

will someday be used as a community center, offices for other non-profit organizations, as well as a library and museum dedicated to preserving the sacrifices made by the Issei and the Nisei to assure a better life for future generations. Thus far, the planning process is proceeding. The rezoning, SMA, and urban design procedure have been approved by the County Government Agencies, while the structural permits, traffic and drainage processes. The finance committee, meanwhile, is working together with the public relations committee in canvassing for contributions from businesses, communities, and fellow veterans to support this major project.

From that first meeting in March of 1981, the organization has grown to approximately 100 members. Other than annual family gatherings, the organization has also begun to collect books, photos, and videos that encompass not only the Nisei veterans, but the total Japanese experience in Hawaii. They have also worked on a oral history of the Maui veterans. It has been our calling to assure that this valuable information of the past can continue to have a lasting impression for our future. We must continue to "Go For Broke."

Kauai *Fables*

I must do this. The president of the 442 organization called me to have something for November even if it seems like idle prattle; so here goes.

Thanks, RON, for letting me know of MATT MIKAMI's passing. I would not have known, otherwise. We will surely miss those guys.

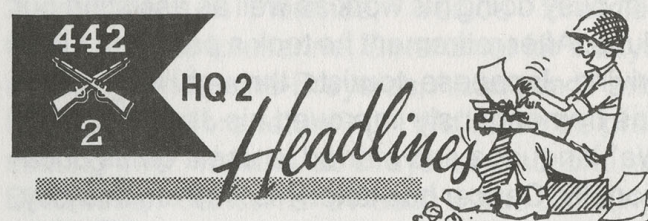
Thank you also for the photo of the guys taken at the teahouse on chapter night. I must add that you guys still look handsome. Flattery will not get me anywhere; I may as well stop right here.

I was coming out of Star Market in Lihue when I met KENSEI HIGA going in to spend his millions. KENSEI and TOMOYE looked well and he told me that he was feeling O.K. It was one of those busy days before Thanksgiving, so we

did not chatter too long. But KENSEI is always the cheerful, courteous, gracious gentleman.

After Thanksgiving I bumped into the other cheerful gentleman inside the same store. MASA AGINA was walking around with basket which was empty. MASA brags to me that he is the official chef for his daughter while he is staying with her, but on that particular day, I could not tell you what he had in mind for supper. MASA has not started the reconstruction of his house. BERNICE has her house back to better and is busily at work at flowers forever.

The Season's best to one and all from beautiful Kauai.



Chapter News

The HQ 2nd Bn held their September meeting on the 10th at the Silver Dragon restaurant. This meeting, featuring toothsome Chinese cuisine dripping with cholesterols, was a guys and gals affair. KAZU TOMASA handled the arrangements. In attendance were: TOSHI & GRACE HAYAMA, HISAKO HIGUCHI, LIPPY HIGUCHI, LARRY & VIOLET ISHIDA, HERBIE & SUE ISONAGA, JOYCE MASUNAGA, RICHARD NAKAMURA, TAKASHI OKAMURA, KENNY & VIVIAN SARUWATARI, FRANCES SATO & daughter EDYNN, LICE SUGI, MORISO TERAOKA, KAZU & MICHELLE TOMASA, ROBERT & HISAKO UYEDA, MASA & EDNA YAMAMOTO, AILEEN YONEMORI, and new members of our HQ 2nd Bn family: NORA KUWAYE and CAROLODA. NORA and CAROL are sisters of WILFRED NISHIMURA. As the guys recall, WILFRED trained with the Anti-Tank platoon bozos in Camp Shelby. He was with the first group of 442nd men sent as replacements to the 100th Bn. KENNY SARUWATARI was also part of this first contingent. Sad to say but WILFRED, after fighting in Italy from Anzio to Pisa, became an early casu-

alty in the battle for Bruyeres.

WILFRED's sisters met the HQ 2nd Bn boys during the Punchbowl memorial service which signaled the end to the unforgettable 50th anniversary of the 442nd RCT. The sisters appeared on TV as part of the media coverage of the memorial service. SUS YAMAMOTO, who knew the NISHIMURA family from way back, and BILL THOMPSON chatted with the sisters during the TV interview. However, SUS did not appear in the edited TV clip as the camera focused on BILL. SUS is still gnashing his teeth over this slight. As BILL puts in, if you got it....!

