

RECEPTION HONORING THE HAWAII HOLOCAUST PROJECT AND ITS INTERVIEWEES

BY HIROMI FUJIWARA

The invitation read: "The Governor of Hawaii and Mrs. Waihee and the Jewish Federation of Hawaii request the pleasure of your company at a reception honoring the Hawaii Holocaust Project and its interviewees on Wednesday, the thirteenth of May nineteen hundred and ninety two from five to seven o'clock p.m., Washington Place, Honolulu, Hawaii."

Members of the Baker Chapter, 522 FA Bn. and their spouses that responded to the invitation were: HIROMI/ANN FUJIWARA, MASAYUKI/NANCY HIGA, FRED/KAY HIRAYAMA, HENRY/DORIS ISHIDA, SHOSO/KAY KAGAWA, STANLEY/HILDA KANESHIRO, KATS/LAURA MIHO, YUZURU MORITA, NEIL/JANE NAGAREDA, MASARU NAKAKURA, JOE OBAYASHI, ALMA OGATA, DON/CHI YOKO SHIMAZU, TED/FUKU TSUKIYAMA, HAROLD/JANE UEOKE and son LESLIE.

The evening program started with a welcome by MIKE WASHOFISKY, President of the Jewish Federation of Hawaii followed by an invocation by the Reverend YOSHIKI FUJITANI. As Project Principals, JUDY WEIGHTMAN and LINDA MENTON explained, "The Hawaii Holocaust Project is a videotaped oral history project founded to document life experiences of three groups of people in our community: Holocaust survivors who live in Hawaii, other members of the Jewish community in the islands who fled Europe before or during the war, and lastly the men of the 522nd FA Bn, a nisei (second generation Japanese-American) unit, a part of the famous Japanese-American 100th Bn/442nd Regimental Combat Team. We hope that this project, which links the life histories of Jews who lived through the horrors of the Holocaust, which

were only pre-figured on Kristallnacht; and the nisei soldiers who bore witness to those horrors at Dachau will convince you, as they did us, of the indomitability of the human spirit. It has been our privilege to listen to these life stories of people of different races, cultures, languages, and religions, people who lived through some of the most important events of our time and survived to give voice to those who did not."

Then JUDY WEIGHTMAN presented copies of the project's two-volume work "Days of Remembrance: Hawaii Witnesses to the Holocaust" to representatives of the 100th Inf Bn (RAY NOSAKA), 442nd Inf Regt (RON OBA) and 522nd FA Bn (STAN KANESHIRO). A greeting from the office of the Governor was delivered by MRS WAIHEE. The formal program ended with a benediction by RABBI MORRIS GOLDFARB.

Following the regular program the interviewees were given copies of their input to the Hawaii Holocaust Project. Interviewees and their spouses had pictures taken with JUDY WEIGHTMAN and LINDA MENTON. Baker Chapter interviewees were: FRED HIRAYAMA, STANLEY KANESHIRO, RICHARD KUBA, KATS MIHO, YUZURU MORITA, NEIL NAGAREDA, HIDEO NAKAMINE, JOE OBAYASHI, DON SHIMAZU, TED TSUKIYAMA and HAROLD UEOKA. Other interviewees were: MICHAEL AKAMINE, STANLEY AKITA, TANA BASA, CARLA CHOTZEN, WALTER CHOTZEN, ANNE FLAGG, ROYCE HIGA, SUSUMU ISHII, BORYS KUSNE, HEDY MARMORSTEIN, BARTON NAGATA, RAYMOND NOSAKA, RON OBA, OTTO ORENSTEIN, SARAH ROZENBERG-WARM, GERDA SAMUEL, JOHN SATO, RUDOLPH SCHMERL, JEDIADAH SHASHAI, IGNACE SPITZER, RICHARD STRAUSS, and BILLY TAYLOR.

GOLF SCORECARDS BY JERRY ISHIMOTO

Apr 6 HCC: A fill-in tournament playing for low net. ROCKY tried all his might to win and with his closed stance, he closed out the rest to win with net 64.

