

Thank you, Sons and Daughters, for caring.
Etcetera

TERRY and ELSIE TERUYA welcomed their second grandchild born to daughter IRIS on May 21st, a girl named AUBREY. Congratulations!



Reunion Aftermath

With such a hectic, memorable, and wonderful 4 days plus of reminiscing with old friends, some long time no see friends and bundles of excitement, I guess it's excusable to have missed some proper recognition of donors. Info received from KEN HIGASHI that the salmon for the lomi lomi salmon was donated by BEN & KIKI SUGAWARA's son from his catch in Alaska. Pictures sent by SHIG YOKOTE have CHICKIE SUMIDA and EDNA KURAMOTO helping out in the hospitality room also. Thanks to all of you! Sorry for the lapse of memory. Maybe it's time to invest in the "Memory Booster" pill I saw at Longs Drugs. Also saw a "Hair Booster" pill. I guess all is not yet lost for you guys thinning out at the top!

SHIG YOKOTE of Sacramento who by the way if the president of the Sacramento Association, continues to compile his collection of snapshots into memorable and beautiful photo albums, recapturing all of the different reunions. The particular photo album on the 50th Anniversary Celebration is especially complete. Besides the beautiful snapshots, it starts off with pictures of the hotel headquarters - day and night; the Fort DeRussy Army Museum with 442 wartime memorabilia; the beautifully arranged platters of sushi, oysters, noodles, nishime, etc., at the potluck dinner; Prince Kuhio's reunion registration area; the Aloha & Sayonara banquet evenings with all the dignitaries; the hospitality room snapshots; the Natsunoya

Teahouses' oishi clam pupu; pictures by platoons; the tatami area; the Ala Moana group & parade pictures; the finale at the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery ceremonies event; and the inspiring 442nd torch wreath.

Honolulu "L" Company thanks you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in sending the photo album for us to keep. As I'm the caretaker for this precious album, I will have it with me at every meeting and social event for everyone to enjoy.

Message to "L" Chapter Guys - Hawaii

The following is a letter we received from TURK SUZUKI of Washington. It was circulated to the members at our chapter meeting. This letter is being reproduced as I'm sure TURK meant for it be read by as many "Love" chapter guys including the neighbor island buddies:

"There was indeed something very special and memorable about the recent 50th Anniversary Reunion held in Honolulu. Honolulu "L" members and wives with your usual generous hospitality did much to make each one of us feel very lucky to have been part of "L" Company and in your company; thank you very humbly.

Aside from our thanking you for the many reunions, you fellows deserve to know that those of us from the mainland should never forget that it was you, the boys of Hawaii, who stepped up to volunteer in the numbers that you did, back in 1943, which enabled filling the needed compliment for forming the then proposed 442nd RCT. Historical evidence indicates that the mainlanders, by themselves, would not have fulfilled the minimum required compliment.

Without the number of boys from Hawaii to fill the needed compliment of men, the 442nd might never have existed. How different might history's outcome have been for all the AJAs if the 442nd could not have been formed due to a shortfall in personnel needed? Fortunately, the RCT was formed as history proves and it's glorious and meritorious military record forever changed the lives of all AJAs.

So you see, you boys from Hawaii, for how you responded back in '43 deserve to know that

we can never thank you enough but THANK YOU! sincerely.

Very truly,
TURK S.

In Memorium

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to MABEL FUJIMOTO, daughters LINDA KALUA, AMY HARANO, and their families in the loss of their loved one, KAZUO "HAPA" FUJIMOTO. "HAPA" passed away on June 28, 1993 from a massive heart attack suffered at home in the early morning of that fateful day. Final salute was given by many "L" chapter and LIKM chapter members at the memorial services for "HAPA."

He will always be remembered as a honest, decent, generous, and gentle person. In many ways, he was above reproach in caring for friends. He will be greatly missed. After his return from his many years at Johnson Island, he was one of the regular attendees at our chapter meetings and social events together with MABEL and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Being a generous person, he never failed to make a donation, be it a bottle of liquor or a case of beer or sodas at our social functions. "HAPA" was especially helpful at reunion time, always volunteering to do chores asked of him without any complaints or whimpers of discontent which befits his gentle and quiet nature. Indeed he was a family man's man as emotionally expressed by his grandson BLAKE HARANO and granddaughter SHERRIE-ANN KALUA at the memorial services. May you rest in peace, "HAPA." To you MABEL, you will always be a part of us, please continue to join us in our social events.

To the families of TERUO "COWBOY" & MARIAN MATSUMURA and BILL & HARUMI HAGIO, our condolences in the loss of your loved one. "COWBOY'S" brother, MIKE MATSUMURA died on August 19. BILL's brother JAMES died on June 14.

