

25 years ago that TADAO gave this bottle of liquor, one that you probably won't be able to find in a liquor store today, to RALPH TOMEI to hold and safeguard until such time as there are only three members left. At that time the bottle is to be opened and shared among the living members. TOMEI has encased the bottle in a glass case and it occupies a prominent place among his other trophies at his home. Inasmuch as it will become more and more difficult as time goes by to keep track of all living members of Company "M" Chapter, we will wait until there are only three surviving members of the Magnificent Eight to open the bottle. At that time, we will contact any and all living members of "M" Co. to come and share the bottle of liquor. OKOLE MALUNA!

50th Reunion Biffontaine/Bruyeres

"M" Co. will be represented by four couples at the 50th reunion at Biffontaine and Bruyeres. They are: SHIGEO & YORI INOUE, MICHAEL & KIMIYO IDE, ERNEST & DOROTHY KAMISATO, and ISAMI & KAY TAKAYESU. We will have their impressions of the trip in the next issue of the Bulletin.

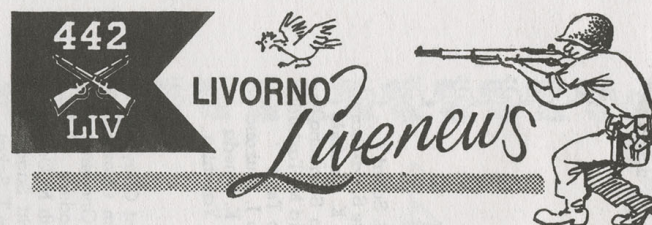
Mini-Reunion

Our mini reunion in Las Vegas November 1 through November 6, 1994 still needs some more people from Hawaii to fill up vacancies created by late cancellations. We now have only eight from Hawaii going and we need at least five more to fill the airline seats that JIMMY KANEMORI signed up for. Anyone interested please contact JIMMY at 734-6579.

Aloha for now!



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by HENRY KUNIYUKI

In the April - June 1994 quarterly publication of the Go For Broke Bulletin, the proposed visitation to WILFRED WATANABE at Kaiser Medical Center and KATSUMI SAKOTANI, residing at Aloha Health Care Center were reported. On Sunday morning, May 22, two groups of Livorno Chapter members called on WILFRED and KATSUMI, both of whom were overwhelmed with deep emotion. Group One visitors consisted of MASATOSHI MITANI, TAKAMORI MIYAGI, MINORU NAGASAKO, PAUL TAKAEZU, and JERRY YAMAMOTO. Group Two participants were HARUTO HARADA, HENRY KUNIYUKI, SHIZUO OIDE, and MORIO OMORI. The fact that both WILFRED and KATSUMI are unable to communicate made our visit rather difficult. Nevertheless, both WILLIE and KATS were most pleased to see the men from Livorno Chapter. More frequent visitations have been discussed at subsequent Chapter dinner meetings.

Since the Chapter's meeting place at Likelike Drive-in was undergoing renovations, the August get-together was held at the 442nd Clubhouse on the first Monday as usual. The delicious dinner bento was catered by Suehiro Restaurant. Secretary TAKAMORI did a good job in personally contacting the members as to the change in meeting place. Fourteen members signed up to be present. They were: HARUTO HARADA, JITSUO KAWADA, HOWARD KIYAMA, HENRY KUNIYUKI, MASATOSHI MITANI, TAKAMORI MIYAGI, MINORU NAGASAKO, SHIZUO OIDE, MORIO OMORI, PAUL TAKAEZU, RAYMOND TANAKA, KEN TERUYA, JAMES WATANABE, and JERRY YAMAMOTO. Thirteen members

showed up for the monthly fellowship. The absentee, JITSUO KAWADA, was in a state of shock when the bento dinner was hand-delivered to him after the meeting by SHIZUO OIDE. JITS was forgiven as we are at the stage of forgetfulness. After hearing the preliminary plans for next year's memorial service and banquet, it was decided to have our chapter widows, JANET HIGA and SACHI MIKI, as our guests at both affairs.