Hey! you too good, eh? Two strokes back was STAN followed by AKABO 68 WALTER 69 and Yours Truly taking the 5th and last prize. CP winners were ROCKY, GEORGE, JOE, STAN, WALTER and LARRY. 6 par threes? ALLEN NAKAMURA was just along for the ride because his Torrey Pines handicap was unacceptable.

Apr 13 HCC: A monthly Ace tournament with DON leaving everybody in his dust with an awesome net 62. Other winners for low net prizes were GEO, AKABO, ROCKY, MILTON and TEIJI. CP's were BOYAN #1, ROCKY #7 and DON at #14 and #17. Scoop up eh, DON? For the 2-man/2ball, the combi of GEO/AKABO netted 128 for 1st place. Second place at 10 strokes back, the DON/KUBA team. Then further and further back came JOE/TEIJI being pushed by the Y.T./STAN team.

May 11 HCC: An Ace tournament resulted in TOM and STAN tied for 1st with net 66. TOM got the Ace after the tie-breaker process and STAN was first for the other prizes followed by Y.T., JOE and ROY. LARRY and DON tied for the last prize. CP's were KEN #1, STAN #7, KEN again at #14. #17 is a difficult par 3 to get on because of a large bunker in front. TOM did it the unbelievable way by landing his ball in the bunker and bouncing it onto the green for his CP. That did it for his \$5.00 and tie-breaker.

MURPHY's LAW: DON YAGAMI was hitting long and straight off the tee for 17 holes till he came to the 18th tee. His hooked shot hit the tilapias.

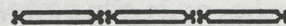
May: The Outrigger West Hotel is the bivouac area for 522 Able, Baker and Charlie Chapters during exercise 50th Reunion. Battalion nite banquet is at Pagoda with DON SHIMAZU, O.I.C. Speaking of which, he will be doing his pilgrimage to Israel with the Manoa Valley Church in September. In the meantime, CHIYOKO and DON had gone and returned from his son's graduation from Hastings Law School in San Francisco.

ELLEN KUNIHIRO hospitalized after falling and fracturing her left femur. Remedial surgery necessitated driving a metal rod into her thigh bone. You think our operation can tip that? Well, how's this? While still in the hospital she broke her knees on the same side and had to undergo another operation. That....is called "one up-manship."

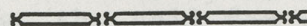
JANE UEOKA hearing of ELLEN's injury had a sympathy injury. She fell while doing her running exercise and broke 3 fingers on her left hand. Yes...she runs. Not jog like us physical-maturity-acquired persons.

FLINT YONASHIRO is off golf for a while due to bursitis on both arms

KATS MIHO is a member of a group traveling to Mainland cities to publicize and promote the 442nd Reunion. Hope they're not traveling first class.



*Aging is a matter of mind;
if you don't mind,
it doesn't matter.*





by BERT
NISHIMURA

2HQ MEETING SCHEDULE

July 10.....Clubhouse
August 14.....Clubhouse
September.....Dinner Meeting TBA
October 9.....Clubhouse

Mother's Day was celebrated at Hee Hing Restaurant on May 9th. MORISO TERAOKA hosted the dinner with the following in attendance: SUEO HIGUCHI, MRS. HISAKO HIGUCHI, HER BERT and SUE ISONAGA, RICHARD and MARGIE NAKAMURA, TAKESHI and JANE OKEMURA, MITSUE SAKAMOTO, MIKE and SUE SUGAI, YOSHI and ALICE SUGI, MORISO and FLORENCE TERAOKA WILLIAM THOMPSON, KAZU and MICHELLE TOMASA, JOYCE MASUNAGA and her sister MRS MIYAGI plus a guest.

TOSHI and GRACE HAYAMA's daughter, SUSAN, married NORMAN IWASAKI at the Manoa Valley Christian Church, the house that CHAPLAIN HIRO HIGUCHI built on Saturday, May 30. Reception followed at Hawaiian Regent Hotel. The newly weds will make their home in California. We congratulate the Hayamas and wish the young couple our very best.

As was explained in an earlier article, the records of the 100th Infantry Battalion while in training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and that of the Varsity Victory Volunteers at Schofield Barracks caused the military hierarchy to consider using the some 36,000 Japanese Americans who were eligible for military service. A study committee was appointed to review the situation and come up with alternative plans. Among the conclusions reached were:

1. If the Army did not use Japanese American manpower skillfully, their injured pride may turn to alienation and ultimately to host-

ility.