Late, Late News

Shinonenkai, January 24, 1993. Yep, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight. This social event is being reported bow due to the busy

schedule from the 50th Reunion during the 1st 3 months of the year and the cancellation of the GFB Bulletin for that period, and the long article in the last issue — and it's better late than never to be reported for such an important social event for our families that this event is kicking and alive!

Normally we hold this shinonenkai the last week in February but because of the demolition of the old Memorial Hall and unavailability of the Youth Building on that date, it was held in January. Even with the change in date, we had a very good size of attendance by the following: YOSHIJI/BETTY AOKI's families, ROGER/ALISA/TRISHA/KRISTEN AU; TERRENCE/JANICE/YOSHIJI.MARIS KONG: FUMIO/MICHIKO OHASHI'S families, ANDREW/TRACY, RYAN/IRENE OHASHI: ALLEN NAKAMURA'S family, DUANE/CYNTHIA/KANANI/KIAAINA MEDEIROS. TOMMY KAKESAKO's guest CAPTAIN IRWIN (helicopter traffic watch fame) and girlfriend. YOSHITO/PAULINE TOME; LAWRENCE/ CHIOYOKO FUJII, RALPH/MITSUE SHISHIDO; HIROSHI NAKAMOTO; ERNIE/ GRACE UNO; HENRY/DORIS ISHIDA; KURO TOMASA; VICTOR/TIMMY YAMASHITA; BILL/LILY OSHIRO; HAPA/MABEL FUJIMOTO; JIRO/FLORA WATANABE; JACOB/TERRY JICHAKU; P.K. GENNY MATSUMOTO. HIDE NAKAYAMA was at Las Vegas; KOBE/CHIZ SHOJI attended his sister's funeral service in Detroit; PAUL/YUKI TAKIGUCHI attended relatives services; HAJIME MATSUURA was in the hospital which accounts for he & LANI'S absence; NIPPY/BERTHA LEONG had guests at home.

With VICTOR YAMASHITA as the MC and YOSHIJI in absence of HIDE N., was the honcho although the son-in-law's ROGER & TERRENCE did all the work. No offense YOSHIJI, just reporting it straight, that's all, ha! The usual group of TOM FUKUNAGA were not included this year because of a late decision. We learned how disappointed they were as they look forward to this social. This info reported by YOSHIJI in August on a chance meeting with one of the group.

The generous donations by members of their favorite desserts, the beer, beverages, and items for lucky numbers made this event like old times. The donations are as follows: FLORA WATANABE - 3 Tide Detergents & Khong Guan cookies; MABEL FUJIMOTO - 5 Parker Pens; DORIS ISHIDA - Arare & Paint and Marker books; PAULINE TOME - Apple cake; TERRY JICHAKU - Haupia; GRACE UNO - Lemon Bundt cake; JANICE KONG - Cupcakes; ALISA AU - Gau; BETTY AOKI - Fruit cake; GENNY MATSUMOTO - Mochi. A case each of beer came from BILL OSHIRO & KOBE SHOJI. 2 case of beer came from the late HAPA FUJIMOTO. A case each of sodas came from the LEONGS, ALLEN, KOBE, & YOSHITO. 2 case of sodas from FUMIO (Diet) & LAWRENCE.

TOMMY KAKESAKO, the ever generous one, had items of cable car & Golden Gate Bridge ornaments; men's watches valued at \$54 and \$52; ladies Anne Klein watch valued at \$104, \$132, and \$182; 4 protector watches; 3 quartz watches; pearl rings valued at \$105 and \$113; yellow and blue necklaces valued at \$25 and \$30.

The food was catered with door prizes purchased by YOSHIJI and his crew of items such as: bags of rice; 8 oz. ham; Yuban coffee; Ramen; Instant Lunch; sodas; Hi-C juices; Aloha Shoyu;; and Cattleya orchids from HIDE NAKAYAMA.

The 16th Installation ceremonies of officers of DAV LIKM Chapter No. 11, with membership nucleus made up of "L" Chapter members, was



held on July 9 with LIKM member and newly elected Department of Hawaii Commander, PAUL T. TAKIGUCHI (M. Co.) as the installing officer. After a moment of silence for KAZUO "HAPA" FUJIMOTO and other fallen comrades, the LIKM officers were installed. Commander: ISAO TAKIYAMA; Senior Vice Commander: MAMORU ISOBE; Adjutant: ALLEN N.; Chaplain: YOSHITO TOME; Treasurer: JACOB JICHAKU; Judge Advocate: VICTOR YAMASHITA; Chapter Activities: PAUL K. MATSUMOTO; Service Officer: YOSHIJI AOKI; Sgt at Arms: RALPH SHISHIDO; SEC's: JACOB & ISA; Alternate: HENRY ISHIDA & YOSHIJI; Membership: "COWBOY" MATSUMURA; Historian: HENRY ISHIDA; Color Guard: ERNEST UNO; Officer of Day: KAZUMA OGATA; Trustees: HAJIME MATSUURA & KURO TOMASA; Legislative: KAZUO FINK. The officers will serve 2 years.

