

who usually show up are several who are physically incapacitated as well as have other commitments like MAUI OKAMURA, KOZUN NAKATA and MASAMI DOI whose elder son finally made legal arrangements for cohabitation on that date. The flowers will be flown in from Hilo by this writer's very good friend on Thursday, May 21. Because our good friend HIROSHI OKADA is still a little under the weather the writer was able to borrow his equipment for soldering the "legs" on the half gallon cans. The effort was not too satisfactory. The legs came off so for next year NOBU YONEDA agreed to solder the legs on the cans. And the cans came from Noelani Elementary and the mother of Lamela Holt who for many years was the Senator's special assistant in Washington, D.C. and is now here with her husband to administratively oversee Dan's re-election campaign. Since we were able to get so many cans from the two sources, preparation of the cans for next year's Memorial Day services is already half solved.

Talking of HIROSHI OKADA, his problem now seems to be his eyes. Glaucoma has taken away sight in one eye and he is most concerned that in a few years he will be sightless. HIROSHI likes to talk about his problems and shows a very wide understanding of what ails his tired body. His biggest problem seems to be related to his inability to mix with his friends which forces him to think inwardly only of his tired self. The fact that he is incessantly talkative in a one to one situation, more contact with people in groups may be of help to his well being.

The following is being written on May 29 and later, the deadline date. Heard from KIYO YAMATE who was able to talk to his LA bunch going to Oakland & Reno offering EASY HAWAII transportation via personal ars, Oakland/Reno. This will save each traveler about forty dollars to lose at the gaming tables in Reno.

May 23rd was the occasion of the wedding reception for DOUGLAS DOI and bride, a Miss PAMELA CHUN. Both families reside in Manoa Valley. EASY Chapter was very well represented at the reception and you could tell that MASAMI'S buddies from WW II days were a little aged and subdued. For fear that this writer may miss a few names, there will be no listing of EASY Chapter members attending the reception.

A call came from DAN'S campaign headquarters for help in stuffing envelopes on May 22nd referred to earlier. A second call came to inform us that they needed only about 8 to 10 bodies. As it turned about 12 showed up at the envelope stuffing session primarily due to the surprise showing of CHIK & PATSY TESHIMA and SALLY YOSHITAKE, people who had earlier indicated a no show but changed their minds. Others who came to that session were EDWIN & LEATRICE GOYA, KARRY IWAHASHI, NANCY SUZUKI, HARUKO OYAMA, AMY KANESHIGE, TADAO YOSHIMOTO, WAICHI TAKEMOTO, and this writer. There's lots of work that needs to be done at the headquarters and SALLY, HARUKO and LARRY, instead of stuffing envelopes, lined the drawers

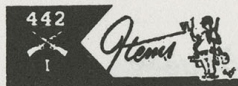
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cupboards in the kitchen area with paper.

EASY Chapter has been assigned HOLIDAY ISLE HOTEL at the makai Ewa corner of Kalakaua & Lewers as our reunion hotel. It has one of the cheapest room rates which will give our visitors from the mainland just about the cheapest hotel/room and ground transportation packages. We should make arrangements for the Hospitality Room right away. In this connection reservations for our Neighbor Island visitors have to be made as well as for some Oahu residents who wish not to drive long distances at night.

Because Holiday Isle Hotel is located almost next door to Sheraton Waikiki and is also across the street, 2 blocks from Waikiki Lau Yee Chai, EASY members and friends can walk to all Reunion and Chapter functions except the Tea House affair which will be by Bus.

At the just concluded State Democratic Party Convention, DAN'S campaign headquarters requested EASY Chapter's assistance to wave banners at the makai/Diamond Head Intersection of Kalakaua and Lewers and makai/Diamond intersection of Kalakaua/Royal Hawaiian Avenues on May 30th. They requested 8 bodies and the following waved banners from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. TADAO YOSHIMOTO, SABURO & TOKUE OUCHI, EDWIN GOYA, WAICHI TAKEMOTO, TADASO ONO, NOBORU UESUGI and this writer who oversaw the whole operation. The writer's sister-in-law, SHIRLEY IHARA assisted us as well as a mother/daughter friends of the campaign coordinator and DAN'S Big Island Rep. PAU



BY MINO SUZUMOTO

Putting one word after another, as HERB CAEN of San Francisco use to say and what ever happened to BOZO NISHIOKA?

