Gota. According to Speed, Taketo called him to play golf at Ala Wai Golf Course, with a starting time at 3 p.m. So when they went to Ala Wai Golf Course, they met Mike Shiraishi, who was there, just "shooting the breeze" with some of his friends. When Mike found out that Taketo was playing, he immediately set up a challenge to play 9 holes, with the loser to pay for the green fee and cart cost. Taketo accepted the challenge and even offered a few strokes to Mike for the 9 hole match. According to Speed, they were tied after 8 holes and then the fun began. Mike had a very short drive, whereas Taketo had a long drive, which ended near the 150 yard marker. Mike was still short of the green after 2 strokes. Taketo hit his second shot slightly to the right and ended in the sand trap. Mike was able to hit his 3rd shot on the green. Taketo took 2 strokes to come out of the sand trap. Mike 2 putted for a 5. Taketo was unable to drop his first putt, so he ended up with a 6 and a loss to Mike. I understand Mike told Taketo, "I'll play you anytime, even if I can hardly swing the club, because of the pain in my shoulder and back." Well, one of these days, Taketo should be victorious, if he plays enough times against Mike.

Talking about golf, the writer participated in the HGEA Retirees Golf Tournament on Kauai about a month ago. While playing at Wailua Golf Course, I had the most horrendous score on the 7th hole, which is par 3. I hit, what appeared to be a good drive, straight for the front center of the green, but I didn't see it bounce. So, I assumed it either skidded on the green or landed in the sand trap in front of the green. When we went up to the green, I didn't see the ball on the green, so I looked for it in the sand trap, but it wasn't there either. The other golfers in our group helped me look for it around the green, in the sand trap and the heavy rough in front of the green. After searching for it for 5 minutes and still couldn't find it, I declared it a lost ball. I returned to the tee and hit another ball, but it landed in the front sand trap. By then, my blood pressure was starting to rise. I hit the ball too hard and it landed in the left sand

trap. By then, I was steaming. It took me strokes to be able to get it on the green. I 2 putted to end the ordeal. After I counted the strokes, I had to record a 9 on that hole, which is a par 3. The irony of it all was that; while I was swinging away, one of the guys in our group found the original ball in the heavy rough in front of the green, near a sprinkler head. If we had found the original ball earlier, I could have salvaged a 3 or 4, because I could have had a free lift from the heavy rough, because of the sprinkler head being next to the ball.

George Investment Club

The George Investment Club held its quarterly dinner meeting at Tony Romas Restaurant on May 25th. While waiting for the tables to become available, we met Fred and Dolores Ida and their son, Jerry and his family, who were having their dinner also.

We found out that this restaurant doesn't take reservations, so we waited about a half hour before being seated. In the meantime, John Kikuyama was having a few glasses of beer at the bar, while Speed Tanna kept him company, drinking soft drinks. Imagine. Speed drinking soft drinks. Well, it goes to show that, as we grow older, we become more health conscious, or forced to do so, medically.

While having dinner, Al Amii kept on talking about the Univ. of Hawaii baseball team, with arm and hand gestures. His waving hands and arms finally ended when he hit a glass of water and made some people jump up, to avoid getting wet.

After the long dinner, we were invited to Taketo and Judy Kawabata's home for coffee and dessert. The men plus Grace Ishii played poker while the rest of the women sat around and enjoyed talking about everything under the sun.

The many different types of pastries, coffee soft drinks and beer kept everyone filled and off their diet for one nite.

Those attending the dinner meeting were: Taketo and Judy Kawabata, Al and Helen Amii, Harold and Jane Fukunaga, Speed and Edna Tanna, John and Clara Kikuyama, Grace Ishii and Judy Kono. Mike and Lillian Shiraishi were attending a family party, so were unavailable.

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By Ron Oba

Pearl Harbor recalled
A fiftieth remembrance
On Battleship Row

On December 7th, 1941 on a quiet sleepy Sunday morning I was having breakfast with the family. At about 7 a.m., I heard the popping of firecrackers in the distance. The sound turned into an ominous rat-tat-tat, boom that resounded across the horizon from left to right, then right to left. Wow, a crazy driver is throwing firecrackers from a moving model T. Still in my pajamas, the curiosity of what's going on (?) made me bolt from the chair all the way to the David Oka's and the Henry Chagami's homes on the shores of Pearl Harbor. As I ran the sounds became louder, closer and increased tenfold. Oh well, another naval exercise! But wait, an accident on the Arizona; its decks are aflame and huge billowing black smoke was greying the skies Destroyers and cruisers started to smoke. I was spellbound when a truckfull of marines came and told us to go on home and stay there. As I turned to go, I looked up at the low flying bombers. On its wings were the telltale rising sun. It skimmed the shoreline to avoid the anti-aircraft and machine gun fire from the burning ships. Things happened rapidly and in a vague recollection I remember the people of Aiea village from Low camp, Middle camp and New camp ran scared, helter skelter up into the heights to seek safety; but they were more vulnerable to the anti-aircraft fire that was zeroing in on the bombers which continued to fly low over the hills. It was safer in the low lying villages - we spent a long, long night in the bushes. That was a long, long time ago - 50 years to be more exact.

On December 7th, 1991 the nation will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. Eminent national figures including Hawaii's Governor John Waihee, U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye, Daniel Akaka and other state dignitaries will be highlighting the program before and after December 7th. The 442nd has been invited to present its colors and participate in the anniversary. Dig out your old uniforms, boys. Don't worry, don't bother the moth. The 442nd Reserve will be asked to carry the 442nd standard in their crisp army uniforms.

In the interim the American Japanese did their part in Europe and more by serving in the 442nd RCT. The boys proved their loyalty in battle and its reputation preceded them home. Now the anniversary will give all of us a chance to once again stand tall and be counted among

the defenders of democracy. The 442nd/100/MIS have earned the honor - to present its colors at the Arizona Memorial.

Anniversary Banquet

The 48th anniversary banquet was RAM-med through to an auspicious beginning of a new year at the Pacific Beach Hotel. The menu should have been a Rack-o-Ram. I just loved the nut-toms served at Camp Shelby; no one came to eat and the cooks had the day off. Attendance increased over the past several years indicating that the men are exercising and switching to Designer Foods (identifying the naturally occurring constituents of fruits, vegetables, and grains that protect against cancer, and adding known quantities of them to foods that don't have reliable amounts). Inviting relatives of the KIAs and honoring them with leis at the Memorial service and banquet proved a popular new approach. A diminishing attendance at the National Cemetery of the Pacific for the memorial mandated a change in venue.

Semiannual golf

That reminds me. The Fox chapter is having a memorial day (31) golf tournament and you can bet your bottom dollar that everyone will be swinging their new high modulus boron drivers. Hi tech calls it colliding molecules. The club is supposed to collide with the new energized golf balls and hit it farther and straighter. How lucky we are living in this hi tech era that as you get older new discoveries let us keep up with the young uns. The missing link: the fountain of youth or better still a new method of injecting DNAs and altering our genes with a mixture of Minoxidol to change us into gorillas and put hair on our chests; don't kid yourself, I'll get calls as to where they can get this!

And the winners once again were:

Overall first Bill Tanaka, net 71; second, Edna Nakashige, net 72; Front nine, Mich Takata; Back nine tied, Edna and Yoshio Shibuya. Closest to pins: #3 and #13, Hichi Matsumoto; #6 Ron Oba; #16 Edna Nakashige.

Thanks to Dan Horikawa for his prize money donation.

Healthwise

Roy Kubo was emergencied to Castle Memorial on Friday, 4-17, so that's why he didn't come to the breakfast meeting. No visitors. Before Shige or Barney could arrange a visit with him, he was whisked away. We located him via Hiichi Matsumoto. Roy had his second by-pass surgery

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and is recovering. He always bragged that his doctor told him that he has a small but very strong heart - all muscles, not like his stomach Roy, you better get well and come out golfing, otherwise your new hi-tech clubs will go to waste.

Tom Higa was in Waikiki for 7 weeks window shopping and getting to know every vendor on every corner. He came to our breakfast meeting with Michi and Ron Oba. He was getting daily radiation therapy at Queens Hospital. He was very depressed at first and down on himself. The patients in the outpatient waiting room were mostly laides who kidded each other and made hilarious jokes on themselves. Pretty soon, Tom says he looked forward to meeting the ladies and joke around with them. His self pity soon evaporated and even the Korean vendors at the International Market Place noticed the change. The Waikiki Surf Hotel accommodates neighbor island patients at an unusually low rate. Michi and I had an enjoyable dinner with him because he was in such a good humor before he left for home.

Phyllis couldn't understand why Barney insisted on driving with his car door open and left leg dangling out the door. After he did it again, Phyllis really got concerned and took him to a doctor. Nurses and aides insisted with Barney that nothing was wrong with him. Phyllis said, "Ask him to squeeze both hands." Sure enough, Phyllis was right. Barney couldn't squeeze his left hand. After an overnight stay at the hospital he is back and grounded from driving for a month.

We wish Roy, Tom and Barney a speedy recovery and back into the old grind again.

Read in the obituary that Sadao Sakamoto, former Fox Co. Medic, passed away on March 27. Our sincere condolences to his family.

An Aborted Invitational

In February in Kauai in comes the rains during the 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament. Wisely they scheduled the tournament to March of this year and in came the rain with 40 miles per hour winds. It was like a turbo jet stream but it must have rained sunshine for the few Fox members there on the first day. Fellow competitors Tom Mayeda, Harry Tokushige and Bill Naganuma refused to play in the storm. The next day the smart rain came down in torrents in vengeance in defiance of the crazy guys who dared to venture onto the golf course. A large sign read, "Course closed." Some groaned while we clapped our hands in joy for there was no way that we could repeat the scores of the first day. Bill Tanaka netted 69 for overall first.

Ron Oba tied for first with three others in A flight with a net 71; Tommy Tamaagawa won a golf shirt for the third year in a row and he's still trying to figure out what he shot to deserve a shirt; and Mich Takata tied for first in the Super Seniors Flight with a net 72.

Div. Reunion in San Antonio By Kimie Guskuma

After a looong flight with "blistered" okole and a bit of jet lag, it was good to be in Austin, where I spent 2 weeks visiting my son Isaac, and his family.

The signs of spring were everywhere, beautiful roses, the size of dahlias, pansies, irises, snapdragons, and gladiolas all showing off their beauty, like contest in a beauty pageant. The blue bonnets are to Texas, as hibiscuses are to Hawaii. On the highways, byways, and every open field one is captivated by the beauty of the blue bonnets of Texas--and I imagined Southern Belles tiptoeing and dancing through the fields.

Leaving Austin behind, Isaac "carried" me (Texas lingo) to San Antonio which is an hour and half drive away and another 45 mins. to Helotes where Ted and Maria Rodriguez reside. They greeted me with open arms--Como estas?--My bien, y ustedes? was our familiar greeting.

My visit with the Rodriguezes was due to the annual reunion of the Texas 36th Division held this year in San Antonio from April 11th to the 13th. Even before I left Honolulu, Ted mentioned his plans to invite nisei veterans and their families to a luncheon at his home in Helotes. The first head count to attend the luncheon was 30, and then 80. Maria and I did not attend any reunion functions the first 2 days at San Antonio, because we were busy marketing and preparing for the Saturday luncheon on the 13th. The menu consisted of B-B-Q chicken, B-B-Q meat, potato salad, pasta salad, toss salad, and loads of fresh melons and strawberries.

Saturday morning we awoke to rain with heavy clouds and we dashed hither and thither as Ted's employees including his secretary decorated their foot bridge and patio. The good Lord answered our prayers. Exactly an hour before everyone arrived, the clouds divided and there appeared a beautiful blue sky and the sun smiled its approval the event that was before us.

The 100th and 442nd veterans and their families arrived in two city buses Ted had hired, and one could hear the "oh's and ah's", as they approached the patio, due to the vastness and beauty of the environment. After the guests were seated, Ted gave a welcoming speech. I was filled with emotion as Ted announced to the group, that

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the luncheon was in honor of a "good friend", Douglas Gusukuma. I felt surely, as the rain clouds parted and the blue skies appeared, the spirit of Douglas was there and that he gave me the courage to speak. "If Douglas were present", I said to the group, "he would have said, Ted, this luncheon is made possible because of your love for the 100th and the 442nd veterans and their families. Thank you Ted, and God bless you."

After 3 hours of enjoying the luncheon, the group dispersed. At last head count there were 100 guests present including Isaac, his family and Ted's employees.

Then it was time for the Rodriguezes and me to drive into San Antonio for the banquet held at the Holiday Inn. As the evening's program commenced, many awards were presented, to the auxiliaries for their year's contribution to the San Antonio chapter. Ted also received an award for his untiring and unselfish gesture toward the chapter.

The mayor of Bruyeres and his assistant were recognized and were presented the Texas flag, along with the 442nd RCT. One outstanding member was Mr. Buck, who presently resides in Alabama. He has been a member of the San Antonio chapter since it was mobilized 51 years ago, and though he lives in Alabama, he has been faithful to the 36th Division throughout the years.

Mr. Buck took the mike and after his "thank you", mentioned the rescue at Bruyeres and how he remembers the first cigarette presented to him by a nisei. "I can't forget that cigarette--it tasted so good--and that fellow's name was Mike. Mike are you here? If you are here, please raise your hand." Then a hand went up and Mike walked across the banquet hall. After nearly 47 years, Mr. Buck and Mike met once again. This time no cigarette, (Mike is a non-smoker), but with a hug and tears. There were no dry eyes, as the room echoed with a thunderous ovation. I believe that hereafter, Mr. Buck and Mike will be everlasting friends.

The time arrived for me to say "good-bye" to Ted and Maria, and I headed for Lakewood, CA., where Martha, my daughter, and her family reside. As in the past no matter how quietly I arrived in CA., Frank and Yuri Morimoto knew of my plans to visit Martha. The Morimotos send their best regards to all Fox Chapter members.

The days flew by and before I realized it, it was time for me to pack my luggage and return home. As the saying goes, "there's no place like home." It's good to be back. Aloha.

Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg

Continuing with Kimi's story to San Antonio, Hide Nakamine, 522-B, and his group continued on to Camp Shelby, as honored guests and heroes from the past. Camp Commander, Col. Leland Redmond and Asst. Camp Commander, Lt. Col. Robert Johnson and a bunch of officers and enlisted men formed a reception committee to greet the 13 veterans and wives. Hide says that it was a heart warming moment to be treated so reverently by young military soldiers who read and heard about the 442nd and their accomplishments. The Shelby committee did their utmost to make everyone feel welcome by busing the group through the camp to areas where the Regiment trained, ate, and slept. Major General Crumley of the 2nd Army, who was inspecting a Brigade, heard of the visit, came flying in a helicopter, to greet the veterans. They were treated to a tour of the Camp Museum where 442nd memorabilia were on display and later hosted to a luncheon with a big banner welcoming them to Camp Shelby.

Lt Col. Herbert Sasaki, who lives in Hattiesburg, is enlisting the help of all 442nd veterans groups to erect a monument in Camp Shelby. Hide said that they were asked to pick a tentative site while they were visiting there. Herbert Sasaki will be sending news clips and videotapes for publicity because as he stated, "This State usually gets Bad Press nationally--but this type of event would get favorable national press." I remember Camp Shelby was dubbed the hellhole of the 49th. They want to change that image.

Dinner Meeting

Kimi Gusukuma came to the Dinner meeting at the Fort Shafter NCO club looking spry than ever --the trip to Texas and California was good for her. Others attending were: Paul and Clara Yamashita, Bill and Audrey Tanaka, Mich and Shinako Takata, Yoshio and Clara Shibuya, Tommy and May Tamagawa, George and Myrtle Nakasato, Richard and Dorothy Murashige, Ron and Michi Oba, Barney and Phyllis Miyaji, Bob Katayama, and Shige and Rose Higa. The Maui reunion in July was the main topic of discussion.

Hilo News

By Sadao Nishida

Anxieties on the Desert Storm preoccupied our one tract mind that we were unable to give you our report from the south. We apologize for the neglect but through the events it was real comforting to hear the fighting came to a halt, and to have our gallant guys and gals return home. We pray for those who could not make it home. It was also nice to have one of our own member on television welcoming the troops home. Good going Mich!

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1991 started off with a bang. Toshi and Trudy Mimura came to spend the New Year with us to welcome the new year. Weather has been just perfect for the holidays but we've experienced some real wet weather since. Now it's just perfect - enough rain to keep everything green and growing and making our farmers like the Okutsu's real happy; however, Yuki has been experiencing some difficulties with his eyes and has been making regular trips to Honolulu for treatment at Straub. Yuki also spent a few days in the local hospital for R&R and after several tubefulls of antibiotics he is himself again. We told Elaine that he went for TLC from some very young nurses.

Robert Honda took Sadako to Honolulu recently to clean up her insides at Queens. She is now at home and doing real well. She will continue treatment in Hilo. Guess we are getting to that age where our well being seems most important. The rest of us seemingly are doing as well as can be expected.

We recently journeyed to Honolulu and had a nice visit with Doc Iritani. He looked good. Talking to Warren Iwanaga was a treat to know he is doing so well inspite of his set back. Matt Mikami recently made a trip to Japan to look after some family business. He is okay healthwise and is anxiously awaiting his visit for the reunion on Maui in July.

The Kohashis who spent the holidays traveling abroad enjoyed a wonderful tour of the Far East and are anxiously waiting for their visit with Noboru and his parents in Seattle in June. Keep well - we hope to see you all on Maui and wish you all "Good sailing."

Kauai News

By Yuri Tasaka

And Masa Agina said, "I refuse to live with household pests. I will not hold hands with termites." Thus saying he had his house razed to the ground and is in the process of building a new house. What is visible now are: posts built of cement tile blocks. We hear that it will be a two-story house.

At the time of writing, Masa was in Las Vegas - according to his workers. And Kensei and Sandy were not at home to answer my calls. Did they follow Masa?

Keiko Iwamoto says that Hiro is kept busy in his garden growing beans, cabbage, soy beans and ginger.

Esther Teraoka says that they are fine. She is a Hawaiian Kupuna and participates in the Senior Center activities. Ross is with Aloha Airlines and commutes to Honolulu to work.

Mamo Hiranaka updated me about George Kawakami since George was visiting daughter Mari in Seattle. George will be on an Alaskan Cruise with his Mid Pacific classmates in early July

before he joins us on Maui. As for Mamo, he is faring well under his doctor's care. Bernice keeps busy making lovely floral arrangements at Flowers Forever.

Wally is back to coffee clutches with his Lion's colleagues and making ilima leis. He is looking forward to the Kahului reunion. So are Mamo, George K., and Masa. Masa Hokama, do you have the music for "Tanko Bush"? Get it! We'll see you on Maui!