A number of LIKM members were either elected or appointed by Commander TAKIGUCHI for his administration. Junior Vice Commander: WILFRED LEONG; DDS (ret).; Adjutant: ALLEN NAKAMURA; Judge Advocate: Dr. KOBE SHOJI; Rehabilitation: YOSHIJI AOKI; Historian: HENRY ISHIDA; Officer of Day: KURO TOMASA; Audit: JACOB JICHAKU & ISA TAKIYAMA.

PAUL TAKIGUCHI donated 2 cases of beer. Other oishi and mezurashi desserts and pickled vegetables were donated by PAULINE TOME - tofu-jello pie; TIMMY YAMASHITA - banana nut cake; GRACE UNO - coffee cake; BETTY NAKAHARA - daikon tsukemono & okala. TIMMY also donated a mauna loa lei and a white ginger lei for ISA & PAUL T.

Xmas Fund-raiser

The fund-raiser, which was canceled last year due to the hectic reunion schedule, will be renewed again this year. Please note the date on your calendar, DECEMBER 12, 1993, SUNDAY, DAV YOUTH BUILDING: TIME: 5:30 PM. Because of economic reasons, we will not be able to use the new beautiful Memorial Building. We hope that sometime in the near future we'll be able to use the building.

Photos Resubmitted

The clear photos taken of the Maui & Honolulu groups are being resubmitted for publication. Due to some mix-up, the photos failed to be published in the reunion souvenir booklet.



Anti-tanker, MITSUO AKIYAMA, recognized as Observatory Pioneer from Hilo, Hawaii was honored by the Board of Regents of the University with a resolution expressing appreciation for AKIYAMA's role in the starting of the world renown observatory at the top of Mauna Kea. As executive Secretary of Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, AKIYAMA and weatherman HOWARD ELLIS envisioned an observatory atop Mauna Kea. They wrote a dozen universities explaining the virtue of Mauna Kea as a locale for observatories. Luckily the lone reply came from Dr. GERARD KUIPER, then director of the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University and a leading astronomer in the U.S. Dr. KUIPER came to Hawaii and found Mauna Kea to be an ideal site for observatories. AKIYAMA sought funding for a road to the peak and solicited donations to supplement a \$25,000 grant from NASA to build the first 12 1/2" telescope at Mauna Kea. Many other larger telescopes have since been added and Mauna Kea is not a world class observatory site. AKIYAMA was presented with the resolution at a meeting of the Board of Regents at Hilo on Nov. 22, 1991, for his foresight and unrelenting efforts to establish the observatory site. AKIYAMA has been leader of Anti-Tankers on Hawaii ever since the inception of the 442 Veteran's Club.

Some of the credit for helping to make our 50th Anniversary Reunion a success at the Waialae Country Club belongs to M. C. MASATO DOI. He is a member of the W.C.C. so he made all the arrangements, food, service, etc... RICHARD's lovely wife, KATHERINE

MIYAKAWA, donate 10 gorgeous leis—2 cigarette leis, 2 dendrobium leis, 6 ti-leaf leis. JERRY's beautiful wife, ALICE AYABE brought the lovely silk flower baskets for the table centerpieces.

Did you know that GORO INABA of Kona Hotel sent four of his children to the mainland universities. GORO is still raising coffee besides running a successful hotel. GORO donated all the coffee for the local and mainland AT's to take home.

MOLY and GEORGE TAMURA hosted a special luncheon at China House on the last days of the 50th reunion. Those attending were: KO/JANET HATA, RUGGED/KATHERINE MIYAKAWA, HOTSauce/THELMA MIZUSAWA, RAINBOW (HARRY)/JANET TOKASHIKI, WALLY/YORI KAGAWA, CHILLY/IRENE SASAKI, MITS/SHIZUE AKIYAMA, YUKI/NORAL NAKAHIRA, KAZU KIYONAGA, BUTTERMEN HAMAMOTO, MITS/HELEN NAKAHARA, MASATO DOI, GEORGE/MALY TAMURA, MARY SAKAI.

HIROSHI KAKU sent MARY SAKAI pictures of a week of activities for the 50th Reunion. CONNIE KAKU must be so proud of HIROSHI who is a professional photographer. If anyone wishes to see the pictures, they are now in the hands of President WALLY KAGAWA.