2. The formation of a Japanese American unit would testify to the United States' recognition of the loyalty of this particular ethnic minority.

3. Every able bodied person should be enlisted in the nation's defense. Keeping all Japanese Americans together in a segregated unit would make it easier to control them.

On January 28, 1943, the War Dept announced that:

"Loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry will compose a special unit in the United States Army. Plans have been completed for admission of a substantial number of Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Army of the United States. This action was taken following study by the War Department of many requests by loyal American citizens of Japanese extraction for the organization of a special unit of the Army in which they could share in the fight against the nation's enemies."

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson then explained that change in army policy in these words:

"It is the inherent right of every faithful citizen regardless of ancestry, to bear arms in the fight against the nation's enemies. If the free expression of that right are imposed by emergency considerations, those barriers should be removed as soon as humanly possible. Loyalty to country is a voice that must be heard, and I am glad that I am now able to give active proof that this basic American belief is not a casualty of war."

On February 1, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed a White House letter to Secretary Stimson endorsing the activation
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of what was to become known as the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The President wrote:

"The proposal of the War Dept to organize a combat team consisting of loyal American citizens of Japanese descent has my full approval. The new combat team will add to the nearly five thousand loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry who are already serving in the Armed Forces of our country.

"This is a natural and logical step toward the reinstitution of the selective service procedures which were temporarily disrupted by the evacuation from the West Coast.

"No loyal citizen of the United States should be denied the democratic right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of ancestry. The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. A good American is one who is loyal to this country and to our creed of liberty and democracy. Every loyal American should be given the opportunity to serve this country wherever his skills will make the greatest contribution - whether it be in the ranks of our armed services, war production, agriculture, government service, or other work essential to the war effort.

"I am glad to observe that the War Department, the Navy Department the War Manpower Commission, the Department of Justice and the War Relocation Authority are collaborating in a program which will assure the opportunity for all Americans, including Americans of Japanese ancestry to serve their country at a time when the fullest and wisest use of manpower is all import-

ant to the war effort."

Lt General Delos C Emmons, commanding general of the Hawaiian Department stated:

"I have been designated to offer the Americans of Japanese ancestry an additional opportunity to serve their country. This opportunity is in the forming of voluntary combat service in the Armed Forces. I have been directed to induct 1,500 of them as volunteers into the Army of the United States..."

The 442nd Infantry Regiment was to be made up of Regimental Headquarters Company, a medical detachment, three infantry battalions, 232nd Engineer Company, 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, and a regimental band, an Anti Tank Company, and a Cannon Company were later added. The War Department organization plan for the unit dated January 22, 1943 specified that all officers down to the company commander were to be "white American citizens." Most of the platoon officers were also to be Caucasians.

When the decision was made to send the combat team overseas, the first battalion remained behind as a replacement training pool and the 100th Infantry Battalion, already in Africa and later in Italy, was incorporated into the regiment as the first battalion and was permitted to retain its identity as the 100th Infantry Battalion in deference to its glorious fighting records.

I was serving as the executive officer in the Office of Civilian Affairs in Lihue, Kauai, when I received word that I was being transferred to Schofield Barracks. This was in February of 1943. By this time, the call for volunteers

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to organize a combat team had been announced and scores of niseis were flooding to report to selective service offices in every part of Hawaii.

On the island of Kauai, 53 were inducted. Reportedly, the first to be selected was Mitsuru Doi. On the Big Island, 146 men were chosen. Joseph Itagaki, manager of Kemoo Farm, was an early inductee on Oahu. Toshi Anzai, a Maui councilman, was one of the older nisei who volunteered. The Varsity Victory Volunteers on Oahu was disbanded to permit its members to volunteer. Many seniors in Hawaii schools were graduated early to allow them to enter military service with their diplomas.

At Schofield Barracks, the Replacement Center was readied for the onslaught of the new recruits. Specialists from the 19th, 21st and 27th Infantry Regiments were placed on temporary duty. Capt Robert Locke was my coordinating officer. Graduates of the University of Hawaii who had taken four years of ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) and had been given commissions as second lieutenants in the US Army Reserve were notified to expect call to active service.

