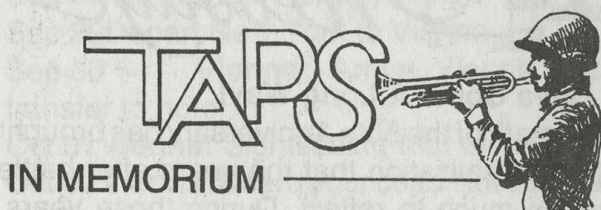


Caution is the Word

Since the inception of the organization of the 442nd Veterans Club, it has been approached by a variety of groups, establishments, and individuals for sponsorship, endorsement, etc.

We should look at these requests very carefully, especially when the purpose is to use the name of the 442nd to pursue profit- and recognition-motivated enterprises.

A recently formed committee to review and recommend appropriate action on similar proposals is a positive step forward.



Kozun Nakata, a member of Easy chapter, passed away on October 22, 1993.

Shoichi "Buff" Miyota, a member of Howe Chapter, passed away on October 29, 1993.

Bill Kochiyama, a member of King Chapter, passed away in October in New York City.

Pershing Nakata, a member of 232 Engrs./Band Chapter, passed away in Elmhurst, Illinois.

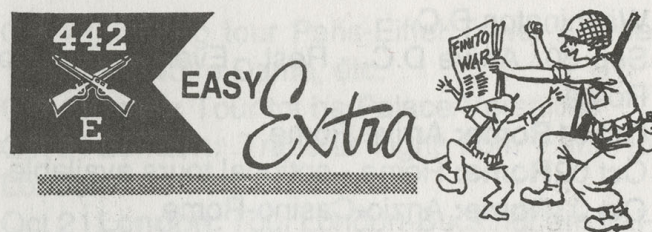
Matt Mikami, a Fox Chapter member, passed away on October 14, 1993.

Shiro Dohara, a Fox Chapter member, passed away in November, 1993.

Yas Kawashima, a Fox Chapter member, passed away in May of 1993.

Daggie Tanaka, a Maui Fox Chapter member, passed away on September 24, 1993.

Takao Hedani, a Howe Chapter member, passed away on November 18, 1993.



At the last chapter meeting a suggestion was made that the chapter ask its members who go on trips to share their experiences with their fellow members. Before this editor could ask the most recent travelers about the above suggestion a call came to inform this writer that the deadline for the 4th quarter news was October 30. This writer immediately called the SUGIHARAS but no answer. He then called the TAKEMOTOS and WAICHI was home. I told him that the deadline for the next newsletter was a few days hence but would he be able to write about the cruise. His reply was in the affirmative and the following report on the cruise to Canada and New England was written not by WAICHI, but by spouse CHIYONO TAKEMOTO.

This is indeed a story to share with our Easy members and their spouses. Fourteen excited travelers from Hawaii and six from the mainland flew into Montreal on October 4, 1993. The Easy couples were LEFTY and KAY SUGIHARA, TSUNE and YAE TAKEMOTO, and WAICHI and CHIYONO TAKEMOTO. Others in the group from Hawaii were GUS and GRACE FUJIMOTO, GEORGE GOO, MITSUO and MILDRED HONDA, MARY JANE SUEOKA, and KAY's sister and brother-in-law HELEN and GEORGE KAWAHARA. Those from California were JOU and KAYE OKITSU, WILLIAM SEIJI and LAWSON and MINEKO SAKAI. Joining us from Pennsylvania was AYA KUWAYAMA, KELLY's sister. This was our cruise group led by LAWSON and MINEKO SAKAI from San Jose.

We all looked forward to the cruise embarking in Montreal and disembarking in New York City seven days later. What a wonderful time of the year to be in this area for we feasted upon the vivid fall foliage and experienced the nippy weather.