See where ALLEN OKAMOTO got his name on the '92 Co. I Las Vegas Mini-Reunion list (Oct 18-22). Which means the odds are extremely good that the Ambler, PA Itemite and JOE OKUMOTO can eventually get together at a mainland held reunion. With these 2, it's been "when one shows up, the other stays home" type of a scenario. At this stage, me thinks, JOE is up, 3 to 1.

The MASA NAKAMURAS on their "annual" exodus to Silicone Valley visiting number one daughter CHARLENE and the grand children. While there, caught up and had dinner with MUZZY KIMURA who insisted on paying for the spread. Muzzy is nice that way. I should know. He did the same to me. Picked up our breakfast tab at the Maui Beach (on the way home from Kona) a couple or 3 years ago.

Gratefully acknowledging MASAMI (San Jose, CA), ISO's Contribution to Item Chapter. Received in early April, the donation was made in memory of the Co. I members who had died in the past few months. No names were mentioned but I'm sure he had in mind TAD FUJISHIGE, RALPH ARASHIRO, HIDE MATSUMOTO, SMITTY
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KOGA, HITOSHI "Hunter" KOHADA and KENJI "Pope" SEGAWA. ROY SOMEDA, too, who never did join the club passed away during that stage in time.

Co. I is seriously contemplating on shifting its monthly meetings to the daytime hours, say, like between 9 to 10:30 a.m., on any given day. If you have an opinion on the matter, convey same to Plexy ARATANI. Give it some thought.

We are indebted too, to Dr. VIC IZUI (Northfield, Il.) for his donation to Club Item, made in memory of "SMITTY & POPEYE," in mid-May. Says he gets his info through the Seattle route. Was shocked to learn of the fate of some of our guys. "We saw them at the Co. I Mini Reunion in Reno only 7 months ago in good health!" he says almost in disbelief. Assures us that GEORGE TANAKA is doing fine after his surgery. Goes to Rehab on a weekly basis.

Big, good humored HIRAM DOI, all 6 ft., 210 lbs. of him, off on a 3-weeks "vacation" to Seattle, Vancouver, B.C. and points of Northwest. Pray tell me, just how does one go on a vacation when one doesn't do anything? Oh, that's it. He meant he was laying off his golf game for the length of time. Ha! Seriously, he, daughter PAT, son-in-law DON YAMASHITA and grandson CHAD are visiting relatives around SHIRO KASHINO'S part of the country. HIRAM'S sister, I believe. Bon Voyage to them all!

JIM YAMASHITA'S latest "Co. I Directory" containing 272 names of Itemites and their wives,

Itemites-at-heat, their addresses, zip, phone No., etc., is now in circulation (since mid-May). How he manages to do it, is beyond me. If I had half a brain, I'd think of something profound to say to him. Sadly, all that emanates out of this concrete dome of mine is "Thank you, JIM!"

That black cardinal with the red, red rump, called the bulbul: First it eats my mangoes, then the tangerined, the chili-peppers, the dendrobiums and now it's my bananas! Anyone knows how to get rid of them besides shooting em, that is?

The paesan literally jumped out of his pajamas while viewing the KGMB 10'oclock news (with Leslie Wilcox) on Sun., May 3. There on TV was a close up of FRANK SHIMADA'S face. The camera moves away and it's back to him again, 3 times! I couldn't believe it! (FRED HIRAYAMA, 522-FA, too, was featured for an instant). What really was happening: CBS was filming the DACHAU scene. Site of the infamous World War II death camp, being visited by American tourists. FRANK had written from San Jose that he, HANK & KIYO OTSUKI, SHIG & YO DOI and ISSIE OTSUKI were taking a trip to Israel and its environs. His letter barely beat the TV showing here. Guess that's what surprised the heck out of me.