The Anti-Tank Chapter summer picnic was held on Wednesday, August 25th at Keaiwa Heiau State Park at the peak of Aiea Heights Drive. The following enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship, food, and fun: JERRY/ ALICE AYABE, MASATO DOI, KO/JANET HATA, LIZO/YVONNE HONMA, WALLY/YORI KAGAWA, JACK/MARGARET KAGUNI, RICHARD MIYAKAWA, TSUNETO/ THELMA MIZUSAWA, SALLY NAKAMURA, YUKI/NORA NAKAHIRA, "OSCAR" OMINE, CHILLY/IRENE SASAKI and grandson CHRIS, MASA/YURI SUZUKI and KEN/HELEN YOKOYAMA. The group met about 10:00 a.m. at a pavilion located in an open field surrounded by a forest of huge evergreen trees. The weather was super. The morning hours were spent visiting over coffee and doughnuts courtesy of JACK

KAGUNI. A delicious Korean bento was served by the Chapter. After a brief chapter meeting, the group participated in several hilarious games: water-filled balloon toss, putting contest (for ladies), "chipping" contest (for men), and 2-person (husband and wife) geta race. After the games, the group returned to the pavilion for a session of Bingo led by YORI KAGAWA. Very nice bingo prizes were donated by MASATO DOI and presented to the winners. After group photos were taken by CHILLY SASAKI, the group parted about 3:00 p.m. filled with memories of a very exciting and enjoyable day.

RAYMOND TSUCHIYA wrote from Seattle, Washington recalling his promotion from a T/5 to S/Sgt. (Supply Sgt.) of A.T. Co. 442nd Regimental Combat Team. "After the war ended, we were stationed in Ghedi Airfield in Italy. A WATANABE from Hawaii fed me and took care of my responsibilities when I suffered combat fatigue."

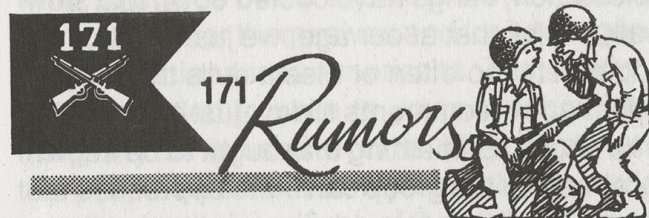
Here's a note from HENRY IKEMOTO a retired L.A. policeman and his wife MILDRED. Luckily, he retired just before the L.A. riot. We're the ones from Downey. MILDRED is a Moilili girl who attended UH for a year then transferred to Baylor University, Texas. Henry met her there and they have lived in California where he grew up. HENRY thanked everyone for the great job done with the reunion...everything was great!!

HARRY TOKASHIKI was about 10 years old when he learned to play the harmonica and uke. LIZO and YVONNE HONMA are busily getting ready for guests from France. Painting their huge home is a major task at hand now. In October of 1994, RON OBA, YVONNE and LIZO HONMA are getting a group of 25 people to tour France together. Stay tuned for further info...or call them if interested.

TAK HATTORI shared this story. "We as a group (Anti-Tank Company) were suddenly thrown together when the 442nd was formed back in 1943. This reporter came from the 23rd Infantry Anti-Tank Company of the 2nd Infantry Division. Our home base was Ft. Sam Houston, in San Antonio Texas, but was up in Camp

McCoy, Wisconsin on winter maneuvers when the call came from the 442nd to join them. Before that we came from scattered communities from the West Coast States, Hawaii, and many other states of the U.S.A. For most of us our lives were changed drastically, some for better, some for worse. But I think it's safe to say that for the most of us our lives were changed in a big way, both in a social way and in a technical way. The idea for the following, I read somewhere, but the author is unknown. Let's let our mind wander back to 1942. Some of us were already in the army. Some were in Relocation Centers, some were volunteering, and some were being drafted into the Army. There was no TELEVISION, Jet Airliners, helicopters, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic contact lens, or the pill. We didn't have credit cards, split atoms, air conditioners, electric blankets, radar speed traps, cellular phones, drip dry clothes, and man had not walked on the moon yet. Very few of our cars had automatic transmissions, none had power steering, power windows, power brakes, air conditioning, cruise control and fuel injection. We got married first, then lived together, bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. We were before day-care-centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of integrated circuits, hand calculators, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, organ transplants, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. Time-sharing meant togetherness—not computers or condominiums. A "chip" meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word. Made in Japan meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did in your exam. Pizza, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. Movies were 25 cents, hamburger 15 cents and a milkshake was 10 cents, so we had a big night out for 50 cents. Stamps were 2 cents and a new Chevy coupe for less than a \$1000 and gas was 11 cents/gallon. Cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass had to be mowed, Coke was a soft drink, pot was something you cooked in, and Crack was a split or a break. Rock music was Brahm's Lullaby

and AIDS was a helper in the principal's office. We made do with what we had and lived within our means instead of going into debt. But most of us are old enough to be retired or soon to be retired. We need to pass on to our offspring some of the values that we feel important and worthwhile. The third and fourth generation of JA's is much more educated and sophisticated. Many are in high places in our nation's government and all other levels of government and industry and business. The future is bright for these and future generations if only they will continue their education and follow the tradition of their ancestors of integrity and hard work. I am confident that they will. No wonder there is such a generation gap today! But we SURVIVED! What better reason to celebrate."