The topic of discussion at our monthly dinner meetings usually center on problems of physical ailments embellished with travel stories to ease the aches and pains. Several members are planning repeat investment visitations to Las Vegas. These included the NAGASAKOS, the TAKAEZUS, and OIDES among others. Sick Call during the past quarter reported at the July meeting was the shocking news that RAYMOND TANAKA had to undergo scary brain surgery due to an accident. Because of this corrective surgery, RAYMOND was unable to visit WILFRED and KATSUMI during the scheduled May group visits. We are happy to report that RAY recovered completely after the major surgery. Chapter representatives visited RAYMOND at his home during his recuperation period. At the August meeting, KENTERURYA distributed brochures about the International Ki Science Association of Hawaii. KEN said that Ki treatment received from Dr. MASATO NAKAGAWA has relieved him of his physical problems. The Ki treatment center is located at Maunakea Marketplace in Chinatown. It was also reported that JITSUYOSHI NAKANDAKARE is "under the weather" and has temporarily postponed his surgical treatment.

HARUTO and YURIKO HARADA enjoyed a pleasant 7-day cruise trip to Alaska on Holland America Line on board the Maasdam. They thoroughly enjoyed the cruise except when the Maasdam hit the high seas one day. JERRY and ETHEL DOI are visiting their daughter in Sacramento on their annual trip to see their grandchildren. Another pair of seasoned travelers, the SEKIYAS, are looking forward to the Mediterranean cruise on board the Island Princess in

October. TSUGIO SAKAI who had a long Nippon sojourn is now keeping himself trim with regular bowling.

The Livorno Chapter would like to call the attention of the general membership regarding advertisements placed by Chapter family members. These are: BANNISTER AUTO BODY SHOP, placed by PAUL TAKAEZU's son BLAKE; KAWADA'S CUSTOM DRAPERIES by HOWARD KAWADA, and ALL AMERICAN LIFE agent PAUL TAKAEZU. The three advertisers are doing well in their businesses. Although semi-retired, PAUL TAKAEZU is still busy working part-time assisting victims of Hurricane Iniki. PAUL said that the paperwork involved to qualify for Hawaii Hurricane Relief is tremendous. We urge all to support all the advertisers from the various chapters as advertising income partially defrays the cost of publication mailings.

With the daily strife faced by us all, especially us senior citizens, a quotation by an unknown author is quoted for philosophical relief: "LIFE IS A MYSTERY TO BE LIVED, NOT A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED!"

Arrivadeci!



by HAROLD FUKUNAGA

Chapter Meeting Notes

Our recent meeting on August 11th saw GRACE ISHII, our chapter Vice-President, conduct the meeting in the absence of EDDIE OCHIAI, our chapter President who was on a trip to Alaska. Although nervous, she conducted the meeting very well, through some assistance from SPEED TANNA. GRACE, you rate an A+, if grades were given for conducting the meeting.

Prior to the meeting and after the business part

of the meeting, some of the boys were talking about the experiences in going through their operations for their various ailments. Some of the descriptions were comical because of their embarrassments experienced during the post operative recuperation periods. I guess it's good that we can laugh about such experiences, although they must have been scary and painful at times. I guess with our advancing age we should expect some medical breakdowns once in awhile, especially with most of us in the 70's already. Someone said at the meeting that we should enjoy every day while we still have out health and can enjoy going to Vegas every so often, playing golf, or playing poker with the boys.

Because some of the poker players were absent from the meeting, the usual poker game after the end of the business meeting was not held. As a result, some of the guys like AL AMII and GUY TOKESHI went home much earlier than usual. I guess their wives were happy too see them home early.

It was good to see BOBBY MIYATA at the meeting. He was out for several months due to illness.

Denver Meeting

The writer attended the annual meeting of the Go For Broke National Veterans Association in June. It was held in Denver, Colorado. This organization is trying to build a monument in Washington D.C. to honor the patriotism of the Japanese Americans during World War II.