The "Co. I Mini-Reunion '92" drew such an enthusiastic response in the time slot allotted that a "moratorium" had to be called. Over 200 Itemites and Itemites at heart from Hawaii and the
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continental U.S.A. have committed themselves. Come Oct. 18-22, the Fremont Casino and the Californian hotels will be our base. Those slated to go:

Name	City	State
Aragaki, Taka	Hilo	HI
Aratani, Terry/ Elsie	Honolulu	HI
Aruga, Hiroshi/ Midori	Hilo	HI
Asaki, Thomas/ Ruth	Hanford	CA
Asato, Hideo Alice	Waipahu	HI
Asato, Jotoku/ Doris	Pukalani	HI
Buto, George/ Esther	Torrance	CA
Davenport, Dorothy/ Jim	Santa Ana	CA
Doi, Hiram	Honolulu	CA
Doi, Shig/Yoshiko	Richmond	CA
Fencl, Warren/ Mildred	Morris	IL
Fujioka, Makoto/ Etsuko	Hilo	HI
Fujitani, Llyod	Lodi	CA
Fukuda, Kenneth/ Kimie	Honolulu	HI
Funai, George/ Fusako	Seattle	WA
Furukawa, Walter/ Jane	Honolulu	HI
Hamaishi, Fred/ Florence	L.A.	CA
Haraburda, Anthony/ Helen	Boise	ID
Harimoto, Thomas/ V.Mizumoto	Hon.	HI
Hayakawa, Fred	Hon.	HI
Hodgetts, Philip/ Hanna	Westminster	CA
Ichikawa, Tomio/ Emi	Fairfield	CA
Ikezoe, Chic/ Betty	Wauwatosa	WI
Ikuta, Mbo/Rose	L.A.	CA
Inada, Fumie (Charlie)	Gilroy	CA
Isefuku, Yutaka/ Junko/ Henry	Irvine	CA
Ishikawa, Larry/ Marion	Wahiawa	HI
Ishitani, Kikuye	Waianae	HI
Iso, Masami	San Jose	CA
Ito, Akira/ Kiyo	Alhambra	CA
Iwasaki, Arthur/ Teri	Hillsboro	OR
Izui, Vic/ Michi	Northfield	IL
Kameda, Donald/ Barbara	Hon.	HI
Kamiyabashi, Tad/ Mary	Stockton	CA
Kashino, Shiro/ Louise	Seattle	WA
Kato, Michi	Hon.	HI
Kawaminami, Jim/ Sakaye	Gardena	CA
Kawawaki, Ralph/ Mary	P.City	HI
Kimura, Muzzy	Palo Alto	CA
Kinoshita, Frank/ Tami	Ranch S.Fe	CA
Kishaba, Susumu/ Kiyoko	L.A.	CA
Kreskosky, Mike/ Dorothy	Nanty Glo	PA
Kubota, Sadaichi/ Amy	Hilo	HI
Kurihara, Lloyd/ Martha	Sanger	CA
Kuwahara, Harry/ Edna	Cerritos	CA
Matsumura, Fred/ Bea	Gardena	CA
Matsushita, George/ Reiko	Sacramento	CA
Minami, Ronald/ Ruth	Wauwatosa	CA