And from it's a small world department, RICHARD NAKAMURA admits NORA was his classmate. And TAKASHI OKEMURA likewise confesses that another of WILFRED's sisters, ELAINE, was his classmate. NORA and CAROL can feel at home and be part of the 2nd HQ Bn family now! Earlier, NORA & CAROL had made a donation to our Chapter. RICHARD, our president, expressed the thanks of our Chapter for the generosity and kind sentiments. He presented them with souvenir copies of the 50th Anniversary booklet. BILL THOMPSON missed the dinner as his right arm was "hors de combat."

After being AWOL for the past three months, BERT NISHIMURA came to our October meeting in time to re-set our dues to a more affordable rate. For the first time in recent memory, HERBIE ISONAGA (he with the stentorian voice) was out-voted, finally! A remarkable feat which did not go unnoticed. A planning committee for our December 18 clubhouse Christmas party was announced. KAZU TOMASA is the honcho for this affair which is always lively and the highlight of the year. Assisting will be LARRY, TOSHIO, TAKASHI, and BILL.

KAZU called his Christmas program aides for a strategy meeting. It turned out to be a "Bundles for Britain" affair. (Remember those days of 1939-42? The British were under siege by the Nazis and the Americans sent food, clothing, etc., to England calling it "Bundles for Britain." If you've forgotten, go to the library to jog your memory.) Well, KAZU and his gang each had something for MARGE THOMPSON's table, a

pot-luck lunch affair, so to speak. Who said watch your diet? Not when KAZU and his gang are in session.

At our November meeting, KAZU announced an all-American dinner: some "pake" noodles, some "buddhahead" okazu, a Hawaiian dish, and "haole" entree. A slide show of years past and singing of Christmas carols will round out the evening. Orchestral arrangements will be by the karaoke heartthrobs: KAZU & LARRY. Cry in your beer, SALTY MIZUTA!

News from the Mother Club

Next year's annual 442nd banquet will be held on Saturday, March 26, 1994 at the Ilikai Hotel, preceded by a morning memorial service at Punchbowl Cemetery. The City Parks Department is planning a mini-park honoring the 442/100/MIS veterans of WWII at the corner of Saratoga and Kalakaua in Waikiki. A new memorial hall has been added to the DAV complex at the Keehi Lagoon site. The club donated \$5,000 towards this worthy project. A \$60,000 appropriation has been made for the future maintenance of the clubhouse and apartments and new furniture for the club. New laminated Life membership cards will be distributed shortly to members. Now, fresh with their triumphs from the 50th Anniversary and the Aloha Week parades, they are planning to participate in the 1994 Hula Bowl opening program. Talk about motivation!

The big news is the impending 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres in October, 1994. Several tours catering to the special interests of the veterans are being planned. Carlson Travel Network is the official tour agency. In addition, we hear that a special tour re-tracing our WWII steps is in the planning stages. Veterans are asked to start their planning "toot sweet." This event promises to be the icing on the cake to all our anniversaries. Those seriously considering the trip include: ISHIDAS, OKEMURAS, TERAOKAS, and WALLY UEKI; others like QUANTO WATANABE are thinking it over for now. We wonder how many mainlanders are heading for the Old Mother Country? Oh, yes,

Maire ALAIN THIRION of Bruyeres has outlined the program for Sunday, October 15, 1994:

9:30 A.M. Church ceremony

10:20 A.M. Parade

10:30 A.M. Ceremony in front of Village Memorial dedicated to WWI and WWII heroes.

11:00 A.M. Ceremony at 442nd Memorial

11:30 A.M. Reception at City Hall

1:00 P.M. Official Lunch

4/5 P.M. Finish

On the day before, Saturday, October 14, *Maire* GEORGES HENRY of Biffontaine is inviting veterans to their anniversary program; details later. So, it's on to Bruyeres! *Vive le affaire du couer* between Bruyeres and the 442nd RCT!

News from Here and There

Mrs. HISAKO (HIRO) HIGUCHI has moved to Manoa from Halawa to take life a little easier. Living alone in a big home with steep steps calls for a change when age diminishes ones' physical capabilities. She will also be closer to her daughter and family; a treat when one is a grandparent.

World War II Revisited

Did you know that the morning report of HQ 2nd Bn dated December 26, 1944 while we were headquartered in Sospel contains the following:

"Usual defensive activities. Tec 5 Nakamura, Mail Clerk captured a German prisoner at outskirts of Castilon, 1100, 25 December 44."