After an all-day outing in the Laurentian mountains where we enjoyed riding through the coun-

try side and viewing the fall colors of green, yellow, brown, rust, and red, we finally boarded the *Golden Odyssey*. We were prepared to sail that evening, October 7th. As scheduled, we enjoyed a delicious dinner and looked forward to the evening's entertainment. Instead of an introduction of the ship's officers and staff as planned, we were delivered a "BOMB!" The ship was not going to sail. The cruise was canceled! We couldn't believe our ears! The ship developed engine problems that needed repairing. Everyone would be issued a return plane ticket and the first group would be leaving the very next day. "The Captain deeply regrets the cancellation of the cruise," it was announced. The OKITSUs and AYA got their tickets to return with the first group — those living on the mainland USA. Later the next day our group received our tickets to leave on Saturday. In the meantime, LAWSON received word that there was a possibility for a few of the passengers to transfer to another ship that was leaving on Sunday evening. This ship would cover the same itinerary that the *Golden Odyssey* had for us. Would we accept the offer? Moreover, there was a 5-star ship, *MS Sagafjord* of the Cunard line. "Wow!" Of course we jumped at the offer. And so this was the beginning of our memorable cruise on the luxurious *Sagafjord* enjoying her delicious meals, entertainment, and the graciousness of the staff and crew.

With good weather along the way we enjoyed the visits to Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Boston, and Newport, Rhode Island. A few of our group had to return home upon disembarking in New York City for we were already four days late. Those who remained in New York for two days enjoyed "Miss Saigon." To end the vacation on a mountain top experience, WAICHI and CHIYONO took in "Les Miserables" the next evening.

Our thanks to LAWSON for his caring and patience and the headache we gave him (or is it the stiffness of his entire body). Most of all we are most grateful to the Royal Cruise Line for their concern. They went all out to see that the passengers were well taken care of. Last but not

least, we thank God for this miracle.

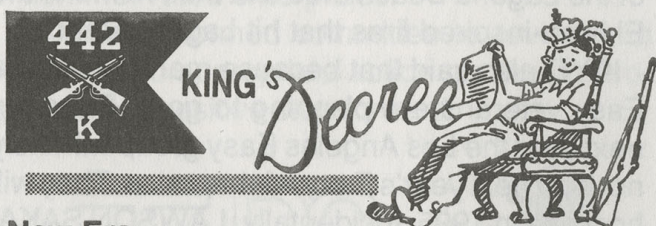
Spoke to KIYO YAMATE of Altadena. This writer was concerned about the firestorms over Altadena but was told that the YAMATES live on the lowlands of the city and therefore was spared the rampant damages that hit the uplands of Altadena and several other California cities. In this connection, HIDE and SADIE KAWARATANI of the Laguna Beach area lost their home in the El Nino-inspired fires that hit Laguna Beach.

KIYO also said that because many California Easy veterans are planning to go to Bruyeres next year the Los Angeles Easy group will likely not host next year's Easy mini-reunion. They will host one in 1995. Incidentally, LAWSON SAKAI is developing a cruise and tour to the Mediterranean next year in June that will include a visit to Bruyeres. The celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres on October 15 has been the cause of L.A. Easy's decision to forego the mini-reunion of 1994.

Some sad news to report. Over the last month Easy Chapter had two of its faithful leave the fold to join the Lord's Kingdom. First to leave us was PATSY TESHIMA, wife of CHIKATO TESHIMA. Besides CHIK, she is survived by four sons, one daughter, and several grandchildren. She certainly was a woman who did more than her part to raise such a handsome and productive family. Undoubtedly she will be sorely missed and all of Easy extends its heartfelt condolences to CHIK and the extended family.

The other Easy Chapter member who left us is KOZUN NAKATA. The much-liked, quiet, and serious KOZUN was a granite of a man who always did more than his share for the welfare of Easy Chapter. He was a bear on the dance floor especially with the two-step disco dance reminiscent of jitter-bug dances of the late thirties and early forties. KOZUN is survived by wife MIDRED and two married daughters who live on the mainland. KOZUN was a man who surprised the doctors that he lived so long on a severely damaged ticker which always kept him tired. Final services for KOZUN were held on October 30. The attendance at the services was standing room only kind, attesting to the respect and love

of his many friends. Three Easy Company friends from the mainland were in attendance at the service with MAS TSUDA of northern California honoring KOZUN with his recollections of his association with KOZUN. The other two who came from the mainland were GEORGE IWASAKI of Seattle and KAY KANESHINA, widow of HOPPY KANESHINA of Los Angeles.



