

by YOSHITO

In March the meeting had a turnout of 15 guys. MORISO TERAOKA passed out a summary of the Board of Director's meeting. Pins and T-shirts are being sold as part of the 51st anniversary and memorial service. The pins, small and featuring the 442nd torch logo are \$3 each or 4 for \$1. These are in addition to the special 442nd car license plate holders recently offered for sale.

The 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine moves on. A cap has been designed for 442nd participants. Of course, one must first shell out 37 bucks to claim ownership.

Our friend TOM ICHIKAWA of New York State writes that reading the Hq2nd Bn Chapter news brings flashbacks. He wonders if the OKEMURA featured so prominently in our Chapter news is the same guy who once wanted to add an apostrophe to his name: O'KEMURA! Of course! TAKASHI was bucking for stripes! He merely was following in the rank of his fellow Hiberian, Captain O'KONOGI of our medical team. We apologize to TOM for sending his mail to Oswego and not Owego. We couldn't find the zip code of Owego as it must be in the boondocks, and hence, not listed in our short zip-code list. At any rate, "WALLA WALLA" ICHIKAWA can now expect his mail to reach him uninterrupted. Oh yes, TOM originally lived in Washington State whence he derived his nickname, WALLA WALLA (the town, not the prison!). WALLA WALLA, who was with our radio section, is still tinkering with radio and other communication equipment. No wonder we get static from him.

The 51st Memorial Service on sunny March morning arranged by the Sons & Daughters

received good press coverage. Unfortunately, the suggestion by the Sons & Daughters to have each Chapter place flags on the graves of their comrades fell on deaf ears. Have we forgotten so soon? And, so there went our plans for a special get-together. Nonetheless, HERBIE & SUE ISONAGA, LARRY ISHIDA, RICHARD NAKAMURA, LARRY & FLORENCE HASHIMOTO, JOYCE MASUNAGA, AILEEN YONEMORI, and ALICE SUGI were there representing our Hq2ndBn Chapter.

At our April meeting, MORISO described the anniversary banquet and went through the highlights of the Directors meetings. We learned that GISEI TOMIYASU has moved to Waianae from the city. PAT HAGIWARA reports that at a Hawaiian show in Seattle, he met DORI (FORTY-FORTY) MURAMOTO who now calls Seattle home. PAT also says that a DALE SHIGAKI sends his regards to TOSHI NARIMATSU, for whatever that is worth. TOMMY SARUWATARI writes that he enjoyed the tape of 442nd 50th anniversary festivities that we sent him.

Our May meeting at the Clubhouse was a catered banquet to celebrate Mothers Day. This meant that all the girls were guests of our Chapter. The dinner was a triumph for the Kapiolani Community College budding chefs. Delicious, sumptuous, and real ono - that's the only way to describe the dinner. And to finish the occasion in fitting fashion, the Hq2ndBn film production branch presented a Mother's Day treat. Photos of our mothers were shown while appropriate songs were sung, such as "Too Ra Loo Ral (for the Irish among us), "Pistol Packin' Mama," "Mikan No Hana," and "M-O-T-H-E-R." (Wait a minute, "Pistol Packin' Mama" for Mother's Day - ?!?) What a delight to see each member's mother flashed on the screen/ Those in kimono, the mothers of TOSHIKO TANIGAWA, BERT NISHIMURA, HANNAH NISHIMURA, and FRANCES SATO were most touching. (Don't the words "Yasashi Kaasan, Omoware-ru"-haunt your memory?) And AILEEN YONEMORI and HISAKO HIGUCHI were astounded to see their



mothers' photos which were obtained by devious means by a most sneaky film producer. Imagine, a photo of HISAKO's mother in her teens! What a peach! And AILEEN's mother when she was 101 years old! She lived to 103! LARRY ISHIDA retrieved a photo of his mother from TAKASHI OKEMURA to replace his aging blurry color snapshot; there goes his most honored son status. And so, on this day in May, 1994, we remembered "...a word that means the world to me."