Of course, Tec 5 NAKAMURA in the report in our Chapter president, RICHARD NAKAMURA. How about that - a German prisoner as a Christmas present for Capt. BERT NISHIMURA? Let's ask RICHARD if he did it with his bare hands! Who was more scared, he or the Tedeschi? Since it was Christmas Eve, we hope RICHARD, in the spirit of the season, boozed it up with the Tedeschi's spoils of war before turning him in. At any rate the Tedeschi turned out to be an ex-Luftwaffe transport pilot; he had been shifted into the German 253 Grenadier Regiment due to lack of planes. Read: American air superiority!

And speaking of Christmas 1994, part of the A-T platoon was stationed high up at Col de Braus guarding the treacherous winding mountain road which led down to Sospel. It was well in the evening when the CHAPLAIN, making his rounds, came to bring us his Merry Christmas and good cheer. We, of course, enjoyed the good cheer part the best. The boys had chopped down the telephone poles, which were bereft of wires, with rifle fire to provide wood for the fireplace. It was cold; in fact, we remember it started snowing a bit which made it very fitting that we sang "White Christmas" buoyed by the good cheer brought to us by our most thoughtful CHAPLAIN. God bless his good heart!

Did you know that NOBORU TOGIOKA, Sgt. in the Communications platoon, was our HQ 2nd Bn first battle award winner? He earned the Silver Star for gallantry in action on our first day of battle, June 26, 1944. The citation describes his heroic action in repairing essential communication lines cut by enemy mortar and artillery fire. He was wounded while performing this feat in full view of the enemy. And, besides the medal, NOBU was further honored as described in a 442nd Combat Team report:

"At another ceremony, the 2nd Battalion formed part of the Guard of Honor for King George VI of England, at Cecina. The King personally felicitated the members of the battalion who had earned the Purple Heart, and presented Silver Stars for gallantry in action to:

Sgt. HIDEO KAICHI Co. H

Sgt. NOBORU TOGIOKA HQ Co., 2nd

Bn

Pfc. PAUL TAHARA Co. E

Pvt. YEICHI FURUNO Co. E

And to top off that day on July 28, 1944, the Combat Team had a rare treat - a concert by Lily Pons with Andre Kostelanetz conducting. And so ends this trip down memory lane.



Mini-reunion in Las Vegas

As a follow-up to the Golden Anniversary Reunion in March of this year, a small reunion was organized by the Los Angeles G. Co. people in Law Vegas during September 21 to 23. The headquarters hotel was the Fremont Hotel in downtown Las Vegas.

The highlight of the reunion was a dinner at the Fremont Hotel Banquet Room on the 2nd floor on Wednesday night, September 22nd. Through the efforts of GEORGE NAKATSU from L.A., the dinner was set up with baby-back ribs as the main course. They arranged it through Tony Roma's Restaurant in Fremont Hotel. Although it was tasty and delicious, one had reservations about eating the ribs, with the meat and cholesterol, especially at our age, when we try avoid high cholesterol food. Nevertheless, we can rationalize and say that it was only once, so it was okay. Anyway, we enjoyed the dinner, although a number of the ladies couldn't finish their share, because of the big portions served to everyone. I'm sure AL AMII would have loved it if it were in Honolulu, because he could take the bones and traces of meat to his dog. We were all surprised to see the G Company banner which was used during our 50th reunion on the wall in the banquet room. I guess, we need to thank FRED IDA for carrying it all the way.

Although the attendance was much smaller than the 50th Reunion, it was surprising to see all those who were able to make it. There were 19 of us from Hawaii and 21 from the mainland. STANLEY SERIKAKU and his on BOB came all the way from Chicago, while the rest came from California except the FUKUIS were from Carson City, Nevada.

This type of reunion was good, because it didn't leave any time for dullness. Many of us spent lots of time in the casinos, gambling. Some of us were lucky, while others were leav-

ing "deposits" in Vegas for the next trip. I won a small jackpot on a quarter machine, for \$1250. Because of the amount won, the casino gave me an IRS form, so I'll have to report it on my income tax return next April. Others played craps, blackjack, roulette, poker machines, and a new game which FRED IDA participated in and has written something about it.

Although most of the people stayed at Fremont Hotel, some stayed at California, Four Queens, Golden Nugget, and El Cortez Hotels. The following attendees were there:

Hawaii: ALFRED/HELEN AMII, RICHARD/ MRS. AJIFU, KICHIO/ ROSE EBISUYA, HAROLD/JANE FUKUNAGA, HENRY HORII, FRED/DELORESIDA, GRACE ISHII, SHIGEMI/ BETTY ISHIZAKI, EDDIE/GRACE OCHIAI, TAKESHI ONUMA, and EDDIE/EMILY TAMANAHA.