Maui News

By Bob Matsushita

Not much news except we on Maui are preparing and working out the kinks for the forthcoming "F" Chapter Reunion on Maui. July 24, 25 & 26, 1991. Thus far at this time of writing we have counted 41 applications to this reunion. Counting by locations:

Oahu	19
Hawaii	10
Kauai	5
USA	7
	41

We will hustle and wait a little longer since Oahu & Honolulu delegation have not registered as yet. The problem may arise with our tour package if 40 or more are not participating on this tour. If the above count is not registered we may have to cancel it and refund the money paid in advance. We shall wait or extend our deadlines for this purpose. So far 18 of the 41 registered will be going on tours. We are having a committee meeting on May 22, 1991 at the TASTY CRUST RESTAURANT to work on this reunion.

INFORMATION TO ALL HAWAII 442nd MEMBERS:

Schedules of General & Social Meetings of our MOTHER CHAPTER for the remainder of the year is listed to out-island members while they are on Maui.

May 27th (Monday)	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - Makawao Veterans Cemetery - 10:00 AM - Vietnam Vets, Chairing.
Jul 21st (Sunday)	JOINT PICNIC - New Kalama Park - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - "I" Chapter & Sons & Daughters.
Sep. 27th (Friday)	6:00 PM - Kahului Community Center - Dinner by "Tutto" Chapter.
Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6	MAUI COUNTY FAIR - Memorial Sports Complex Work schedules
" 3	Thursday - 5:00 - 11:00 PM "E" - "F" - "TUTTO" Chapters.
" 4	Friday - 5:00 - 12:00 PM - Sons & Daughters.

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VFW Post Named After 442nd Vet



Mo Nakata at age 22, off to war.

THE REVIEW
March 27, 1991

by Suzanne Downing
Editor

When Mo Nakata was 22, he was drafted in the U.S. Army and went off to fight the Germans in Italy and France. He became part of the 442 Infantry Regiment, the most highly decorated Battalion in World War II. He earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Meanwhile, at home in America, his entire family spent the war in internment camps in California and Idaho.

Last week, the Veterans of Foreign War post on Bainbridge Island named itself after the World War II hero. The post will be known officially as the Mo Nakata Veterans of Foreign War Post 4268 of Bainbridge Island.

"The post thinks it's time we give some recognition to the travesty of justice, and more importantly to the love of country and patriotism

of the children that, while their parents were being interned, went out and fought for their country," said Raymond Warns, the commander of the post.

The local VFW post was established Dec. 7, 1990, the anniversary day for the bombing of Pearl Harbor. About 25 people belong to the post now, which meets monthly at the American Legion Hall on Bucklin Hill Road.

Since its inception, members have discussed who the post will be named after--national rules mandate that the honored person must be no longer living. Nakata died in 1985. Warns believes it to be the only post in the U.S. named after a member of the 442nd Infantry, which was made up entirely of Americans of Japanese descent, except for the cadre officers.

Nakata was a staff sergeant with the regiment.

Mo Nakata, who was in later life known as a successful grocer and upstanding community member, was born on Bainbridge Island in 1920. After World War II broke out, he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

A month later, the Army sent soldiers to Bainbridge Island and rounded up all Japanese-Americans. At bayonet-point they were taken to a barb-wire-fenced camp in Manzanar, California. Later they were moved to Camp Hunt in Idaho.

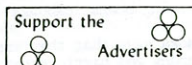
During the time his parents, friends and neighbors were spending their days in a dusty camp, Mo Nakata was involved in some of the most celebrated battles in the European theater, including, the rescue of the 36th Lost Battalion in France.

So Nakata, who married Mo after he returned from the war and she returned from the internment camps, said she was moved that the VFW post chose to honor him.

"I was overwhelmed," she said. "It is such an honor."

The vote to name the post after Nakata was Unanimous.

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by Joe Shimamura

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The 48th Anniversary Banquet which took place on March 23rd at the Pacific Beach Hotel, was well attended by the Kingsmen as we occupied 5 tables. Present for this affair was long time no see ISAAC & BETTY IKEHARA the traveling Guamanians, who were here on their way home after trying to break the bank at Las Vegas. So, busy are these people, only had chance to take them for their Chop-suey luncheon at Inn Heong, in the Chinese Cultural Plaza, their favorite haunt since they were taken there on their previous visit. Aside from MINO TAKASHIMA of Kauai and one big bunch of BOBBY HIRAYAMA, S guest that we did not get to meet from big America. It was a packed house. Still awaiting that big day when W. HEIRAKUJI makes up his mind to join the senior citizens hula troop and do his stuff on the stage.

OFFSPRINGS

Getting spoiled waiting for I. IKEHARA, S escapade to arrive from Guam so in the meanwhile have to cook up some news to keep this column going so for now we'll go on with a bit of what's cooking with some of the offspring of the K-men.

Two upholding the law as members of the Honolulu Police Dept. in the way of WAYNE OURA and TOKUO KAJIWARA'S son. Also, falling in this category ROBERT NAGATA'S son-in-law DENNIS. BOBBY HIRAYAMA'S son working as a steward on one of the major airlines.

DR. ELLIOT TOMOMITSU is a practicing pediatrician at the Central Medical Clinic. DR. TOMMY SUEYOKA, interning at various hospitals to be a practicing psychiatrist in the near future. DR. MITCHEL SHIMAMURA, practicing in Kalihi as a chiropractor by day, while being an assistant Karate instructor with a 5th rank black belt under the direct supervision of TOMMY MORITA, 8th rank headman of the Hawaii Karate Federation, during the night and Saturday afternoon for the keikis. Should your need for a good bodily workout or your desire to master some of the standard martial art weapons, the Nuuanu YMCA is the place to go.

In need of some legal mind, see EICHI OKI who has a couple of lawyers in the family.

SYMPATHY

To the family of the late ROY HIRAKA goes our deepest sympathy, as this front-liner of the 4th platoon, mortar squad was laid to rest during the month of March. Hailing from Kukuiahae on

the Big Island, ROY & wife YUKI was one of the spark plugs that was always in there, pitching whenever the Hilo-ites hosted a reunion during those unforgettable days, when the Kingsmen were just hard to beat in that area. YUKI WRITES that this great warrior had the most beautiful funeral attended by many, many friends, who were there to pay their final respect.

Also laid to rest during the early part of this year was SHIGEO YAMATO, who trained with the 1st platoon but was taken off the front-liner category due to his age and served as a cook with the K-s. Worked as a gardener upon his discharge on the West coast, and returned to Maui upon his retirement and spent his final days on the valley isle. Our deepest sympathy to the surviving members of his family. Our heartfelt condolence to TSUNE & HATSUE KANEMORI in the passing of TSUN'S mother, during the month of April.

CASUALTY

The latest casualty to be hospitalized was that mayor of Garden Grove, GEORGE "GREEN THUMB" IWAMOTO, the 4th platoon boss, who fell off his wheel chair and broke one of his leg while trying to make like a gardener. Long time no hear so had send my cousin to check out this situation. Home at last, got a phone call after this visit saying that he's well on the road to recovery.

VEGAS

Met NOBU "MINNESOTA FATS" KIMURA during the latter part of February in that gambling mecca and if you want to see a high roller in action, this is the boy to go to the table with. He sure can teach you a thing or two as he calls his shot. NOBU returned to that freezing midwest all smiles as he fell in the plus column for this trip. Seeing this ringier action I think I'd better stick to that black jack table and slot machine for dessert. Was nice seeing you once again NOBU. With wife MINNIE and daughter off to Mexico, and the snow shoveling all pau, NOBU had a good excuse for going to Vegas and recoup some of his investments.

So she went as we close this episode on the 13th day of April. MARY KOSASA off to Texas, escorting a group of 13 to attend the 36th Division reunion. Plenty story to tell when she get back. Still working on the big one hearing from TAD TAKAMATSU of Maui that a delegation will be joining us as we also got a personal call from TADASHI & MILDRED OKUDA, that these high rollers will definitely be in RENO, come October 24th. Till the next one, Cheerio.

Just when you think that this does it for now so you can close the books for this issue,

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By Allen Nakamura

The big event for the month of March was the 48th anniversary, commemorating the founding of the 442nd RCT. For the first time this year, the memorial services which is usually held at Punchbowl National Cemetery was held in the evening together with the banquet at Pacific Beach Hotel. Paul Matsumoto, banquet chairman and committeemen from 'L' chapter, Genro Kashiwa, Joe Oshiro, Bill Oshiro, Tad Sakai and members of 'L' chapter with other chapter committeemen did a good job putting the program together. Robert Sasaki, the club's long time executive secretary of many years as usual was seen moving everywhere to see that everything was in place. Some of the ladies seen working extra hard at the reception table were, Nancy Oshiro, Timmy Yamashita, Chiz Shoji, Hilda Takiyama, Gloria Oshiro, Pauline Tone, Mabel Kawamura & Genny Matsumoto. Sorry if I missed anyone else.

The dinner menu of Rib Steak & Chicken Marsala as the main dish was right-on and oishi. Kobe Shoji as the masterful M.C. kept the program moving on time with no snafu's. Great performance, Kobe! The night had other firsts in that, the next-of-kin of the KIA's were guests of the chapter's at the banquet. Our chapter didn't do too bad on the KIA guests list with Yoshiji Aoki coordinating with help from Fumio Ohashi, Hide Nakayama, Allen and others that I may not have recalled. The guest list: Tsutomu Fujioka, brother of KIA, Teruo Fujioka; Mrs. Matsumoto & Francine Fujinaka, mother & sister of KIA, Noboru Fujinaka; Richard & Gladys Kashiwa, brother of KIA, Goro Kashiwa; Mr/Mrs. Fumio Okayama, sister of KIA, Saburo Yoshimura; Masaji Taira, brother of KIA, Masaru Taira; Richard & Ichiro Suzawa, brothers of KIA, Jiro Suzawa. Roy/Ritsuk Fukuda, sister of KIA, Takeshi Shigihara cancelled out due to attending funeral services in Minnesota for Roy's brother, a veteran of 100th Bn.

The night belonged to the youngsters in attendance to learn about the formation of the, "Sons & Daughters of the 442nd". Makeup of the list included from the attorney family of Kashiwa, Peter/Jill, Janie & her atty fiance, Jansin Ka Ling. Yamashita brothers Byrnes, Boyden & Barry. Thomas Oshiro. Kelvin & Lynn Shoji. Andrew/Tracey Ohashi. P.K. Matsumoto's siblings Peter/Charlotte, Thomas/Laurel, John/Dawn, Joan. Dean/Mary Ishiki filled up a table of their own.

The keynote speaker, William Kaneko, President, Japanese American Citizens League, a sansei left a message of importance that your story must be told now to your family, the legacy of the regiment before it is too late.

Boyden Yamashita, DDS with the veterans administration, son of Timmy & Victor Yamashita was impressive in his recruiting speech for the "Son's & Daughter's" chapter on Oahu. Boyden in his relaxed but well organized speech was somewhat similar to keynote speaker Kaneko's message to the audience. Sometimes, a simple story told carries a much more lasting impact of the message. Such was the case I thought of the anecdote Boyden delivered which happened at the Veterans Administration Regional office where he is the residence dentist, when a Lt. Col. (ret), approached him. "Sir, what can I do for you?" asked Boyden. Col. (ret), "Are you related to Gen. Yamashita? Adm. Yamashita? (mistaken identity with Adm. Yamamoto). Boyden, "No, but my father served with the 442nd RCT in Europe". "Hm!", growled the Col. "442nd huh! Damn good outfit! You can work on my teeth--", unquote.

We had a pretty good representation from our chapter at the banquet with the following in attendance: Yoshiji/Betty Aoki; Kobe/Chiz Shoji; Isa/Hilda Takiyama; P.K./Genny Matsumoto; Yoshito, Pauline Tome; Hapa/Mabel Fujimoto; Kazuma Ogata; Allen Nakamura; Hide Nakayama; Freckles/Gloria Oshiro; Victor/Timmy Yamashita; Wally/Mabel Kawamura; Jiro/Flora Watanabe; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Bill/Lily Oshiro; Genro/Muriel Kashiwa; Robert/Lily Sasaki.

The evening's entertainment by the 442nd Ukulele & Hula and 442nd Uta No Kai's performance were greeted with much applause. It goes to prove that, 'you're never too old to learn'. The hours of practice paid off for these young-at-heart performers, as the improvements really showed over the years. One-deto! From our chapter the old pros on the musical instruments, Jiro Watanabe & Yoshito Tome and P.K. Matsumoto doing his hula, but no chapter ladies! However, it was good to see some of our LIKM 11 chapter members & ladies doing their stuff led by talented & versatile Commander Paul Takiguchi & David Umeda (M Co.), Mitsue Shishido (M Co) and Doris Ishida (522).

LAS VEGAS MINI-REUNION

With such a large response of the number going on the "Hawaiian Package" Mini-Reunion seems like a mis-nomer. Anyway, our unofficial travel agent P.K. Matsumoto working thru Travel Adventures, Inc., were finally able to finalize the no-host Love Company Mini-Reunion scheduled for Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 1991, at California Hotel in Las Vegas.

Thru efforts of Hiro Nishikubo of L.A., there'll be golfing on TUESDAY, Oct. 29 at Desert Rose Golf Course. T/Time: 6:30 a.m. G/fee-cart:

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\$36 per person. THURSDAY, Oct 31 at Las Vegas Golf Course. T/Time: 10 a.m. G/fee-cart: \$22 per person. P.K. has a message for Larry Tanaka, Mas Miyoshi & Mas Watanabe to be at the hotel by 2 p.m. to assist him in passing out the room keys & name tags. Send alternate, if cannot be there. Signees by area:

SEATTLE: Ken/Aki Higashi; John/Grace Kanda; Shig/Mary Kosugi; Art/Flo Koura; Art/Amy Kaisaki; Paul/Fumi Kaseguma; Pete/Miki Kozu; Jos/Shiz Hata; Ken/Kiyo Sugawara; Jim/Yuri Suzuki; Mas/Beulah Sakagami; Seiji Hata/Midori Miyahara; Mits/Jun Takahashi; Tosh/Peggy Tanemura; Mas/Hisa Watanabe; Jack/Lil Sameshima; Bob/Naoko Takeshita; Dennis/Rhirs Arizumi.

NORTHERN CAL: Jiro/Jean Nakaso; Tay Nobori/Ann Nakamoto; Tominaga's, Joe, Mel/Kiyono, Tom/Fumi; Ray Nomura; Larry/Barbara Takai; Bill/Miyoko Tomura; Roy/Hanna Sato; Feb/Amy Yokoi; Shig/Rose Yokote; Larry/Amy Tanaka; Hide/Merry Kiyomura; Ken/Masi Nihei; Ken/Louise Sakanashi; Ray Orite; Joey Ishihara; Virginia Nakaso; Betty Miyake; Tom/Sukie Teramoto; Farrington/Helen Blaisdell; Howe/Mary Hanamura; Masaru/Sadako Uda.

SOUTHERN CAL: Geo/Faye Doi; Tak/Ruth Hashimoto; Tom/Yo Mori; Mas/Yasuko Miyoshi; Don/Sue Seki; Fudge Tanishita; Hiro Nishikubo; Betty Wakamatsu; Jun/Bev Yamamoto; Seiji/Hazel Inamura; Aki/Tacky Minamide; Sam/Yoshiko Ikari; Sud/Shinobu Yonaki; Keo/Arlene Takabayashi; Min/Chickie Sumida.

CHICAGO, DETROIT: Henry/Ingeborg Tominaga; Kenji/Louise Tani; Shig/Ruby Kizuka.

HILLO: Tom/Toyo Mizuno.

MAUI: Geo/Judith Kitagawa; Jiro/Kikue Kojima; Shigeo Aoki; Kiyoshi/Betty Kishimoto; "Swipe"/Misae Nakamura; Gary/Sadie Fujinaka; Rose Suzuki; Isuko Hayashi; Albert/Utaiko Goo; Robert/Dorothy Tam Ho; Eddie Ogawa; Jenny Oka; Bob Ohigashi; Haruo/Matsue Fujimoto; Shinsei Miyasato; Yasu/Emiko Okinaka.

QAHU: Yoshiji/Betty Aoki; Lawrence/Chieko Fujii; Hapa/Mabel Fujimoto; Richard/Chizuko Furukawa; Bill/Harumi Hagio; Genro/Muriel Kashiwa; Casey/Kimie Kasadate; Wally/Mabel Kawamura; Mickey/Tatsue/Sheri Kurokawa; P.K./Genny Matsumoto; Toshi/Betty Nakahara; Hide Nakayama; Kazuma Ogata; Fumio/Michiko Ohashi; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Bill/Lily Oshiro; Whitey/Florence Saito; Tad Sakai; Robert/Lily Sasaki; Koba/Chiz Shoji; Isa/Hilda Takiyama; Yoshito/Pauline Tome; Jiro/Flora Watanabe; Victor/Timmy Yamashita; Edna Kuramoto; Judy Murata; Hideo Arakawa.

It seems there's not many of us left to keep the home fires burning. I guess each of the remaining few have reasons of their own for not being able to go. Me, it is so hard to leave on school days. Enuff said. Have fun & enjoy!

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Atsushi Henry Oshiro who was so active and helpful not too long ago, especially preparing our social dinners until he was advised to slow down due to health reasons, recently he had a four by-pass heart surgery. Because of his diabetic condition and as a precautionary measure, no visitors is allowed at this writing. Info I received from his wife, Ruth is that Henry is improving daily altho he seems to tire easily. Henry will be in the hospital for over a month, to date. We all wish you speedy recovery.

Isa Takiyama who missed our May meeting had good reasons for not coming to the meeting. He had itchy red spots all over the body he sez's. Our well wishes to you and hope to see you in June, minus the red spots!

RETIREMENT

Lawrence Fujii our benefactor of plants at our fundraisers & shinenkai had retired from Pacific Garden Nursery. It hardly seems possible for him to be retired for long, as Lawrence one of the few certified plant pathologist in the islands is constantly being pressured with job offers.

50th ANNIVERSARY

The big event in March, 1993 is the 50th anniversary of 442nd RCT. It's not too early to make plans for the big celebration. More info will be forthcoming as the anniversary committee finalizes plans.

We just learned that Larry Tanaka of Sacramento, had surgery for stomach cancer and convalescing at home now, going thru chemotherapy treatment.

Since the death of Frank Oshita 6 - 7 years ago, Larry had taken over the leadership of the Northern Cal group which had grown in size these past years. Being my contact man for their group, he is in many ways responsible for the success of our reunions. We all wish you a speedy recovery Larry!

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Anonymous

War tales never die, they don't even fade away.

You remember the time when? ... And so the stories get hashed and re-hashed time and again, with a little more flourish added on each occasion.

Now, what about nicknames? Yup, not about heroic events, not about comical accidents, not about deep tragedies, not about disastrous mistakes, not about lucky miracles--but just about nicknames.