### Bruyeres Re-visited

Recently we got our hands on U.S. Samurai in Bruyeres. What a delightful surprise! This book is by PIERRE MOULIN, a Bruyeran. In one of our earlier Chapter news, we mentioned that PIERRE was in town (July, 1993) to autograph his book. He was instrumental in establishing the "Peace & Freedom Trail" which re-traces the path of the 100/442 in the Vosges Mountains during WWII. With this book, PIERRE sheds new light on the epic battles of the 100th/442nd in the Vosges Mountains. PIERRE provide an interesting history of Bruyeres, City of Avison. He describes the German occupation of Bruyeres after the fall of France in June, 1940. Infamous names of Nazis - like Heinrich Himmler, Klaus BARBIE - pop up. Then, of course comes the fighting in the Vosges Mountains. This has been recorded in several books, still PIERRE gives it a personal touch by adding the names of the places (and hills) we battled for and the Bruyerans who were involved.

It is a touching narrative of soldiers and civilians under battle conditions. For example, PIERRE writes : *"A great surprise when the liberators arrive; they look so much like the Japanese, Germany's Allies (October 18, 1994). Silence reigns. No more cannons, no more shells falling. Bruyeres has been expecting this day for years. At last the Americans allow the inhabitants to manifest their joy and gratefulness to their liberators. (November 11, 1944)."* There were about 3800 inhabitants in the town back then in 1944.

Incidentally, I came across the name of a

Bruyeran - MAX-HENRI MOULIN, a French Resistance fighter who provided guides for the 36th Division, including the 442nd RCT, to guide us through the Vosges Mountains. And what do you think I discovered, he was PIERRE MOULIN's father! Looks like they have their own version of the Sons and Daughters in Bruyeres! And there's also mention of another MOULIN - JEAN MOULIN, who was tortured by the Nazis.

The book also includes a section on the incarceration of those of Japanese ancestry in the relocation centers following the bombing of Pearl Harbor; and continues until the signing of the redress by President RONALD REAGAN in 1988. A short history of Hawaii is thrown in for good measure. There are also stories of past ceremonies honoring the 100th/442nd Combat Team. All of the stories are replete with photographs. Those that show the battle scenes are indeed memorable, and I am referring not only to the official Army photos from the Archives. Many enchanting surprises await the reader - the maps are well done and stories of individual officers, BERT NISHIMURA and WALTER MACKEY, bundled up to ward off the chilly Vosges weather, smiling at the camera with a couple of French Resistance fighters. And the photo of a young TSUNEO TAKEMOTO with his Croix de Guerre citation is simply eye-popping! TSUNEO, E Company, earned his DSC; he is from Hilo and was a classmate of BILL THOMPSON at good old Hilo High. During the battle when TSUNEO earned his DSC, the story of Pfc SABURO TANAMACHI is recounted. SABURO was struck by enemy fire during the action to rescue the Lost Battalion. SABURO has a brother in Hq2ndBn; yes, he was GORO TANAMACHI. (As a footnote to history, SABURO was one of the first burials of the 442nd AJAs in Arlington Cemetery.)

To sum up this book by PIERRE MOULIN is easy - it should be required reading for those planning to attend the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres! No doubt about it, reading this book will help them enjoy their visit so much more. Besides, it will make a great addition to your 442nd Combat Team memorabilia.



## WWII Revisited

While our minds are filled with thoughts of Bruyeres, did you know that due to the rapid advance of the 7th Army from Marseilles to the Vosges Mountains, supplies were hard to come by? A memo sent out to the units the day before we went on the front lines state that the average rounds per piece per day will be:

105mm Howitzer M48:	22 rounds
M54:	6 rounds
60mm Mortar HE:	7.8 rounds
81mm Mortar HE Lt:	4 rounds
HE Hvy:	3.5 rounds
Smoke:	3.5 rounds

The memo also states the caliber .30 machine gun ammo are only in wooden boxes; therefore, metal cans are to be retained and returned for refilling. Further, caliber .30 carbine M1 and pistol are critical items and replacements will be made only if damaged by enemy fire and returned to ordnance. Otherwise, the trusty old .30 caliber rifle (Springfield) M1903, will be issued. Trench knives are also critical items. The memo concludes by saying those being evacuated to Battalion Aid Stations should leave behind their weapons INCLUDING WATCHES with the front line troops. This shows how tough things were. And speaking of those watches, what a black market price they commanded! Well, officially they were lost in combat, you understand.