Mainland: DOROTHY ASATO (TETS was playing in a golf tournament in Vegas at the same time), TAKI/ANN HANDA, BONES/.SHIZ FUJIMOTO, DEWEY/KIYO FUKUI, IKE IKEDA, MINOR/LILY MIYAZAKI, JIM/MASAYO MAKINO, TOM/SACHI NAKAMOTO, GEORGE/ MARY NAKATSU, YUKIO OKAMOTO, MARY KAWABATA, SUE NISHINAKA, STANLEY SERIKAKU, and BOB SERIKAKU.

FRED IDA's Story

There is a relatively new card game in Vegas called Caribbean Stud Poker. It is predicted that as it's popularity grows, every casino will have these tables.

FRED IDA introduced this game to TETS ASATO at the Four Queens, after dinner one evening. He sat at the table till 4 a.m. The next day they were scheduled to return home on a plane just before noon. DOT had to change reservations 4 times and finally left on the 7:25 p.m. flight, only because TETS had a shot-gun start the following a.m. at Mesa Verde Country Club at 7:30 a.m.

Was it the lure of the \$10,200 pay-off which he witnessed or the \$17,000 pay-off the day before? It's an addiction to a fascinating game with a good-sized jackpot.

Could it be that TETS was back in Vegas trying to catch that Royal Flush worth \$100,000?

Election of New Officers

New officers for 1994 were elected in the November chapter meeting. They are:

President - EDDIE OCHIAI

Vice-President - GRACE ISHII

Secretary - TAKETO KAWABATA

Treasurer - ALFRED AMII

Recollection of Wartime Days: SATORU GOTA and JOHN KIKUYAMA

SATORU remembers the first day of action as the day that Lt. Col. HANLEY was with their platoon. He thinks that Lt. Col. HANLEY was with them for about 3 days. He remembers that HANLEY told them to form a skirmish line and to attack, using the running and hitting the ground system. The funny part of that some of the 34th Div. guys were nearby and were laughing at them, so SATORU and his group felt embarrassed.

On the second day, they remembered passing a burning German tank and one 100th Bn guy was lying on the road, dead from the concussion of the tank blowing up. We later found out that guy was a former "C" Company (442) guy in Shelby, who trained with HAROLD FUKUNAGA. His name was GROVER NAGAJI.

JOHN KIKUYAMA remembers one incident during the first campaign when a detail had to go back to get the rations early in the morning. When they were returning, they stopped at one bridge spanning a small stream. No sooner had they dropped their load when the mortar fire came crashing down on them. They all dove into the stream and started walking upstream, to get away from the mortar fire. Strangely, the mortar fire kept following them. After traveling about 200 yards, the fire lifted. JOHN said that someone mentioned that an observation plane was flying above, so if it were an enemy plane, then it must have been directing the fire. After the mortar fire lifted, they saw some friendly troops (100 Bn). They were asked what they were doing there. They explained their episode, but

were told to retrieve the rations and deliver them to the rest of the Co., because they were depending on them. Like younger brothers, they agreed and retrieved their rations and carried them to the Co., even though it took them about 2 hours to catch up with the Co., which had moved out earlier.

SATORU and JOHN remembered Hill 140 as a place where so many guys were wounded or killed. JOHN was in the mortar squad, but they had their casualties as well. YOSHIWA got hit there and YAGI and HISANO got killed there also. SATORU saw Lt. TANAHASHI as one of the casualties. He saw him being carried back to me Battalion Aid Station. He heard that because the Lt. told the litter bearers to take the other wounded guys back first, he lost lots of blood and died at the Aid Station when they finally evacuated him.

On Hill 147 there were also many casualties. Among them were MASAO FUJII and TOMMY JITCHAKU who were killed. KIYOTO NAKAI was wounded in his face and ended up becoming blind. It was an unfortunate incident, because the c-ration can flew during the shelling and hit his eyes.

HAROLD FUKUNAGA remembered the combat patrol that they went on just before Pisa. The patrol included about 25 personnel and started at twilight and all day after that. They finally returned that night. They went as far as the air base in Pisa and returned without encountering any heavy enemy resistance. JOHN remembers that patrol also, because he was involved in it. They received a 34th Div. Citation for the patrol.

SATORU remembers the patrols that he went on by the Arno River near Florence. Once they were ambushed by the enemy and they had to pull back. Fortunately, they didn't suffer any casualties.