Name	City	State
Miyamoto, James/ Asako	Norwalk	CA
Mizumoto, Ethel	Honolulu	HI
Momoda, Gerald/ June	Bellevue	WA
Mori, Tomoe/Ann	Honolulu	HI
Morishige, Cal	Ontario	OR
Morita, Bill/ Sada	Bellflower	CA
Morita, Richard/ Toshiko	Corvalis	OR
Muto, Kaz/Yoshiko	Fairfield	CA
Naganuma, Bill	Kailua	HI
Naguwa, Yukio/ Asayo	Hilo	HI
Nakada, Henry/ Mitsu	Homer	AL
Nakagawa, Togo/ Gloria	Honolulu	HI
Nakaguma, Mabel	Honolulu	HI
Nakamura, Mary	Kula	HI
Nakamura, Masa/ Helen	Honolulu	HI
Nakashima, Frank/ Meri	Fairfield	CA
Nakashima, Robert/ Mildred	La Mirada	CA
Nishioka, Richard/ Liz	Aiea	HI
Ogata, Ted/Diana	P. City	HI
Ohara, Dorothy	Aiea	HI
Okada, Enro/ Yoneko	Dameron Vy	UT
Okada, Charlie/ Jane/ Cathy	Seattle	WA
Okamoto, Allan/ Yone	Ambler	PA
Okuma, Kenneth/ Betty	Honolulu	HI
Okumoto, Walter/ Cindy (d)	Hon.	HI
Oshiro, Mitsuo/ Sumiko	Waipahu	HI
Oshiro, Richard/ Nickie	Aiea	HI
Oshita, George/ Margaret	Kapaa	HI
Otsuki, Henry/ Kiyo	Livermore	CA
Ottovich, Jack/ Jeanette	San Jose	CA
Ozawa, Bill/ Janet	Seattle	WA
Peck, Dale	Kaneohe	HI
Sadanaga, John/ Chiko/ Yachiyo	Vacaville	CA
Saito, Tadao	Dixon	CA
Sakamoto, Henry/ Dolores (d.i.l)	Nicovich,	
Larene (d)	Union City	CA
Sakamoto, Toni/ Bettie	Pasadena	CA
Sakamoto, Bob/ Rosann	San Jose	CA
Sakuma, Dale/ Theresa	Anderson	CA
Senzaki, Tak/ Mary	Los Angeles	CA
Shimada, Frank	San Jose	CA
Shindo, Motomi	P. City	HI
Shinto, Richard/ Lousie	Montebell	CA
Shishido, Winifred	Pukalani	HI
Sonoda, Kiichi/ Nellie	Naalehu	HI
Speizio, Ruth	Honolulu	HI
Sugg, Frank/ Norma	Westminster	CA
Suzuki, Ichiro/ Bella	N.Honolulu	HI
Suzumoto, Minoru/ Dorothy/ Laura (d)	Honolulu	HI
Takahashi, Hideo	Ontario	OR
Takahashi, Suguru/ Betty	Kahului	HI
Takenaka, Fred	Brackenridge	PA
Takemoto, Shuji/ Ciyeko	Gardena	CA
Takizawa, George/ May	Seattle	WA
Tamura, Joe & Mrs.	Gardena	CA
Tanaka, Ganji	Chicago	IL

Name	City	State
Tanaka, George	Chicago	IL
Teragawa, Bill/ June	Los Angeles	CA
Tomihara, Tsutomu	Aiea	HI
Umeda, Tommy/Mari	Honolulu	HI
Watanuki, Tom/Pat	Blue River	OR
Weber, Joe/Helen	Applegate	CA
Wittenburg, Koko Mrs. Inada's sister	Gilroy	CA
Yakuma, Mitsuo/ Yuki	Aiea	HI
Yamada, Henry/ Ellen	Aiea	HI
Yamaguchi, Edward	Torrence	CA
Yamamoto, Betsy	Wahiawa	HI
Yamamoto, Stanley	Aiea	HI
Yamashita, Jim/ Marian	La Habre	CA
Yamashita, Masato	Lodi	CA
Yanagihashi, Shizuyo	Honolulu	HI
Yoshimura, Harry/ May	Bellflower	CA

Attending Reunion. Made own arrangements for travel and hotel package:

Sakamoto, Kiyoshi/ Gay	Honolulu	HI
Sakaida, Susumu/ Yasuko	Kualapuu	HI

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Does anyone here have enough sense of security to oppose my suggestion?



by RONALD OBA

A Hummer Revs Up on Pohakuloa's Fields "Go For Broke" Reserves

A Hummer is not a Bummer. It is like MREs with an acronym of HMMWV (High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle). Schwarzenegger bought one so it must have huge predator muscles. I rode one for most of a day at the Pohakuloa Training Area as guest of the 100/442nd U.S. Army Reserves, 29th Brigade. Lt/Col Michael Wong and Col. Joe Uson were my camouflaged hosts. They had painted their faces in various hues prior to the exercises. They were really serious regarding their roles as part-time civilian soldiers. Lt/Col Wong took me on a cook's tour through the lava fields to a Mobile Kitchen that feeds 500. Yet, there were the good ole K.P.'s scrubbing pots and pans. Some things don't change. The communication center with its mobile vans and outposts of high tech "ears" and "eyes" were deployed to monitor the enemy movements and direct fire at the "enemy". The trouble is the "enemy" can also see you with their smart weapons. How do you know you got an enemy? The soldiers all wear sensors on their vests which light up when hit by the enemy's laser guns. No need for umpires, you're dead!