I met a couple of guys with some connection to G Co. One was HARRY KUGA, who was a replacement in the 2nd platoon. He joined the Co. near the end of the war, so he stayed back in Italy after many of us had returned home. He married an Italian girl, so he visits Italy every few years. He attended our 50th reunion, but I didn't get a chance to meet him then. He loves his fresh water fishing in the lakes and streams in Colorado. His wife accompanies him on such fishing trips, which might last 2 or 3 days. He says he catches some pretty good size trout or other fresh water fish, thus making it worth the

while.

I also met JAMES YAMANE, who was in I Co. He remembers SPEED TANNA, because someone asked him to take care of SPEED and EDNA when they visited Denver some years back. After returning to Honolulu, I asked SPEED about JIM YAMANE, and SPEED was very appreciative of JIM's hospitality and praised JIM for entertaining them for a few days.

Wartime Experiences of ROCKY MATAYOSHI

Rocky was born on Kauai and attended school before he volunteered for the 442nd RCT in March, 1943. He was greatly influenced by his father, who emphasized to him that education was very important. He also told him he should be strong physically, because of his short stature and maintain a sound mind, that can evaluate right from wrong. As a result, he took up judo and started weight training from his young days. He always remembered these two things from his childhood to manhood. He carried these thoughts when he entered the military in 1943.

At Camp Shelby, he worked hard at being a good soldier and avoiding carousing with those guys who like to drink beer and raise hell. He felt that he had a job to do, especially since his father was interned in one of the relocation camps. He couldn't understand why his father was picked up by the FBI after the war started, because he was a plantation worker in Kauai and was not a Japanese school principal or teacher or leader in the community. These types of people were the ones usually picked up by the FBI. As a result, ROCKY was determined to show the American government that he was a loyal American citizen who was willing to fight for his country and freedom. He was recognized as a leader while in training in Shelby, so he was a non-commissioned officer when he went overseas.

He felt that someone was watching him all through the war and advising him whenever any dangerous situation was encountered. For example, at one time, he had to go on a night patrol and something told him to be very careful along the trail that he and his men were walking. Sure enough, there was a faint trip wire leading to a

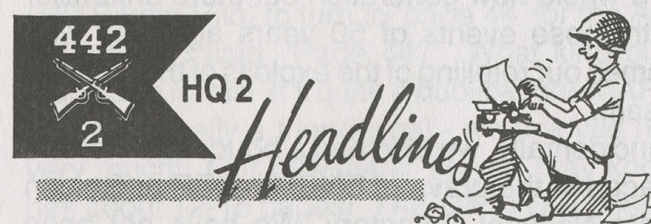
booby trap. He was only about an inch from the wire, so he told his men to avoid that trip wire. Another example was a situation when they were supposed to attack near a railroad track embankment. Even though the Lieutenant told him to lead the attack, he told the Lt. that something was wrong and that they should wait. Sure enough, an enemy tank and supporting infantrymen started to attack the men. Fortunately, they had some cover and one of the 3rd platoon non coms. commandeered the bazooka from the frightened bazooka man and fired a perfect shot at the tank and immobilized it and started a fire. That heroic act stopped the enemy attack. Incidentally, the non com., who received a DSC for the heroic act. His name was YOSHIMI FUJIWARA.

ROCKY has faint memories of what happened during the war, except for certain instances. SATORU GOTA, who was in ROCKY's squad, remembers vividly certain events where ROCKY showed superior leadership and guts. For instance, during the battle for Hill 140, when the company was subjected murderous shelling and gun fire from the enemy, ROCKY's squad, which was in reserve for awhile, was ordered to make a circular attack from the right side. He bravely led his squad and wiped out several machine gun nests in the process. SATORU said that he remembers encountering one machine gun nest with two or three enemy troops and didn't have the heart to shoot them, so ROCKY fired his Thompson sub-machine gun and killed them. After knocking out several machine gun nests, they returned to the rest of the company. ROCKY's statement was that he had a job to do, and he did it the best way possible. Because of this attitude, he volunteered his squad in many patrols - many more than the rest of the squads of the company. SATORU said that ROCKY was a fearless leader, who wasn't afraid to tackle any job. As an illustration, he cited one case when their platoon started with 39 men near Biffontaine on a hill. When they attacked and finally ended up in the valley near the village, they counted only 13 able-bodied men. The rest were wounded, killed, or sent back to