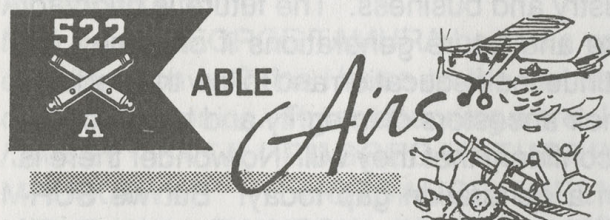
Most members of the 442nd keep wondering where the 171st fits into the organizational structure. We of the 171st are proud to say that we are the original first battalion of the 442nd. When the 442nd went overseas in April, 1944, the 100th was designated the 1st Battalion for combat purposes. The original first battalion was then left at Camp Shelby and recommissioned as the 171st Infantry Battalion (separate).

Lt Col. SHERMAN WATTS on September 5, 1944 took command of the 171st, whose primary purpose was to train new recruits by conducting basic trainings with the remaining noncoms as cadres. For the record, before the 442nd went overseas, the 1st battalion was providing replacements to the 100th Battalion. The 171st was continuously providing replacements to the whole 442nd.

Many of the original members of the 1st Battalion were sent to OCS at Ft. Benning, Georgia to return as 2nd Lieutenants. Others volun-

teered or were sent to Ft. Snelling to become Japanese Language Specialists. A number were sent to other combat units in Europe. Some 171st members also served in the Korean Conflict.

The 171st was deactivated on February 19, 1945. Anyone serving in the original 1st Battalion, 442nd or the 171st and not associated with any chapter is welcome to join the 171st chapter.



After the big bash of the 50th Anniversary celebration, things have cooled down to a slow walk. I think that at our age, we just can't be up and at 'em too often or else it dulls the mind.

Just a few comments today, just to pass the time of day. Something that ought to be known by all so that the group can more appreciate the time and effort put out by some in our group. They put out their heart and soul to make things happen so we can all have a good time at these functions. Today we would like to talk about one person - JOSEPH HATTORI

Just before the big departure for the reunion, JOE HATTORI called to say that he was going to the hospital for surgical procedure and that he needs to take care of it right away. Of his surgery, he said that it would not be of long duration and that he would be home in a few days. As it turned out, he went in to have a removal of intestinal cancer that needed to be removed, and since it was the first time that he had such an examination, he had to decide as to what he wanted to do. Knowing JOE and his dogged determination that he was not going to succumb to this illness, he and FLORENCE decided on its immediate removal!

Four things were foremost in JOE HATTORI'S mind and they were: (1) he was not going to let this illness lick him; (2) He was going to go to the 50th Reunion; (3) He wanted to make sure that

everyone who signed on this trip was taken care of; (4) he was going to play golf with his buddies in Hawaii.

When JOE HATTORI makes up his mind, there is nothing that is going to stop him, and of that, I am as confident as knowing that the sun will rise tomorrow. He went to his doctor for advice, and he followed his instructions as well as he could, but he was not going to take chemotherapy until he returned from Hawaii. He played golf as soon as he was able and practiced it even though he was in pain all the time while he was doing so. He was in no physical condition to do so. I'm sure that it must have been quite a strain on his wife FLORENCE, but you can see that he did what he set out to do, and he shot in the 90's soon after he left the hospital. He also held off on his chemo treatment until he returned from the reunion.

In spite of his illness and weakened condition, he arranged shipment of the various fruits and so forth to be sent to Hawaii for the celebration. To you JOE & FLORENCE HATTORI, our many thanks for your tireless efforts in holding this battery group together and bringing such a large contingent from the mainland thereby making this 50th Anniversary such a great success.

As of this date, JOE is coming along fine. He bought himself a Cadillac and took his family to get acquainted with the back-woods of the Colorado, the Dakotas, Wyoming, and Montana. We hope he's enjoying every moment of his escapade.