There was "Reverend" Kishaba. His praying may have started in the foxholes. Nowadays, it's turned into grace before dinner.

"Hotsauce" Mizusawa says that it stuck to him from the COC days (Civilian Conservation Corps for the otherwise unemployed) when he put tabasco sauce on everything. The name stuck even though C and K rations never came with tabasco.

Nobody could out-talk or shut up "Muscle-mouth" Miyamoto. If he had been sent to negotiate with Saddam Hussein, the U.S. would never have had to send troops to the Gulf.

"Fiduke" Yokoyama brags that his nickname is a combination of "Fi," the symbol for the chemical "iron", and "duke", a reference to the great lover Duke of Windsor. According to him, it dates back to the days when he was reputed to be such a strong (iron) lover. Trouble is, the symbol for "iron" is "Fe" so if the nickname is spelled wrong, there might also be a mistake in his story. Fiduke's lover-boy prowess will be believed only if vouched for by his wife Helen.

"Cupcake" Who??? His circumcised (blank) had a bulbous head that was the perfect image of a cupcake! Very descriptive.

Anybody know how our kotonk Sergeant Ogawa got to be called "Bow-wow"?

Remember the easy-going guy with twinkly eyes and a fair pinkish complexion dotted with spots? "Freckles" Miura. He was famous for his funny malapropisms. His description of himself would be: "My complexity is full of black dots."

Our company, our battalion, our regiment--we had the best softball team in all of Italy (that's the only country in which we played) because of one man: our pitcher "Angel" Ikenaga. His angelic

face knocked our opposition cold. A wicked 88 MPH curveball didn't hurt.

"Rainbow" Tokashiki doesn't remember the origin of his nickname. Maybe it was because he slicked up in "flashy" fashion for his furloughs. Maybe it was because he was so "colorful" in the way he acted or talked.

Then there was "Toity-Toit" Tomino. His strong Brooklyn accent was strange not only to the buddhaheads but even to the Kotonks. (Was he really a New Yorker?)

"Bomber" Nagashima got christened after the famous Japanese warplane called the "Nakajima Bomber".

Only people our age will remember Hollywood actor John Carradine--especially in that western "Stagecoach". Well, a look-alike was our truck driver "Carradine" Takahashi.

Talk about look-alikes, our motor pool mechanic was "Onion" Fujimoto whose head looked just like one--in addition to his having been an onion farmer back home.

And what about "Meathead" Nishio. Now nobody's head just looks like meat, so why "Meathead"? If you don't get the point, you're one too.

The little fellow with the happy disposition looking always on the sunny side of life in spite of all that muck and mire was none other than our former club prexy and "Go-For-Broke" movie celebrity "Sunshine" Fukunaga.

No other word could do justice to the cherubic, smooth-complexioned, pretty, rosy-cheeked face of "Luscious" Sakai. But the story goes that the way he really got to be called that was: While taking a shower one day, he bragged about the hair on his chest. Well, what little he had was cute and looked like peach-fuzz. His pals took one look at it and called him "Luscious" forever after. (Anyone get the connection?)

"Savage" Tanaka looked like one, acted like one, talked like one, ate like one.

Even now, "Smiley" Tsuchiya is the same friendly fellow, always ready to greet you with a smile, a handshake and an ever ebullient "how-are-ya?"

There were the Germans, there was Adolph Hitler, and there was Bruno Hauptmann. So we had "Bruno" Adolph Nakamura. That's the way the

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associative mind works.

Every company had one like him: "Goldbrick" Nagasawa. No work detail was too light and easy for him to make every strenuous effort to avoid.

Country boy Sasaki was used to the hot Japanese "furo"--until he went to a boarding school where he had to bathe in ice-cold showers which he couldn't stand. He got goose pimples just thinking about them--and the name "Chilly" stuck to him. Post-war, he had it legalized.

Toro Hirose was obviously called "Bull"--you know, El Toro and the Matador. Guess that's a better way to put it than saying that he used to throw a lot of that thing around.

The Lieutenant's jeep driver and a former executive secretary of the 442 Veterans Club was "Flash Fujiki. Maybe he flashed a smile, maybe he flashed his Italian lures at the signorines, maybe he jumped into the foxholes like a flash. Who knows?

"Petit" Suzuki was small all right. So were a lot (if not most) of the buddhaheads. But they probably weren't coaxed up to by the mademoiselles in France the way he was and tenderly called "mon petit cheri".

While he was standing guard, his buddies teased him by throwing pebbles at him. Getting mad, he fired his rifle--just as his lieutenant accidentally came into the line of fire. He was almost court-martialed. Later his buddies kidded him: "Hey, you rugged buggah, eh--firing like that at the lieutenant." Forever after, he was called "Rugged" Miyakawa.

As a youngster, Mino Tateishi loved playing in the trees. He loved imitating Tarzan but he wasn't physically built like Johnny Weismuller. So his friends just called him "Monkey"--which stuck.

The most famous jeep driver in our company was "Butterman" Hamamoto. Derivation is a mystery. Because he liked butter? That's too banal. Could be he buttered up his lieutenant so that he would never lose his soft job.

As they say, if it talks like one, acts like one, and especially walks like one, then it must be one: "Superduck" Kunichika.

What about "Camel" Yoshimasu? A camel can tank up on water and can go without for a helluva long time. But this camel used to tank up on beer and couldn't go without for any length of time.

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS by Henry Kuniyuki

This quarterly issue of the "Go-For-Broke" Bulletin features the Howard Hanji Kiyama family. Howard is a charter member of the Livorno Chapter. However, due to family obligations he has been inactive for many years. On a chance meeting at our mutual Cardiologist's office this chapter Reporter encouraged Howard to become an active member again. Howard began attending our monthly dinner meetings since January, 1991.

Howard was a replacement to Company B, 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He took his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, like so many 442nd Replacements. He participated in the last campaign of the Regiment in Italy as a rifleman. Upon cessation of the war he was assigned as Company Clerk of Baker Company. His last duty with Company B was as a Squad Leader. When Howard returned with the Regimental Colors in August of 1946, his picture was taken by the Honolulu Star Bulletin ace photographer, Robert Ebert. This human interest shot of Howard being embraced by his tearful dad, Mr. Iuenon Kiyama, was displayed on the front cover of the Star Bulletin, together with the story of the 442nd troops returning from the war. Robert Ebert won the Pulitzer Prize for that memorable photograph, edging out the famous Iwo Jima flag raising snapshot, which placed second. Howard was honorably discharged as a Sergeant.

Upon his return from the European Theater of Operation, Howard settled down with Claire Yoshie Harada on November 20, 1948. His fine family consist of three children and four grandchildren. His first born, daughter Gail Misaye is married to David Ohashi, a landscaping business owner in Seattle, Washington. Gail is employed as an Employment Specialist with the Seattle Metro Company System. Gail and David have a five-year old son, Ryan and a one-year old daughter Ariel. Howard's second born, son Michael Makoto is a bachelor employed by Goodyear Tire Company as a Diagnostic Specialist. Their second son, Randall Takeshi, is married to Laurie Higa, who is a Travel Consultant with Thomas Cook Travel Agency. Randall and Laurie are the proud parents of eight-year old daughter, Jennifer Akemi, and four-year old son, Todd Takeo. Randall is employed as manager of Team Sales & Honsport.

Howard Kiyama's long thirty-six year employment span began as a salesman for Pacific Meat Company. After seventeen years with Pacific Meat Company he was employed by several other wholesale meat establishments. His work record also has five years as a storekeeper for the Honolulu Police Department, and ten years as manager of both Ala Moana and Pearl Ridge stores of Honolulu

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Sporting Goods. Howard retired in 1983, and has kept himself busy as an avid deep sea fisherman with a 26' Bertram boat, which he has subsequently sold. His current hobby is golfing. He also had a lucrative side business of making specialized fishing rods, which were much in demand. Claire Kiyama is also a retiree, having worked twenty years as an accounting clerk at Kilpatrick Ice Company and the Honolulu Ship Supply firm. While employed at Kilpatrick she took a long ten-year maternity leave to take care of her youngsters. Claire became a full-time housewife in 1989. Livorno chapter members are pleased to have Howard back with us, and, hopefully, would like to see other replacement comrades do likewise!

After a long hiatus of poor participation at the annual 442nd banquets the Livorno Chapter had a good turnout of ten members and wives in attendance at the 48th affair. Those who enjoyed the banquet from the Chapter were: Jerry & Ethel Doi; Henry & Emi Kuniyuki; Jitsuo & Ruby Kawada; Paul & Betty Takeazu; and Raymond & Mimi Tanaka. The members and wives especially enjoyed the well-planned program. The keynote speakers were excellent and the memorial service was enhanced by the Marching Choir. The Chapter members voted unanimously to recommend that the annual memorial service be held in conjunction with the annual banquet. The exception, of course, will be for the 50th Anniversary celebration in 1993.

At the April Chapter meeting the members in attendance voted to have a "Ladies Appreciation" buffet brunch function at the Cannon Club in July. Special invitations have been extended to Ronald Higa's widow, Janet, and Wilfred Watanabe's wife, Frances.

As a member of the Mental Health Association in Hawaii the Chapter Reporter received the following information on combating STRESS in our twilight years: "Eleven things you can do to keep STRESS in the comfort zone... (1) TALK IT OUT. Discuss your problem with a friend or an adult you trust. (2) WORK IT OFF. Get active through sports, walking, dancing---any physical exercise that makes you feel good... (3) ACCEPT THE THINGS YOU CAN'T CHANGE. Don't get frustrated by trying to change things you can't control. (4) DON'T DEPEND ON ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. These may help you feel better for a while, but in the end they cause more STRESS. (5) DON'T TRY TO BE PERFECT. Nobody is! Pick things you like, and do those things well. (6) WATCH WHAT YOU EAT. Good eating habits help you fight stress. (7) TAKE A Break. Leave your problems for a bit. Read a book, see a movie, or play a game. (8) GET PLENTY OF REST. Lack of sleep makes it hard to deal with STRESS.

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by Terry Ihara

GLENN & MIYO NAKASONE in their forty years of married life were able to conceive and raise one son. Contrast this to the what their son and daughter-in-law have accomplished. GLENN proudly informed the EASY men at its April meeting that he and wife Miyo are now grandparents of four grandchildren, the latest arriving on April fools day, April 1, 1991. GLENN's son EARL is an engineer at Pearl Harbor. With grandparents providing free baby sitting services there is no bar to having grandchildren, is there?

EASY members couldn't miss reading the article in the Advertiser about KEI YAMATO. The government's case against him was dismissed for failing to prosecute him early on with dispatch. The prosecution was not able to press the case early on because he was the only witness they had in their case against a Canadian nisei who was also indicted in the case and he was freed. With that cloud over his head removed, we hope KEI will rejoin EASY functions soon although we must understand that he went through a very rough decade of the eighties. At any rate we wish him well.

With sad hearts and much sorrow almost every EASY member and spouse was in attendance for the services of the late JOHN KAZUO TSUKAMOTO who passed away on April 27, 1991. Services were held at Hosoi's Mortuary and the ministers of the Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin conducted the services. A quiet spoken man, the late John must have been quite a fellow judging from the attendance at the service. He was man who gave of his time and skills as a carpenter to his many friends and relatives as well as being a caring man to his family. EASY Chapter played an important role in the conduct of the services as SHIGE YOSHITAKE served as Master of Ceremonies and the chiyoba was staffed by LEFTY SUGIHARA, MAUI OKAMURA, TADAO YOSHIMOTO and DON MASUDA. The eulogy was provided by TERRY IHARA and S.T. OOKA represented the 442nd Veterans Club in the offering of incense.

EASY COMPANY, second platoon, lost a member of their platoon, ISAMU KOBAYASHI, from Waipahu early this month. Though a member of the war-time company, ISAMU did not join EASY CHAPTER and did not participate in any Club activities. He was a bachelor.

On the same sad note, EASY CHAPTER members and spouses mourn the passing of FLO PESTANA, late wife of ED PESTANA. Besides ED, she is survived by two sons and a daughter. ED's parents lived at Hooluhua, Molokai, where his father was a mechanic at the CPC Plantation. Having been a teacher at Molokai High before the war, this writer knew his father as well as his sister who

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was then a student at Molokai High School.

It was at the services of Mrs. PESTANA that this writer was able to recruit a partner for the Alaska Tour as ED's three children strongly urged their father to take the trip. With ED joining the tour there will be five couples plus the new odd couple of PESTANA/IHARA. The others making the EASY Alaska Tour are MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, SABURO & TOKUE OUCHI, JUNO & MAY KANESHIGE and SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE. Also flying north to Alaska will be S.T. JUNE OOKA to visit with their No. one son NELSON who is a teacher there. TOMO & MARY UYEDA, NEKA & HAZEL MATOI, MASAMI & MARILYN DOI and NOBU & BETTY YONEDA will be going north into Canada for their Post-Reunion vacation. CHICKEN & ROSE YAMADA will be stopping by in Los Angeles to visit their son before going to Seattle and will be traveling south into Oregon to visit with friends. LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA and TSUNE & YAE TAKEMOTO will be joining LAWSON SAKAI'S cruise north to Alaska through the inland passage. BOBBY MAEDA and possibly GEORGE & DORIS TANDO will be stopping by Reno or Vegas before heading for home and CHIK & PATSY TESHIMA will be heading for Las Vegas for a first in their life-time experience. Word from Maui is that PAKALA TAKAHASHI and BEN TAKAYESU will be going to Alaska for a fishing experience.

A suggestion was made at a recent Chapter meeting that Chapter members and spouses be invited to complement the writing of this NEWS-LETTER. This would certainly add much to the enjoyment of EASY partisans. It has been the intention of this writer to make that request at Chapter meetings and dinners but memory lapses made that difficult to implement. That is the reason the suggestion is being recorded here so that interested volunteers will send in their pearls of wisdom to this writer for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter. Better still, after being on this job for over twenty years, a replacement may be in order. As far as deadlines are concerned TAD SAKAI requests that articles be in his hand 45 days before publication dates which are the first day of January, April, July and October.

Plans are now being made for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the 442nd RCT in late March, 1993. Mother club has appointed former prexy GEORGE NAKASATO to head the committee. For most of the members this will probably be the last big celebration the 442nd RCT will have so it behooves all of us to get personally involved and make this celebration a

most memorable one; one that will insure each participant a lasting memory of a job well done in War, Home and Family and the part each played in contributing to a better Hawaii, America and the World.

On the matter of anniversaries, EASY CHAPTER has been woefully weak in the celebration of annual anniversary events. To put it bluntly, for a Chapter which prouids itself with monthly Chapter meeting attendance of 22 plus, it couldn't cover a table without CHARLEY ARAKAKI representing the Maui 442nd Club at the last anniversary event held in March. There is something drastically wrong with EASY CHAPTER lacking the camaraderie of the greater 442nd Veterans Club of which EASY was once a leader with guys like the late DAN AOKI and Senator DAN INOUE. The Senator is so concerned of this apathetic behavior that he invited every EASY Company veteran living in Hawaii to a Tea House dinner some years back thinking he could help bring back some of the camaraderie of the war days. The teahouse dinner was a success but the follow through was dismal as described above. The Senator has not given up. It's natural for the Senator to place such a heavy meaning to his association with EASY COMPANY as his service in the war took place during the years he grew from a teenager to a man. Given all the high honors that he has attained, he is still most comfortable with his wartime buddies with whom he saw so much action during those years of war.

Of greater concern to the Senator is the question of why these same buddies of his service with EASY COMPANY FIRST PLATOON with whom he trained for a year in Shelby do not share in his love for the once upon a time "best platoon" of COMPANY "E". In a way this writer apologetically must assume some blame in the woeful state of affairs EASY CHAPTER but is unable to explain how this is so. If Chapter members know the answer, he would be most anxious to hear from them. Incidentally people tend to forget and this increases with age. This writer will have to admit that this "disease" is most apparent in his case. Not being a journalist by trade EASY members have been most kind and not throwing verbal bricks at the writer's shortcomings for which he is most grateful.

In preparation for the Memorial Day placement of flowers at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, this writer needed to visit with HIROSHI OKADA who annually prepared the cans to put the flowers in. HIROSHI still feels a little under the weather and since he was not able to perform

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Up Front

By Stanley Kaneshiro

1993 50th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion plans not yet finalized as of this date and negotiations are still continuing with Waikiki hotels for late March or early April dates. Will let you know as soon as dates and place are fixed. 34th Division Reunion will be in Omaha, Nebraska this year and on September 6th thru 8th. Those interested in attending this Reunion should contact the Clubhouse for more information. Also for those interested, 522-C Battery have a reunion scheduled this year, October 11th thru 13th at the Miyako Inn in San Francisco. George Oiye and Sus Ito are on the host committee and local contacts are Messrs Higa and Hokama of C Chapter. Goodwill Hawaii-Japan High School Baseball tournament will be in Hawaii this year and on September 3rd to 5th. There is a request for families to host Japan players and those interested should call the Clubhouse for more information and guidance. Mark your calendar now also for the next ladies night which will be on August 23rd and at the Clubhouse.

36th Division, San Antonio Reunion and side trip to Camp Shelby (from Hideo Nakamine and Neil Nagareda).

According to Hideo, the trip to San Antonio and Camp Shelby was fantastic. B Chapter members and spouses who made the trip to San Antonio were M/M Hideo Nakamine, M/M Neil Nagareda, M/M Masayuki Higa and Robert Fujimoto. Except for Fujimoto, all continued to Camp Shelby with tour guide Mary Kusasa and M/M Ray Kunimura of C Chapter. Neil says they had an exceptionally warm welcome at Shelby with Major General Dennis Victor Crumley flying in on his helicopter from the field just to have lunch with them. Neil adds, it was a shame only nine of them made this trip to Shelby. As a special note, our mother club recently approved the Club's participation in establishing a monument and the museum at Camp Shelby.

Ladies Night, April 26, 1991

This was another profitable and fun evening at the Clubhouse. Donors and buyers contributed a whopping \$433.00 to the B Chapter treasury. With Kats Miho as auctioneer, assisted by Rocky Tanna, there were lively bids for sushi, cookies, tsukemono, potted ferns, etc., and a heated one for a bottle of VO. Prizes were awarded for the top buyers or spenders for the night and much mahalo again to Walter and Martha Inouye for

their contributions and especially the windmill prizes. Can't name the many donors, too many, and also those who made cash contributions. Mahalo to collector agent Biggie Nakakura and his assistant for the night Don Yagami.

Chapter Golf

By Rocky Tanna

April 1, 1991, HCC, monthly ace was won by Teiji Uehara with a very good round net of 63. Flint Yonashiro took the front nine with a net 31½ and Walter Inouye took the back with the same score. Par three's were taken by Don Yagani, Teiji, Joe Obayashi and Rocky Tanna.