the hospital with trench feet. In another case, he led a patrol from the mountain outpost in the Maritime Alps into the village on the Italian side at night. They were ambushed by the enemy. As a result, they had some wounded men. He carried the Lt. on his back up over the mountain for a distance of about a mile. The Lt. was over 6 feet tall and weighed over 200 pounds, while ROCKY was about 165 pounds and 5 feet 6 inches tall. He said that the climb back up the mountain was so tiring that he felt the effects of sore muscles for about 2 weeks later. Fortunately, the Lt. survived. He should thank ROCKY.

ROCKY is so modest that he doesn't remember what actions resulted in his receiving a Distinguished Service Cross and 2 Silver Stars. In addition, he received 2 Purple Hearts. SATORU GOTA will attest to the fact that ROCKY deserves all of the medals because of his bravery and concern for his men at all times.

ROCKY carried his father's principles of keeping physically strong, mentally alert, and be willing to work hard for your ideals. After the war, he worked on two job to provide his family of 4 children and wife with a comfortable family life. His children are adults now and are in professional fields.



by YOSHITO

The June meeting was so-so. It fell on a holiday, King Kamehameha Day, and the turnout was sparse. Barely 10 guys struggled to make it. As for news, there was nothing earthshaking going on so most of the time was spent swapping insults.

Talking about June, we remembered that this June 26, 1994 would be the 50th anniversary of

our first day in battle. Oh, what a day it was for the 2nd Battalion! In remembrance of those who fell in battle that day on June 26, 1994, our Chapter decided to send a bouquet of flowers to each of the families: *we have not forgotten!* On that day, 50 years ago, we were on our way to attack Belvedere and Sasseta. Of course, we never made it to the Belvedere due to the pounding we took; the assignment was given to the 100th Battalion and what a job they did. So good, that they won their first Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation. To refresh our memories, here's the list of those Hq2ndBn who died that day: CAPTAIN RALPH ENSMINGER, ROBERT HIRANO, SHIGEO WASANO, MITSUO KAMI, and LEONARD LUNA. TSUGUO KIMURA was wounded and died three days later back in the hospital.

A short story on that memorable day pointing out the fatalities of the Combat Team appeared in the Honolulu Star Bulletin of June 25, 1994. Any of you out there who's interested can obtain a copy by writing to our Hq2ndBn. (Offer good for 30 days!)

The families of LEONARD, TSUGUO, MITSUO, SHIGEO and ROBERT expressed their thanks to Hq2ndBn. We described briefly the first day action to the families and for some, it was news to them. It goes to show that there is a whole new generation out there unfamiliar with those events of 50 years ago who welcomes our retelling of the exploits of the Combat Team.

Incidentally, we also had a bouquet of flowers placed at the grave of ENSMINGER at Golden Gate National Cemetery. We have not been able to contact any of his kin; this after three years of effort. Sure wish we knew how to get hold of his son who was about a year old when our Captain got hit on the first day.

It was DINNER WITH BOSSES in July. That's RICHARD NAKAMURA's way of saying it was time for us to have the ladies join the men folk again. The turnout at the popular Pagoda Restaurant was fabulous. We had a headcount of 29. (It could have been more save the restaurant was filled up.) The food was "tres bien" which is