SATORU said that after the outfit moved back to Bagnoli, he had an accident, cutting his trigger finger with a C Ration can that he was trying to open. The gash was so severe that he was almost sent home. He remained in the hospital for about a month and a half. By the time he

rejoined the company, they were in Sospel. He remembers that while he was in the replacement depot, where all returnees are processed through, they were told that because the 442 did not want any replacements or returnees. He doesn't know why they refused him. Later, he thought that because the 442 was so heavily decimated from casualties in the Vosges Mountains, they didn't want any replacements or returnees to restore the strength to combat status. After 442 was released from 36th Div. and sent to Southern France, the replacement depot started to send replacements and returnees.

SATORU remembers the period in the Maritime Alps as a time for going out on patrols many, many times. This was attributed to ROCKY MATAYOSHI, their platoon sergeant, who felt that he needed to do more than his share of patrols and kill as many of the enemies as possible. At one time, the patrol was ambushed by the enemy, resulting in some being wounded. ROCKY carried his Lt. on his back up the mountain until they reached the platoon CP. They carried the Lt. back with the litter to the Co. CP, from where the ambulance was able to carry him to the hospital.

SATORU remembers that one of the newcomers to the Co. was given a pass to Paris, upsetting many of the old timers who had fought through several campaigns. He still doesn't understand why ROCKY allowed the newcomer to go on a treasured pass to Paris.

He also remembers TOMMY NAKAHARA, the medic assigned to the 3rd platoon as a good medic, who also had a sense of humor. He remembers one incident during the last Italian Campaign in the spring of 1945. He saw a dead German soldier and propped him up against a wall, as if he were sitting. He stuffed a lighted cigarette in his mouth, so that it appeared as if the dead German soldier were still alive. Many troops passing by couldn't figure out as to whether he was alive or not, so they would kick him, just to see.

He recalls that just before the war was over, they went by jeep and weapons carrier to inter-

cept German troops in the Po Valley. They were going by vehicle and without any enemy resistance, they were covering many miles per day. He said that they carried their own cook in HAORLD TOKESHI. They were going so fast and so far that they eventually in the mountains near the Swiss border. They came across some streams, which had lots of fish, so they would stop and throw grenades into the streams. The stunned fish would float on the water after the explosions, thereby enabling them to pick them up. They cooked the fish for dinner.

SATORU remembers that after the war, they were given passes to the Italian Riviera from Ghedi Airport, where they were guarding German prisoners. While at the Italian Riviera, they found out that the 34th Div. had trucks going from there to Nice every day. The trucks returned late in the afternoon. SATORU and his friends caught the truck and had a wonderful time drinking and carousing in Nice. They missed the truck going back to the Italian Riviera. As a result, one of the guys suggested going to the MP Hqtrs. and asking them to put them up for the night. The sergeant of the guards agreed, so they slept through the night in the cell. After they woke up the next morning, they tried to get out but couldn't, because the sergeant of the guard had changed shift and wouldn't let them out. They had no paperwork saying they were merely spending the night, and were not guilty of any wrongdoing. Finally, a 34th Div. Lt. came by, so they asked him to get them out, which he was able to arrange. He also gave a letter to the Co. Commander, explaining that they were in jail and how he got them out. SATORU said that they finally got back to the Italian Riviera and back to the Co. He said that he destroyed the letter.

When he was ready to leave Italy, someone told him that he looked very yellowish. He finally went to sick call and was sent to the hospital with a case of yellow jaundice. He spent about a month there and finally resumed going home.



The members of the Livorno Chapter paraphrases a well-known Hallmark greeting card message: "It is a joy this past Holiday season to extend to the 442nd Veterans Club family our sincerest mahalo and aloha for your friendship and to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!"

At our monthly dinner meeting held at the Likelike Restaurant on November 8, 1994, the following members were duly nominated and elected to serve for the ensuing year: President MINORU NAGASAKO; Vice President PAUL TAKAEZU; Secretary TAKAMORI MIYAGI; and Treasurer RAYMOND TANAKA. Please note that these members have served faithfully in their respective offices for a number of years. Their fellow Chapter members duly recognize their tenure in office and are grateful for their willingness to serve as our Chapter officers.

Chapter President MINORU NAGASAKO ended his travels for the calendar year 1993 by another quick business trip to Taiwan in November. Chapter Secretary TAKAMORI MIYAGI and KIKUYE thoroughly enjoyed their Nippon trip with ED FUJINAKA Travel Agency. They only regretted that the autumn foliage was not extensive. Treasurer RAYMOND TANAKA and MIMI visited Las Vegas as previously reported. MIMI did well at the Four Queens Casino hitting a thousand dollar jackpot on the dollar slot machine. RAYMOND charged off his Las Vegas investments as entertainment. Both RAYMOND and MIMI plan a trip to the New England states and beyond in early March of 1994. They also have on their busy travel schedule a trip to Exeter New Hampshire to attend grandson's BRENT YOSHIKAMI's graduation from the renowned Phillips Exeter Preparatory Academy in June. Their daughter, PAMELA MASUDA, successfully passed her Certified Public Accountant's

examination which she took in May of 1993 and was notified of her accreditation in August, 1994.