April 15, 1991, HCC, had 22 golfers playing for monthly ace and two person one-best ball. The monthly ace was won by HCC pro, Ted Tsukiyama with another good round of net 63. Flint took the front nine, again, this time with a net 30½ and Koyu Afuso got the back with the same score. Par three winners were Ken Kawate, Biggie Nakakura, George Muramaru and Larry Nakahara. Two person one-best ball winners were Tom & Jerry, net 59 (winning tie breaker), George & Koyu, net 59, Larry & Flint, net 59 and Ken & Bill, net 60 (winning tie breaker over Joe & Kats, net 60).

May 20, 1991, HCC, golf was played in ideal weather conditions, lots of sunshine and little wind, with two-person two-ball format besides the monthly ace. Joe Obayashi shot a net 66 to win the monthly ace. Rocky took the front nine with a net 32 and Larry Nakahara the back with a net 32½. Par three winners were Teiji, Ted, Milton and none on the seventeenth hole. Two-person, two-ball low net winners were George & Lester, net 138, Larry & Milton, net 139 (non tie breaker), Roy O. & Joe O., net 139, Stanley & Kenneth, net 140.

Golfing schedule for remainder of this year is as follows: (All games at HCC with 9:00 A.M. tee-off except 10:00 A.M. on June 17th and December 16th). June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15, August 19, September 16, October 7 and 21, November 18 and December 16.

Bits and Pieces

Kats Miho now convalescing at home after a five by-pass surgery. Rocky Tanna, who had the opportunity to visit Kats at Kuakini Hospital says Kats wasn't feeling too good since our last ladies night and on visiting his doctor and getting an angiogram test, they had him on the operating table within three days. Kats is our Goodwill Baseball Tournament Chairman and we hope he'll get a pinch-hitter so he can rest and recuperate and be back on the golf course with us again. Heard Jack Andrews had a small vocal cord tumor removed early this year. We wish him well and a speedy

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By Mino Suzumoto

Starting this chapter report on a sad note. TAD FUJISHIGE, without reservation, was one of the best thing that ever happened to Co. I. Besides serving as our chapter treasurer since 1970, until in 1989, when his deteriorating health forced him to the point where he deliberately relinquished his job, he never had a harsh word for anyone, nor they of him. He was by nature a compassionate guy. 3 or 4 times over the years, during the annual 442 Anniversary Banquet, commemorating the founding of the 442 Regimental Combat Team, Co. I would end up with an odd body count. Necessitating someone to be a "sacrificial lamb." Someone needed to be eased out of the Item group to sit with some other chapter. In this, Mr. FUJISHIGE always volunteered himself. In spite of the fact that he consistently was one of the earlier ticket purchaser. Well, TAD never made it to this year's 48th Anniversary Banquet, Pacific Beach Hotel, March 23, 1991. He died of a heart failure, 3 days prior on the 20th, at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Moanalua. Memorial services were held on the 28th at Hosoi Garden Mortuary, followed by his burial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl, with full military honors. Our deepest sympathy go to the hana family, the Fujishige clan and to all of those he held so dearly. He was 74. May his soul rest in peace. Goodbye, TAD.

Co. I was asked to assume a responsible role in the ceremonies, by the hana family (Mrs. ULULANI CHANG). Resulting in RALPH ARASHIRO acting as Item's coordinator; HENRY YAMADA giving a moving eulogy and served as M.C.; ICHIRO SUZUKI, WALTER OKUMOTO, STAN YAMAMOTO and HIRAM DOI managed the "choba". While members of Item Chapter and Itemites at hearts were well represented among the congregation. (For the record, TAD's obituary couldn't be acknowledged in the earlier "Bulletin" simply because the "deadline" for that issue was arbitrarily set as March 15, back in January. And no amount of persuasion could convince the Editor-in-Chief to permit a late insertion. And with the individual afflicted with cancer, would you want to argue the point?)

KENNETH OKUMA, suffering with the gout, seen maneuvering up the few mortuary steps with extreme difficulty.

Words were received, through RALPH ARASHIRO that one of mainland counterpart TOM HORIKAWA of a Half Moon Bay, CA address had passed away. No other statistics were forthcoming. I do know TOM had visited us here, a number of years ago.

Detroit, Michigan was the address he gave, at that point in time. Our deepest condolence to his wife, KIK and to all his remaining next-of-kins.

Tragedy struck the MITS & SUMI OSHIRO house hold too, during the interim, when they lost their son BRIAN, who was a technician with the State Board of Health. Memorial services were held at Mililani Mortuary, Mililani. BRIAN was 34. Our sincerest sympathy goes to the remaining kinfolks and to all whom he loved. May his soul rest in peace.

Dr. VIC IZUI, Clover Lane, Northfield, IL, writes: "Had the gang over for a 'shabu-shabu' dinner (communication received in mid-Apr.) TANAKA kyodai, SETS TANDO, FRANK & TOE SAKAMOTO, WARREN & MILLIE FENCL (34th Div.), PERSHING & KIYO NAKADA (232) and EDDIE & DORIS SATO (232). GANGI & GEORGE brought over a huge suckling pig with all the trimmings, as well as their famed home-made sushi." Disclosed also, that a SAM NITAHARA, who he believes was a Co. I replacement, passed away in Feb. He was 69. VIC asks if anyone remembered him. May his soul rest in peace..." Having a typical Chicago weather: 80°, 30°, tornados, rain, snow, hail, etc. Gets so one doesn't know how to dress from day to day. Also had a new pacemaker inserted, replacing the 1983 model. Expects it to pull me through the whole 18 holes, come summer. The TANAKAs, the SAKAMOTOS, the FENCLs and the IZUIs should all make it to Reno", he says. Thinks GANJII is getting to the stage where he'd be a candidate for a pace-maker pretty soon. Sends their very best, his & MICH's, to Item Chapter. And I wish to thank him for that photo-scenery of Clover Lane blanketed with snow in January, with "Nibbles" (their dog) romping in the white stuff. Always a pleasure, when the good doctor gets in touch!

Item Chapter gratefully acknowledges receiving substantial monetary contribution during the interim from the following: AL "Brah" GOKAN (received by BRUNO); STAN YAMAMOTO, GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA, FRED & BEA MATSUURA (by MINO); MICHIO KATO (by BILL NAGANUMA).

Gen'l Chairman JIM YAMASHITA's latest list (5/6/91) on the Co. I Mini-Reunion at the "Sands" in Reno, come Oct. 24-27, 1991, now stands at 184 participants. Among the latest to capitulate, I've been informed, was RONALD MINAMI. Good for him! Don't mean to sound too provincial but, some names posted so far, just gives me a good feeling: ENRO OKADA, TAK SENZAKI, SHIRO KASHINO, KIM MUROMOTO, KENJI SEGAWA, SAB ITAKURA, GEORGE OSHITA, MIKE KRESKOSKY, HANK NAKADA, LARRY KAZUMURA, SHIG DOI, JIM KAWAMINAMI, FRED MATSUMURA, NOBO IKUTA, BILL MORITA, LARRY ISHIKAWA,

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BRUNO YAMADA, FRED TAKENAKA, TONTI SAKAIDA. And I could go on and on! Main thing is we should all stay healthy. Fate willing, we should have a heck of a time! And we all realize that Mr. YAMASHITA is doing one hell of a job! (TOGO NAKAGAWA was good enough to have taken the trouble of duplicating JIM's application forms. Members needing one, at this stage in time, see KAZUMA OYAMA or yours truly. Credit KENNETH OKUMA for volunteering for same, although as it were, TOGO had printed enough for our use). Locally, JIM's assistance C.B. SAKAMOTO, continues to do a commendable job, if not a bang up one, ably assisted by his wife, GAY.

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recovery. Fred Hirayama, a 1939 graduate of Waimea Kauai High School, led some 30 classmates including spouses to Reno, Tahoe, Yellowstone and San Francisco for their reunion celebration. The Spring Quarter Militiaman (official paper of the Iowa Army and Air National Guard) has a running account or history on the exploits of the 34th Infantry Division with a few references to the 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT. Incidentally, did you know that the 34th Division patch is a steer bull with an Indian jar as a background and based on Indian-history where heavy jars were placed over skeletons. If you haven't heard, Walter Inouye shot a gross 81 at Makalena on April 26th, nearly shooting his age. If it wasn't for a couple of bad holes, he would have done it.

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that chore this writer decided to take over. It was a very pleasant surprise to learn that HIROSHI has devised a most ingenious system of gluing 20p finishing nails to the cans for implantation into the ground. First he molded a metal holder on top of a base on which the cans could be placed. Then he got himself a heavy magnet to hold the nails in place while he applied the glue with a electric gun. Very clever!!

Saturday at 2 p.m. is the time and day the following have volunteered to show up at the Cemetery to assist in the distribution of the flowers: MASAMI DOI, NEKA MATOI, LEFTY SUGIHARA, TOMO UYEDA, S.T. OOKA, SABURO OUCHI, WAICHI TAKEMOTO, CHIK TESHIMA and TADAO YOSHIMOTO. Additional volunteers will be reported in the next newsletter. All for now.

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By Charles Watanabe

Nothing much to report on Hq 3rd business meeting, which is held on the 3rd Friday of each month, come rain or snow or whatever, a ritual I guess will remain with us until we say "all pau."

Sam Sasai led the April meeting and as usual had his meticulous business meeting over with in no time. That doesn't mean he didn't have anything to report; he reported on the reunion for 1993, which means, among other activities planned a trip to the Island of Lanai...yes...Lanai. The chapter has been to every island except Lanai (referring to the accessible ones only). Of course, Lanai is known for it's pineapple field...same as Molokai...only vegetation and wave "Hi" to the people. But it's good to just relax and chat, which is what we are all good for anyway. We came a long way for moments like this. Excuse me, I have been informed that Lanai is undergoing major transition in its industry from pineapple to tourism and the residents are being trained to work in the hotels in order that this change would assure them continued employment.

The above covers the formal part of the report. Now into some da kine news that I'm sure you'd like to hear about.

At the 48th anniversary of the 442nd at the Pacific Beach Hotel, the chapter was well represented with members and wives. Among other family members present were Kay Kaneko (Erni Uno's sister visiting from Kona), Joey and Nita Uno (Erni and Gracie Uno's son and daughter-in-law), Grace Fujii, Keith, and David Tsubata (daughter and sons of Edward (deceased) and Frances Tsubata). Apologize if I've missed other family members. It was nice to have the younger generation join us, especially as the evening's program included a Memorial Service, an Address by William Kaneko, President, JACL, Honolulu Chapter, and a speech by Boyden Yamashita, D.D.S. representing the Sons and Daughters.

Following is an account of events provided for our reading pleasure by Irene Nakamura on a Las Vegas trip from April 25 - 29, organized by Sam and Michi Sasai:

Nine members of our chapter travelled to tinsel town, Las Vegas, and enjoyed themselves immensely. Led by Sam Sasai, the group included Frank and Grace Ishikawa, Hajime and Lani Matsuda, Lani's sister Hanayo Ikeda, Janet Matsuda, and Takeshi and Irene Nakamura. All reported some great wins and moderate losses. While no

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one hit the Mega-bucks or million dollar jackpots, everyone had so much fun that the consensus was to have another junket with more participants next time.

Our "sayonara" dinner was served in a romantic private alcove of Hugo's where a truly gastronomical delight was enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately, Michi Sasai, who planned and arranged for the entire package, had to miss all the fun due to problems with her allergy. Her doctor grounded her despite her arguments, so now she is eager to go on the next trip. Anyone interested?

A note of interest to members of Hq 3rd. Received a news bulletin, The Review, 3/27/91, from Sa Nakata of Bainbridge Isle. Excerpts follows:

Last week, the Veterans of Foreign War post on Bainbridge Island named itself after the world war II hero. The post will be known officially as the Mo Nakata Veterans of Foreign War Post 4268 of Bainbridge Island.

"The post thinks its time we give some recognition to the travesty of justice, and more importantly to love of country and patriotism of the children that while their parents were being interned, went out and fought for their country," said Raymond Warns, the commander of the post.

The Bainbridge VFW post was established December 7, 1990. Nakata who was a staff sergeant with the 442nd Infantry died in 1985.

Warn's believe it to be the only post in the US named after a member of the 442nd regiment.

Sa Nakata, who married Mo after she returned from internment camp, said she was moved that the VFW post chose to honor him. "I was overwhelmed," she said. "It is such an honor."

The vote to name the post after Nakata was unanimous.

We Hq 3rd who have known Mo are very proud of him and also honor him.

What else are there to report. Nothing else more, only this that Takeshi Nakamura is reminding members to pay their country club dues. If you have, forget it. With that I'll say "ciao."

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Larry Ishida

April meeting held at the Clubhouse was hosted by ISONAGA & SUGAI. Members present to enjoy the pupu and refreshments were: NAKAMURA, WATANABE, HIGUCHI, SUGI, TOMASA, OKEMURA, NISHIMURA, SAKAMOTO, HAYAMA and TERAOKA.

Larry/Violet Ishida joined a group of 44 travelers with Tauck Tours on their Spring in Texas Tour. Departed Honolulu April 6th and met with the group in Corpus Cristie which was the starting point of the tour. The 7 day tour covered sightseeing in Corpus Cristie, Laredo, Kerrville, Fredericksburg, Austin and San Antonio. There were several other towns/cities we passed through and beautiful sceneries of interest which were the usual object of any tour group. However, the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg impressed me very much. This town is the birth place of Adm. Chester Nimitz and in his honor they built a museum filled with his exploits during WWII in the Pacific Theatre of Operation. There also was an impressive collection of highly classified (now declassified) documents by the U.S. and Japanese Government on display.

As we traveled on to Austin where ED/JUNE SASAKI resides, I was able to contact him and fortunately we were both heading for San Antonio where we met at the new Hilton Hotel where the 36th INF Div. was holding a reunion. At this buffet dinner (Friday, April 12th) there were several 442 RCT and 100th veterans present to enjoy the evening with 36th Div. veterans.

I was most fortunate on the following day after touring the "Alamo" I witnessed the unveiling of a monument honoring the 141st INF., 36th Div. I shall remember this day for I was the only 442 RCT veteran at the ceremony because the 442/100th veterans were invited to a Texas style barbeque cookout at one of the 36th Vet's ranch, they were sorely missed for this occasion.

One of the survivors of the "Lost Battalion" informed me that there were presently only 7 Vets from the 141st INF still alive and I was able to meet and exchange greetings with 3 of them. It was an emotional meeting especially when one of them said, "You want a cigarette", then I realized that phrase was spoken by a 3rd BN 442 member upon the initial contact with the trapped troop between 442 RCT and 141st INF. I replied "you want a cigarette too?", he gave me a great bear hug and said, you guys were super and we won't forget what you did, please extend our gratitude to all your 442 RCT veterans. The monument is located near the Hilton Palacio Del Rio Hotel at 200 S. Alamo Street.

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May 12, th, "Mothers Day Dinner" was hosted by Bert Nishimura at the Cannon Club, Fort Ruger. A most enjoyable sunset dinner was enjoyed by FRANCES SATO, BERT/HANNAH NISHIMURA, HERBIE ISONAGA (SUE was on a trip), JOYCE MASUNAGA, LIPPY HIGUCHI, YOSHI SUGI, BOTCHAN/JANE OKEMURA, KAZU/MICHELE TOMASA, DORIS/QUANTO WATANABE, RICHARD/MARGIE NAKAMURA, TOKUO/STELLA KANESHIGE, JIMMY/MITSUE SAKAMOTO, SWEENEY/SUE SUGAI, LARRY/VIOLET ISHIDA.

A return golf match between NISHIMURA/ISONAGA vs TOMASA/ISHIDA was held at the West Loch Golf Course in April. The initial match was won by TOMASA/ISHIDA team; therefore, a return match was ordered by the two retired colonels. Of course, we had no choice but to obey and follow orders so HERBIE made all necessary arrangements for the return conflict. It appears that BERT/HERBIE team did a lot of secret practice for this match because KAZU/LARRY WAS NO MATCH FOR THEM. Scores are prohibited from being posted, but KAZU promised to demand more strokes for the rubber match. Since HERBIE is hot on his game, he made arrangements a week after our disastrous loss for the rubber match, fortunately, BERT left for Kauai, KAZU had a scheduled event, and LARRY had another golf scheduled. Therefore, HERBIE will reluctantly schedule another day for this rubber match play.

ED SATO passed away in 1978. He would be very happy and proud of his daughters if he were here today. On June 7, he will be present in the hearts and thoughts of his family when his daughter, KATHLEEN is sworn in as a member of the Hawaii State Bar.

KATHY graduated from Punahou, received her B.A. from Brown University and her J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law in December. She is currently working as a law clerk for Judge Harry T. Tanaka at the Hawaii State Intermediate Court of Appeals.

EDYNN, his younger daughter, graduated from Punahou, received her B.A. from the University of Santa Clara and her M.A. from UCLA. EDYNN is presently working towards her PhD in Educational Psychology in the area of Learning and Instruction at UCLA.

FRANCES, his wife, retired in 1988 from the Department of Education and is kept busy substitute teaching.

To FRANCES, ED would gratefully say, "THANK YOU FRAN." To KATHY and EDYNN, "CONGRATULATIONS, I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU."

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(9) DO SOMETHING FOR OTHERS. It will help you forget your own troubles, and make you feel better, too. (10) MAKE A CHANGE. Try a new hobby, get a pet. Do something you enjoy. (11) BE A GOOD PROBLEM SOLVER. Choose problems you can solve, and tackle them one at a time. For further information about STRESS, and other mental health concerns, contact the MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN HAWAII at 521-1846.

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"Studs" Oshiro. Remember the hot book "Studs Lonigan" which was being passed around surreptitiously like contraband? Even if you don't, you surely know what a stud horse does. Nothing more need be said.

DISCLAIMER: If any of the foregoing appears to relate to actual people living or dead, it's purely coincidental. The names used are all fictional and a product of the writer's (who???) imagination. Take everything with a grain of salt.

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By Yori Inouye

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

More than the usual number of Mikers enjoyed the 48th Anniversary Banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom on March 23rd. In attendance were Tadao and Alice Beppu, Hatsuko Gushiken, Barney and Esther Hajiro, Shige and Yori Inouye, Jimmy and Frieda Kanemori, Melvin and Millie Kunishige, Wally and Priscilla Nagao, Frank and Nancy Nomura, Mitsue Shishido, Paul and Yuki Takiguchi, Yoshio and Elsie Teruya, Ralph and Alice Tomei, Edward and Betty Tomikoshi, and David Umeda.

The annual Memorial Service paying tribute to fallen comrades, which in prior years was held at Punchbowl in the morning, was incorporated into the banquet program this year. This turned out to be a smart move, especially in view of the horrendous weather we had that day. Hatsuko Gushiken was recognized as next of kin guest. The occasion was somewhat special to Hatsuko; the 23rd of March was a day they used to celebrate Minoru's birthday.