why the locals like to dine at the Pagoda. Attending were; HERBIE & SUE ISONAGA, TAKASHI & JANE OKEMURA, LARRY & VIOLET ISHIDA, RICHARD & MARGIE NAKAMURA, TOSHI & GRACE HAYAMA, KAZU & MICHELLE TOMASA, KATSUKI & TOSHIKO TANIGAWA, MICHAEL & SUE SUGAI, KENNY & VIVIAN SARUWATARI, TOKUO KANESHIGE, HISAKO HIGUCHI, FRANCES SATO, CAROL ODA, NORA KUWAYE, ALICE SUGI, MASA YAMAMOTO, LIPPY HIGUCHI, MORISO TERAOKA, ROBERT UYEDA, & BILL THOMPSON. And an ever alert RICHARD managed to obtain a 10% senior citizen deduction. Hereafter we should make reservations as the SENIOR Hq2ndBn Chapter so we won't be mistaken for college kids or Junior Chamber members. Hear! Hear!

Those who are planning to attend the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres include: TAKASHI & JANE OKEMURA, RICHARD & MARGIE NAKAMURA, MORISO & FLORENCE TERAOKA, LARRY & FLORENCE HASHIMOTO, CAROL ODA, ELAINE TYAU, and WALLY & VIVIAN UEKI. MORISO kept reminding those making the journey to purchase "official" caps. The price has dropped from thirty-something to twenty-something. Anyone waiting for a ten-something deal? The request is for all veterans to display their medals on their suits. Anyone with a Good Conduct medal to loan? Heck, I think we would be embarrassed if we owned one. Further, there were no awards, not even a campaign ribbon for the Queen's Bar battle royal! Shucks, SUNAO KIDO did not even get a Purple Heart for all his heroics.

COL. JAMES HANLEY writes that his memoirs are in the hands of the publisher. The only other 442nd officer who turned author was MAJOR ORVILLE SHIREY, who penned a history of the Combat Team. In contrast, HANLEY's book will be filled with his personal experiences and observations.

From Washington D.C., SUS YAMAMOTO writes about his invitation as part of the 442nd delegation to witness the ceremony of BRUCE YAMASHITA receiving his captain bars as a

Marine Corps officer. Also, on Memorial Day, SUS joined a veterans group for breakfast with President CLINTON; he and BOB KATAYAMA represented the 442nd. This included a trip to Arlington Cemetery for the Memorial Day service. Then to top it off, SUS & FUMI received an invitation from the Japanese Embassy to attend the White House reception for the Emperor and Empress of Japan. The YAMAMOTOS must be walking on cloud nine these days! The reception was held on the White House lawn, and SUS reports that 25 people fainted in the 90-degree plus sweltering sun.

SALTY MIZUTA writes that he's met DORIS (Forty-Forty) MURAMOTO a few times. He also enjoyed a fabulous "luau" party at DORIS's new home on Lake Washington. And our roving baseball aficionado KEN SARUWATARI & VIVIAN have been traveling extensively on the West Coast - from LA to San Francisco, then on to Seattle for a session with the MIZUTAS. Now for the bad news, SALTY says MITS SATO (A&P platoon) who lives nearby in Carnation City had to undergo an operation for aneurysm in July. And now for the good news, SALTY reports that MITS came through the surgery and is home recuperating.

By the way, did you catch the 442 anniversary gold tournament scores in the last issue of the Bulletin? How about that, our BERT NISHIMURA beats the youngsters and wins the title! He shot a terrific net 62; hmm, what's his handicap anyway?

Just eleven guys showed up for our August meeting. It seems as though, for one reason or another, the boisterous buggahs from Aiea were missing. Guys like HERBIE, SWEENEY, BILL, TOKU, JIMMY, et. al., were no shows. In short, the last of our summer meetings was a subdued one.

With sadness we report the passing of the wife of member YOSHIO WATANABE, DORIS. She was born in Kona at Keopu near Holualoa, mauka of Kailua Village. After a lingering illness, DORIS died on August 25. YOSHIO and DORIS had been married for over 38 years. Our condolences to YOSHIO and the family.



by MARY SAKAI, CAROL SAKAI-FEITEIRA,
and PATTI LABA

Who's Who

Continued from the last issue: GEORGE and MALY TAMURA are still expecting MAC, MATSUKO SAIMO, MABEL, TOSHIKO KUSE and ICH NAGASAWA for dessert in their "spanking and sparkling" clean, redecorated home in Bellevue, Washington.

