

On behalf of everyone in M. Co., we - ZUKE MATSUI, KINGO KANECHIKA, KENICHI UMETSU, ERNEST KAMISATO and I - saluted our comrade and combat officer, Lt. R.J. POTTER. May he forever rest in peace.

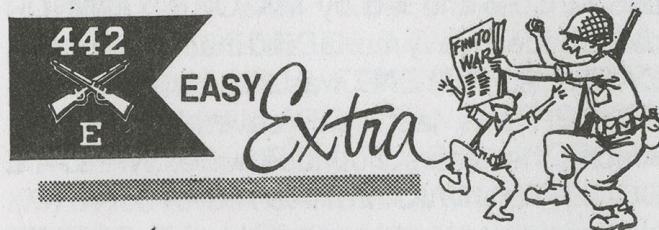
My deepest thanks to all three of you for sharing with us your experiences during the 50th anniversary reunion at Bruyeres and Biffontaine.

Mainland Visitors

We had a surprise visitor from California in the person of HIROSHI YAMASHIRO who visited us at our regular monthly meeting in November. HIROSHI used to suffer from aches and pains when he was here in Honolulu but he says, "Ever since I moved to California, all the aches and pains have disappeared. Lucky go California!" It was nice to see HIROSHI again just two weeks after at our reunion in Las Vegas.

Tis the Season to be Jolly

So without further ado, a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1995!



by TERUO IHARA

This last quarter has been, to say the least, a very uneventful three months. The October meeting was canceled because the 442 meeting room was being carpeted. November was election night so this writer had other obligations with a brand new State Senator, LES IHARA, JR. Because of the elections, this writer was constantly in the thick of things, i.e. campaigning for his nephew like waving signs at important intersections, walking the district delivering campaign materials and generally involved in strat-

egy meetings at night.

Most of the members of the Chapter received political cards asking for their votes in the gubernatorial elections. Most know where my allegiance is and my request of them were one of many each member received in this most important Hawaii State election since 1954. Unlike what happened in states across the Union, Hawaii remained solidly Democratic.

How can this be? Hawaii is a Democratic state but the fact that there was a three-way race in the gubernatorial election insured a Democratic victory. Furthermore, the Democrats were better organized and campaigned as a team from top to bottom. This fact in itself helped in the election of the gubernatorial team as well as its congressional candidates.

Enough about politics except to say that in a small state like Hawaii which has a very centralized form of state government, it behooves all citizens to take an interest in government or we all can lose the good life that we now enjoy.

Every chapter was fortunate to have the Executive Director and General Manager, MS. GAIL MIYASAKI, as guest speaker for its September dinner meeting at Flamingo Chuckwagon. As is always the case, attendance at the meeting was very good and all enjoyed the presentation of the only Asian women to head a public television station in the United States of America. It certainly is a distinction for Hawaii which selects its leaders in terms of ability and leadership qualities mindful of my consideration of gender, ethnicity, and age. Hawaii has changed so much that our generation has opened gates so that anyone who aspires to something can achieve that goal. It will take perseverance, hard work, and a modicum of luck. So our children and grandchildren can reach for the moon.

In October, Easy Company lost one of its original volunteers from Maui. He is the late MASANAO "COWBOY" HASEGAWA. He was in the first platoon, third squad. He is survived by wife SHIGEKO and two sons and a daughter.

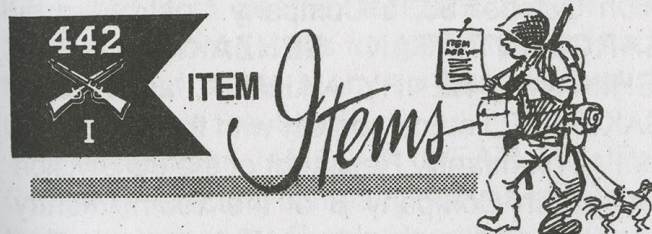
Another Easy Chapter member is ailing. He is BOBBY MAEDA. MAUI OKAMURA reports that BOBBY was in the intensive care unit at Kuakini

Hospital but is now recuperating from problems of debilitating body functions and will welcome visitors.

HIROSHI OKADA is well and inquisitive as ever. He looks physically very well despite his problems with glaucoma and one useless eye.

LEFTY SUGIHARA won all the marbles at the recent 442 Retiree annual dinner party held at Wah Kung Restaurant in Kalihi. He won the average low gross, average low net, as well as the only golfer with a perfect attendance record for the year. He still plays with the lowest handicap in the club and manages to win his share of tournaments. Other golfers in the club are NEKA MATOI, MAUI OKAMURA, MASAMI DOI and yours truly. All the above have respectable handicaps except the unnamed last.