The banquet committee, chaired by Paul Matsumoto (L Co.) did a splendid job of presenting a very enjoyable program. All the club officers including our own Paul Takiguchi participated in the cake cutting ceremony. (Paul, we saw you poke your finger into that icing!)

The 442nd Ukulele and Hula Club and Uta No Kai members had the pleasure of providing the entertainment for the evening. The hula and Japanese dance numbers, choral singing and all the musical accompaniment were beautifully performed. From all indications, one piece deserving special note was the Go for Broke Song sung by the guys with so much gusto (that was real chicken skin stuff). Leading the choral groups were Jane Ueoka (522-B) and Paul Matsumoto (L Co.); they did it in great style. And, of course our sensei, Ted Yanagihara deserves credit for the superb choral singing; he should have a medal for his patience in working with some of us who are not so musically inclined. Mahalo to Ted and all the participants for a job well done. Mikers in this group were Ralph and Alice Tomei, Yori Inouye, David Umeda, Betty Tomikoshi, Yoshio and Elsie Teruya, Mitsue Shishido, Jimmy Kanemori and Paul and Yuki Takiguchi.

SENATE CERTIFICATE

On the 1st of April the Hawaii State Senate honored the 442nd Veterans Club upon its 48th

Anniversary. A Senate Certificate initiated by Senator Malama Solomon and sponsored by all State Senators congratulating members of the organization was received in the Senate Chambers by Harold Fukunaga, President of 442 Club. This Certificate is quoted below. Also receiving honors at that time was Hung Wai Ching, Honorary member of 442 Club, who was instrumental, among other things, in enabling the AJA's to serve our country during World War II. John Tsukano generously presented his book "Bridge of Love" to the Senate President. Members of the 442nd Choral Group were invited to the event to sing a couple of selections for the Senators and to a subsequent luncheon hosted by the Women's Caucus in the Conference Room. What a pleasant surprise that was with plenty of good food and a beautiful cake compliments of Senator Mary Jane McMurdo.

STATE OF HAWAII SENATE CERTIFICATE

CONGRATULATING THE 442ND VETERANS CLUB ON ITS FORTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was formed in March of 1943, served with distinction on the battlefields of Italy and France, and became the most decorated unit of its size in the U.S. Army, receiving seven Presidential Unit Citations and numerous individual medals. Upon discharge from the Army, members formed the 442nd Veterans Club and dedicated themselves to community service.

The 442nd Veterans Club will celebrate its forty-eight anniversary in March, 1991, and the Senate of the Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1991, congratulates each and every member for his continued and exemplary service to his community, his State, and his Country.

The 16th Legislature
Certificate No. 466A

Signed by all members of the Senate

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Holo Holo Time

By Grace Yamashiro

When Yori looks at you with her pleading eyes and a little arm twisting, hard to say "No" so here I am as your guest contributor. Hope you had a nice visit with your son from New York, Yori.

After a couple of weeks in bed with bronchitis and a touch of pneumonia, Hiroshi and I left for Southern California. A promise made to our one and only Grandson Ryan that when he became five we will take him to Disneyland, off we went after a "friendly" reminder that he was now five years old.

Remember the rain that drowned us in March? Well, it followed us all the way to Southern California but we managed to get to Disneyland. It was cold, overcast, drizzles now and then to heavy rain but you know what....NO SMOG.. Lots of bakatares like us tho trying to get as much in as we can. Ryan had us on the People Mover three times and the Pirates of the Caribbean two times before he decided that he was now ready for the big people stuff like Space Mountain and Captain EO and another space ship stuff that this Grandma forgot the name of it already.

We managed to get to the 4000 feet elevation of Big Bear but with all the rain and snow we were forced to turn back. We did however get to play in the snow and have a snowball fight, a first for most of us.

Our son-in-law, an architect planner for a leading firm in Honolulu, was on business at his Newport Beach Office so were fortunate to have a tour of that area, including Newport Beach, Dana Point, Balboa Beach, Laguna Beach and Laguna Nigel. At Laguna Nigel, he took us on a tour of the Ritz Carlton Hotel which he designed many years ago. Quite impressive but not in our leauge....too "Ritz" for us.

Many of you know our younger daughter Esther, who for the past seven years has lived in Southern California. Well, she decided to make it permanent with the purchase of her own townhouse in Fountain Valley. Her phone calls to Dad asking if he could help her with this and that made us stay another week to help out. By the way, any of you have a nice son or friend that you want to shinpai for Esther?

Hiroshi also went prepared with some of his tree cutting tools to help BILL OKAZAKI trim his avocado tree. But with the rain the first week and by the time we got hold of Bill, he changed his mind. Too many people talked him out of it. Too bad Bill, Hiroshi is a "not bad" tree trimmer, ask SHIGE INOUE.

Didn't want ROSE KINAGA to find out we were in town and not call her so we got together for dinner with some of Company M friends -- TOM and ROSE KINAGA, DICK and SUMI TOCHIHARA and BILL OKAZAKI at the Lavender Turtle restaurant. Was that the name? Bill had the turtle soup but he claims it was clams or the turtles just slowly walked over it. Our California friends send their best wishes and regards to all. A mini reunion would be nice in Las Vegas. How about it, gang?

It was time to say Aloha to family and friends as our weeks in California quickly came to an end. I have a job to come home to and of course, our cat.

It was nice sharing this time with all of you thru these columns....but YORI, it's NOT SO EASY.

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| " 5 | * Saturday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - "I" & "K" Chapters. |
| " 6 | Sunday - 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM - Sons & Daughters. |
| " 5 | * Saturday - 5:00 PM - 12:00 MN - "L" & "M" Chapters. |
| Nov. 11th (Monday) | VETERANS DAY - Maui Beach Hotel, Red Dragon Room, Vietnam Vets, Chairing. |
| " 22nd (Friday) | 6:00 PM - KCC - Dinner by "F" Chapter. |
| Dec. 29th (Sunday) | NEW YEAR EVES PARTY - "E" & "M" Chapters - Wailuku Community Center - :00 PM |
| Feb. 21st - 1992 (Friday) | INSTALLATION BANQUET - Maui Beach Hotel, Poolside "K" Chapter. |

We were happy to see Tom Higa back from Honolulu after his treatment. He did look good and is ready or getting ready to tackle the Honolulu Golfers at our reunion. Hide and Morito, too, are hacking away getting ready for our reunion.

The best of regards to you all and keep healthy so we can enjoy our MAUI REUNION.

Received word from Yasuko Sako that her husband, Tadao Sako, Fox Company, passed away on March 8, 1991.

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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS

By Alexander J. Oka

Thirty four members and guests of Service Chapter were at the annual banquet at Pacific Beach Hotel. This remarkable attendance is due to the combination of good leadership and good members. In attendance were Chapter President Masaji Kurozumi, Vice President Sam and Frances Yamada, Secretary James and Martha Miyake, Treasurer Ralph and Grace Chinaka, Susumu and Kozue Awaya, Ichiro Hasegawa, Edwin and Amy Imamura, Mike Inouye, Takao and June Ito, Allan and Sara Masuda, Glen Mirikitani, George and Hisako Miyashiro, Toshio and Clara Nakanishi and guests, Alex and Jean Oka, Robert and Cynthia Otani, Tom and Chiyo Tanaka and guests, Noboru and Masako Tanoue. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs. Mirikitani, Mrs. Morimoto and the Tanabes were unable to be at the banquet.

Having the memorial service at the banquet was an excellent idea since it is becoming more difficult to hold the services at the National Cemetery. Perhaps the club can consider another way, in addition to the memorial service, to express our gratitude and thanks to our comrades who made the supreme sacrifice. This idea is to hire someone to go to the national cemetery three times a week to clean the AJA Memorial Plaque and to place a handful of flowers or greenery in the vase. This suggestion is made because the birds of peace at the cemetery have been doing some unkind things on the plaque.

Going back to the banquet, the entertainment by the Ukulele and Hula Club and the Uta No Kai was enjoyed by all. These fellows are getting so good that the Musicians Union will be around to sign them up.

Noted that Ed Imamura, after the banquet, had a handful of golf balls. Ed explained that he was lucky at the tournament. He also mentioned that Tom Tanaka, as usual, did well at the tournament. Talk about golf - the long awaited match between the teams of Edwin Imamura - Yutaka Kajiwaru vs Takao Ito - Allan Masuda took place at West Loch. Allan Masuda, said with a smile, that they are now one ahead on the match. Advice to Imamura - Kajiwaru, on the next match take along a tape recorder to record all the conversation to benefit from two of the best psyche players on the golf circuit.

On May 11th several members and wives had the opportunity to listen to the representative from HMSA describe the various long term care benefits. While the "rep" was thorough in explaining its programs many of us are still in the dark as to the definition of poverty level. Many advisers have mentioned that if we are below the poverty level, we need not purchase long term care policies. Since many of us are close

to that level we wanted more information along this line. Perhaps the root of the problem is that the poverty level keeps changing and becoming more confused.

A mini reunion of three or four days in Las Vegas is scheduled for early September. Takao Ito should have more information at the next meeting. And some of us are considering the Southwest National Park tour for next year - perhaps in September 1992.

Sunday, May 19th at the Kaimuki High School Auditorium was the Kaimuki Intermediate School Concert Band Aloha Concert. Our attendance was to see our grandson perform in the 7th Grade concert band. However, this article is not about the performance of our grandson but the performance of our chapter president Masaji Kurozumi's granddaughter, Sara Funamura. Sara, an eighth grader was the top performer of the night. She was the co-mistress of ceremonies, the co-captain of the band. Her announcements were clear as if she was a polished public speaker. She was one of the two recipients of the outstanding bandman award. She played the saxophone in the Jazz band and the flute in the concert band. Her performance as part of the flute trio playing the King's Pipes was outstanding. To enjoy her performance were her parents, Martin and Joan Funamura, her aunt, Joy and husband, her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Funamura from Kauai, her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Toshiko Kurozumi, and her maternal greatgrandmother, Mrs. Kawamoto. Her whole family was there except, except -- (hey, A.J. no rub it in.) If Sara does attend Kalani High School, "Shadow" will have four years in which to watch his granddaughter perform. You're a lucky man "Shadow".

All this music and recent parades bring to mind a story that Ichiro "Putt Putt" Arita told me several years ago. This happened in Italy when the regiment was off the line to reequip. He, Paul Akamine and Joe Inamine took their guitars and ukulele into an Italian Bar which was filled with "Limeys" (English GIs). The Limeys gave them the quizzical look - American GI uniforms, Oriental faces and spanish guitars and "violins". After ordering their first round of drinks, they took out their instruments and for their first song played and sang "Tommy Atkins". When the Limeys heard the song, they broke out in a loud cheer and Putt Putt said that for the rest of the time, the Limeys bought all the drinks. Those Limeys were surprised that the trio knew so many English, Scot and Irish Songs. Ah, Music the universal language.

In the March 1st issue of the Hawaii Herald is an article on Sean Browne, the sculptor of King David Kalakaua Statue. This statue of King

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

By Herbert Akamine

Captive president Ted Matsuo who holds all the offices in the Medics called a meeting at the clubhouse on May 15. This was the first meeting in about seven months so instead of the usual seven or so members, twelve chose to attend. Those who came were Carl Miyabara, Jack Yamashiro, Toshiaki Tanaka, Rodney Fukui, Shigeni Nakamura, Jerry Ogawa, Ted Matsuo, Lionel Ikebe, Sueo Fujii, Roy Sakata, and Yoshio Kitsu. Ted acknowledged recent donations from mainlanders Masa Nomura and Tak and Shig Momoda. The principal topic of discussion of the meeting was the matter of honoring the Medics dead on Memorial Day.

Lionel Ikebe reported that the Memorial Day workers consisted of Ray Sakata, Jack Yamashiro, Masato Inouye, Ted Matsuo, Howard Kozuma, and Lionel. They gathered at the gates of Punchbowl at 7:00 a.m. hoping that the authorities would open the gates before the 8:00 a.m. official time in order to alleviate the waiting log-jam of visitors, but they had no luck. After the hour wait the Medics laid flowers at nineteen comrades graves. The war-time dead are buried near each other, but the post-war ones are scattered, so it took almost two hours to complete the Punchbowl call. The group also went to Mililani where George Nakasone lies and to Kaneohe where Tom Nishikawa is buried. Ed Onaka, a permanent member of the Memorial Day detail could not participate this year because of medical reasons.

Mitzie Inouye managed to gather a few Medics for the March 442 anniversary banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel. At the party were the Sueo Fujii, Masato Inouyes, Toshiaki Tanakas, Akamines, Ed Onakas and their long-time guests, the Suzuo Yamadas. Michelle Matsuo Mossman represented the sons and daughters generation.

Medic Sadao Sakamoto died on April 3, at Kuakini Hospital. Sakamoto, 70, was born at Kalaheka, Papaaloa, Hawaii. He was a long-time worker for the Public Health Service in Honolulu. He is survived by two brothers.

Dr. Masato Hasegawa passed away at his Honolulu home on April 14 at age 84. He had been a 442 Medic at Camp Shelby until he was chosen for the Army Specialized Training Program for medical training at Wayne State University. Pediatrician Hasegawa was a Quaker, a polo player, cultivator of orchids, and a lover of dogs. He was also one of the founders of the Aloha United Way. Hasegawa seemed like a brilliant but odd person. At the time of death, he was on the verge of a doctor of philosophy degree. His widow said he wore an overcoat in

the summer and went barefoot when she first met him on the mainland. His driving was so bad that his car crashed into fences and vegetable gardens several times. Many 442 offsprings received his care. Among them were the Kozum Nakata and Ichiro Hasegawa children. Nakata can attest to the doctor's woeful driving ability. Although not a difficult situation, Nakata had to drive the doctor's car out of his driveway onto the main highway. Hasegawa's ashes were scattered at sea together with those of his pet dogs.

In connection with Hasegawa's death, Vic Izui furnished us with some historical information. He wrote "We were all interned in the same camp (Minidoka) in Idaho - Masuda, Nomura, Sawada, Kazama, Noma, Yasutake, Kanazawa, and Okita. Hasegawa served as a doctor's assistant, same as Sawada, and his wife, Asako, who was a Lab Technician in the Medical Lab where Kanazawa and I worked.

We all volunteered about the same time. We got our ill-fitting uniforms at Fort Douglas, Utah, and were released immediately enroute to Camp Shelby without any military instructions, whatsoever. A hi n' mighty corporal gave us one parting word of advice, "When in doubt, Salute!" So ol' Doc gave a fancy Salt Lake City hotel doorman, his first hi-ball!

Yeah, I remember digging fox-holes with him during basic, before he was reassigned to complete his medical education.

A Seattle friend of my brother sent him a booklet, recently published by the Seattle Nisei Vets titled, "Uncommon American Patriots," a pictorial biography of 62 Nisei/Seisei Washingtonians, who were killed in action in four wars - 57 from WW2, mostly from Minidoka. I remember trying to help them find some families of KIA, who had relocated to this area, and had never returned to Seattle, and asking Sawada's niece to send them George's picture. Hope you get a chance to see it. It's well put together."

Donald Nakashima wrote about Hasegawa, green-thumbing, and his wife's class reunion. "I am sorry to hear the news of Dr. Hasegawa. I did get to know him pretty well during basics at Camp Shelby before he left for medical school. I had seen him on occasions during our trips to Honolulu, especially since my daughter had worked at Queens Hospital for several years. I knew that he was very interested in polo. I think that he had lived a full life.

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Now that spring has come around here, it has been a busy time. Had been working in the yard a little, replanting things that were frozen this winter. We did have a hard spell of freezing weather, lasting 13 days. The citrus trees got hit bad. Replanted shrubbery that were gone. Lost a few trees on the condo complex where we live. Fortunately, most of the fruit and nut trees besides the grapes are all dormant in the winter, so they survived quite well.

Busy planning for our trip to Omaha, Nebraska for Joan's 40th year nursing class reunion. We'll be gone for 20 days and will drive to Nebraska by way of Yellowstone National Park (which we haven't seen for 20 years), Black Hills of South Dakota, then Minnesota and Iowa to see friends and relatives. We have to get the car into the garage this month to get it ready for the trip.

"It must have been mental telepathy as I was going to write to you," Masa Nomura's Letter began.

"I remember Dr. Hasegawa very well. We can't forget him making his way along the muddy paths to the Minidoka hospital with his books or whatever. We all liked him. I remember when he volunteered for the 442nd and I agree with you he was a "passing ship in the night," since his 442 stay was so short. I do recall that when we were in Honolulu at one of the reunions, Min Masuda talked him into inviting a half a dozen up to his Pali Heights home for breakfast. To make matters worse, instead of asking for only scrambled eggs, we requested ham and eggs, sunnyside up or turned over, etc. Now, most hostesses would hate to entertain such a group for breakfast, but Asako did.

The reason I was going to write to you was I just returned from a week's visit to Seattle. Hana had a slight stroke. She was in a rehab facility outside of Seattle in Issaquah so I waited till she was removed to the Seattle Keiro (excellent place) about a couple of weeks ago. She recognizes visitors and I promised to return "soon." There really isn't much I can do for her because she's not at home - when that'll be is not yet known. I feel very badly that I can't do more for her because she was quick to fly out to help me during my eye surgery.

Saw many nisei in Keiro - it used to be issei - but now it's a new generation. After seeing Hana and others, I decided that while I can and while my legs hold out, I'm going to do

what I want without waiting. I've been to Europe four times but someone asked if I'd like to join them in July i.e., London, Paris, and the three cities in Italy. So, without hesitation, I said okay. We actually had planned to go to Scandinavia but cancelled due to Desert Storm and could not get rescheduled. This time, I plan to visit the British Museum at least for the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin marbles, if nothing else. Also, want to go up to the Eiffel Tower - Dick used to say, "you don't want to go up there."

I didn't know Sadao Sakamoto. It certainly is depressing - lost four contemporaries since January just in Chicago and heard about different people in Seattle dying or about to.

Will send you a postcard from overseas - I'll try to find the desk at the British Museum where Karl Marx purportedly sat and wrote - we'll see."

Regards to everyone.

Masa."

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David Kalakaua - the Father of Japanese Immigration to Hawaii, stands at Waikiki Gateway Park. On the bottom of the statue is the inscription "Sean K. L. Browne, Pietrasanta, Italy, 1988," to indicate that the statue was cast in Pietrasanta. If this Pietrasanta is the town situated between Carrara and Lucca on the west coast of Italy, then the 442 has some connection with the town. On April 3, 1945, units of the 442nd went by truck to this town and from there marched to the deep valleys in secrecy to launch the surprise attack on the Gothic Line. To think that of all the people in Hawaii, the sons and grandsons of the immigrants who came to Hawaii on the invitation of King Kalakaua has some "association" with the Italian town of Pietrasanta where the statue was cast.

