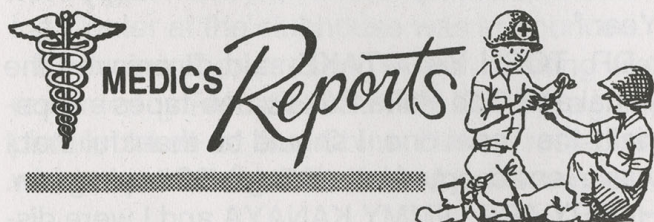


a dinner get-together for them at Parcs. TED informed us that the H Chapter members in L.A. are okay after the earthquake and were able to attend the functions scheduled at that time, including the wedding anniversary celebration.

MASA KAI was under the weather, but is now doing fine at home.

The mini-reunion in Kauai is now a 3-day affair...Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (September 15, 16, 17, 1994). Members who are interested should make plans to attend by calling CHARLIE or HARRY.

The proposed get-together in Seattle has been rescheduled for next year due to several travel itineraries including visits to Bruyeres and Biffontaine in October and the Kauai mini-reunion in September. The temporary itinerary includes visits to some Canadian cities such as Victoria, Vancouver, and Banff and returning to Seattle for a get-together with H Chapter members there. An optional extension is planned for a meeting in Las Vegas. According to TED, the L.A. bunch will be interested in joining the tour.



by HERB AKAMINE

There was no election of Medics officers again this year. Nobody volunteered. So TED MATSUO continues to serve as president, secretary and treasurer - most ably.

"Cain Killing Abel," an oil painting on canvas of the Italian School was recently donated to the Honolulu Academy of Arts by the MIYABARA and OGURI families in memory of their parents, KOSHIRO and IICHI MIYABATA and DR. KANZO and AUGUSTA OGURI. The description of the painting reads "Although the identity of this work remains unknown, it is believed that he was influenced by Michelangelo Caravaggio (1571-1610). The striking realism, dramatic com-

positions, and theatrical lighting effects for which he was known appears in the work of many 17th Century Italian masters, as it does in this striking work portraying the tension and tragedy of the famous Biblical fratricide." The painting was purchased in New York through NANA OGURI from a private collector. It had begun to deteriorate and had to undergo restoration before being put on display. CHIYO OGURI MIYABARA, one of the donors, is a docent at the Art Academy.

We received Christmas cards from mainlanders NAKASHIMAS, SAITOS, MATSUMORIS, IZUIS, MINATAS, YASUTAKES, IMAMURAS, HARRY ABE, SALLY KAZAMA and MASA NOMURA.

MASA NOMURA wrote "I hope you enjoyed the midwestern beef, NANCY. Instead of steaks, we usually cut it up and use it for stir-fry which is healthier. I went on an enjoyable 7-day cruise to the south Caribbean and a week to Branson, MO., the new Las Vegas without gambling and another week to Seattle. We're planning a two week trip to the Iberian peninsula including a short stop in Morocco. Hana's status is still quo. And she was once so active. Enclosed is a very small donation to your club coffers."

Dr. Donald Nakashima reported "From Molokai we saw a lot of whales last year between Molokai, Maui and Lanai. We could hear them hitting the water. In June, Joan arranged a reunion of her classmates from the class of '51 from University of Nebraska Nursing College at Asilomar Center in Monterey. Nine of her classmates came from all over the U.S.A. Daughter, Carol, has been busy with her practice. They are still looking for another doctor their group. Joan has been busy will club work, church choir and the Lodi Hospital Board of Directors." Don's hobby is growing orchids. when he returns to Hawaii he manages to find orchids to add to his collection in Lodi. He also does volunteer work at the hospital.

SALLY KAZAMA sent news that VIC and MICHI IZUI visited Seattle in September. At a lunch get-together for them there were eighteen people present. Most of them had worked at the hospital in Minidoka detention center. Among

the WWII hospital workers were 442 Medics vets, VIC IZUI, TOSH YASUTAKE, MIN MASUDA, DICK NOMURA and DON KAZAMA. SALLY'S brother, KEN, retired after forty years of service with Northwest Airlines in Japan. She explained his residence in Japan. After graduating from Curtis-Wright aeronautical school in Glendale, California in 1940 he was unable to find related employment in the U.S. So he went to Japan and was hired by Nakashima Airplane Company. (The maker of Zero fighters?). When WWII came he was drafted into the Japanese Army and had to endure the hardships of an outsider. Fortunately, his American background helped after the war. Some of his post-retirement time is spent teaching English to Japanese. He now lives in beautiful Atami.

JOE SAITO's note read, "We arrived home in Ontario as scheduled Thursday night filled with many great thoughts of our time in Honolulu with our friends. We were so glad to see MASATO and RODNEY and will pray for their recovery and well being. We accept that we're going to go someday but until then suffering shouldn't be in the picture. I am forever grateful for the records of the 442 in WWII; appreciate the ultimate sacrifice so many made so our lives could be improved. They will never know but we can do good things all our lives in appreciation if we are so motivated. I fly in good company when I'm with you folks."