With the year coming to a close, this writer thanks all who have contributed to his quarterly report. He also wishes all the best of holiday greetings. Aloha!



by BRUNO YAMADA

Mini-Reunion

All 236 participants to the 1994 I Company "Mini-Reunion" in Las Vegas were able to bivouac at the Four Queens Hotel/Casino on September 29 to October 3, 1994. Thanks to KAREN HARIMOTO of Travel Adventures who had scrounged for 118 rooms from convention sales manager LESLIE JOHNSON to accommodate the overflow crowd.

Biggest treat was the hospitality room at the north wing, Royal Pavilion, which was huge enough to take care of the entire group for four days. RICHARD & NICKY OSHIRO were in charge and what a super job they did scheduling, preparing, and ordering all the good food and beverages.

The banquet at the King's Pavilion was the highlight and it was handled very well by the LA group. It really was fit for a king. DICK SHINTO MC'ed the program and assisted by JIM YAMASHITA and CHAMP SUZUKI. Very talented performers from Chicago and other eastern states, Seattle, Southern Cal., Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii as well as Oahu.

ARNOLD SUZUMOTO opened the program with a very touching speech thanking JIM YAMASHITA, ED YAMASAKI and everybody involved in the eulogy honoring his dad, MINORU.

The dinner, consisting of chicken Marsala, roast beef, seafood Newburg, and all the trimmings, was onolicious according to YUKI and YONG CHA of Kauai.

Golf

Golfing at Angel park and the Las Vegas Golf Club drew fifty-five golfers each day (43 men & 12 ladies) and one blokie (me.) Anyway, FRANK SHIMADA and JIM YAMASHITA had everything under control with all the prizes well distributed.

Men (for the 36 hole "A" flight)

1. BOB SAKAMOTO (138)
2. MILES ITAKURA (142 (SABURO's son)
3. SAB FUJITA (146)

(For the 36 hole "B" flight)

1. FRANK KINOSHITA (121)
2. AKIRA ITO (133)
3. HIDE TAKAHASHI (136)

LADIES: Angel Park (No scores)

1. BARBARA NAGAREDA
2. NAE FUJITA

Las Vegas Club

1. ROSEANN SAKAMOTO
2. MARIAN YAMASHITA

As you can see, FRANK KINOSHITA was the outstanding golfer, shooting an incredible 121 net for two days. All of his winnings were donated to the reunion fund. Mahalo, FRANK!

Donations

While we are on the subject of donating, I was told to thank the following for their generous donations: The Seattle Item group, FRANK KINOSHITA, CHAMP SUZUKI, JAMES YAMANE, DR. RON MATSUNAGA, TOM ICHIKAWA, JOHN SADANAGA, JACK SULLIVAN, SLIM NAKAMURA, BRUCE WELLS, and JAMES NISHI.

Although food donations were tabu, NICKY said plenty was received and used - thank you all!

The reunion was very successful and memorable. A heartfelt thanks to everyone, especially to those who contributed their entertainment talents at the banquet.

It's too bad all good things had to come to an end but all the fun and memories will be cherished until our next reunion on October 22, 1995 at the same place. See you there!

Christmas Party

The annual Item Christmas Party should be history by the time you receive this Bulletin. CHAMP SUZUKI who will take over for MINO will try to maintain the status quo which reliable MINO established.

Our seventy members and their families are expected at the Victoria Inn on December 4. So far, 5 20-pound rice were donated by GEORGE TANDO of E Company.

Condolences

Item Chapter lost a dear friend when HIDEITO OTO, owner of Oto Service Station in Kalihi, passed away on October 16. A close companion of MINO SUZUMOTO, he used to sponsor our softball and bowling teams. Our deepest sympathies to the entire family.

50th Anniversary

MARIAN and LARRY ISHIKAWA returned from a Western European tour. They visited France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, and Portugal besides attending the 50th anniversary reunion of Biffontaine and Bruyeres. MARIAN said: "The ceremonies were touching and well handled!"

NOBO and ROSE IKUTA were in the same tour.

Also ran into TOM HARIMOTO and VIVIAN MIZUMOTO in Bruyeres. Other I Company members participating were: the LLOYD KURIHARAS, SHINICHI MUKAIS, JUNJI SHIROYAMAS, GEORGE TAKIZAWAS, KAMEO TOYOTAS, MIN YOSHIOKA and the LLOYD FUJITANIS.

Epilogue: Bruyeres, Biffontaine, Lost Battalion

Company I suffered heavy casualties during the battle of Bruyeres and Biffontaine and during the rescue of the Lost Battalion. From October 18, 1944 to November 11, it was minefields, tree bursts, atrocious weather, plus well dug-in snipers looking down our throats. ONE day prior to reaching the Lost Battalion, we lost Company Commander, CAPTAIN JOSEPH BYRNE, who was a great leader and admired by all. With no officers left, SARGEANT CLARENCE TABA took over the company.