New Era

It's "Pigskin Time" and the beginning of a new era with the conclusion of the 50th Anniversary celebration which was the greatest gathering of any outfit so thoroughly put together by the unbeatable committee headed by GEORGE NAKASATO and "Presidency" RON OBA. In spite of the few bananas that has a tendency to keep away so many good men, GEORGE & RON kept the colors of Fox Chapter flying high with this unbeatable accomplishment. A tragic incident marred all this hip-hip-hooray with the passing away of one of the greatest supporters who made it to his vacation land yearly from Seattle, WA, as the best liked cadre suffered massive heart attack while on a business trip to Japan. This one non-Fox chapter member will miss this old boy as many were the days spent with him going trolling outside of Ewa and bringing home the bacon everytime we went. I guess he will keep busy reeling in those papios and akuleles as well as those salmons, wherever he may be. Our sincere and deepest condolences go to the MIKAMI family. Knowing the closeness between MATT and I, received a long-distance phone call from TOSH OKAMOTO for which I gratefully thank him. A tragic month has this been as also gone forth to join his makers was KOZUN NAKATA, older brother of TED NAKATA of the first platoon, first squad. We bid farewell to this old friend, just one of the old Palama gang who was a terror on the gridiron despite his size. Our heartfelt sympathy to

MILDRED and the rest of the NAKATA family as Easy Company will feel the loss of a real good man. The Japanese will tell you that bad news comes in threefold, and it seems to hold true for this month of October as we get news from across the miles that our New Yorker, WILLIAM "BILL" KOCHIYAMA, first platoon, first squad, Company "K" passed away due to a pneumonia attack. Those many, many, close calls that BILL had during those combat days finally caught up with him at the age of 72. Wife MARY and the rest of the KOCHIYAMAs will miss this diehard prejudice fighter who devoted his life to this cause upon his return to the "Big Apple," the place of his birth. May he rest in peace wherever he may be.

Up and Away

Badly in need of an R & R after the big one, with plans to just take it easy, this was all put to rest for 3 months as a visit to the doctor for some supposedly skin rash turned out to be that dreaded ailment called shingles. Our ichiban of the hospitality ends up with the bells palsy, this being why WALTER H. was seen giving everybody only half a smile, Aloha Committee Chief JANE TOMOMITSU devastated by the shingled with the same for yours truly, and the latest to join the club being the better half of the HEIRAKUJIs - SALLY. Since we got so many ailments floating all around, might be a good idea to have a night of lecture on various human ailments to keep one and all on their toes in the future. All those who oppose this idea just raise your hand and stay home so you don't end up catching anything?

Finally was able to take this get-away-from-it-all as it was on to the tax-paying city in October. As usual, the place was just packed with an endless array of the "bakatare" Hawaii gamblers with NOBU KIMURA flying all the way down from Minnesota to indulge in his favorite passtime. On this same flight was Easy Company's "FLY" TAMASHIRO and his wife. Also ran across MAE KOHASHI roaming all over the town with her sister, and bumped into STELLA SHIMABUKURO who must have been hitting it

good as she was all smiles roaming around the casino. Got word that ROGER KATSUTANI might be dropping in, but never got to see him. Paid our usual taxes and came home from this 4 night junket. NOBU must have gone directly to his to sell more vegetables to make up for his losses, unless by a miracle, he hit a big one before departing to the ice country. Also ran across the NAGATA's who were there to celebrate MASA's 90th birthday. Happy birthday, MASA. May you have many more.

Till' the next one, keep 'em happy and better yet, keep 'em smiling. Anytime someone tells you that the fishes are not biting, better look up TAD OKUDA who I head is still reeling in the big ones time and time again.



October's ill wind
Knows not when's a time to live
Forgive its cruel Scheme

Dear Matt,

I remember the day we talked about going to Bruyeres, France in 1994 and you were planning to go to Japan first. You and George were the first to pledge to go with our group before we could ask anyone else. How word travels. I guess you smelled a reunion in the air and I know how you loved to attend reunions. You and Yas KAWASHIMA never missed a reunion once you got the taste of reunions. You two would come to reunions for the slightest excuse. You also visited friends throughout the U. S. for any reason to be near your friends.

When MICH and I visited with you, you couldn't do enough for us. You unselfishly showed us the State of Washington even though you knew you had to have the cancer removed from your prostate as soon as we left. You kept it a secret to avoid spoiling our vacation. We were so

happy to see you recover and come back to Hawaii. Of course you came down with the hives again and my brother-in-law treated you again. I even gave you some "Hosenka," the Hilo cure-all for any kind of allergy.