Ontario, Oregon, JOE's hometown holds pleasant memories for Honoluan ARTHUR HOLLINGER who played football for the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho. A Japanese store in Ontario was the only place in the area that sold Oriental food. So ARTHUR and his friends drove sixty miles to buy rice, shoyu, etc. HOLLINGER first played football for the freshman team at Dayton University in Ohio. The other guard on that team was CHUCK NOLL who later became famous as the coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers pro football team. After Army service ARTHUR opted for College of Idaho. At that time College of Idaho was concentrating on becoming an athletic power. ELGIN BAYLOR, the basketball player and R. C. OWENS, the

'49er alley-oop receiver were there. According to JOE SAITO the Japanese store is no more. Area residents have to go to Spokane, Seattle or Portland to buy oriental food.

GEORGE MINATA penned "The New Year is here, the old year is but a memory. How time flies by. The older we get the faster the years go by. The past year has been quite hectic for AIKO and me - mother having her stroke and going to the hospital, rehab and finally to a nursing facility. We have been traveling to Seattle about every two weeks to visit and keep my mother's spirits up. Since having her stroke she is much better but at 95 only so much can be expected. She can go to the bathroom by herself now, feed herself, walk, exercise and read and talk pretty well. Physically she is pretty healthy, mentally she is still bewildered and can't remember a lot of things but the main thing is that she seems happy. AIKO and I played a lot of golf this year. AIKO ended the year with a 22 handicap. I ended with an 8. I thank you all for sending the Go For Broke bulletin - helps keep us informed on what's happening to fellow veterans. Tell all the fellows Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

DR. TOSH YASUTAKE said, "I enjoyed the Todai and One Puka Puka video-tapes - especially the Todai one. I should be thankful that I was even accepted into their graduate program. HARRY ABE, JIMMY KANAYA and I were discussing the trip to Bruyeres and decided we are not particularly interested in taking the cruise portion, but would like to take a side trip to Italy."

A local vet said, "This New Year's Day I decided to go back to my childhood. I started with firecrackers. I heard no bells but in the distant past a piece of steel railroad rail rang in the New Year in our neighborhood. Early in the morning I took a bath - not in the redwood tub heated by a roaring ohia log fire but in the ordinary present day one. I put on new clothes, underwear, shirt and pants to start the year clean, then I watched TV. In the "no TV" past I started the New Year with toasts of sake with my parents. Then I went around to the neighbors' homes wishing them a happy New Year. The first home I visited was

the childless couple's who always gave me more money than others. They died a long time ago. I always regret that I have never been able to repay them for their love and kindness. In the afternoon I went to the old peoples' home to have a whiskey toast with my mother-in-law. To ensure a peaceful year, I made sure nothing irritated or angered me on New Year's day. There is something greatly missing now - that family gathering to enjoy the elaborate New Year's feast that mother used to prepare. Remembrances of childhood New Year's are pleasurable but they also hurt."

The February 24 Medics meeting was held in the clubhouse. Those in attendance were TED MATSUO, TAKASHI NAKAMURA, HOWARD KOZUMA, TOSHIKI TANAKA, ROY SAKATA, ED ONAKA, WILFRED TAIRA and SUEO FUJII. The forthcoming 50th anniversary Bruyeres-Biffontaine reunion was discussed. Among those planning to attend are HOWARD KOZUMA, SUEO FUJII, TAKASHI NAKAMURA, TOSHIKI TANAKA and ROY SAKATA. The Sons and Daughters plans were also mentioned. The opening of the new 442nd Archives and Learning Center at the clubhouse was announced.

Each member present at the meeting was rewarded by TAKASHI NAKAMURA with a group picture taken at the China House restaurant which the JOE SAITOs hosted in November.



by ALLEN NAKAMURA

The following could very well be a continuing article from the last Go For Broke bulletin on KAISAKIs of Spokane and NAKAMAs of Kaneohe. I received a call from AMY KAISAKI in February for information on the European (Bruyeres) tour. Not wanting to give wrong info,

I referred her to the clubhouse.

In the meantime, I called ALBERT as AMY heard that he and BERYL are on the tour. Sure enough, they will be going on the 2nd Battalion Special. I suggested to ALBERT that he call the KAISAKI's and let them know of their arrangements. He agreed to call them. Everything seemed to work out well so far.

Many times we get updated news from these conversations. In anticipation for the mainland trip they had planned last year, ALBERT had a physical checkup. All seemed well until he went on the treadmill. His doctor advised upon completion of the treadmill test, that he have a by-pass operation to correct a blockage in the artery. As he said, "Boy! he was sure lucky to have it discovered now than later, when he's on their trip. It would have been a disaster otherwise." ALBERT is O.K. now with full recovery expected.

On the other hand, the KAISAKI's were at a Waikiki condo for a week just about the time that ALBERT had his operation in August, and he was not able to take them around. It would have been a simple matter if we had known, for me to call TOSHI NAKAHARA and round up some guys for dinner, etc. ART who had a bad accident last year, having slipped on the ice and being confined to the hospital for almost 6 months with a severe head injury, now walks with the aid of a cane according to ALBERT.

Sick Call

GEORGE MATSUMOTO whom we haven't seen for quite sometime now and occasionally heard that he has been in and out of Tripler Army Medical Center (Tripler Hospital) had a series of health problems this past year. He was recently released from the hospital with liver illness and under medication for yellow jaundice. About 6 months back, he relates that he had a case of heart attack and was advised by the doctor to do yardwork only after sundown. Our well wishes to you, GEORGE. Please continue to heed the doctor's advice.

YOSHII AOKI who has recurring back problems was finally diagnosed by a change of