After talking with the soldiers under gnarled Lehua trees and Ohia branches, we

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unceremoniously opened our MREs (Meals Ready to Eat). I had beef stew which tasted a little like the "C" rations of WW II. The tabasco sauce in the packet greatly enhanced the taste buds. The 81 mm and 4 double 2's (equivalent to 105 howitzers) mortars were the heavy weapons of the infantry. After bumping my rump for another hour, I finally left the troops to return to Hilo. Every soldier I met greeted me with a "Go For Broke" salutation. They are real proud to be 442nd reserves.

Go For Broke Association

Your president was invited to attend the Go For Broke Assn. annual dinner meeting at the Hale Koa Hotel. Former 442nd veterans such as Ukisada Oshiro, Tommy Miyashiro and Mits Kunihiro are members. Most however are present or former members of the 100/442nd reserve. They are a proud bunch proud to be carrying on the namesake of the 100th Bn and 442nd R.C.T. They train at Schofield monthly and spend 2-6 weeks on field training and return to their civilian jobs the rest of the year.

The M.C., Rufus, a black, says he originally came from Popolu and got his dark complexion because they made him guard the beaches. The following joe was funny and is not intended to be racial. Rufus asked if there were any Samoans from Waianae? Yes, and his name was Tuu Fa. Another came from Makaha whose name was Mo Fa. Of course, you guessed it the one from Nana-kuli was called Tuu Nia. Rufus wasn't funny when he forgot to

call out the door prizes.

Their finale was the singing of the 442nd song Go For Broke!! They sing it better than we can.

MAY MEETING

Jingle, jangle, jingle - Las Vegas here we come. Or should it be Klunk, Klunk, Klunk - Jackpot! Neither. Our reunion should really get going when we get to the Palace Hotel in Gardena. Like old times everyone should have loads of stories to tell.

Michi Takata updated the members on the upcoming Fox reunion in Las Vegas and Los Angeles. There will be approximately 67 from Hawaii and another 68 mainlanders at the reunion. Because of the untimely death of Wally Tasaka, 5 of his family members cancelled their plans to attend. Those attending from Hawaii are alphabetically listed (see list on separate page).

George Nakasato again reported on the latest developments of the Golden Anniversary. President Shibuya received approval to support the Los Angeles members financially for the '92 reunion and to further assess members to finance the '93 Golden Anniversary. Ron Oba related that Jack Wakamatsu has finally published his "SILENT WARRIORS" and intend to distribute, for gratis, books to all Fox members, libraries, schools and agencies. His book should be revealing, factual and historically reminiscent. We are all looking forward to having a good reunion with all our good buddies.

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MID PAC TOURNEY

It's no wonder that the Waialae members hate to play for dough at the undulating, unforgiving Mid-Pac Golf Course. On this Wednesday morn, the winds schoed Roy Iritani's apology for the unusually strong winds and occasional rain. Example: not being a long ball hitter, on the tenth hole my ball had wings and nearly reached the green. And the winners were: overall, Net, First, Toshi Tskkayama, 69; second, Hichi Matsumoto, 71; and tied for third, Joe Tanaka, Tommy Tamagawa and Charles Miyata at 74s. Front nine, Roy Iritani, 35; Back nine, Tommy Tamagawa, 31. Thanks to Mid-Pac members, Roy, Ray Hatate, and Charles Miyata. Other golfers were: Mich Takata, Tournament chairman; Roy Kubo, Yoshio Shibuya, Bill Tanaka, Edna Nakashige, Michi & Ron Oba, Barney Miyaji and Shige Higa.