by HENRY KUNIYUKI

The Chapter Reporter covers his visitations to Cherry-Blossom Land of Nippon for this second quarter issue of the Go-For-Broke Bulletin. He and EMI departed for Japan via United Airlines Mileage-Plus upgrading program on April 6th. Prior to departure, three-week Japan Rail Passes were purchased at Nippon Travel Agency. This JR Pass Program is highly recommended as it

served as a very economical sight-seeing passport to Japan. The Japan Rail Pass brochure state that Nippon paradoxically combines old and new; culture a thousand years old blends with the ultramodern age. The New Sanno U.S. Forces Center in Minami Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo served as the "base camp" for this Sakura Matsuri twenty-two day visitation. Since this was an independent travel tour of cherry-blossoming area, there was no advance travel itinerary planned. Upon checking into the New Sanno Hotel, the nightly news was viewed to ascertain the weather report of places to be visited the following day. Thus only cherry-blossom areas with suitable weather were visited on a day-trip by shinkansen (bullet train). As a good majority of the men in Japan are nicotine addicts, it would be advisable to purchase an ordinary JR pass which entitles one to a reserved seat on a non-smoking car. The first-class JR pass accommodation has limited non-smoking seats in the "Green Car" filled with secondhand smoke.

We were very fortunate to see Fuji-san in a snow-capped glory while visiting Hakone via Odawara. Another day trip to the city of Takarazuka near Osaka gave us an opportunity to see the world-famous Takarazuka Review with 400 performers and 600 supporting technicians. I understand that the annual recruitment for 100 new trainees attracts 15,000 applicants. We paid 9300 yen for two good seats, equivalent of \$93.00 on the current exchange rate. The standing-balcony tickets sold for \$20.00 in this brand new, 4,000-seat facility. I imagine it would be quite tiring to stand for three hours but we saw folks who took advantage of this cheapest admission. The theater was filled to capacity so we were lucky to be able to purchase the advanced reservation seats. The one-day visits included Tokyo Disneyland, which was celebrating its money-making 10th anniversary; Nikko, with Toshogu Shrine and Chuzenji-ko; Nagano, the site of the 1998 Winter Olympics; Sendai, with nearby Matsushima-kaigan; Kyoto, with its beautiful shidare-zakura at the Hei-an jingu; Kamakura, with its great Buddha; Katsuta Flower Exposition; Niigata, for its beautiful tulips in full



bloom; Takayama, the "Little Kyoto" in time for its annual matsuri; and of course, various visitor sites in Greater Tokyo.

Travel within Tokyo was done through its comprehensive, economical, and fast subway system. There are lots of city taxis available, but the meter registers \$6.00 as soon as you get in. For example, a two-hour drive to a friend's home in Tokyo costs \$82.00. The supermarket prices for food items are also very high. A small watermelon was priced at \$25.00; a melon for gift purposes, \$100 - \$150; a twenty-pound bag of quality rice, \$100; and apples at \$1.00 each. At Kamakura shrine area we could not find a public restroom so we entered a coffee shop to use their facility in exchange for ordering a scoop of ice cream. The fantastic charge was \$4.85 each for a very small serving garnished with one cherry and a thin cookie. It is advisable to dine where the natives eat, especially in the large department store's food specialty sections in the basement or sub-basement floors.

The highlight of our latest trip to Nippon was a visit to JESSE TAKAMIYAMA's sumo stable located in Honjo-azumabashi area. Arrangements for this most interesting visit were made through Judge "KATSMIHO's courtesy. Oyakata JESSE was most cordial and invited us to partake in a "kaiseki" kind of luncheon prepared by his rikishi trainees, which included the renown chunko nabe. Both EMI and I were fascinated watching the rikishis go through their very arduous and tiring training rituals for over two hours. Took advantage of excellent photo opportunity by having picture taken with JESSE and his Yokozuna AKEBONO. Oyakata JESSE's stable is the only one with a residing Grand Champion so there is much demand for public appearances. The Oyakata's stable is in his own 4-story structure with the training dohyo, kitchen and showers on the ground floor. JESSE has currently twenty rikishis training in his stable, including five from Hawaii. There is a certain stable visitation protocol involved so it is advisable to consult with KATS before going to Nippon. Having taken EMI on numerous autumn trips to the "Land of the Rising Sun," this cherry blossom

trip was exceptional and fun.