The reception center left much to be desired. While field tents had wooden floors, there were no permanent buildings. Field kitchens were set up in the area. Showers and latrines were outdoors. By the time the group from Kauai reported in the camp was barely adequate, Gilbert Kabatake, one of the early officer arrivals, was able to "requisition" nails and tools from the job site in which he had been toiling only a few days before.

Processing consisted of a battery of tests to determine qualifications, physical examinations, and

tions, physical examinations, and issuing GI clothing. For the most part, the standard army garb was ill-fitting to the thin framed niseis. Shoes, especially, were difficult to procure since the average "Buddha-head" feet were short and wide. Long hours of bare-feet tend to make luau feet the norm.

Dr Wallace Kawaoka was enlisted into the medical corps as a 1st Lieutenant.

As the inductees arrived by island groups, they were quickly formed into units of 200 each. Those who had had prior ROTC training were pressed into service as temporary NCO's.

First Lieutenants called to active duty to serve with the Hawaii contingent were:

Yasutaka Fukushima, Kanemi Kanazawa, Sadami Katahara, Masayuki Kawasaki, Theodore Sueoka, Kiyoto Tsubaki, Herbert Yamamoto, Francis Fujita, Gilbert Kobatake, Walter Matsumoto and Yoshiharu Tsuji.

Second Lieutenants included Yasu Abe, Kaoru Akamatsu, Jou Chinen, Gregory Ikeda, Walter Iwasa, Robert Kadowaki, Saburo Maehara, Matsuei Nishimura, Ichiro Okada, Robert Taira, Francis Takemoto and Masami Yoshimasu.

The better part of February and March was spent in processing. Inductees were ordered to send home all civilian clothing and personal items. To fill in time between processing the fundamentals of basic training were stressed with emphasis upon discipline and close order drill. Word was received that the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce wanted to honor the troops at a ceremony to be held at Iolani Palace. Training now included marching in

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company formation.

On March 28, 1943, 2686 volunteers were trucked to the Schofield rail head where they boarded the old OR&L (Oahu Rail and Land) trains to its depot in Iwilei. The parade started at that point and proceeded down King Street to the Palace grounds. As the senior lieutenant, I was in the lead. Following were Yoshiharu Tsuji, Sadami Katahara, Ichiro Okada, Masami Yoshimasu, Robert Kadowaki, Toshi Ansai and Joseph Itagaki. The first group from Kauai was led by Chiyoki Ikeda.

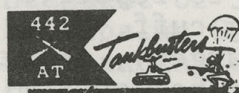
In the 40's, the Republican Party dominated politics. The only prominent Nisei was Maui's Toshi Ansai although Andy Yamashiro was a Honolulu Democrat councilman and Wilfred Tsukiyama, attorney-general who were too old to be inductees. Ansai was thus selected to represent the nisei soldiers.

On April 4, 1943, 2900 officers and men left Honolulu for the mainland. Majors Emmett O'Connor and Jack Conley were to be the escort officers in charge. They were later to join the 442nd. Those of us who had been in service before December 7, expected that this unit would be joined with the 100th Infantry Battalion training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and their officers would lead the 442nd. Non-commissioned officers would be selected internally. No one was aware of the operational guidance which called for the unit to be led by caucasian officers. As it later turned out, the key non-com positions had already been filled by a cadre of soldiers who had been in service prior to December 7 and who had been assigned non-combat roles.

Footnote: When the 100th Infantry Battalion was alerted for overseas deployment all of the infantry

officers of the 442nd who accompanied them from Honolulu were reassigned to the 100th. The exceptions were: Gilbert Kobatake, Walter Matsumoto, Francis Fujita and Yoshiharu Tsuji who had been re-assigned as Engineers, Wallace Kawaoka, medical officer, and Bert Nishimura and Yaso Abe. Masao Yamada and Hiro Higuchi who came as chaplains were not affected. The directive that the 442nd was to be led by caucasian officers (in all positions) was now effective.