You and Yas were the quietest while you enjoyed watching others have fun. You were inconspicuous but we all knew you were there. In reunions to come we will feel your presence and share our thoughts with you- so be there! We'll miss you and Yas and some might say that the reunions will never be the same. I doubt that very much since I know you'll be there.

Aloha always,

Your loving friends,

The Men of Company F

Everyone Loves a Party

President JOE TANAKA was more than receptive when the members said, "Let's have a party." They also motioned that the club pays for its members and wives. Never had such a unanimous opinion. JOE went one better by including two drinks per person gratis. Andrews Restaurant was the perfect setting for a gathering like this. They all came with big smiles and big appetites.

The menu were fresh Ulua or filet mignon. Lavosh, huge salad, soup, rice or potatoes were enough to pop your eyes. They even placed huge dishes of pupus along the length of the table. Of course the desert nearly popped our buttons but they still ate and ate because those who didn't drink gave their chits away and the drinkers thought they had to use up the chits, otherwise, ho ho, (waste) eh? It was one of the more enjoyable outings in a long time.

Those who enjoyed were: DOROTHY AND RICHARD MURASHIGE, MICH AND SHINAKO TAKATA, TOMMY AND MAY TAMAGAWA, RON AND MICH OBA, SHIGE AND ROSE HIGA, ROY KUBO, MINEO INUZUKA, CHIKAKO SHIMADA, PAUL AND CLARA YAMASHITA, BILL AND AUDREY TANAKA, JOE AND SHARON TANAKA, UICHI USHIJIMA, JO OKAZAKI, AND DANNY AND ELSIE HOKAMA

President's Trophy - What Else, Golf!

Fifteen participants and guests hacked away at the Leilehua Golf Course for a low net of 73; guest DAVID shot net 72 but no count. We started off fairly quietly and composed but at one point TOMMY was yelling so loud, "Call the Marshall, Call the Marshal," we thought there was a fight with some soldiers across the fence. When we found out that his cart was ready to die, we gave a sigh of relief and nonchalantly continued to play our own game. C'est la Vie! There were prizes galore - better than AJA prizes. Bill made sure that everyone had a ball to carry home.

Overall - JOE TANAKA AND BILL TANAKA -TIE at net 73

(President's trophy and a dozen balls, plus money)

3rd. DAVID IRITANI, GUEST, NET 72 10 balls

4th. SHIGE HIGA NET 75 8 balls

5th, 6th, 7th. Tie: MICH TAKATA, RON OBA, DOC

IRITANI, ROY JR., MAURICE OKITA net 77 4 balls

Front 9 BILL TANAKA 34 1/2 \$38

Back 9 ROY IRITANI, SR. 35 1/2 \$38

GREENIES DAVID # 5 and 11, Bill #2 3 balls each donated into 5, 6, 7th.

TEAM CALCUTTA

ROY JR, JOE TANAKA net 66 \$70

RON OBA, SHIGE HIGA 69 \$35

DAVID, HICHI MATSUMOTO 69 \$35

TOSHI TSUKAYAMA won the door prize donated by BILL-grips and installation.

November Meeting

President JOE TANAKA called the meeting specifically to go over the European trip in 1994. A 21 day trip including flight time seem so enticing it makes you drool at the itinerary planned like a pro. The group start via AIR NEW ZEALAND on Sept. 29 to arrive in Donauwoerth, Vienna, Berchtesgaden, Salzburg, Venice, Rome, Florence, Nice, Lucerne, Strasbourg,

Biffontaine, Bruyeres, Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Wiesbaden, Frankfurt, Honolulu. Hew! Takes your breath away.

Resch Tours Inc. will be handling the itinerary and JOE will have a committee to decide on the makeup of the group with a limitation of 40 in the entourage.

RON OBA also announced that he and LIZO HONMA will be taking a group of 30 under arrangements made through JEAN BIANCHETTI of Biffontaine. Theirs will be a 23 days' tour with three days of air time and limited to the 30 people already signed up. They will start from Paris to Burgundy by the back roads to Avignon, 3 days in Nice, Pisa, 2 days in Rome, 2 days each in Florence, Venice Brescia-Como, then to Lausanne, Gerardmer for 4 days including Biffontaine-Bruyeres, Alsace and Paris for 4 days before returning. We'll also be presenting two wreaths at Bruyeres and one at Biffontaine. Carlson and Resch will be donating the wreaths for this occasion. We anticipate a trip to reminisce for years to come.