### Chapter News

The Livorno Chapter members and wives gave the Mother Club President their complete moral support in participating in the 51st Annual Banquet. Chapter members and guests totaled 25, the highest representation the Livorno Chapter has recorded for these annual anniversary functions. Hopefully a like number will be present at the Memorial Service next year at Punchbowl.

At the May monthly dinner meeting it was decided to have a group visit to Kaiser Hospital and Aloha Health Center where WILFRED WATANABE and KATSUMI SAKOTANI are hospitalized on a long-term basis. A morning visit on Sunday, May 22nd has been planned.

JITSUO KAWADA, TAKAMORI MIYAGI, and RAYOND TANAKA have been "pinch hitting" at the Board of Directors monthly first Monday meetings. Other Chapter members are encouraged to similarly participate to learn first-hand the day-to-day operations of the 442nd Veterans Club. The Mother Club is also appreciative of TAKAMORI's painting skills as he is called upon on many occasions to assist our part-time maintenance man.

Arrivadece!



by HAROLD FUKUNAGA

### Annual Memorial Service

The Memorial Service on March 26th at the Punchbowl National Cemetery turned out to be a nice sunny morning, despite the rainy days that preceded the day. Our chapter, through the voluntary effort of KICHIO and ROSE EBISUYA, prepared a beautiful floral display at the monument honoring the AJA KIAs near the center of the cemetery's public ceremony area. We un-



derstand that HENRY HORII, who couldn't attend the ceremony because of a flu, contributed much of the flowers and the complementary leafy background. TAKESHI ONUMA assisted KICHIO and ROSE by setting up the stakes and wires to keep the display from blowing away, in spite of the heavy winds blowing that morning. Many thanks to all four of them for setting up the beautiful floral display.

May George Chapter members were able to attend the service, which was coordinated by the Sons & Daughters Chapter. Attending the service always reminds us of the varied experiences we had with those who were killed in Italy and France. Some of the experience were in Camp Shelby during our training days, in North Africa during our journey to Italy and France, be it in the mountains of Italy, forests of Vosges Mountains, or on the Maritime Alps near Sospel.

Those who attended the services were: KICHIO & ROSE EBISUYA, TAKESHI ONUMA, SPEED TANNA, GRACE ISHII, FRED IDA, EDDIE OCHIAi, ED TAMANAHA, SHIGEMI ISHIZAKI, and HAROLD FUKUNAGA.

### **Annual Banquet**

The annual banquet was held at the Ilikai Hotel this year. For many of us, it was a strange visit to this hotel because it was so many years ago that the annual banquet was held there. The first thing that hit me was the parking garage, because it seemed that the ramp leading up to the floors was so narrow and small. I guess we were used to the larger and roomier ramps of the other Waikiki hotels. Anyway, after driving slowly and carefully, we managed to find the available parking spaces.

The Sons & Daughters chapter did a superb job of setting up the memorabilia displays of uniforms, medals, shoulder patches, wartime gears, and even the good old "C" and "K" rations that we ate in combat. They also had a video display of interviews they had with some members of three chapters, including "G" Chapter. SHIGEMI ISHIZAKI, SPEED TANNA, and HAROLD FUKUNAGA participated in the interviews. SHIGEMI was the star among the three.

The evening program included an array of speeches and accolades to certain members. Among the past presidents of the 442nd Veterans Club who were given plates of recognition were 4 members of George Chapter. They were: FRED IDA, EDDIE OCHIAI, ED TAMANAHA, and HAROLD FUKUNAGA.