JERRY and ETHEL DOI had a family reunion scheduled for the Christmas holidays at Lake Tahoe. They departed Honolulu on December 4 and are to return home to Hawaii on February 13 in time to participate at the 442nd Veterans Club's annual memorial service and banquet. JERRY and ETHEL said they always look forward to visiting their grandchildren JOCELYN, age 3, NATHAN, age 7, and TIMMY, age 12, who reside in Sacramento with their parents DEBRA and JESSE HAHN. Their son, RUSS, and his family will be at Lake Tahoe to enjoy skiing with JERRY and ETHEL at their grand family reunion.

SUMIE and MASATOSHI MITANI had a wonderful trip to Australia and New Zealand in November. The 15-day trip was escorted by ROGER ARIYOSHI of China-Pacific Travel and covered visitations to Sydney and Melbourne cities of Australia, followed by north and south tourist areas of New Zealand. MASA said they especially enjoyed the beautiful scenery of New Zealand. He also remarked that the trip was enjoyable as his sixteen fellow travelers were very compatible. Both he and SUMIE are contemplating a trip to the People's Republic of China in the foreseeable future with ROGER ARIYOSHI.

JITSUO and RUBY KAWADA were unable to attend RUBY's family reunion at Lake Tahoe due to caring for JITS' ninety-five year-old Dad. Their oldest son and his family are residing in San Francisco. EUGENE, their eldest, is a construction estimator in the Bay area. The KAWADA grandsons are BRANDON, 2 1/2 years old, ETHAN, 4 years old, and KEVIN, who is 10. JITS and RUBY's other son, HOWARD is the proprietor of KAWADA's Custom Draperies as advertised in the Go-for Broke Bulletin.

MORIO and RACHEL OMORI visited RACHEL's roots in Yamaguchi Prefecture in October, 1993. Their two-week Nippon journey also covered the resort areas of Yuda and Hagi. Speaking of MORIO, a correction should be noted in the July-September issue of Go-For-

Broke Bulletin about MORIO's recruiting JAMES HIROSHI WATANABE for a three-year enlistment while stationed in the port city of Livorno. The article erroneously listed MORIO's rank as a Sgt., when he actually was a Master Sergeant, the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The Chapter Reporter should have proofread the article prior the publication. Sorry MORIO! Prior to being sent home the European theater, due to the point system, COLONEL PENCE, the Regimental Commander, tried to entice MORIO in remain in the Army, offering him a direct commission as a Captain. MORIO declined, as he was most anxious to return home to RACHEL.

We regret to report that our "sick-call" list continues to include both Chapter past presidents, KATSUMI SAKOTANI and WILFRED WATANABE. KATS is currently residing at the Aloha Health Care Center, 45-545 Kamehameha Highway in Kaneohe. KATS broke his hip in a fall last year which aggravated his physical condition. WILFRED is still hospitalized at Kaiser Hospital's long-term care unit. Unfortunately, there is no improvement in WILFRED's physical condition. Chapter members are encouraged to visit both WILFRED and KATS. Speaking of "sick-call" JERRY YAMAMOTO had to suffer another knee surgery at Kuakini Medical Center late summer of 1993. JERRY has been hospitalized so often at Kuakini they should dedicate a recovery room to him.

On a more happy note, JITSUYOSHI NAKANDAKARE has been able to join his fellow Chapter members at our monthly dinner meetings since he sold his meat-market business. The Livorno Chapter monthly dinner meetings, held at Likelike Restaurant, are now held on the first Monday evening of each month. Invariably we have a good turnout of sixty to seventy five percent of our membership present to enjoy camaraderie to talk story.

HARRY and NANCY SEKIYA, the world cruise travelers, are the first Livorno Chapter members to sign up for the 442nd Mediterranean Cruise next fall. The Carlson Travel Network, through its local affiliate, World Class Travel, has ar-

anged for those interested in attending the Bruyeres and Biffontaine ceremonies prior to the ship cruise to do so at an additional cost of six hundred dollars.