Sad News

And now for a sadder note, we were informed that our very good friend HIRO UKITA passed away on the evening of August 5th. We were all fortunate to have enjoyed his pleasant company during the 50th Anniversary Reunion. Unfortunately he suffered another stroke in July. To his dear wife and our good friend AIKO and her children JOHN, LINDA, JANICE, and grandchildren LISA and CHERI, our heartfelt condolences - our prayers will be with you always.

(The following presentation was prepared by

FRANCES KUMASHIRO, daughter of former S/Sgt. RICHARD "TARBALL" KUMASHIRO. We are so proud of her presentation that we would like to share it with all of you. We hope you'll be proud too.)

A Daughter's Thoughts

I know my father felt very proud to have served his country as part of the 442nd Reg. Combat Team. He definitely felt it was really the only way to prove just how American the Nisei felt in heart and mind. A willingness to die for one's country is the ultimate sacrifice and the ultimate proof of loyalty and patriotism.

His own words, written at the time for a photo album he was putting together for my mother during his 3 year absence, best expresses the reasons for his participation in the war. A True American.

"May this book be a memory of the days spent away from home in order to preserve democracy in this world. May it be a proud memory of the sacrifice and hardships endured during training for the real job of ridding this world of all its ugliness in order that men might wander about this world as free men, to live and worship as they please."

Turning the pages of this treasured book, vivid memories of pride, happiness, laughter, beauty, joys, contentment, heartaches, sadness, and tragedies are depicted. Herein lives on the many weeks, months and years of valuable time sacrificed for a most worthy cause. May we never again have to see youth giving their time and lives in conflict."

One has only to read through my father's album to know how much he appreciated the experiences he encountered as part of the 442 RCT. My father never mentioned Dachau to any of us. He did often speak about experiences during the war, but they were always focused on the positive aspects. He spoke of the camaraderie of his men in "A" Battery and how happy people were to see them when they came. How the villagers would kiss the American tanks, etc. He spoke of the wonders of Europe and how lucky he felt to visit all those places. He never focused on the devastation, death, and de-

struction. He told us how friendly the people were to them. Perhaps that's why he could speak so freely about those days. He focused on the beauty of the cathedrals (he was very Catholic) and the majesty of the monuments and buildings. But once again, by referring to his own writings at the time - *he wanted to rid the world of all its ugliness* - he was obviously referring to Hitler and his troops. I'll never forget that even in horror, he spoke with respect of the German Army as a war machine. The sheer power of the Panzers. He said they were awesome - so frighteningly powerful.

Yes, many people did respond with kindness during the war itself, and yes, people who are aware of the story of the 442 did respect them. But there are much too few people outside of the families of the 442 who know or understand what sacrifices of life and limb were made to gain respect for themselves and for future generations of Japanese Americans. That is why I feel compelled to write to you now about the things my father used to tell us. It's so important that people be educated. My lifestyle was made possible by the sacrifices of those before me - so much has changed.

I am saddened to ask though, how it was possible that the man who wrote of preserving democracy - this American veteran - was refused lodging in countless hotels in Los Angeles in 1946, when he first arrived to attend the University of Southern California, because of racial prejudice. So everything wasn't miraculously fixed after the war. And years later in the early 1950's, when he had become a dentist, he was not allowed to purchase a home in the neighborhood where friends of his had just purchased their home - again the racial question.

One wonders if anyone, whatever minority, ever gains rights, privileges of true respect from efforts made as heroes of war. Perhaps if more people were aware of the story of the Lost Battalion from Texas. If there were ever a blockbuster movie or novel about the 442 and the extreme hardships they endured for a government who put their people in camps. Too few

people really know the truth of the extreme prejudice that existed both before and after the war in some parts of the U.S., and how the 442nd RCT did more than their share to regain fundamental rights for future generations through their bravery and valor.

It was not just because he had been a member of the 442 that led to changes, but rather that because of the war, through the GI Bill, he was finally able to further his education.

He had conscientiously followed a university prep curriculum in high school, but was unable to attend University for financial reasons. The GI Bill gave him both the financial assistance to attend university, as well as opening many hither to closed doors to minority veterans in some of America's universities.

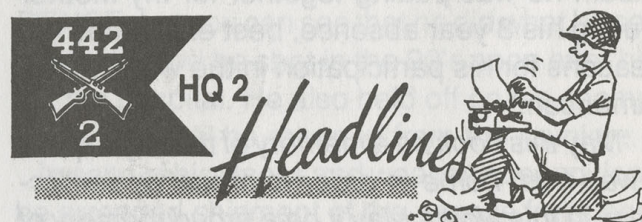
Being a former veteran was not what caused people to change their attitudes. But it did allow him to become a dentist, and being a professional man earned him the respect he deserved and helped change people's attitudes. Excellence in the classroom, workplace, the number of Japanese American professionals - a reputation for honesty, hard work, intelligence, and performance is what changed people's attitudes about Japanese Americans.