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by MARY SAKAI
CAROL SAKAI FEITEIRA
PATTI LABA

Optimist Club member HENRY YOSHITAKE (Bella Vista Chapter member) invited TAK HATTORI, our LA reporter, and FRANK SETO to a meeting at Paul's Kitchen Restaurant in Monterey Park where speaker JACK LESTER (ex-glider pilot who carried some Anti-Tankers into Southern France for the August 15, 1944 invasion) recalled his experiences which stirred up memories for TAK and his ordeal.

Discovery...FRANK SETO found a long lost brother that he didn't know he had, living in Guadalajara, Mexico. FRANK's mother was Mexican but he never knew her because they were separated when he was very young. Story to be continued.stay tuned.....

MALY TAMURA, secretary/wife/cook/housekeeper, etc. of GEORGE, our Washington correspondent sent an update of the Seattle gang.

Go North, young man, go north.... MAC MAMIYA will be going north to visit daughter PENNE and husband STEVE's son's high school graduation (cont'd on next page)

ation in North Carolina. With his energetic exercise regiment including walking 30 minutes daily and oaring 8 minutes, he should be able to "walk it." MAC's new toy, the dehydrator is getting much use with dried bananas and beef jerky. Watch out watermelons, pineapples and strawberries!

RAY TSUCHIYA missed the New Year A/T gathering at the House of Hong Restaurant but wishes to be kept informed of future visits from out-of-town Anti-Tankers.

President GEORGE TAMURA of the Kenji-kai Kishu Club will be having surgery in June to repair a tear on the rotating cuff. Both shoulders require surgery, about 4 months apart. Hope he won't miss too many of his weekly visitations to the 10-12 acquaintances in the Keiro Nursing Home.

HI and MATSUKO SAIMO will meet HI's brother TATS to go on their annual trout fishing trip in Wyoming and Montana for 10 days. Between MATSUKO's daily water aerobics, quilting, cooking classes and volunteer work, she found time to have a successful cataract surgery in January.

Full-time babysitter (grandchildren of ages 4 and 6) ICH NAGASAWA also bowls and gets in a game of golf. Where does he get the energy?

MABLE MAEKAWA retired from the greenhouse but keeps throttling at those weeds and crabgrass "where I get my exercise" to discourage any permanent residence.

In Seattle, the Anti-Tankers met for a New Year's dinner in February at the House of Hong Restaurant, JIM KUSE, MAC MAMIYA, ICHIRO NAGASAWA, HIFUME and MATSUKO SAIMO, MABLE MAEKAWA, GEORGE and

MALY TAMURA caught up on each other's news and...WAIT! Did they say New Year's dinner in February? Oh! Must be Chinese Yew Year's or "Washington" time.

Is there a doctor in the house? No, not that type of doctor! SHIGEMI HONMA, Ph.D is a vegetable breeding consultant living now in Michigan who returned to Hawaii in 1988 for his Honokaa High School's 50th class reunion. Wife ISAO from N.Y.C. met SHIGEMI at a nisei USO function. Graphic artist daughter lives in Conn. and high energy physicist son works for the University of Victoria and Triumph group who assigned him to CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. SHIGEMI is retired but does some consulting and had kept in touch with LT. SCOTLAND from Philadelphia.

Oh-oh! MITSUO AKIYAMA so kindly pointed out that our March newsletter included HALO HIROSE from Maryland. We all know HALO HIROSE is from Honolulu, Hawaii. TORO "Bull" HIROSE and wife HANKIE come from Maryland.

C.E.O. GORO INABA, Kona's best know honeymoon "sweet" had a poem written by Doug Corness about The Kona Hotel.

"Where the Ali'i played on the
Holua-loa
Below the majestic forest of
ohi'a and koa
The historic Kona Hotel proudly
stands
On verdant, volcanic, sloping
lands.
No breeze is diverted by its
design
Of single wall construction
pine
Where a tropical sun warms the
day
While cooling clouds and trade
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winds play.
 The bridge bordered by plants
 and pua
 Leads to the elevated red
 roof lua
 With a panoramic view of the
 vast sea
 Below coffee, banana and papa-
 ya tree.
 The hotel has a heart, soul
 and personality
 Vested in the extended Inaba
 family
 Whose ohana spirit is known to
 people nationwide
 For here kindness, generosity
 and hospitality abide.
 Here, there is no wisdom in
 strife and war
 But in peace, tranquility,
 happiness and much more.
 The Kona Hotel's secret is no
 surprise,
 Merely the golden rule wrapped
 in paradise."