In Memorium

Our deepest condolences to the families of MATT MIKAMI, SHIRO DOHARA, YAS KAWASHIMA AND THE ICHIMOTO s.

DAGGIE TANAKA of Maui will be missed by all of us.

Sick Call

HIRO TAKUSAGAWA informs that FRANK MORIMOTO is doing O.K. after a prostate procedure. Our good friend HERB SASAKI of Hattiesburg had a close call at the GO FOR BROKE, NVA meeting in Las Vegas with a leaking aneurysm. Two doctors present nearby probably helped save his life. He is at home recuperating after a return to the hospital for a few days. MUNRO SHINTANI is also recuperating from a hip replacement - he must be living a blessed life since the Kona reunion.

Maui FOX Fables

Taps

DAGGIE TAKETOSHI TANAKA expired on September 24, 1993. He was an active member of the 442nd Veterans Club on Maui as well as the Maui AJA Veterans, Inc. He served in many capacities during his working days as well as after his retirement. He served in the Aloha Committee as chairman since he was the supervisor of admittance at the Maui Memorial Hospital. Every member who was confined at the hospital from the above clubs was taken care of with "Omi Mai." He did it very diligently and kept him busy doing his work as well as assisting our clubs. After retirement he took a part-time job of driving Japanese tourists through Maui. This has tremendously improved his Japanese "Kai Wa" language and started to use it on us occasionally. Cancer has taken his life from this jolly, friendly, and helpful person. It is very difficult to express in words how much we members will miss him. We do wish to express our sympathy to Blossom and her family.

Confinement

TAKAO ITO is recuperating and exercising at home. He was confined at the Maui Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Hale Makua for therapy. Made a few trips to the hospital as well as Hale Makua and found him in good humor and was going through therapy diligently. He tells me, "I sweat every time I do therapy, I've got to over-stretch myself." But, I told him see what's happening to you, you have shown mark improvements. While leaving Hale Makua he walked me to the front entrance instead of using the wheelchair. I told him, you won't be long before I find you at the golf course. Please don't bust me up! He naturally smiled as we parted. He is at home at present and occasionally finds him shopping with his wife DOROTHY. A much speedy recovery!

AVEY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

The Story of Maui's Sons and Daughters of the 442nd

Maui's Sons and Daughters of the 442 was founded by LEONARD OKA of Kahului, Maui, Hawaii. As his son, BRANDON was the grandchild of two 442 veterans, CLARENCE H. OKA and MASARU TANAKA, both of Company Love. LEONARD felt that his son deserved the right to know of his proud heritage.

In 1981, LEONARD brought his idea of a sons and daughters group to the Executive Council of the Maui 442 Veterans Club, after discussing it with his father. President TED TAKAMASTSU and the membership approved the idea, and on March 16, 1981, the first meeting of the Maui Sons and Daughters of the 442 was held. Approximately 10 young people attended. At the 1982 joint installation meeting, the officers for this fledgling group were sworn in by U.S. Senator SPARK MATSUNAGA. Taking office for this first full of the new administration were: President LEONARD OKA; Vice-President RNAD ROBINSON, BRIAN NAKANO, and BYLES KAWAHARA; Secretary JUNE YAMAMOTO, and Treasurer GARY WASANO. Elected as directors were KARL ARAKAKI, GARY NAKAMA, FLOYD NAGOSHI, EMILYN FUJINAKA, and MELVIN TERAQ.

In their search for more information, the members realized that many of the memorabilia that the veterans had from their war experiences was slowly disappearing. But the Sons and Daughters did not feel comfortable asking for donations of such artifacts until they had a safe place to store them. Thus, MILES KAWASAKI chaired a committee to find a permanent home for the memorabilia. With the help of Mayor HANNIBAL TAVARES, Alexander & Baldwin was approached about donating a parcel of land for a permanent site. And on March 12, 1987, with the continued help of people such as ROBERT PFEIFFER, PHIL VIERRA, ZUKE MATSUI, SUGURU TAKAHASHI, TOSHIO "NANCY" ENDO, HIROSHI ARISUMI, LEONARD OKA, and the committee chair and members, 2.024 acres of land in Wailuku, Maui were deeded over to the Maui Sons and Daughters. This property