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"No Shame to go and see the psychiatrist." We have much to learn from Kaoru, who speaks with a smile in his voice - Mahalo - you are all true friends and both Masami and I feel so happy, you all care!!!!

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By Kaoru Watanabe

The long journey to the Cannon Chapter Reunion at Las Vegas and Los Angeles, April 1 - 7 began after midnight of March 31 by some 23 members/families. The Hawaii group was joined by 50 mainlanders as well as 4 more from Hawaii who travelled separately to Las Vegas. So we were a total of 77 ... Hawaii members at the 4 Queens Hotel to take advantage of a deal for Hawaii residents while the mainland contingent stayed across the street at the Fremont where they hosted a Hospitality Room - a spacious room with non-stop refreshments. It was great to see our friends from the mainland and we were pleasantly surprised by a few new Cannoneers - Mr/Mrs. Ichiro Yoshinashi and Mr/Mrs. Roy Miyake. After all these passing years - still recognizable!

John and Mary Kashiki spearheaded the arrangements for our entertainment and the Hospitality Room - their efforts so very evident and so much appreciated! The Hospitality Room was a marvelous array of delightful refreshments contributed by our mainland members - Yosh and Kaye Imoto brought a special treat for all of us - monstrous and I mean humongous strawberries exquisitely sweet from their own farm in Vista, California. No one had ever tasted finer strawberries! And there were many more treats - ono mochi from the Enomotos, incomparable cold somen by the Makabes, a fantastic assortment of See's chocolates by the Kitagawas, and much much more from the mainlanders - sushi, cookies and all sorts of pupus. (Now aren't you sorry you missed it??).

The Kashikis arranged for all of us to be bused to the Alladin Hotel to enjoy their fantastic fast paced magic show - Ala Kazam! What a great entertaining show! The illusionist made people and things disappear and re-appear - not tiny things like peas and birds, but huge things like people, motorcycles and live tigers. Who pushes the tiger from one cage to another???? What you see defys all reasonable explanations. And Hawaii people were hosted to a great banquet by the mainlanders. Fortunately for the foresight of Kazu Saiki and the Murakamis - we were able to reciprocate in some small measure at the banquet with Macadamia nuts and famous Kauai Kookies.

Despite the 12 hour + elapsed time for the journey to Las Vegas via LAX and San Jose endured by the Hawaii group, Toki Shimizu (and there well have been others) was observed to be on his feet non-stop at the gaming tables until the following evening. People like me without his physical and financial endurance could not have done it. Just a few hours and I'm PAU!

How did you do it, Toki??? and Rose was not a "loser" either.

Akira Okamoto bet like a pro at the crap table and he was smiling on leaving Vegas. But in fact, no one scowled - losers as well as winners because we all had a grand time during our entire stay. It is no wonder the Hospitality Room was full most of the time despite the lure of the gaming floors.

All of the activities went so well - all due to the hard work and worrying by Mary and John Kashiki and their mainland helpers. We appreciate all their efforts!

The Vegas Reunion ended April 4 and most of the Hawaii group continued to LAX and spent a few days at the Cosmic Age Motel adjacent to Disneyland. They spent a whole day at Disneyland and took an all day tour to the Universal Studios and Hollywood. Betty and Tom Makabe drove over one night to treat the whole group to a home-made dinner of musubi with all the fixings. How nice of them!

And so another great Reunion of Cannon Chapter members and their families came to an end. If you missed this one, don't miss the next!

The attendance included:

From Hawaii

Kudo,	Kazu, Mitsue
Kunishige,	Dykie, Ethel
Maeda,	Lincoln, Irene and son
Mikasa,	John, Mary
Mizukami,	Bolo
Morita,	Mamo
Murakami,	Tsuka, Yukie
Muraoka,	Curley, Ann
Okamoto,	Akira
Okino,	Tom, Barbara
Saiki,	Kazu, Leith
Sato,	Norman
Shimizu,	Toki, Rose
Terashima,	Yoshio, Clara
Watanabe,	Kaoru, Mabel

From the Mainland

Enamoto,	Mas, Martha, Elaine
Fujioka,	Willie, Linda
Gustafson,	Gerald, Honey
Hanami,	Takeshi, Mariko
Hinatsu,	Shig, Shiz
Imoto,	Yosh, Kaye
Ito,	Bill, Lillian
Kanazawa,	Tooru, Mae

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Kashiki, John, Mary
Kitagawa, Manuel, Helen
Makabe, Tom, Betty
Misawa, Naoki, Yuri
Miya, Mitzie
Miyake, Roy, Mrs.
Nitta, William, May, son
Nunotani, Wally, Katherine
Osako, Faye
Sakata, Tom
Shorey, Edwin, Norma
Sugihara, Frank, Sumi
Taguchi, Tooru
Taki, Ruby
Ugai, Norman, Alice
Yamagata, Giichi, Yoshiko
Yoshihashi, Ichiro, Mrs.
Yoshinari, Sam, Alice

We missed the usual attendance of Judy Saiki, but son, Leith, was a good companion for Kazu - besides, we enjoyed the company of Leith! He was all tucked out by the time we got to see the Ala Kazam Show - the bright lights, the gaming floor got to him. Nonetheless, hope he enjoyed the show.

Henry and Natsuko Chagami would have joined the Reunion but for an untimely bout with a wet floor by Nats - she slipped and fractured her ankle. Hope you are feeling better now. An early recovery, we all wish you, Nats.

Bill Nitta was our Company Clerk overseas and by his foresight, before he left Italy to be discharged, he "snatched" the Morning Reports of Cannon Company for much of the overseas period. The Reports are factual chronological records of those who lost their lives, wounded and returned to duty, promoted, demoted, R&R sojourns to various R&R cities in Italy, France, Switzerland and Germany, assignment of our Platoons as support to various units in our Theatre of Operations. A mountain of factual info, but the Reports are silent and did not address much data of interest to us such as who was re-assigned to other units as replacements before we left Camp Shelby and who was assigned to which platoon? Does anyone know what happened to Robert N. Hayashi, Yoshinao Nakada and Toyo Sakamoto? Any answers to the above missing info, let us know. Bill made audio cassettes by reading and recording the Morning Reports. I have a set of those tapes to loan out.

DIS & DAT --- Cannon "Comm". By June Ohara

Since most of us are retired, we all spend a great deal of time reminiscing our pasts, quickly said we have so much behind us and we can't see what's ahead of us. This reporting takes me way back to final exams at U.H. - as always procrastinating especially for those college term papers

Somehow greater things and ideas pop up in desperation - when you say "you gotta do, or else!" So, please bear with me as I "ramble" on with happening among the Cannoneers Let's begin with Tosh Suyenatsu's thoughtful mail - (notes attached) about Art Susumi, a funeral director and embalmer of Seattle, WA. The article appeared in Northwest Nikkei (Seattle, Feb. 1991) headlined -- "A niche that needed to be filled" -- Funeral director, Art Susumi reflects on over 40 years serving the community by Ken Mochizuki. Art during interview said "arranging funeral for friends and their parents get harder and harder -- something has to be done so he goes ahead and does it. As one of Seattle's few Nissei funeral director, a career after his return from serving in 442nd. The long article is too long to be included in our bulletin but concludes with an interesting personal experience -- how he had to transport a body to Portland with his two daughters going along on the trip ----- they are the loveliest Hapa-Haole girls. The Caucasians wouldn't accept the "1/2 Jap" girls and they weren't too well accepted by the Nisseis either because they were happas often called "Keto". I remember Bill Yanagimachi saying that Art will be the richest Cannoneer because Art will always have a job chasing after him. Please read the article to be circulated at the next Cannon's general meeting. I found it very interesting allowing me to look or "glance" over a token of the trials and tribulation of a mortician. You may also remember that Art helped the Dois and the Hayashis during their tragedy just before the last Reno Reunion, 1986 Incidentally Bill and Pearl Yanagimachi are presently living in Renton, WA. How I got the address is another long story so ask me how and I'll tell you at the next meeting. I'd like to mention here that we are indeed lucky and should say Mahalo to Henry Chagami with his excellent news reporting. I called him to congratulate Henry and was told (Nats) that he resorted in sheer desperation to write the bios of the three officers. Turned out as just the right information to appreciate our three leaders much more than we have before --- concluding this rambling before it gets too long that you may have missed at Las Vegas, Charles and Reiko Oda because a happy family event, they are the proud grandparents of a grandson-- At Last! O me de toh - Masami and I missed the fun mini reunion because June (me) I was going through a very very deep tunnel for seven months where her traffic (life) was like one red light after another. Now, that I am "chemically balanced" with pills (medicinal) my life traffic is going through green light after green light - may occasionally have to stop at a few red lights - it's certainly great to be back to normal. Thank you all of you who cared especially Masami for his patience and support, and who kept on encouraging, to Kaoru Watanabe who said

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By Walter Matsumoto

GILBERT & KAY KOBATAKE'S

50th GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Halekulani Hotel, Honolulu, HI
Saturday, 6:00 P.M., April 27, 1991

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Some of you here tonight, were also present, when Hazel and I celebrated our Golden Anniversary, two years ago. You may recall that Gilbert was our speaker that evening. Tonight, the scenario is the same, but the characters are reversed.

This is a real honor and pleasure to speak for Gilbert and Kay, at this their milestone 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Having known them for so long and intimately, I feel perfectly comfortable in singing the praises, that endeared them to their many friends. I'm sure there are others, who would be glad to be in my shoes tonight.

Gilbert was born in Pahoa, on the Big Island on July 31, 1912, the second of four sons and two older daughters of the late Mr. & Mrs. Orizuchi Kobatake. Mr. Kobatake first came to Hawaii as a bachelor in 1893, and after staying for five years, returned to Hiroshima, Japan, got married, sired a daughter and a son, and returned to Hawaii in 1908, leaving behind their daughter with relatives. They settled in Pahoa where a second daughter, and Gilbert and two more sons were born.

Gilbert grew up here, until he was of high school age, when the family moved to Hilo. He attended Hilo High and graduated in June, 1930. Because of his aptitude in math, he had no trouble in selecting civil engineering in college as his life's calling.

We met for the first time in September, 1930, as members of the Freshmen/engineering class at U.H. Somehow, we hit it right from the start, and have been the closest of friends since. Except for a 6-year hiatus, following his graduation in 1934, to return to his home in Hilo, there was hardly a month that went by without our seeing or talking to each other. Even during this absence, we corresponded regularly, to keep our friendship alive.

In college, he was a rarity amongst us. He was a complete student, and got the most out of college life. He was a good student even while participating in time-consuming extracurricular activities. He went out for the track team. Not endowed with a sprinter's

speed, he developed endurance and stamina and made the 4-mile relay team. His time in the mile was a creditable 4:50. He also tried out for the wrestling team in the 135 pound division. An exchange student from the mainland, happened to be in the same division, and since he was in a class by himself and the outstanding wrestler in the Territory, Gilbert had to settle for No. 2. In his senior year, he took on additional duties as manager of the wrestling team. He also served as liaison for the coach with the athletic department. In those days, only the football and basketball head coaches were paid members of the staff. Track and wrestling coaches and other minor sports were volunteers.

And if all this wasn't enough, he even tried his hand at dramatics, in his senior year, during the 2nd Semester, the busiest time of his college career. He landed the No. 3 male lead in the Japanese ethnic play, called Hizakurige. All because of him, I saw my first and only play in my four years in school. And had it not been for Gilbert, I probably would have fallen asleep.

He also took advanced ROTC, and as cadet Captain, his company won the year-long competition, for which he was awarded a saber, with his name engraved on the blade, and which today rests in the trophy-room of the 442nd Veterans Club. It is now used at the Club's annual banquet by the incoming officers to cut the anniversary cake. It's here tonight and will be used by Gilbert and Kay to cut their anniversary cake later.

In college, the engineering students were a closed-knit bunch, largely because of Gilbert. He was the leader and organizer in non-class activities. As the time, we hiked up to Mt. Olympus, the highest point in the Koolau Range, in rain and fog, only to be arrested by the Territorial forest ranger, when we came down to the roadway. The five of us were taken to the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry Office and reprimanded for entering a forest reserve.

Because of Gilbert, about 15 of us can say that we scaled Mt. Olomana, in Kailua, currently in the news as the center of controversy between the developer and conservationists. I say scaled, because nearing the top, we had to crawl up on all fours. The small flat crest was just large enough for all to sit comfortably and enjoy the surrounding landscape.

Between semesters in our senior year, Gilbert suggested a hike around the island of Oahu. He could find only two of us willing and crazy enough to join him. We made it in 5 days, averaging 25 miles a day, and four overnight

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stops along the way. Several unforgettable things come to mind: our blistered feet, three grown-ups trying to sleep in a pup-tent, the mosquitoes at Hauula, and eating mostly pork and beans and bread, three meals a day for five days. This was long before Vienna Sausage, Spam and fast-food drive-ins.

In June, 1934, he received his degree in Civil Engineering and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in Infantry in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was one of five engineering graduates of the 50, who started out four years earlier. This was a remarkable accomplishment, considering the many time-consuming extra-curricular activities he was involved in.

Armed with his hard-earned degree, he returned to his home in Hilo, with visions of putting his engineering knowledge into practice. Unfortunately, the depression was at its peak and there were no jobs available. I received a letter from him, saying that he was killing time by painting. Just like him, I thought he had taken up art--he didn't say whether it was oil or watercolor. He straightened me out later--he was painting houses. After about 5 houses, he was lucky to get a job in the County Engineer's office. He was not satisfied here, so when an opening appeared in the Territorial Highway Dept., he moved over. When Richard Masumoto and I visited him in 1937, he was the project engineer, surveyor and inspector on a highway segment in Kawaihae, but he was dissatisfied with the pay he was receiving, for the responsibility and duties he had to shoulder. In 1937, he took the Territorial Land Surveyor's Registration Exam and passed. Two years later, he took the Structural Engineer's Exam and passed also. Despite these two professional licenses, he was unable to find a suitably paying job, mainly because of the times.

He then moved to Honolulu, and transferred to the main office of Territorial Highway Dept. He stayed with us for 6 months, until he was able to find a place of his own. Unhappy with his current job in the Rights of Way Division, he took a Field Engineer's position with the U.S. Corps of Engineers, then in an accelerated defense construction program.

In April 1941, he made a hurried trip back to Hilo, where on the 19th he married his hometown sweetheart, the former Kay Katsuyo Tanouye. Shortly later, Gilbert, with his brand new bride, returned to Honolulu, to stay for good.

On that fateful Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japanese

planes, he was at home, expecting a normal day. When he learned of the attack, he reported at the University ROTC Dept. to offer his services, but was advised to sit tight. He then received an order to report at Tripler Army Hospital for physical exam, but nothing developed.

Twelve months after Gilbert and Kay were married, their No. 1 son, Warren, was born on April 21, 1942. Almost coincidentally, our son was born the next day. Unbeknown to them, Kay and Hazel were admitted the same evening to different hospitals, and if Hazel had not been hampered with a 24-hr labor, our sons would have been born on the same day.

Then in January, 1943, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a call for A.J.A. volunteers to form an experimental combat unit, Gilbert, despite having a wife and an 8 month old son, was among the more than 10,000 to volunteer. As a reserve officer, he was called in a few days in advance of the 3,000 volunteers, who were selected to report at Schofield Barracks.

Thence by the Lurline to San Francisco and by Pullman train overland, it was on to Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The newly formed 442nd Regimental Combat Team was comprised of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, 232nd Combat Engineer Company, and the 206th Army Band. Since the Engineer Co. was lacking in Engineer-trained officers, Gilbert and three other Hawaii officers, all commissioned in the infantry, but professional engineers in civilian life, were assigned to the 232nd. In order to perform as engineer officers, they were sent to Fort Belvoir, Va., for engineer training, then recommissioned from Infantry to the Corps of Engineers.

After a year of training and maneuvers, the Combat Team was ready for combat duty overseas. Just prior to leaving Shelby, the 442nd was inspected and reviewed by General George C. Marshall, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army. The departure at Newport News, Port of Embarkation was nostalgic and reminiscent of the time we left Honolulu. The familiar Hawaiian tunes by a local band, and ending with "Aloha Oe," as our Liberty Ship, one in an 80-ship Convoy sailed out, had us all thinking of home.

In combat Gilbert participated in all 4 Campaigns, which earned the 442nd, Seven Presidential Unit Citations and together with the individual awards, making it the most decorated Army unit of comparable size in WWII.

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Gilbert experienced many memorable moments overseas, but I'm sure the one that probably stands out the most, is the rescue of the Lost Battalion in the Voges Mountains, France, in November, 1944, in which he played an important role. When the Commanding General of the 36th Division learned that a battalion of one of his infantry regiments, had been cut off and isolated by the enemy, and faced certain annihilation, unless rescued with minimum delay, ordered the 442nd, which had been temporarily assigned to the 36th, to cut short its rest period and move out immediately to effect the rescue. The ensuing four-day battle was probably the bloodiest and costliest in the entire 442nd experience. To rescue 200 men of the Battalion, the 442nd suffered over 500 casualties. Gilbert and all 442 members can be justifiably proud of the fact that this battle was declared by the then War Dept. as one of the 10 great battles of the U.S. Army in WWII.

On the day before the rescue, Gilbert and his platoon cleared a path through an anti-personnel minefield, and while leading the C.O. of "I" Co. through it, an undetected mine was unknowingly activated and exploded between them. Gilbert received a shrapnel in his back, but the unfortunate Captain was killed almost instantly. Gilbert was given first aid and sent to a hospital in Dijon, where on our way South to the Champagne Campaign, a jeep-load of us dropped in to see him. In a ward full of patients, it was a bit unusual to see him, the only one, lying on his stomach. It was still too painful to lie on his back. But that was not enough to stop him from enjoying his favorite pastime, poker, on his stomach and on his bed with the other patients.

Following recovery, he returned to the Company in time to go back to Italy for the last campaign. In a lesser way, he'll always remember his role as company commander, when the Captain and the next-in-line, were both wounded and hospitalized. With a shortage of officers, he had to assign platoon-sergeants, and in one case, a squad sergeant, as platoon leaders, to keep operating. Fortunately, the War ended, shortly later.

His awards include the purple Heart, Bronze Star, European Theatre Campaign Ribbon with four stars and the Presidential Unit Citation, with 7 stars.

After the War, Gilbert returned home to Hawaii to resume a well-deserved peaceful civilian life. After much soul-searching, he

made the most important decision in his professional career. He decided to go into contracting and be his own boss. His pre-War construction experience with the Territory and the Corps of Engineers, weighed heavily in making his decision.

Starting from scratch was difficult and challenging. His first office-yard, was at the old Corps of Engineers Base Yard, where Iolani School now stands. His capital was skimpy, so he had to borrow to the limit to acquire the heavy equipment needed to do much of the work. About this time, the War Surplus Administration was in the process of disposing all surplus material, so he was able to acquire a number of equipment from them. It took a while to get on his feet, but he managed to keep going.