On October 30, a Company I patrol led by SARGEANT TAK SENZAKI, LARRY ISHIKAWA, HENRY NAKADA, and MUTT SAKUMOTO made contact with the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment of the 36 Division along with Company B of the 100th Infantry Battalion on the right front. This was the first contact with the Lost Battalion.

By November 11, Company I had only four riflemen and a few members of the weapons section left. Company K was also with only seventeen riflemen. Members of our second battalion and the 100th Battalion paid the price too.

When GENERAL DAHLQUIST came to inspect the companies, he was flabbergasted when COLONEL VIRGIL MILLER, the Regiment's Executive Officer, told him: "That's all that's left!"

On November 17, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was detached from the 36th Division and ordered to Nice.

GENERAL DAHLQUIST sent a letter to COLONEL PENCE, telling him that every officer and man of the Division joined him in sending their

best regards and good wishes and would like to be honored by having the 442 back into the Division someday.

Had a chance to see "Our Hearts were Touched with Fire" at the University of Hawaii's Kennedy Theater. It's a world premiere about the 100th and 442nd Regiment written by EDWARD SAKAMOTO.

The play follows the lives of Nisei from Hawaii and the mainland before, during, and immediately after the turmoil of the war years. It was sad and yet humorous at certain parts. It sure touched my heart.

From 100th/442nd Newsletter

"The individual efforts and sacrifices made by the men of the 442nd are nothing short of heroic. Company I for example lost 28 killed and 205 wounded in action throughout the war. Among the wounded, 42 earned the oak leaf cluster for being wounded a second time, ten more earned two clusters, and Staff Sergeant SHIRO "KASH" KASHINO from Seattle, recipient of both the Silver and Bronze Stars for gallantry, also had five oak leaf clusters on his Purple Heart - unparalleled in the 442nd.

1st Lieutenant JAMES D. WEATLEY, JR., Company I's acting company commander, had three clusters on his Purple Heart when he was killed near Carrarra towards the end of the war. Company I had a number of outstanding officers like 1st LT. MIKE KRESKOWSY who was almost always up front with his Tommy gun, calling at the Germans like Munchkins from the Wizard of Oz, "Come out, come out, wherever you are!"

There were Captains JOSEPH GRAHAM, wounded on Hill 140 in Italy, and the 6 foot, 4 inch JOSEPH DAVID BYRNE, killed in action one day before the "lost battalion's" relief.

Company I Killed in action:

Pfc. NOBYUO AMAKAWA, Capt. JOSEPH L. BYRNE, Sgt. AKIRA FUKEDA, S/Sgt. SEIKICHI GANEKO, Cpl. EICHI HAITA, S/Sgt. JOHN HARANO, Pfc. TADAO HAYASHI, T/Sgt. GEORGE IKEDA, S/Sgt. BEN INAKUZA, Pvt. KOSAKU ISOBE, Pfc. TAKASHI ITO, Pfc.

YOSHIO IWAMASA, Pfc. FRED KAMEDA, Pfc. CARL MASUDA, Sgt. GORO MATSUMOTO, Pfc. ISAMU MINATODANI, Pfc. RICHARD YASUO MIYAMOTO, 1st Lt. DAVID MOSELEY, Pfc. YASUMITSU NAKANO, Sgt. JOHN OGAWA, Pvt. SUSUMU OKURA, Pfc. TAKEYASU ONAGA, Pfc. LLOYD ONOYE, Pfc. CHOYEI OSHIRO, Pfc. SAM OSHIRO, Pfc. TAKEO SATO, Pfc. YUKI SATO, Pfc. GORDON SHIMIZU, Pfc. JOE SHIOMICHI, Pfc. SHIGEO TABUCHI, Pfc. COOPER TAHARA, Pfc. IWAO TAKAHASHI, Pfc. MON TAKAHASHI, Pvt. SHIGETO TAKETA, Sgt. THOMAS TAMASHIRO, Sgt. LARRY TANIMOTO, Pfc. MASARU TASHIMA, Sgt. HARRY TOKUSHIMA, Pvt. THEODORE WATANABE, 1st Lt. JAMES WHEATLEY, Pfc. HARRY YAMASAKI, Pfc. CHIOYAKI YAMAUCHI.

I Co. Club of Southern California

The 1995 S. Cal. I Company cabinet will be headed by DICK SHINTO. TONI SAKAMOTO will continue on as Vice President, as well as BILL OKAZAKI as treasurer repeating. JIM MIYAMOTO will be our recording secretary, BILL MORITA our social Chairman, HARRY YOSHIMURA, chaplain & supply sergeant. TAK SENZAKI will be our chapter reporter to the 100/442 Association newsletter.

This is our first draft of 1995 calendar of events which will be voted on at our next meeting.