GEORGE and SUSAN SUNADA: GEORGE enjoys retirement in Logan, Utah. He mostly watches football. Who? Utah State University, of course! GEORGE and SUSAN have twin daughters, CHERYL WHITELOW and SHEILA NEWLIN, both married and in educational field. Son Major ROGER SUNADA, is married and retired from the Air Force. SUSAN gives talk to the mountain people in the Logan area about the Issei of the west coast. Good for you, SUSAN! HENRY and MILDRED IKEMOTO:

The L.A. Prexy wrote, "When I saw your note (MITS from Hilo) to turn to 'page 44' for the A-T Co. news, I said, 'Page 44?' What kind of a magazine is this! It's quite a publication! MARY SAKAI is really a friendly gal - we enjoyed her very much! Our newsletter as you may know has about 12-15 pages! TAK HATTORI does a great job as the 'scribe'. HENRY will let us know what happened at their Annual Dinner Function on Sept. 8, 1994 luncheon at the Allen Center Commissioned Officer's Club at Naval Station Long Beach on Terminal Island. They will be touring the naval base after the luncheon. Hope you didn't forget the suit or jacket and necktie!

AMY SAKIMOTO: Are you still enjoying your leisure life, reading and resting? So happy for you! That's how you keep looking so young!

MITSUO and wife SHIZUE AKIYAMA: The Big

Island reporters are busy with their comings and goings. MITS shared MASARU TAKETA's letter about an unusual meeting of two former Anti-Tankers. "On May 17, 1994, MASARU TAKETA and TADAO TANOUE met at Narita Nikko Hotel after 48 years. It all started when we sat across each other over dinner on the first night on "China Odyssey" Tour. We did not recognize each other not even after introduction. MASARU and MAC sat across while YURI sat on my right. Being a nosy guy, I asked him about his service during the last war. He replied, 'Italy and 442' and I got more curious. We soon found out we were from the same company and joined up at Geidi. he took his basic at Camp Blanding while I took at Camp Hood. MASARU was in the 4th Platoon or Headquarters while I was in the 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon. MASARU served as company clerk together with MITSUO WATANABE under BULL SUZUKI and BENJI HAMAMOTO - 1st Sgt. To many of the originals, this will be news because most have departed for home. I was assistant mail-clerk under the late KIYOSHIGE TANOUYE who took over after KIYONAGA's departure. MASARU and WATANABE took over after MITSUO AKIYAMA's discharge." MASARU retired from Dairyman's (later Meadow Gold) after 43 years service, currently resides in Manoa and into photography.

MASATO DOI: MASATO's grandsons ADRIAN and LOREN NOMURA attended Idaho's 1-week big Boy Scouting event. Both scouters are sons of MYRON and CAROLYN NOMURA. Another plus for grandfather.

SACHI FUKUNAGA: The last note from SACHI is that she didn't have anything to do; enjoying peace and security.

JACK and MARGARET KAGUNI: Lovely daughter SUSAN married handsome RODNEY KOIZUMI at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel on July 16, 1994. Proud father JACK escorted her down the aisle, gaining a new son. Daughter ELLEN and husband WALTER SCHROEDER with 19-year old son, WALLY got together with Dr. JOHN and LAURIE KAGUNI and boys, 3-year old BERRY and 4-year old WESLEY. JAMES

and DIANE KAGUNI with 3-year old BRIAN also attended the wedding.

CHILLY SASAKI: "The Anti-Tank Company of the 442nd participated in the invasion of Southern France in glider planes. The Aiea veterans who were on those gliders include MASARU SUZUKI, MINORU TATEISHI, CHILLY SASAKI, TSUNETO MIZUSAWA and LIZO HONMA."

MINORU and MILDRED TATEISHI: MILDRED said that they are leading a "leisurely life". How great!