In 1947, No. 2 son Kenny, was born, and followed by No. 3 and last, Jimmy in 1949. Also in 1949, he acquired a 3/4 acre leasehold in the Damon Industrial Subdivision in Moanalua for his base-yard. As his business prospered, he was able to expand his operations. His specialty was sub-division construction. He built them all over the island, but mostly in Kaneohe and Kailua. At the peak of his operations, his labor force numbered over 200.

In 1980, after some 36 years in contracting, he turned the business over to son, Kenny. He maintains his connection with the contracting business by offering advice and "know-how" gained over the years to Kenny. At 78, he still goes to his office daily for the most part of the day, to maintain close supervision of his industrial lot and the 15 or so sub-lessees that now share occupancy. When needed, he serves as a consultant-liaison for a Japanese Construction firm doing business in Hawaii.

Gilbert is a member of the 442nd Veterans Club, the 232nd Engineer-Band Chapter, Disabled American Veterans, Corps Club and the U.H. Alumni Association. Wherever and whenever he is called upon for help, he is always willing to do his utmost.

His hobbies include: poker, pinocle, cribbage, etc. One of the best photography--provides free prints to every person photographed and physical conditioning---paddle tennis, at the Y, aerobics, jogging until some 10 years ago, when his ailing knees, forced him to limit his activity to walking, and lastly, enjoying his four grandchildren.

When I started out to prepare Kay's portion of my speech, I half-jokingly asked her, if she was going to demand equal time---like the way, today's female generation is. Naturally, I felt

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relieved, when she said "No"---that she was from the old school, where a wife is strictly a home-body, whose main duty is to take the best care of her husband, home and family, and her life was centered around them. I'm happy to say that she has succeeded admirably in this. Furthermore, she said that Gilbert is the interesting one, and she was always in the background.

Kay was born in Kurtistown, Hawaii, the third in a family of four, of the late Mr. & Mrs. Tokitaro Tanouye, originally of Kumamoto Ken, Japan. A sister and brother preceded her, and another brother, the youngest in the family, who, as a member of the 100th Battalion was killed in action at Cassino, Italy in WWII. She grew up in the little town with the haole name, oblivious of the fact that her future husband-to-be was also growing up in Pahoa, just 12 miles away, as the crow flies. When the family moved to Hilo, she attended Hilo High, where she graduated in 1935. Gilbert had just returned a year earlier, after graduating from U.H.

I asked her, "How did you meet Gilbert?"

She said, "Mr. Richard Dodo, a classmate and close friend of his at Hilo High and U.H. arranged a blind date for us." The date proved to be highly successful, as it was followed by a 4-year courtship, and culminating in their marriage in 1941. Mr. Dodo was expected to be here tonight to join in the celebration, but a recent stroke has weakened him, making it unwise for him to make the trip over. I'm sure he would have been very pleased to see the result of his prize match-up.

Shortly following their wedding, they relocated to Honolulu, and later to Kaneohe, where they still reside.

Their first son, Warren, was born a year later, and when he was not quite a year old, Gilbert left to join the 442nd at Camp Shelby and eventually overseas to Europe. During his 2½ year absence, Kay shared her loneliness and life as a military wife with Hazel and other wives in the same situation.

When Gilbert returned in late 1945, Kay couldn't be happier, prouder and more relieved to see him back from the horrible war. It took a while to get readjusted and in due time, sons, Kenny and Jimmy were born to join Warren. The ensuing years were probably the busiest and most rewarding in Kay's life. She had her hand full raising and caring for three growing and active boys. All the while she had to be strong and forceful and level-headed to keep her all-male family happy and running smoothly. She got used to it and liked it, and even developed a sense of

humor. As when I called their home and asked her that I would like to talk to Gilbert, she would, after formalities, say, "Oh, you wish to speak to my Dan-na-san, eh? He's right here." Later, and for a long time, she referred to him as "Oto-san." And presently, in their near-twilight years, she affectionately and respectfully calls him "Ji San."

As far as hobbies go, Kay doesn't play poker, she doesn't do aerobics or jog, and she doesn't take pictures, but she shares a common hobby with Gilbert, and that is to enjoy and pamper their four grandchildren. Like our Nisei-generation, who did not know the luxury of having grandparents, Kay and Gilbert are making up for it by showering their love and affection on them. And the fortunate Yonsei youngsters couldn't find a more caring and doting set of grandparents.

In closing, I wish to, on behalf of all you friends, congratulate you, Gilbert and Kay, on attaining your milestone 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary and for permitting us to share this memorable occasion with you. I want to also thank sons, Warren, Kenny and Jimmy and your families for inviting us and help your parents celebrate their big night. And lastly, I want to wish everyone here, continued good health, so we can all be there to witness a truly once-in-a-lifetime event, the turn-of-the-century, just nine years away. Thank you.

Here are the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members and wives that contributed in making this one big memorable event. (Compiled by Walter Matsumoto and Rodney Yamashiro)

Kiyo Kimura - Master of Ceremonies. Need we say more?

Joe Sato & Guitar - Him too.

Walter Matsumoto - Besides giving the keynote speech, not surprising anyone, sang "Donkey Serenade."

Walter Higa - Grace

Eddie Kanaya - Played The Lord's Prayer on the flute.

Doc Kawamoto - Led banzai, friends to the honorees and of course sang a song.

Masao Yamasaki, Millie Honda & Bob Ishikawa, solos.

Tommy Hirao, Eleanor Ando and Nora Yamashiro, hulas.

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Moshimo inadvertently wasure munga attara, no sense monku because too late.

48th Anniversary Banquet

From during the peak years of say 8 to 10 tables (10 per table), it was down to a measly four tables for this 48th Anniversary Banquet. An all time low. Hard to believe but that was it. Hope we can do better next year. In recent years the personnel daibun sukunaku natta. Got to admit was on da sukoshi sabishii side. On the bright side, was good to see Eleanor Ando, Nikki Kurio, Lily Murakami, Leatrice Nakashige and Bessie Ono joining the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members and their wives for a most enjoyable evening. The ladies named, lost their spouses within the past few years. All of them were dedicated and hard core members. They are missed.

It was very nice of Gail Onuma (daughter of Rodney & Nora Yamashiro) and husband and Cynthia Pratt (daughter of Lily and the late Richard Murakami) to come out and join us senior citizens. Both of em aikyomon and ninkiga aru too so blended in well. A very good start for the younger set. Now, we got to not only talk to our kids but encourage them and if need to push 'em to come out, the sooner the better.

With the 442 Ukulele/Hula group and 442 Uta No Kai, the featured stars doing the evenings entertaining, was in a way sekarashii for the following: Eleanor Ando, Doc/Mary Kawamoto, Eddie Kawamoto, Hichi/Janet Matsumoto, Joe Sato, Mervyn Takano and Nora Yamashiro. Some performed only with the "Hawaiian" group (hula and choral singing), some only with the "Japanese" group (odori and enka songs) and a few in both.

The right on everybody ga sukina kind of music furnished during the evening's cocktail hour was by Jiro Watanabe's Group featuring pros like Kiyo Kimura & Joe Sato. No, we're not their business nor press agent but they are the best and always put on super entertainment. Knowing their business in and out plus being akamai, plays dakine everybody ga shittoru kine stuff that get them going. And you try watch closely, unconsciously they start tapping their feet, keeping time.

The Sons & Daughters of the Honolulu/Oahu 442 are on their way. The spokesperson for their organizing committee, in his speech briefed the people in attendance as to what, where, when and why. Registration form was passed out, making darn sure not to miss anybody. Bambai guys might come with something like, "I never know, nobody went tell me." Our guess is that this group will

be operating and on solid grounds by the next anniversary banquet. But then again, we've been known to be wrong in the past.

Busy hunting high and low for other chapter friends, the once a year miru guys that you see 'em here (banquet) only, never noticed until somebody said, "Eh, no more dancing tonight?" For guys like us that get more than one left feet, attomo naidemo doh demo yoka. In a way was good, it gave people, da wahines especially more time to catch up on the latest. It seemed only tatta konoaida ma de, a mere handful would up and leave once the formal portion of the program pau. But now, atchi kotchi, only a little more than a handful stay back. Blame it on toshi and for others, rush home to watch "Oshin" on the TV.

For the evening's performers (442 members and wives) give 'em all KONJOJO (A+) for going all out to entertain you. Nesshinmi and gambatte went rehearse and rehearse, ase don kakumade. Like they say, practice makes perfect. All "stage struck" eager beavers so they no monku or grumble. They immensely enjoyed doing it for you, how about you. Dunno and don't care if the group was compensated in anyway or form but no problem, all "borots" so tada demo sete yaru.

Having the Memorial Service in conjunction with the Banquet was a stroke of genius. The group avoided the broiling hot sun and the heavy downpour of rain all through the day would have been a disaster, were it held like in the past at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. Like the Hawaiians say, Akua sabe.

Guest Speaker

Calvin Yasuhara, a policy holder with one Sheldon Ching (CLU) hustled him over to our clubhouse to educate the chapter members and their wives as to why we need long-term care insurance in our twilight years. The guest speaker was a yoh ochitsutoru and very knowledgeable young man and could be a little younger than most of our kids. That unexpected excellent turnout of just a shade under 60 people was most gratifying. Seems like getting more makule, people's thinking and priorities could be changing and taking a more serious and harder look. Having something of this nature up to only a few short years ago, wouldn't have drawn flies. Was an evening well spent.

A little something about the "hustler." Fun loving Calvin always cheerful and happy. Always helping out anyway he can. Knowing him a long time, never did we hear him kotowaru even once anything asked of him, big or small. Chapter ni yoh sete kureru. At home nara dohka shiran but. Only time we've seen him get yake, not with some-

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body but with himself is whenever he misses (more often than seldom) the short gümme kind putt and of course automatic the inevitable, ah shit ga dete kuru. He's a pleasure to play with, as a partner or foe, makes no difference. Eh, this guy he's big but not hollow. Amazing the way he can tatakū da ball, you feel nantoka kawaii soona for da poor bugga. He get all the shots - straight, pop'em up, giv'em tankobu and da dokosar demo hatte iku ball (O.B.) - the Japan golfers call'em, itte irasshai. We know that you know but we going tell you anyway that Calvin get one big heart as big as his opu. No halulu of his growl, that's him tough - that's Calvin we all know and love.

Something to Think About

Now doko datta was it, a newspaper, or magazine or some kind of publication saying that if you kiss your wife (not girlfriend now) every day, you get better chance of living longer than guys that don't. Boy, if we would (be crazy enough) try pull some kind bakana stuff now (after more than 40 years of happy marital bliss) for sure bachiga ataru, boy--good wife kara yoh sete morawareru noni. Anyway, at this stage of life, better stand pat, play it cool and no rock the boat. Better yet, no believe everything you read and too, no getting any bright ideas. We no more IQ in the 170's, but we know when we well off.

Chapter Meeting - March

March chapter meeting, a first away from our beloved 442 clubhouse was held at the Disabled Veterans Hall at Keahi Lagoon (Walter Matsumoto no okage sama de we were able to get the place). Business got underway lilibit later than the scheduled time of 10:00 hours, due to guys trickling in and for some first time there. Of this very unusual starting time, not a bad idea sometimes to bend a little, be flexible and try something/anything, new/different to keep people and keep 'em coming out, which is the main thing.

Twelve diehards braved da doshaburi ame, which was more than lilibit on the wet side but what the heck, you not sugar, you ain't gonna melt. The drastic change from night to day was designed to accommodate and draw out the no-like-to-drive at night and da tooku country kara dete kuru people, you know, meet them halfway.

The personnel present at this hisashiburi daytime meeting was like something from a who's who. Chapter president Eddie Kanaya, who presided. Secretary Masao Yamasaki and Treasurer Monte Okamoto--this year's officers. Also immediate past president Joe Sato. And past presidents, not by year served but alphabetically:

Mits Honda, Yuso Iwane, Kiyo Kimura, Gilbert Kobatake, Hichi Matsumoto and Mervyn Takano. Gary Kawate and Jimmy Nakamura, they more valuable (tame ni naru to the chapter) as pupu connoisseurs. Walter Matsumoto also a past president, who very rarely misses a meeting or anything that concerns the chapter, come hell or high water was a no show due to catching a very bad cold. Gilbert was all smiles, claiming took him only about two minutes coming over from his office/warehouse/baseyard complex, just across the highway in Mapunapuna.

The next two scheduled meetings (April & May) also daytime will be pushed back an hour to 11 am instead of 10 a.m. so guys can bring bento or any kind sukina stuff and eat suru, aida yukkuri ni yobareru a few tsumetai ones. Sounds good, huh. Remember, your fault if you no bring nothing because you ain't gonna eat nothing and going suck finger--only going give your eye a feast. This day meeting is sort of a trial run and if the response not on the favorable side, aww brah, no choice but back to 933 Wiliwili St., Zip code 96826.

This meeting place was more than jyoto, couldn't ask for more. Nice and clean and convenient with everything needed just within arms reach. Spacious and roomy enough to comfortably take care of the whole chapter but sukoshi on da kyukutsuna and muri side were the wives invited. No, not the lopsided, kapakahi and hikuri kae-toru looking one (the building for the meeting) nearest to the highway but the more newer inside one. One big plus here (DAV hall) ample and all choice parking.

Inquiries made about the progress on the Honolulu/Oahu 442 Sons & Daughters took up most of the business portion of the meeting. President Eddie Kanaya reported not much of anything accomplished thus far. Looks like we not doing our share, the kids need some pushing, never too late. Come to think of it, never did we hear one airplane fly overhead all the while the meeting was in progress. For you people not too clear as to what we are talking about, the Keahi Lagoon buildings are located in the direct flight pattern of the taking off planes from Honolulu International Airport and Hickam Air Force Base.

Just even a quick side eye glance 'nuff, you can tell the guys with Domestic Engrs degrees, the way they manipulate the brooms and mops, flawlessly. After retiring, good boys natte must be helping mama at home. One of the requirements, tsukota ato, gotta shoji up the place and make 'em look paliki.

Through past experience found out that you get 'em (chapter meetings) night time or daytime, kuru mon wa kuru, kon mon wa kon regardless of

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what, where or when. Hey, we won't mind even one bit should some guys come out, tamagasu us and make us eat our words.

Anyway, when you (Ukulele Group & Uta No Kai group) see our most efficient secretary, Masao Yamasaki, thank him graciously. For what? His minutes (which is the best) in parts read something like, 'You'll (442 Anniversary Banquet goers) be entertained by a terrific group--only the best. Anyway, good ka, junk ka, judge for yourself. No need tell us, we know.

Doc Kawamoto, this year's VP was driving in to DAV Hall and what greeted him was everybody was driving in the opposite direction, going home, meeting all pau--like in finish. Maybe somebody gotta tell 'em, time and tide waits for no man--even him demo.

Chapter Meeting - April

Deviating from the well laid plans made at the last chapter meeting, the executive board made a switch (for the better) and April's meeting was held at Charley Ijima's at Keolu Hills on the other side of the Pali. And more better too was no need to bring your own tabemono as decided at the previous meeting. It was the second consecutive daytime meeting and aww only eleven members showed up, an all time low, one less than the last one held at the DAV hall at Keahi Lagoon. If this pathetic trend continues, shikata nashi gotta revert back to night time at our one and only beloved clubhouse, where the average turnout was in the neighborhood of twenty, give or take a couple. No, no new faces came out to this meeting to make us eat our words.

Margie, Charley's (retired fire chief) chief was a most gracious hostess. Anticipating a larger turnout, plenty kaukau was prepared. Had so much food that way more time was spent eating than having not a few but plenty cold ones, which was alright with us. Let's face it, the nowadays no business part of the meeting is shireta mon. The husbands to tsurete kita wives too, nanika teni sagete kita. From the old school, that's why if not they feel kiga suman, eh. Maybe had more ladies present but da meni mieta ones, Michiko Chirna, Millie Honda, Blanche Kimura, Lily Murakami and Yvonne Yamasaki.

It's no secret that Charley loves his beer just as much, if not more than the next guy but he's no couch potato. Everybody knows that he's an excellent chief cook and yoro-konde go yobareru his own cooking too. Name one ex-fireman who is not a good cook. The best is yet to come of our host. You going

tamageru kuchi don akete when we tell you that he, yes him, is an orchid fancier today. Imagine him, Charley of all guys, difficult to believe but seeing is believing. He went tateru one big hothouse in the backyard full of 'em. Chodo itta toki had some kireina oketsu (Orchid) ga saitotta. He no get only green thumb, he get green fingers as well. Ibatte claims with lilibit outside help, the project was accomplished. Not bad only suko-shi kapakahi here and there. Strongly constructed, just like him.

The dismal turnout could be due to the number of people went back to work--working part-time on the regular basis.

President Eddie Kanaya reported that next year's 442 annual banquet will be held again at Pacific Beach Hotel, which led to some lively discussion. Unanimously all the members present were strongly favored going back to Fort Delicatessen or someplace similar. If memory serves us correctly, the attendance when held there was super. One man's opinion--why go any kind haikara kind place, any blue collar kind place is welcomed and takusan. Any kind place where you can yukkuri ni relax and enjoy yourself A place you can bring your own refreshments and not forced to pay dakine exorbitant/bakarasii price. And a very very big and important item, no parking problem. How rakuna. Being a free country, just wanna express the feeling.

Had a chance to renew old acquaintance with Tadasu Muraoka, Margie's ani-san. He attended the 1985 Reunion in LA as a guest of 232nd. He's retired like the most of us and lives in Pahala on the Big Island. Honolulu ni some kind yohji ga atte went come out.

Kiyo, da kolohe bugga was up to his old tricks, raising hell (entertaining) with the ladies--telling 'em jokes after jokes. If there's a man that knows as many jokes as he does, oshiete kure. He knows all kinds for any occasions. The amazing part of this man is once kiitara, he no forget--stay hanapa in the head.

Trying to be a good citizen and wanting to do our share to help lessen the severe traffic load on the highway, we went bingari with Kiyo & Blanche. We've been to the Ijimas a number of times in the past but hiisa ikan datta and another ima tamageru hodo hiraketoru, that's why haji but we went pass the house on the fly and shoganashi had to back track to find 'em.

Charley & Margie, gokuro san deshita. Yes sir, Gary Kawate & Jimmy Nakamura were at their post.

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Chapter Meeting - May

This was the last of the trial daytime meeting, come June, it will be like in the past, the second Friday (June 14) at 1930 hours at the friendly confines of our beloved 442 clubhouse. The three months trial period was three months too many. That's viewing it from the attendance angle. We gave it an honest and more than a fair trial. One can bend only so much without breaking.