Envy of Japan's economic power and our declining economy has caused the Japan bashing craze that has eroded the progress made in the past few decades. The fact that the term "Japan Bashing" exists is a sad reflection that for all the sacrifices made in the past, America has not outgrown racial prejudice. "Germany Bashing" does not exist - for all their economic success and the strength of the German mark over all other currencies. And for all the complaints against Japanese cars killing the American market - no one seems to care about the popularity of Mercedes Benz as luxury cars go. For better or worse Japanese Americans are always tied up with Japan because of the racial issue. We are never just Americans - except in times of war when we are good enough to die for our country.

But on the whole, things have changed enormously in my father's lifetime, and he was a

proud and extremely happy man. He achieved all his goals in life. It was his generation, your generation, who has made it possible for my generation to live a life almost free from the kind of prejudice you can all remember too well.

My generation has known virtually no barriers to academic, financial, or social success. It was your generation who fought not only in war, but in your lives, to win respect for our people in American society. Ignorance still exists and rears its ugly head from time to time - but it's rare that anything too blatant occurs. We have your generation to thank for the prosperity and respect we now enjoy.



Mothers Day Dinner

(Moriso TERAOKA prepared the following May report) The tables in the clubhouse were covered with white linen and decorated with plumeria flowers. For just one Saturday evening, our clubhouse was elevated to a place of fine dining. Chinaware and silverware were set to accommodate 25 members of Hq 2nd for our annual Mother's Day dinner.

The food service students from Kapiolani Community College prepared the elegant dinner. Led by student BONNIE FLIERL, KEONI, KEANE, EDWINA, and CHERLYNN cooked and served a tantalizing gourmet dinner.

After a brief announcement by our president, RICHARD NAKAMURA, Mrs. HISAKO HIGUCHI graciously said a prayer and blessed the food.

To whet the appetite, fresh minted pineapple chunks in glass was our first course. This was followed by an European style salad greens with creamy apple walnut dressing. FRANCES SATO was heard to say "the dressing is good" as she finished off her last piece of green with unbridled gusto.

The entree was something that can only be

ordered in a fine restaurant in Waikiki. Mahi mahi bundled with julienne vegetables, pork loin stuffed with prunes and apricots, and half of a stuffed baked quail adorned each plate. This was garnished with asparagus vinaigrette bundles, rosettes of mashed potatoes and brown rice. Heck with the cholesterol!

The dessert was lilikoi chiffon pie with a huge long-stemmed strawberry placed alongside each slice accompanied by freshly brewed coffee or hot tea. "The coffee was so ono I drank three cups," LARRY ISHIDA gushed.

As a gift, each lady received packets of hand-made pressed flower cards from SUE ISONAGA and AILEEN YONEMORI, and a kukui-nut lei handcrafted by ROBERT UYEDA. "We should do something like this for Christmas," FRANCES SATO summed up as we left the clubhouse.

Monthly News

So much for MORISO'S May report. For June, we mainly rehashed the 50th Anniversary activities and went over cost/income figures meticulously compiled by our perennial treasurer, TAKASHI OKEMURA. We found that a profit accrued due to contributions made by 50th anniversary participants. A generous donation was also received in the memory of YOSHIO SUGI from his family.

Our July meeting was quite clamorous despite the absence of HERBIE ISONAGA. Usually, HERBIE does the pontificating while we all listen in obeisant silence. Discussions swirled around a lot of things, inconsequential and hardly earthshaking. However, it went well with the Bud Light. The Mother Club had gone on record to support saving the entry arch of the Waikiki Natatorium while endorsing the removal of the swimming pool. This, of course, brought a nostalgic smile to BILL THOMPSON's face as he had initiated a move to save the Waikiki Natatorium, intact while serving on the State Board of Land & Natural Resources. Years ago this historic site was the home of Hawaii swimmers who smashed world records and went on to greater glory in the Olympics. Can we forget KEON NAKAMA, HALO HIROSE (our 442nd star swimmer), CHARLIE ODA (another star swim-

mer of the 442nd), BILL SMITH, and the other who have made Hawaii the mecca for world champions? Or have we? This memorial was dedicated to Hawaii's World War I soldiers, ironically, we WWII G.I.'s sanction its demise, or most of it, to be more specific.

Volunteers were solicited for fixing up the Sons & Daughters Archive Room. No hands were raised. The consensus is that us old guys have to take care of our homes and yards without much assistance from the younger generation. Ergo, they should learn to use their hands.