Retirees LILLIAN and JACK KOUCHI
 from Waimea, Kauai service sta-
 tion business couldn't keep still
 as they are leasing 7 rental units
 now. Daughter MARLESE is married
 with two children. After 2 years
 of college in Seattle, Washington
 Son STEVE is home to help mom and
 dad. LILLIAN underwent an opera-
 tion for a brain tumor several
 years ago but her right side is
 paralyzed. She washes, cleans
 house and does everything except
 chop food! She is always avail-
 able for a good talk!

Still trying to contact FRANK
 FUJII and GEORGE MORITA. Tank-
 busters' posse - your job is to
 find them and let us know what
 they're up to.

JOE MORI retired as a fireman
 where he was an assistant cook
 in his company. They reside in
 Kula, Maui where he's using his
 gourmet cooking skills on DORIS
 between helping with his church

SACHI and MASATO DOI claim they
 have no news but we know better!

MIKE FUJIKI sounds wonderful af-
 ter returning from a fabulous
 Mediterranean cruise! Highlights
 began in Barcelona where she
 sailed to her favorite sports
 such as Vienna, Venice and the
 Greek Islands. Ask MIKE for de-
 tails.

YVONNE and LIZO HONMA were married
 in Aix-En-Provence in France on
 March 29, 1947 - 45 years ago.
 They celebrated for 4 days in Maui
 visiting "SHORT" HONMA, LIZO's
 brother, who happens to be super-
 intendent of 3 golf courses at
 the Kapalua Golf Course. Now they
 are planning a trip to Japan. Isn't
 it great to still be honeymooning
 after 45 years?

AKIRA and MISUKO FUKUDA's daughter
 JOY and fiancée KEVIN will be mar-
 ried sometime in the future. Son
 PAUL and wife EMI have 2 boys
 who keep them busy and happy.

KO and JANET HATA's son TIM works
 for the City Urban Development.
 KO states that JANET is in GOOD
 shape! KO golfs now and then with
 CAMEL YOSHIMASU, JUDGE MASATO DOI,
 HALO HIROSE (from Honolulu) and
 JACK KAGUNI.

RUGGED MIYAKAWA "bachelored" when
 KATHERINE traveled solo to visit
 daughter DIANE and hubby STANLEY
 to see Kintaikyo Bridge, Kumamoto
 Castle, Kyoto and Nara. Cherry
 blossoms and cold weather greeted
 KATHERINE.

JACK and MARGARET KAGUNI visited
 grandson BRIAN who took them to
 7th heaven as he was ready to
 crawl at 6 months. Cold 45 degree
 Michigan blessed them with one
 day of snow. Fun and beautiful,

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like a Christmas card! They were in L.A. for the quake but missed the riot. Talk about extremes! Lucky to be back in paradise.

MARY SAKAI watches her youngest grandchild KARI, 19 months old twice a week now that MARI and CHAD go to pre-school, EDDY is in first grade and JEANNE is in second grade. MARY does keep busy at EDDY's baseball games, rooting for Kaneohe Raiders, Peeewe League and reprimanding the umpires.

President KAZUO KIYONAGA and Secretary MASATO DOI sent an important invitation to join them at the Wisteria on Wednesday, June 17, 1992 at 6:00p.m. for a dinner meeting to catch up on each other and to hear about the 50th Anniversary plans for March 1993 - registration deadline is July 30, 1992. Beat the mad rush! Register early.



by HERBERT AKAMINE

This year's Memorial Day group remembering the Medics dead was made up of JACK YAMASHIRO, ED ONAKA, ROY SAKATA, JERRY OGAWA, HOWARD KOZAMA, LIONEL IKEBE AND TED MATSUO. They honored the following at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific: KOSAKU ISOBE, MITSU HARU KUBOYAMA, TADASHI KUBO, KATSUYOSHI HAMAMOTO, KUNIO TAMA NAHA, HIROYUKI HIRAMOTO, AKIO NISHIKAWA, WILLIAM HARA K I, BEN NAKAMURA, HIROSHI YONEDA, SHOSUKE GOTO, SATORU KATO, CHRISTIAN NAKA MA, KATSUAKI MIHO, CLARENCE KOMIYAMA, KENNETH TSUNEH IRO, MASANA OGO, RAMON WASANO, and THOMAS YAMABE. Also, visited were the graves of GEORGE NAKASONE at Mililani Memorial Park and TOM K NISHIKAWA at Hawaiian Memorial Park. A total of twenty-one graves were visited.