50th Anniversary

The observance of the 50th Anniversary of the airborne invasion of Southern France was held at the Makaha Sheraton Hotel from July 26-27. Hardworking committee members were President WALLY KAGAWA, Treasurer JACK KAGUNI and Secretary MASATO DOI. Mahalo to JACK for making all the hotel arrangements and our bento lunches. Mahalo to CHILLY for his fabulous displays on the wall. Thanks so much! Representing Kona were GORO and YAYO INABA and DANIEL and MARTHA KELI'IA'A. ROSE MIYASAKI of Lahaina, Maui, sister of SACHI FUKUNAGA joined us. Others enjoying the beautiful setting were JERRY and ALICE AYABE, MASATO DOI, KO and JANET HATA, WALLY and YORI KAGAWA, JACK and MARGARET KAGUNI, MARY SAKAI, CHILLY and IRENE SASAKI, HARRY and JANET TOKASHIKI, SHIROKU and AMY YAMAMOTO. MARY's daughter, PATTI and 3-year old granddaughter KARI joined in the fun. Husband LEON stayed home to take 10-year old JEANNE and 6-year old CHAD to Waiahole Summer Program and soccer clinics. MARY's other daughter, CAROL with husband GLENN, 9-year old EDDY and 6-year old MARI joined us after Kapunahala's summer school's open house. All of the grandchildren enjoyed swimming, horseback riding and putting golf balls.

SACHI FUKUNAGA said, "Tuesday afternoon was spent in friendly games, men on the golf course and the Fair Ones, joined by a sprinkling of hardy, tall, dark and handsones, on visual and intellectual pursuits. The latter was orga-

nized by Busy-as-Beaver, WALLY and aide-de-camp, YORI. A fascinating one was a craze of the past year called stereograph, a 5-D challenge. Your eyes are to look, gaze, stare, concentrate, or focus on a full sheet or poster of repetitious designs, starting with paper right on your proboscis-whether tall, crooked, thin, short, stout, pugged, reshaped, flat, swirled - and then slowly distancing paper from nose. They say if you let your eyes relax and cross (as in cross eyed) simultaneously, the supposed image will more readily appear. We're not sure if ALICE AYABE and MARGARET KAGUNI were successful in conjuring up any "picture". On the other hand, MARTHA KELI'IA'A, freshly hailing from Kona, had no problem in rapidly distinguishing a heart cushion or whatever from background. Amazing! Ah, the joy and blessing of having youthful, flexible peepers. Leave it to Beaver! Our memorable event of that WWII period has nothing to do with battlefield confrontation. We were told and shown photos of our hero's bout in the medical arena...diagnosis: appendicitis; prescription: appendectomy; prognosis: uneventful recovery; course: forty-five days in recuperation and relaxation at the field hospital; reason for discharge: unit moving out."

He still got it...MASATO took 1st place as best stroker, thanking CHILLY for coming out. 2nd

place was a 3-way tie...HARRY, CHILLY, KO. Great golfing!

After-dinner entertainment provided by RAINBOW (HARRY) and his harmonica, prefacing his songs with "Hana-butta time—forget the name..." After a few notes, a murmur of "Koko Ni Sachi Ari" went through the crowd or doyo, Japanese children's songs. RAINBOW also sang solo for several songs until the group loosened up for "Red Sails in the Sunset." Special guest/Cosmetologist-Hairdresser of 47 years MARTHA KELI'IA'A shared "Chuckle of the Day". MARY SAKAI sang "I Let the Rest of the World Go By."