The 7-course Chinese dinner included dishes which avoided high cholesterol foods as much as possible. Many of us were happy that Kau Yook was not served. It is tasty, but high in cholesterol.

All in all, the Sons & Daughters did a very good job in organizing the banquet, along with the displays. They rate 5 stars.

Among the George Chapter members who attended were: AL & HELEN AMII, KICHIO & ROSE EBISUYA, HAROLD & JANE FUKUNAGA, FRED & DOLORES IDA, SHIGEMI & BETTY ISHIZAKI, BOBBY & YOSHIKO ITO, TOSHIMASA KANAI, TAKETO & JUDY KAWABATA, JOHN & CLARA KIKUYAMA, EDDIE & GRACE OCHIAI, TAKESHI ONUMA, HIROMI SUEHIRO, ED & EMILY TAMANAHA, HENRY & MAIZIE HORII, SPEED & EDNA TANNA, and RALPH YEMPUKU.

### **Rocky's Visit**

ROCKY MATAYOSHI of Chicago was in town recently. When his presence was made known, he pleaded not to make a big deal of it. He said that he didn't want any gathering of a big group; therefore, a few guys took him out to dinner one night. He said that he came for a visitation of his sisters and stayed with one of them in the Moanalua area. He had an operation on his skull, to relieve the constant pain elsewhere. Fortunately, the operation was a success. FRED IDA, SPEED TANNA, TAKETO KAWABATA, TAKESHI ONUMA, and HAROLD FUKUNAGA had a chance to "shoot the breeze" with him in a restaurant in Waimalu. Being such a modest guy, he avoided any talk about his exploits, which resulted in his several medals, including the DSC.

SPEED TANNA arranged a meeting between KAZU MOTOBU and ROCKY at a luncheon



after that. ROCKY also got hold of YOSHIMI FUJIWARA, who was in the same platoon with him. He had a good time reminiscing. We heard that ROCKY was approached by ALVIN YOSHITOMI of the Sons & Daughters chapter to conduct an oral interview. After much persuasion, ROCKY finally consented to the interview, which was recorded on the videotape.

### Dinner Meeting

When someone suggested a good dinner meeting site at the Beachcomber Hotel dining facility, our chapter decided to try it on May 5th (also Boy's Day) evening. It was not a popular place, so we had to ask for directions to get to the site. We were told to drive down Kalakaua Avenue and turn left into a lane just past the Waikiki Theater #3 and proceed slowly until you can enter the parking garage on the right. We finally made it to the dining area after asking around.

The facility was good because it provided a separate large dining room for ourselves. Thanks to AL AMII, who hosted the cocktails for those who wanted to drink. The food was good, especially the prime rib roast. Ask TAKETO, who relished every mouthful of the end cut, which was well done. I guess it was a special treat for him, because his normal diet is more vegetarian and fruits. It seemed as if everyone enjoyed the buffet dinner, because he or she could select the kind and quantity of food they wanted.

The following people attended: AL & HELEN AMII, ROSE EBISUYA and her friend (KICHIO was ill, so he couldn't make it), HAROLD & JANE FUKUNAGA, RAY & PAT HANDA, HENRY & MAIZIE HORII, DOLORES IDA (FRED was on a tour), GRACE ISHII, SHIGEMI ISHIZAKI, BOBBY & YOSHIKO ITO, TAKETO & JUDY KAWABATA, JOHN & CLARA KIKUYAMA, EDDIE OCHIAI, ED & EMILY TAMANAHA, and SPEED & EDNA TANNA.

May thanks to GRACE ISHII for donating many door prizes, which were appreciated by the recipients.

The departure from the hotel after the dinner was an experience, because the lane travels

one way, from Kalakaua to Kuhio Avenues. It passes right through the International Market Place, where throngs of people are walking around. As a result, one has to drive very slowly and carefully to avoid hitting them.

### Letter from Roy Greene

I received this letter from ROY GREENE and I felt that I should put it into this issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin.

Dear Harold,

In reading your column in the Jan-Mar 1994 issue, SHIGEMI ISHIZAKI neglected to recall that he was hit just outside Bruyeres and lay under a tree for 3 hours before the Medics got to him. Even so he was more concerned about his BAR than the hole in his body. PAUL SHIMADA and I had to promise to take care of his weapon. Later we asked why so much concern over his BAR. He said he couldn't afford to pay for it if it got lost.