Chapter Secretary TAKAMORI MIYAGI represented the Livorno Chapter at the December luncheon meeting of the 442nd Veterans Club Board of Directors. Chapter President MINORU NAGASAKO and Vice-President PAUL TAKAEZU were both unable to participate due to their gainful and busy employment. By the way, TAKAMORI's son MICHAEL, was very busy during the Yuletide season decorating the city streets as a licensed electrician. TAKA's grandson, BRANDON, was the class vice-president last year at Maryknoll School. TAKAMORI was again called upon by the Property and House Rules Management Committee to paint the new showcase in the clubhouse.

PAUL TAKAEZU's famous ceramic art professor sister at Princeton University, TOSHIKO TAKAEZU, had her beautiful artistic creations displayed at the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce's jury show and the Honolulu Contemporary Museum. Professor TAKAEZU took good care of Chapter President NAGASAKO's daughter LYNN, when LYNN first matriculated at Princeton, breaking the old male students-only barrier thereat. MINORU and MITSUYE NAGASAKO are forever grateful to Professor TAKAEZU for her kindness. Professor TAKAEZU's ceramic bowls have been purchased by a number of world art museums at a cost of five figures.

ARRIVADECI!



FRED HIRAYAMA the prime mover for the 522nd Bruyeres trip had formed a production line at the clubhouse to fold the itinerary brochures, enclose in envelopes and paste on addresses. His

hard working crew were: STAN KANESHIRO, NEIL NAGAREDA, HAROLD UEOKA, BIGGIE NAKAMURA, JOE OBAYASHI, SAM HIRONAKA, SADA HIGA, KOKOMO HOKAMA, HARRY TOKUSHIGE. Even had MARY KOSASA there to — lick the envelopes?

The freebie reunion pictures you received were put together by FRED HIRAYAMA and HENRY ISHIDA and mailed to individuals. This reminder by HIROMI FUJIWARA. A Meritorious Service Award with their next performance rating and "attaboy" from RAYMOND S. & YONEKO YONEMURA of San Jose, CA who appreciated them so much they would like to make a small donation to the Baker Chap. Also from JIM & AIKO SHIKASHIO of Blackfoot, Idaho who sez "Thank you! Thank you! for the precious mementos of a very precious reunion!" They were so happy, they donated \$30.00 to help the photographers. Here's another one. This one from KAZ & SHIGEKU KURODA of Nampa, Idaho who had to receive medical releases and permission to travel to attend the reunion and that the reunion committee helped them to enjoy the reunion. They too made a little contribution to the chapter.

Site check - or as the golfers would say, "going out to check some real estate." This site check on 9 Oct was to look at two sites at Fort DeRussy and to select one for a mini-park. Upon this park will be erected a monument and plaque to honor and memorialize, for future generations in Hawaii, the experiences and sacrifices which all AJA veterans undertook. This was the brainchild of Councilman ANDY MIRIKITANI, who introduced a resolution to establish a mini-park and secured a budgetary request from \$50,000; and JUDY WEIGHTMAN and LINDA MENTON who are volunteers with the Hawaii Holocaust Project which has been documenting the 522nd for the past eight years.

The designated representatives of various AJA units with FRED HIRAYAMA, STAN KANESHIRO, NEIL NAGAREDA, HIDEO NAKAMINE, DON SHIMAZU representing the 522nd met with Councilman ANDY MIRIKITANI and Mr. HOWARD E. BOONE, Construction

Project Manager representing Ft. DeRussy. The sites are both 5,200 sq.ft. about half the size of the practice green at the Ala Wai G.C. and within the boundaries of Fort DeRussy. One site is the corner of Kalia and Paoa Place and the other at the corner Kalakaua Ave. and Saratoga Rd. At this writing, the consensus is for the site fronting Kalakaua.

Such instantaneous response to the Bruyeres tour! FRED HIRAYAMA, head honcho for this project sez the two busloads are already filled. Of course there are several other tours going every which way and scheduled to meet at Bruyeres for the ceremony. You put your money down and take your pick but if you wish to go with the 522nd, do not sit idly but take pen in hand and get with it.

Oct 1993

Dinner meeting and "wives' night out" at the clubhouse. Nah! "Wives night out" should be more elegant than going to the clubhouse and eating bento. Let's just say meeting with bento which was a generous heaping for \$6.00. We have FRED HIRAYAMA and STAN KANESHIRO to thank you for finagling this from Taniguchi store. Wives were included for the input and questions re: Bruyeres trip. It turned out to be a wise move 'cause otherwise MARTHA INOUE would not have made all those plates of apricot mochi. 50 present and accounted for including DORIS MORI, twin sister of PEGGY OBAYASHI. The URADA's signed up but were AWOL.