Missing connections somewhere along the line, no hall (meeting place) was set aside for our meeting. The foul up in fact was a blessing in disguise--held an outdoor open air meeting. All need to do was det the "strong backs", took all of six guys yoyatto, whereas two was more than takusan before and go hapai the picnic table/bench by the other one and voila, "It's meeting please come to order." The best part was no need go sohji the premise meeting ga pau natta ato. You just leave'em sono mama.

Pres. Eddie Kanaya was away on a trip so VP Doc Kawamoto & Joe Sato went kompan and co-chaired the business portion of the meeting. Eddie went tanomu Joe to handle the 442 BOD meeting portion and Doc took care of things on the chapter level. Everything smoothly and iiguwai ni itta. The only humbug part was the continuous flying of the yakamashii airplanes overhead and the flies. As you know, it was a bento meeting. Like the March meeting held at the DAV hall, only eleven members showed up for this, one more than April's (Ijimas) meeting.

Heading the list of discussions was inviting (more like forcing 'em) the wives to all future chapter meetings. Main reason given was meeting ga sunda ato drive Danna san (having a few too many) home and also help listen what went on. Like they say, a woman's work never ends. Earlie days everybody all ears, no problem. And until not too long ago, go in one ear and come out the other. Now, all jam up, no even go in the ear, not everybody. So for them (wives) to attend is a necessity. Shoga naino. Really, shiran uchini agyan natta bai.

Of the unfavorable turnout, it boils down to this. The went-back to work (for one reason or another) guys, far out-number the no like to drive at night to come to meeting guys. Give Gary Kawate and Jimmy Nakamura, boo-coo credit and hats off to them too. No matter where or when the meeting is held, chanto they have everything (the bar) already and it's business as usual.

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SPORTS

By Bruno Yamada

William Tanaka captured this years tournament despite persistent winds and a steady down-pour. The tournament was shortened to eighteen holes and Bill had no complaints for his 69 net was good enough for him to bring home the Senator Dan Inouye's trophy, Governor John Waihee's koa bowl and a set of irons. Bill also won the tournament in 1989 and in 1974 and became the only golfer to win this prestigious tournament three times.

Tony Miyamoto of Honolulu was one stroke back, winning the A Flight with a 70 while Bob Sakamoto of San Jose also shot a 70 and captured the B Flight for the second straight year.

A super senior flight (over 70) was added this year with Fred Ida and Mitch Takata shooting net 70s. Fred Ida was declared winner being older than his opponent and was awarded the Mayor Yukimura's koa bowl and a set of woods. Mitch received a very handsome graphite driver.

Other good rain players were Ron Oba, Richard Watanabe and Richard Yano with 71s and Fred Matsu-mura and Tad Kunishige with 72s.

One hundred fifteen players were entered in this years tournament and it was the smallest field since it all started in 1966. The fellow-ship and camaraderie continued, following the completion of the tournament, as the awards banquet was held at the Coco Palm Hotel. Despite the inclement weather, we all had a good time and we'd like to thank Chairman, Yukio Arashiro and his gang for another memorable tournament.

ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT

Los Angeles's Slim Murakami was not satisfied winning only an umbrella at the soggy Kauai tournament with a 77 net so he tears the Hickam's Mala-mala Bay golf course apart firing ten strokes better with a brilliant 67 to capture the 442nd 48th Anniversary golf tournament and the President Harold Fukunaga's award and lots of green stuff.

One stroke back with a 68 net was Tom Tanaka and Satoru Gota. Also shooting sub par rounds were Yoshio Shibuya, Fred Ida and Tsuka Murakami. Seventy one men and five ladies participated in this outing which coincided with the annual anniversary banquet. Thanks to Stan Yamamoto, Hiram Doi, Tonly Miyamoto, Bill Tanaka, Bob Sasaki and Bruno Yamada for making it all possible.

ARC GOLF

From the Garden Island comes word that Tsuka Murakami and the Association for Retarded Citizens

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of Kauai is inviting all 442nd members to participate in their 7th Annual golf tournament on September 27, 28 and 29 (Fri., Sat., and Sun.) on Kauai. Tournament will be held at the Kauai newest Robert Trent Jones, Jr. designed Poipu Bay Resort; the new challenging Prince Course at Princeville, and at the Wailua Golf Course. Sounds like a real fun tournament. All interested golfers can contact Robert Sasaki or myself (949-7997 or 487-3909)

442nd Retirees Golf Club By Eddie Tamanaha

March 28, 1991, at the Pali Golf Course, 30 members showed up. Masami Doi was hot this day as he shot a net 70 for first place. Ed Tamanaha and Harry Tokushige were tied for second and with our tie breaker system, Ed was second and Harry third. Both came in with 72s. Yoshi Higa and Jiro Shimomura were a shot back with 73s and the tie breaker declared Yoshi fourth and Jiro fifth. Dick Uemura turned in the best front 9 with net 34½. Bull Namba won the back 9 with 35. Closest to the pin were Teiji Chinna and Hichi Matsumoto.

On April 11, 1991, 28 members gathered at Shafter Golf Course. Tadashi Kunishige was the leader of the pack with a net 65, 2 shots ahead of Bobby Hirayama, Sho Miota and Herb Isonaga who shot 67s. With our tie breaker, Bobby was second, Sho third and Herb fourth. Charley Igarashi and Smitty Koga were declared tie for fifth even with the tie breaker system. Best front 9 was Kats Ibara with a net 32. Yoshi Higa and Bull Namba were tied for the back 9 with 33s. Closest to the hole were Ed Tamanaha and Charley Igarashi.

April 22, 1991, at the Honolulu Country Club, 29 members assembled to try their best. Steve Hirotsu, Tadashi Kunishige, and Sho Miota were Tops for the day with net 66s. The tie breaker declared the following: Steve was first, Tadashi second, and Sho third. Herb Yamamura and Dick Uemura both turned in 68s. Herb was fourth and Dick fifth based on the tie breaker. Best nines were identical 31½ - Charley Igarashi the front and Hichi Matsumoto the back. Nearest to the hole were Bobby Hirayama and Herb Isonaga.

On May 9, 1991, 25 members showed up at the Pali Golf Course. Harry Tokushige came out to play this day as he shot a net 64, leaving the closest competitors 4 strokes behind. Turning in 68s were Dick Uemura and Maui Okamura. The tie breaker declared Dick second and Maui third. Yoshi Higa and Hichi Matsumoto both came in at 69. Yoshi was fourth and Hichi fifth. Best front 9 were tied by Kats Ibara, Terry Ihara and Bobby

Hirayama. Back 9 was won by Bull Namba. Closest to the pin were Teiji Chinna and Maui Okamura.

May 23, 1991, 27 members gathered at Shafter Golf Course. Tom Mayeda was the best this day with a net 64. Right in back with a 65 was Rusty Honda for second. Another shot back with a 66 was Neka Matoi for third. Charley Igarashi and Lefty Sugihara came in with 67s. Charley was fourth and Lefty fifth. George Ikinaga and Steve Hirotsu were tied for the best front 9. Terry Ihara took the back 9. Closest to the pin were won by Teru Nishiyama and Steve Hirotsu.

On June 3, 1991, 22 members were at Honolulu Country Club. Bruno Yamada turned in a net 65 to take top honors by 3 strokes. Herb Yamamura and Herb Isonaga both came in at 68. Tie breaker declared Yamamura second and Isonaga third. Sho Miota was fourth with 69 and Milton Uchigaki fifth with a 70. Best front 9 was Teru Nishiyama with 32 and back 9 was Jensen Takasaki with 33. Closest to the hole were Bobby Hirayama and Herb Yamamura.

The 19th hole seems to be the best part of the golf day. Everyone enjoys the comrade and refreshments.

Our activities for the next three months - July, August, and September are:

Jul 1	HCC	9:30
Jul 18	Shafter	8:17
Aug 1	Makalena	12:36
Aug 15	Pali	11:30
Aug 26	HCC	9:30
Sep 3, 4, 5, & 6	KMC	
Sep 12	Shafter	8:17
Sep 25	Leilehua	8:03
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you get a devastating phone call that stuns you, just leaving you speechless not knowing what to say. With tears in our heart we say farewell to a beautiful, beautiful, lady who has gone forth to meet her maker. Trying to collect my thoughts listening to the Sunday NHK KAYO PARADE, the singing of that lovely old melody from "shinanoyoru" "Sashuyakkyoku" bring tears to one's eyes as you weep unashamed, thinking of RENE MORIMOTO who just loved her Japanese music singing her heart out with a karaoke group. Lonely a place at it maybe, Hilo will be a lonelier place now that RENE is gone and to that ichiban Paesan JONAH and her surviving relatives, we extend our deepest heart-felt sympathy. Farewell and Sayonara, RENE.

END

442nd Veterans Club Annual Banquet

Remarks by

William M. Kaneko
President

Japanese American Citizens League of Honolulu

March 23, 1991

While I appear before you as President of the Japanese American Citizens League, I would like to speak to you as a sansei, a third generation Japanese American. I am probably about the same age, or a little younger than many of your sons and daughters...growing up in the 60's and 70's...a time of social upheaval; a time of personal exploration-- the I-ME generation; leading up to the eighties...an era of communications, computers, and high technology. I would ask that you listen to my words...not as Bill Kaneko...but for the generation that I represent.

I would like to begin with a story about a man who I recently got to know. It's a story of a nisei soldier...however, a soldier from another war...the Korean War. His rank: Sergeant First Class; 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, United States Army.

Six months ago, he let me read his docier--his army exit papers. This man spent 2 1/2 years in a prisoner of war camp in Korea. I learned, for the first time, the atrocities of war. He was captured at approximately 0600 hours on the second of November 1950 at Unson by Chinese Communist Forces. I would like to read a portion of his transcript (paraphrased) as I learned about his capture:

On 1 November 1950 at about 2200 hours, our regiment was alerted to withdraw because of our battalion position was being overrun by the Chinese. I was selected as part of an advanced party to direct the withdrawal convoy. As we were directing the last convoy, we were attacked by a road block patrol of Chinese troops. The Chinese opened fire upon us point blank.

The Chinese increased their fire, causing us to abandon our vehicles and strike out on foot. Soon the sun started to rise and I knew I had to find a hiding place. There was no suitable vegetation for concealment so I laid down between the stream bank and water's edge. A Chinese patrol passed my position and saw me. I played dead, but 5 or 6 of the patrol members came down to check and discovered I was alive. The Chinese started kicking me and hitting me with their rifle butts. I eventually blacked out because the next thing I remembered was walking among a number of Chinese troops headed toward their rear area.

I read the docier with great interest. In the P.O.W. camps, I learned of the disease and the filth -- hepatitis, dysentery, malaria, malnutrition, neuritis, scabies, dermatitis, gingivitis. I learned of the vermin infestation, lice, rats, cockroaches, bedbugs...the unliveable, unspeakable conditions of the camps.

I learned of their meagerly diet consisting of soy beans, millet, and corn, where food was barely enough to live on...where prisoners lost 50% of their total body weight in early

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captivity...and how temperatures dropped to 30 below zero during the winter. The Red Chinese would withhold heat, blankets and clothing; and put prisoners in the "hole" or solitary confinement and let you freeze to death or develop pneumonia.

But moreso, the inhumane treatment that left prisoners humiliated, deprived, and devastated...the beatings, the verbal and physical abuse, the indoctrination attempts, the psychological warfare. I learned how they withheld food and water and gave prisoners the "water treatment," hanging people from the ceiling by their legs, head down, and pouring water through their nostrils. I learned of one man who was confined in a rat infested cave for 4 or 5 months with some S. Koreans. I thought these things happen only in the movies.

It took this man 40 years to tell this story. He is my father. I am his oldest son.

When I finished reading the papers, obviously, there was a sense of bewilderment. I did not know about this; because he never talked about it. It was a big piece of him we never knew, but it shaped him so dramatically. I began to piece a lifetime's worth of experiences together. It answered many questions...why he was so serious; so hard working. He used to always tell us since we were very small, "take care of your health...I know what it is to lose it." I now know why. He almost died in the camp hospital where he spent months without medication and lack of food.

It is experiences like this that make you whole, it makes you understand where your parents came from and how that may have affected you. It gives your perspectives on the sansei, in relation to the issei and nisei. My experience with my father may be typical of many of you out there...it is not talked about. It is this kind of remembrance, however, that perpetuates the legacy of family, of tradition.

I tell this story to you--the 442nd Regiment Combat Team--as you attempt to pass your legacy to future generations -- through the establishment of the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd. Your experience, your achievements symbolize victory, triumph, pride, justice and democracy in America.

As Sansei, some of these words are foreign to us. We know not what is to fight for one's country, while your parents, brothers and sisters are interned in concentration camps throughout the country. We know not of the racial hatred that resulted in yellow peril, the alien land laws of the 1900's, and the exclusionary acts which disallowed orientals from entering this country. We know not of plantation life, hole-hole bushi, and the pain and suffering that you and grandma and grandpa endured. We know not of the Democratic revolution which provide equality amongst Asian Americans in Hawaii.

Sansei live in a world of high technology, FAX machines, cellular telephones; a world of commercialism where AIDS, crime, and drugs are high on the social agenda. Our struggles are different. It is a different era. We are here, however, because of you.

I say to you...that the spirit of the 442nd will forever live, if and only if, you pass the legacy on with heart. It is one thing to reach people

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the legacy on with heart. It is one thing to reach people through their minds...mentally -- intellectually. But it becomes magic when you share...in the heart. If you have not already done so, you need to tell your story to your sons and daughters, your grandchildren as well.

Unfortunately --YOU -- will not be here forever...and there is a sense of urgency. Several months ago, JACL produced a video on the redress. As many of you know, the prime redress mover in the United States Senate was your comrade Spark Matsunaga. He delivered 76 co-sponsors in the Senate, enough to override a Presidential veto, which was unheard of. Unfortunately, Sparky had passed away before we could interview him on camera. His words, his reactions, his stories, which could have been captured on videotape in perpetuity, was forever lost. You need to tell your stories now.

This goes not only for the men but the wives as well. One must keep in mind that along with remembrance comes responsibility.

Maybe that's the legacy of the Sansei and the Yonsei...to preserve the histories of our parents and grandparents...the history of the 442nd. I have learned during my short years that the study of history is not a passive activity. It is alive, it is invigorating...we create history, both past and present. But it will take hard work. Our generation, however, needs to be moved...believe me...your stories will do the trick.

Histories and legacies are also perpetuated through institutions and education. The history of Asian Americans are mere blurbs in American textbooks; for example, the Japanese American internment during World War II -- the greatest constitutional wrong in the history of our nation -- is glossed over in public school curriculums throughout the country. At the very least, we should be able to adequately teach the histories of Asian Americans in Hawaii's public schools; but we are failing to do so.

There were about 2,000 JA's interned at Sand Island and Honouliuli internment camps. Believe it or not, we do not know where these places are...for all I know, the Honouliuli camp site is located on the 7th hole of the West Loch golf course. All of you fought for democracy, proved your loyalty so that the camp experience would never happen again. If these places are forgotten; your stories not told; and the lessons are not learned...history may repeat itself. There is still much work to be done.

I would like to close by saying that it was very difficult for my father to consent to have his story told before such a large audience. He is a very private man. Out of respect, I asked his permission. But if I have touched at least one 442nd veteran so that he would take the initiative to share with his family and friends the story of your battalion, then my talk has succeeded. It is with that in mind that your legacy -- so symbolic of the struggles of minorities in this country -- is extended a little longer. Good luck on the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd.

Thank you.

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**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

**VA CLARIFIES TAX LIABILITY ISSUES FOR CERTAIN
VETERANS**

Barry Raff, Acting Director of the VA Medical and Regional Office Center in Honolulu, announced a clarification of two issues concerning tax liability for veterans who are entitled to VA disability compensation and also eligible for either retirement pay or disability severance pay from the military.

Normally, military retirement pay based on age or length of military service is taxable income and reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). However, if all or a portion of the veteran's retirement pay is waived due to receipt of VA disability compensation, the veteran's taxable income is reduced by an amount equal to VA compensation. This means the veteran would normally pay less taxes based on a reduced gross taxable income.

However, VA officials have been informed that IRS was unable to credit some veterans who had waived their retired pay for VA compensation because the award letters provided by VA did not provide sufficient information for IRS purposes.

Affected veterans should refile for the exclusion by submitting a completed VA Form 20-8993 or an official VA letter granting retroactive benefits that clearly states "in lieu of VA Form 20-8993" with their annual federal tax forms.

The second tax liability issue concerns cases where veterans have paid taxes on the total amount of disability issue concerns cases where veterans have paid taxes on the total amount of disability severance pay awarded to them by the military and are subsequently awarded VA disability compensation.

In these cases, VA is required to recoup the entire lump sum paid by the military, including the amount paid for taxes. This is generally accomplished by reducing monthly compensation payments by a set amount until the lump-sum military payment is reached.

Some veterans erroneously believe they are due a tax refund on that portion of the recoupment paid for taxes. IRS has determined, however, that disability severance pay is taxable income because it is received as a lump-sum payment rather than a monthly disability benefit. IRS has also concluded that no reduction in tax liability would occur if the veteran were subsequently entitled to VA disability benefits for the same disability.

Raff said that veterans with questions concerning either of these tax issues should contact

VA at the following telephone numbers:

from Oahu: 541-1000
from Big Island: 961-3661 (free direct
line to VA Honolulu
from other neighbor islands: 1-800-232-2535
(toll free line to VA Honolulu).

Veterans residing on Guam may call 344-9200
(VA Outpatient Clinic, Guam) and veterans
residing in American Samoa may call 633-4206
(Veterans Affairs Office in American Samoa).

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SOME VETERANS MAY CLAIM TAX REFUNDS

Veterans insured under the United States Government Life Insurance (NSLI) programs (policy prefixes K, V, RS, W, J, JR, or JS) who reported interest earned on dividends as income on their IRS tax returns may now claim a refund of taxes paid, announced Barry Raff, Acting Director of the VA Regional Office and Outpatient Clinic, Honolulu. Although this ruling is retroactive and applies to all years, because of the statute of limitations, they can go back only to 1987. For most veterans the deadline for amending 1987 tax refunds and claiming a refund is April 15, 1991.

Policyholders may claim refunds if they had chosen the Dividend Deposit or Dividend Credit options for the dividends they receive on their government life insurance policies, and reported the interest earned on those dividends as income. Refunds can also be claimed for 1988, 1989, and other open years. The interest should not be reported as income for 1990.

IRS, in Revenue Ruling 91-14, recently stated that this interest earned on dividends in the Dividends Deposit or Dividend Credit accounts is not subject to federal income taxation. Previously IRS had ruled in Revenue Ruling 57-441 that such interest was taxable. Because the latest ruling is retroactive, veterans may now claim a refund of back taxes.

To claim a refund, affected veterans should use Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Form 1040X and instructions may be ordered from the IRS by calling 1-800-829-3676, or can be picked up by visiting the local IRS offices.

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