IN MEMORIUM

Wally Tasaka, as we fondly remember him, died on May 18 at age 71. He was one of the stalwarts of the Fox members on Kauai and could always be counted on to coordinate joint functions. The most memorable event was the Fox Chapter reunion on Kauai when Wally and his "gang" pulled all stops to host a believe-it-or not three days of entertainment.

Yuri, our members were shocked to learn of Wally's death. We'll remember him always and miss him dearly.

P.S. Warren Iwanaga called to say that he'll be in Vegas in time to see his friends. He'll be staying with his son Warren Jr. who has lived in Las Vegas since 1990. Daughter of Desert Storm, Paula will also join him there to form a mini family reunion. Warren can't see too well but he sure can feel the silver dollars.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The accompanying letter expresses the urgency of our fellow veteran in identifying a soldier in combat.

Dear Sirs,

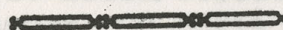
I have never been able to bring myself to attend an army reunion; it may be the beloved comrade syndrome - the memory of the dead and obscenity of war. Yet reading about the recent Reno convention, a fragment was dislodged and suddenly I had to know someone's name.

An event occurred on April 7 or 8, 1945, on the western slope of Mr. Folgorita (Assano, Italy) when as a member of a combat patrol dispatched to assess the battle posture of 3rd Battalion, 442CT, we became involved in aiding one of the rifle companies (I, K, or L) secure a ridge. Completed, some of us retraced the route along the steep defilade to avoid exposure on the ridge still under fire. Along the way several German soldiers emerged unexpectedly from a bunker we had bypassed earlier and it is still difficult to re-

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LAS VEGAS ROOMING LISTHAWAII

- 1-2 - AGINA, Masa & Takatsuki,
Doris
- 3-4 - DEGUCHI, Yasumori & Helen
- 5-6 - ENDO, Toshio & Gladys
- 7-8 - HIGA, Shigeo & Rose
- 9-10 - HIGA, Tomojiro & Aileen
- 11-12- HIRANAGA, Tom & Miyoko
- 13-14- HIRANAKA, Mamoru & Bernice
- 15- HOKAMA, Masatoshi
- 16-17- HONDA, Robert & Sadako
- 18-19- HORIKAWA, Daniel & Helen
- 20-21- INUKAI, Yoshio & Yoshie
- 22-23- IRITANI, Roy MD. & David
- 24-25- ITO, Takao & Masako
- 26-27- KAWAKAMI, George & Kazue
- 28-29- KOHASHI, Wataru & Kikuye
- 30- KUBO, Roy
- 31-32- MASUDA, Tsugimi & Suehiro,
Goichi
- 33-34- MATSUMURA, Katsutoshi &
Emiko
- 35-36- MATSUSHITA, Robert & Mabel
- 37-38- MIYAJI, Barney & Phyllis
- 39-40- MURAKAMI, Hideo & Masae
- 41-42- NAKASATO, George & Myrtle
- 43-44- OBA, Ronald & Michiko
- 45-46- OTAKE, Morito & Polly
- 47-48- SHIBUYA, Yoshio & Clara
- 49-50- TAKATA, Michio & Shinako
- 51-52- TAKEUCHI, Kiyoshi & Yukie
- 53-54- TAMAGAWA, Tadashi & May
- 62-63- WATASE, Edward & Yaeko

- 64-65 - YAMASHITA, Paul & Clara
- 66-67 - YORITA, Frances & Lance

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED (continued)**

call who were more surprised and frightened (the moment of surrender on an active battlefield is tense, uncertain and dangerous). They were fortunate and were safely lead away but another soldier and I found a seriously wounded young German.

Although under sporadic fire, we stopped to help somehow when my companion was shot through the neck compelling us to abandon the German soldier. When we left, he was lying on his back and I heard him die that night ... as he was watching the stars? The other wounded soldier climbed up the hill because he had to, requiring little assistance; I never saw him again. Later I learned that he had rejoined the unit although with residual mild left brachial plexus palsy, a miracle; an epiphany of courage.

It would give me great pleasure to know the name of the unknown comrade of that brief encounter.

Sincerely yours,

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