This might have been the last Memorial Day that the Medics have honored their dead comrades. There is talk of discontinuing the service.

TOSHI AKI TANAKA is back home after a short stay at Kuakini Hospital. ED ONAKA and DOROTHY MATSUO were among his visitors. ALVIN ONAKA, son of JANET and ED ONAKA is the registrar of birth, death and marriage at the state Board of Health. Outside of his professional duties, Alvin's community service includes Pony League Baseball and aikido.

BOYHOOD TO WAR: HISTORY AND ANECDOTES OF THE 442ND RCT

A 250 page book based on the oral histories obtained from over 100 men by Dr. Dorothy Matsuo is being published for release this fall. The following are passages from the book:

Tadashi Morimoto (now deceased): "I found it hard to share my life. The Japanese in us made us reluctant to talk about our experiences because it was like bragging; but we had to share our life in this fashion for the benefit of my children and grandchildren."

Richard Nishioka (Training at Shelby): "We looked and sounded so uneducated the kotonks looked down on us. We couldn't take orders from them. Hawaii boys were jealous that the kotonks were non-coms. We couldn't fight verbally; it was easier to use our fists..."

"We became numb in battle and dead bodies didn't affect us. If we didn't disregard the tragedy we encountered each day, we would crack up."

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Tom Nishikawa, Medic, (now deceased): "When I came back, I asked myself how in the world did I survive the combat, the K. rations, and all that cold and wet, but we were all motivated by the fear of bringing shame. We volunteered to prove ourselves, so if we did anything to bring shame, we couldn't come home."

The book begins with stories of the men's boyhood and continues with stories of the discrimination and mistreatment they bore in silence after December 7. They discuss their motivation for volunteering and describe their experiences at Shelby, the hardships of combat, the bonds of brotherhood cemented permanently through facing the enemy together, and the joys of coming home. It is recommended reading for all sons and daughters of the men and the generations to follow.

The book will be available for purchase at the clubhouse, and through requests made with registration for the 50th anniversary celebration.

Dorothy Matsuo is the wife of Medics president Ted Matsuo. Their daughter, Michelle, is an active member of the Sons and Daughters of the 442.

 *May 10 was the day we honored *
 *cooks, waitresses, nurses, tea- *
 *chers, maids, chauffeurs, psy- *
 chiatrists, doctors, and bankers
 *....or, to use their generic *
 *name.....MOTHERS! *

MAUI NEWS BY ROBERT MATSUSHITA

Reunion & Installation

"SHIN NEN OMEDETO GOZAI MASU"
 "KON NEN MO AIKAWARAZU OTANOMI
 ITASHI MASU"

1992 is here and Maui "F" Chapter members are preparing for the trip this summer to Las Vegas and to Gardena Headquarters in L.A. The amount of members going are, I would say, in the majority. The deposits to Vegas and to Gardena are being sent in advance. We should be hearing from Mitch Takata of the balances we are to submit to our Travel Agency or Agency will be contacting us very shortly. Hiro Takusagawa has also not contacted us of the balance to be paid, also. The golfers are as usually asking me what's the status of golfing in Vegas and L.A. My answer, we should be getting input in the near future as the date becomes closer. Wives, as usual, exercising their right arm to challenge the right-armed-bandits at the establishment to be faced with. Lots of enthusiasm and smiling faces here on Maui.

It would be nice to meet the "F" Chapter members since the last reunion we had in 1991. We are getting older as years go by and now it's the time to travel after retirement and enjoy the fellowship.

The 49th Anniversary Maui 442 Veterans Club installation banquet was held at the Maui Beach Hotel, Pool Side on February 21st 1992 at 5:30 p.m. - cocktails and 6:30 p.m. - dinner.

The 1992 Officers are as follows:
 President Toshio Endo
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