Did you know "G" Company had the most New Yorkers? I was the only one from the Bronx. Manhattan had GEORGE SUGIHARA JONES, TOMMY FUJIWARA, ALBERT NISHIMURA (Kibei replacement), and from Brooklyn there was OGURI (Medics) and later a Lt. ALTSMAN. Also the TASAKA brothers, HANK and Art from Spring Valley. We had quite a few officers from the East Coast, including Lts. HOLMES, ROCK, BLANCHARD, ALTSMAN, and I think a Lt. MARTIN. Except for relatives, not one of us New Yorkers knew about Nisei until we four met in Camp Upton, NY. When we got to Shelby, we were dumbfounded when we saw all of those Japanese faces.

Despite all the frightful events, we had our comical moments too. How youse guys laughed at our use of words like foist, thoid, des, dose, and dems. This from guys talking pidgin.

Do you remember the G Company beer bust when the non-coms had to do K.P.? the party when Capt. AULL chug-a-lugged his beer?

We had some unique nicknames too. Imagine a Nisei called Whitey, Blackie, Pontoon, Punchy, Fuzzy, Pinhead, Father, Papa, Moose, and many more that we forgot about.



Or the time I went home to the Bronx on furlough and introduced T.KONDO, FRANCES ISHII, "PONTOON" YAMAMOTO, and BRAD URABE to my mom. When they were ready to return downtown, I was to walk them to the subway, but somehow we ended in a neighborhood bar. Before long, FRANCES and PONTOON were doing the hula on top of the bar. Needless to say, no one got to Manhattan that night but spent it at my mom's place, two in a twin bed, one on a couch, and two on the floor.

There were so many funny incidents but it is hard to remember them all.

I do remember the Pisa Patrol when we spotted a lone Jerry across the canal. Why no one fired, we'll never know. He waved at us as we went past him, probably because we spared him.

How about the time RAY HANDA scored a direct hit with a rifle grenade but forgot to pull the pin.

I guess that's enough for a while. Oh, by the way, New Yorkers were never considered "Kotonks."

Best regards to you all and lest auld acquaintances be forgot.

ROY GREENE

### Condolences

Received a note from FRED IDA:

Dear Harold,

I received a letter from DICK ITANAGA and I pass this along for the bulletin. KEN MATSUDA 4th Platoon - passed away on 5/12/94 at his home in Stamford CT. He attended the 50th Anniversary knowing that cancer was getting worse. The only other reunion he attended was in '88 in Reno.

He had a doctorate in chemistry and was employed by American Cyanamide until his retirement.

Survived by wife MARY and two sons.

Fred.

### Wartime Experiences of Richard Ajifu

RICHARD was part of the original G. Co., including the basic training days. He didn't mind

the long 25 mile hikes, but he hated the forced marches, because the platoon leader was a Caucasian who was tall, so many of the boys had a hard time keeping up with the long strides taken by the Lieutenants. These forced marches were held many times during the basic training days, so he had a sour taste of those training days. He remembers a small guy, whose name was KENSO TANAKA, who had difficulty carrying the full field pack and going on the forced marches. There were several times that the guy had to be helped by myself or others, in order to keep up with the rest of the guys. RICHARD thinks that KENSO was discharged because he was too small and couldn't keep up with the rest of the guys.

RICHARD doesn't recall the events of the first day of action, but remembers the heavy shelling that they encountered in the first or second day of action. It was his first experience in shelling, so he was quite scared then.

He recalls one scene on the second or third day of action. He saw a German tank which was blown up on the road and an American soldier lying on the road and was partially covered, signifying that he was dead. He later found out that he was a 100th Battalion sergeant, who was killed from the concussion of the blown tank.