Monsieur Pierre Moulin of Bruyeres, France, author of U.S. Samurais in Bruyeres, was in town for an autograph session. He was born in 1948, after the battles in the Vosges Mountains. However, he has kept alive the legend of the 100th/442nd. Moulin has done much to cement the friendship between Bruyeres and Hawaii; he also established the Peace and Freedom Trail which recreates the tortuous path the 100th/442nd followed in freeing Bruyeres and Biffontaine. His thick book, replete with photographs, adds another chapter to the 442nd RCT record. A survey of those at the meeting showed that only ROBERT UYEDA purchased a signed copy. According to ROBERT, he went with 50 bucks in his pocket and had to go out and look for additional finances. At 70 smackaroos, it seems to be too rich for the rest of us.

President RICHARD NAKAMURA reported on the plans for the October, 1994 Bruyeres liberation celebration which somehow got confused when June 1994 plans for a D-Day anniversary got into the picture. Want to spend half a year traveling in France in 1994?

The Go For Broke Bulletin, January-June issue, is brimming with 50th anniversary news; BERT NISHIMURA recaps our Chapter activities and lists all participants. All us local Island yokels still wonder at the success of the parade handled by the Sons & Daughters. But, we all agree that it was in large part due to our buddies from the mainland that made the parade a memorable one. For those Hq 2nd members (particularly those on the mainland) not on the

Mother Club mailing list, we decided to have copies sent to them to add to their 50th Anniversary memories.

Talking about the parade, the Hq 2nd guys who lined up for the parade found themselves without a place. The reservists arranging the marching order did not consider Hq guys part of the 2nd Bn. Only E, F, G, and H companies had designated places. Did you notice the sign on the 2nd Bn truck - it did not list Hq Co. also? SUS YAMAMOTO had a trying time explaining military organization to parade officials. What is the new army coming to - no Headquarters Company in a battalion?

A moment to remember - during the 50th Anniversary Parade down Kalakaua avenue, a Hq 2nd participant was YOSHIO SUGI. Despite being critically ill, he decided to join the ranks of his comrades, one more time. He stood on the sidewalk at Waikiki and when a familiar face appeared, he hobbled into the parade. His wife ALICE, and son-in-law supported him. He managed to walk almost a block before his strength failed him. It was painful, but the applause from onlookers stirred him. Sheer guts. Talk about your "Go For Broke" spirit." He passed away three weeks later. For YOSHIO, this was his "last hurrah."

Also regarding the parade, previously unmentioned participants include RICHARD SUS YAMAMOTO and NOBORU TOGIOKA.

Sad news from the Bronx in the Big Apple. We sent a photo of our Chapter Night gathering to TED TADAO SAKAI who could not make the reunion. However, his wife wrote saying that TED passed away on April 21 and, unfortunately, never saw the photo of his old buddies reminiscing at their 50th anniversary party. Our condolences to his wife, ADELE, and the family.

And more sad news. We just learned that NOBORU "LANAI" OKAMURA passed away on May 27. He was 68; that probably makes him the youngest guy in Hq 2nd. We knew him as the jeep driver for Lt. Walter Mackey and he always had that pleasant, boyish smile. He was born in Kapaa, Kauai. After the war, he returned home to Maui and lived in Lahaina. Our condo-

lences to his wife, TOSHIE, 2 daughters, and family.

Recently we came across a Maui obituary notice. The name sounded familiar. Upon checking with WALLY UEKI we discovered that Mrs. HINA KIJIMA, aged 98, passed away on July 8. She was a "Gold Star" mother. Her son, S/Sgt TADASHI KIJIMA, was KIA on October 18, 1944, during the battle for Bruyeres, TADASHI was the recipient of the Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Citation, Combat Badge, and a Purple Heart, posthumously. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

TOMIZO SARUWATARI is still moving about despite an injury suffered 7 years ago in an accident. While not being able to drive and join our activities, he keeps himself busy around the yard and neighborhood. He faithfully keeps abreast of 442nd news. Of great joy to him was a visit by YOSHITOMIZUTA. YOSHITO, before returning to Seattle, took time during the 50th anniversary to go to Palolo and drop in on his Anti-Tank platoon buddy.

Our Chapter continued its practice of placing Memorial Day flowers at Punchbowl National Cemetery for those Hq 2nd members who died in battle and those who had taken part in our chapter activities. HERBIE ISONAGA and TAKASHI OKEMURA did the leg work this year. Next year, maybe we all should visit Punchbowl and make it a special get-together day.

Our August meeting was attended by 13 members, after all, it was Friday the 13th. Latest details of the 1994 Bruyeres reunion were presented, that is, nothing is still definite. Of local note, the 1994 annual 442nd Veterans Club banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 at the Ilikai Hotel. In the morning, a memorial service will be held at Punchbowl National Cemetery. Also, the Army Museum at Fort DeRussy has announced an audio tape to complement the 442nd exhibit there.