MASATO DOI reminisced about "Sex" (you HAD to be there). MASATO shared "I'm no hero—I never fired a gun during the war except in training. But I almost got killed—a couple of times. Once was when our platoon was on an attack patrol in the Vosges mountains. The forests were full of buried anti-personnel mines which were hooked on to trip wires laid along the ground. The mine was called the "Bouncing Betty"—because once the wire was tripped, there would be a first explosion which popped the buried mine up in the air about 10-15 feet, at which level the mine itself exploded like a grenade. Another soldier, who was a friend from back home, tripped a wire. I heard the first explosion, turned towards the sound, and found

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myself staring right at an ascending mine about 3 yards away! I ducked for protection behind the only tree between me and the mine in the air—which turned out to be a sapling about 3 inches in diameter! I was a dead fish at that point. But the mine never exploded. It turned out to be a “dud” which fell harmlessly to the ground—probably because of the winter snows.” MASATO then invited all the men to share an incident.

GORO captured 2 Germans and bandaged a head. He didn't know how to bandage a head so he wrapped it until he ran out of bandage. Someone saw his work of art and knew it was GORO's work.

KO HATA remembered how guys used to say, “I gotta get in, I gotta get in.” At Camp Shelby, a friend said, “I gotta get out, I gotta get out.” Mine platoon comm. dept. WALLY saved a truck from burning by taking out the flaming item, scorching his face. He did save the truck.

Purple heart award recipient JERRY AYABE said, “Nothing exciting happened to me—nice-looking nurses” at Percy Jones General Hospital where 250 Nisei men were hospitalized.

WHITEY YAMAMOTO remembered a small guy who would pick up used coffee grounds from Mess Sgt. GORO, dry the grounds on Hawaii newspaper, spoon it in the frying pan and stir it to be perfectly dry, then mix it with Nescafe coffee. All this to trade for liquor.

Big Island special guest DANNY KELI'IA'A shared how he put in his application on 12/31/41 and was accepted on 1/1/42, working in a machine shop. Two years later, 2 Marines escorted him out of the shop and he ended up in Ft. Louis, WA then went to Florida. In the 195th Battalion, he finished training in March 1945 and was on a ship going from N. Africa to Naples when the war was over. As part of the “Hawaii Serenaders” he played at Officer Clubs, Red Cross...

RAINBOW told a story of a stolen motorcycle, a stolen jeep... hmmm.. does this have a theme? He also related how he met some girls at a skating rink and went to a high school to talk about Hawaii. He remembered packing cigarettes with rubbish, throwing a grenade into the river for fish to fry. The fish would float up, free

for the picking. On a more serious note, he told of how CHILLY's gun jammed as 4-5 Germans came out of the back of a house, surrendering. (Of course, the officer in charge took credit.)

JACK KAGUNI couldn't explain why he was fired as a truck driver and why MASATO DOI, officer in charge, kept his stripe and pay when MASATO fell asleep with a line of trucks stuck behind them as they passed through Rome. The scenario was early in the morning, fog, rain, headlights that were as strong as flashlights with old batteries. (“So THAT's why we stopped in Rome!” commented JERRY who was in one of the many trucks behind.) JACK got his position back after taking over the wheel when someone froze as Germans shot at them.

CHILLY was the only one imprisoned - **after** the war. He used to visit a family in Waterloo, Iowa on furloughs. His dilemma was that he wanted to give them a gun from California but only had a 3 day pass. He and a friend were to meet at CHILLY's brother's place on a certain day to return together. He waited at the train station night after night and the guy didn't show. So, he took a train to go back to California. He tried to pretend he was sleeping but was shaken awake to show his pass. It had expired. He was arrested in Nebraska and put in a paddy wagon to be taken to the brig. His roommate would moan with pain with gonorrhea. CHILLY wanted out. An officer saw the list of names and what group they were with. He had CHILLY released with free meal tickets, bus and train tickets to get back to California.

Great game organizers IRENE SASAKI and MARGARET KAGUNI brought us back to the present with entertaining games. After breakfast, we saw 2 video shows about gliders. WALLY reminded us about the Vegas trip next year, asking JERRY and ALICE AYABE about the weather since they're regulars. But they didn't know about the weather because they're inside air-conditioned buildings all the time.

ALICE wrote “...it was a good morale booster for everyone. We all need to get away from our aches and pains - so that really hit the spot. Another reason why it was good is that we get to