Guest speaker for the night was SHARKEY KOBATAKE, advocate of better health maintenance through Sokushindo, the do-it-yourself Chinese foot massage therapy. From the rapt attention to his lecture and demonstration by those present indicates that many are of that age beset with minor - some major - aches and pains. ROY OKUBO sitting there with his foot up was used for the demonstration. Next was ELLEN KUNIHIRO's turn since she is recovering from the surgery on her knee. Howzit? Are you able to throw away your walking cane now? The question on many but was afraid to ask till NEIL NAGAREDA asked was "Will it help the sex

life?" The answer was "yes." Requests for SHARKEY's lecture and demonstration will increase on the senior circuit from now.

Tsk Tsk

While everybody is going to Europe, the SHIMAZU's are going the opposite way to China. Why? In the words of Sir Edmund Hillary, "Because it's there." Besides the SHIMAZU's have been to Europe several times. President CLINTON will not like you raising the economy of a country which does not recognize human rights. KIYOSHI OKANO after perusing the Bruyeres itinerary is thinking of dropping out because the trip is too much "go, go, go" leaving Y.T. without a bunkmate.

Etcetera

The NAKAKURAS, OBAYASHIS, MILDRED HARA, her mom and sisters recently made their pilgrimages to an oasis in the desert to place monetary offerings. None of them admitted that the gods smiled upon them with richness. But being staunch devotees, they will keep on going and going and going. Perhaps they should change their icons to a frog with open mouth.

FLORENCE HORIE donated three bottles of Chivas Regal to the Baker Chapter. You can be sure it will be put to good use at the Christmas Party. Thanks and here's looking at you! Hic! Put ROCKY TANNA on the disabled list with a sore back which he claimed he got from trying to reach the green on two at the par 5 18th hole. More than likely this devoted grandfather wrenched his back by carrying his grandchildren when he visited them in CA. GRACE and ALLEN NAKAMURA of San Diego were in town to visit their parents' grave and to spend some time with their grandchild. Don't strain your back.

KEN "CANNONBALL" KAWATE was in the news attending the get-together with PHILLIP MINN, boxing coach at U.H. CANNONBALL was named as one of the coach's outstanding boxers since he won the Golden Gloves light-weight title of the state of Hawaii, or was it the Territory of Hawaii?

Scorecard by ROCKY

20 Sept @ HCC

After the dust cleared and the chips and putts fell where they may, there were only two left to vie for the club championship. TEIJI topped CANNONBALL 6 and 5 while BOYAN struggled to finish FRANCIS 1 up. The final should be an interesting match with BOYAN out to repeat last year's feat. Those who worked hard for the ILN (individual low net) got their paychecks. First at the pay window was TEIJI followed by BIGGIE, BOYAN, DON, LARRY, and TOKU. BIGGIE got a bonus because he was the Ace of the Month.

CPs on the par 3's: #4 BOYAN, #8 TED and LARRY took #3 and #11.

4 Oct @ 93

An extra tourney thrown in to give the non-winners a chance to hit the jackpot — and voila! MITS KUNIHIRO who's been nicht, nada, niente, but steadily improving his game finally hit pay dirt. Shall we chop 10 strokes off his 55 handi? BOYAN, STAN, LARRY, BIGGIE, TOKU followed in that order.

Two-man combi net naturally had to go to hotman MITS and TOKU. STAN/TEIJI were second and BOYAN/JOE took the leftover monies. It pays to have a good partner, right JOE?

CPs on the par 3s: #4 Y.T., #8 TED, #13 BOYAN, #17 LARRY. All the CP Winners donated their winnings back to the club. The Club thanks you. You're welcome. KON KON brought a box full of donuts. Even the glazed type as requested.

18 Oct 93 @ HCC

Ta ra ta ra! All hail BOYAN the club champ for 1993. This is a repeat for him and he got this on a silver platter because TEIJI defaulted. Still, given BOYAN credit for having fought his way up to this position. Ace of the Month is ROY O. because Y.T. is a previous winner. Other winners of the ILN were LARRY, TOKU, and MITS.

CPs on the par 3: #4 FRANCIS, #8 BOYAN, #13 TOKU, #17 MITS. ALLEN NAKAMURA of San Diego participated in this tourney but was not eligible to win any prizes because he's a visiting pro. Also not eligible for prized due to lack of established handi is STAN SAKAI, the