He remembers Hill 140 very vividly, because of the number of casualties suffered by his platoon. In addition to the shelling, he recalls that bullets were zinging past their heads. The funny part of this encounter was that the bullets were coming from the bottom of the hill going past them on an upward trajectory. He recalls that LARRY TAKEMOTO was wounded very seriously in the stomach. There were others who were wounded or killed but he forgot their names. He remembers the mortar barrage that he had to endure. It seemed like the barrages would never lift. He thought he could see the mortar projectiles coming down before they exploded.

He recalled some battle afterward, when they were charging up a hill. That's the time that MASAO FUJII was hit. It was unusual, because the bullet went into one ear and came out of the other. It seemed like a clean hit, not a messy



one, but it was enough to cause FUJII's death. He was hit by a sniper. RICHARD saw the sniper in a fox hole. He thinks that someone in their group threw a grenade into the fox hole and killed the German.

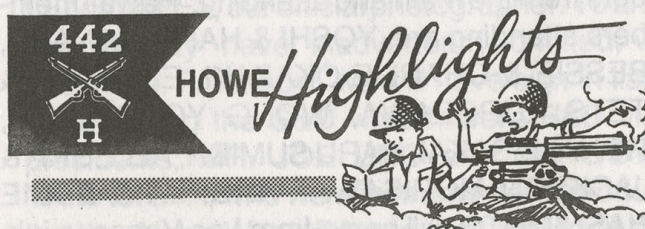
He remembers the Pisa patrol, where a combat patrol was sent out to reconnoiter the area and take prisoners, if possible. The officers told them that it was a dangerous patrol, but very important to find out the enemy strength. Fortunately, there were no casualties.

When the outfit was sent to the Florence area to replace the British 8th Army troops, RICHARD recalls one incident, where three of them were going on a patrol and met General MARK CLARK. He said that the General was on a Piper Club and landed in a clearing near them. Then the General and his staff came out of the plane and greeted the three. A picture was taken of them with the General. The three included RICHARD, Lt. GAGNON, and a short fellow named MATSUURA. That picture was seen in many publications. It showed RICHARD carrying a sub-machine gun and somewhat bearded.

He remembers one incident, which was sad, because one of his sergeants was wounded, but they couldn't rescue him, because every attempt to rescue him was nullified by the German machine guns firing on whoever tried to rescue the sergeant. He recalls how helpless he felt, because the sergeant kept calling for the medics, but no one was able to get him. He died.

He remembers the Vosges Mountains as a miserable place, because of the cold and rain, which continued without any letting up. The foxholes dug would quickly accumulate water and would make life miserable. He remembers some of the attacks that they made, up and down the mountains. The nights were so dark that they had difficulties seeing more than a few inches away. He recalls that they captured one German prisoner and tied him up, figuring that they were going to take him back to the rear. Because of the darkness, they had to keep him overnight, but were surprised when they found out that he escaped during the night after untying himself.

RICHARD was wounded on the railroad embankment after the town of Bruyeres was liberated. When they attacked by the railroad embankment, the enemy was well entrenched and put up heavy gunfire. RICHARD was hit by a bullet that entered his jaw from the side and came out near the neck. He was evacuated to a hospital, where they operated on him. He was later sent by air to Naples, where he spent some time and was later sent to a hospital in El Paso, Texas. He was later transferred to a military hospital in Hawaii. He recalls the hospital was on the grounds of St. Louis High School. He was discharged from the Army after full recuperation in March, 1945.



### By JACKSON MORISAWA

On April 24th, Howe Chapter met for a special meeting at the clubhouse. We had a good turn out to welcome transplanted Las Vegas citizens, VIRGINIA & EDDIE HASHIMOTO who were here briefly for some unfinished business. The periodic report on their new job as Casino Managers indicated good results. However, they must have had drainage problems during the first quarter of this year... The Royal Flushes weren't too fluid. They anticipate a better flow during the rest of the year.

Also, the L.A. chapter members new address is in Las Vegas, Nevada. I guess they feel more at ease there than in Los Angeles...with all the shakes and quakes and whatever.

And from L.A., we received word that JUNE TSUJI passed away. We did not receive any news of her condition. Our deepest condolences to MIKE and his family.

At home, PAUL MATSUMOTO's condition hasn't been too good. MARIA is a wonderful