Sun, Jan. 8 @ 3:00 General meeting/Wives (442nd Hall)
Sat, Jan. 21 @ 12:00 442nd Installation (Torrance)
Sun, Feb. ? @ 1:30 Bowling Tournament (Gardena Bowl)
@ 5:00 Dinner and Meeting (TBD)
Sun, Mar 5 @ 3:00 General Meeting/Wives (442nd Hall)
Apr. @ ? 1st Rd I Co./Guests Golf (Los Amigos)
Apr./May ? @ TBD Dinner Meeting/Wives (TBD)
Thu, Jun. 1 @ 9:00 2nd Rd I Co./Guest Golf (Azusa Green)
Sun, Jun. 4 @ 3:00 General Meeting/Wives (442nd Hall)
Jul. ? @ 3 Rd I Co./Guest Golf (Whispering Palms)
Aug. @ 1:30 Family Bowling/Dinner (Fountain Bowl)
@ 5:00 Dinner/Meeting (TBD)
Sat, ESP ? @ 5:00 442nd Barbeque/Meeting (442nd Hall)
Sat/Sun, Sep 16 - 17 442nd Golf Club Weekender (Las Vegas)
Sept/Oct ? TBD Co I. Mini-Reunion (Las Vegas or Reno)
Sun Oct 8 @ 3:00 Election Meeting/Wives (442nd Hall)
Oct ? @ TBD Annual Installation Dinner (TBD)
Sun, Nov. 5 @ 3:00 General Meeting/Wives (442nd Hall)
Sun, Dec. 3 @ 3:00 General Meeting/Wives (442nd Hall)
Sun, Dec. 17 @ 3:00 Christmas Party (Lakewood C.C.)
(TBA: To Be Determined)

(442nd Hall: 1438 Oak St., Los Angeles)

L.A. 1995 442nd Golf Club Tournament Dates:

1/15	7/9
2/12	8/13
3/12	9/16-17
4/9	10/15
5/7	11/12
6/11	12/10



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

Tidbits

LIZO and YVONNE HONMA: Despite illnesses, LIZO was able to attend the Biffontaine Ceremony and given the honor by Mayor **GEORGE HENRY** to raise the American flag.

MITSUO AKIYAMA: Besides cleaning his backyard jungle of 3/4 acre, MITS keeps busy corresponding with us. "The Hawaii Herald of 11/4/94 mentions some fellows still buried at Epinal and I recognized two members of our company who are still buried there. Both belonged to the 4th Platoon or our Mine Platoon and they are **TERUO FUJIOKA** of Wyoming Relation Company and the Platoon leader, 1st Lt. **BEN ROGERS** of Arkansas. The 4th Platoon was made up mostly of mainland volunteers, mostly from Relocation Camps and there were only about 3 boys from Hawaii—S/Sgt. **MASAO AIZAWA** of Maui, Sgt. **EDWIN KOKUBUN** also of Maui and **MASAO HAYASHIKAWA** of Pahoia (Hilo). Lt. **ROGERS** was the only officer in our company Killed in Action. There were two other officers, Nisei officers—Lt. **SABURO MAEHARA** of Maui and Lt. **BOON TAKAGI**, from New York. Both got transferred to the 100th just before we went overseas and both got Killed in Action serving with the 100th Battalion."

SALLY NAKAMURA: In Biffontaine, SALLY met four of DONALD's friends from Kahuku. She wrote, "Every day of our trip was an adventure as it was the first trip to Europe for me. The places I went to—Monte Carlo and many other beautiful sites that I can't ever forget, only wished DON was there, too."

LOUIS FERRIS: Just celebrated his 80th! Congratulations former Co. Commander of 442nd! His generous donation to the Anti-Tank Co. of Hawaii is greatly appreciated. He wants to know if anyone hears or sees **ADOLPH** and **JOE COZ. LESLEY's** and his 3 children and 6 grandchildren are all physically healthy and successful. He wrote, "My retirement 18 years ago has been most pleasant and I have yet to be bored. The only bad item is that my golf game stinks, but I still get a great deal of fun playing my regular foursome on weekends."

Those attending a wonderful luncheon at the Pearl Country Club on October 26, 1994 were: **JERRY** and **ALICE AYABE**, Judge **MASATO DOI**, **KO** and **JANET HATA**, **HALO** and **KIYOMI HIROSE**, **WALLY** and **YORI KAGAWA**, **JACK** and **MARGARET KAGUNI**, **HOTSAUCE** and **THELMA MIZUSAWA**, **ADOLPH NAKAMURA**, **MARY SAKAI**, **CHILLY** and **IRENE SASAKI**, **PETIT SUZUKI**, **MINORU TATEISHI**, **HARRY TOKASHIKI**, **SHIROKU** and **AMY YAMAMOTO**.

CHILLY SASAKI: Photographs of the 50th Reunion of the Glider Invasion pictures were circulated by CHILLY the photographer.

WHITEY YAMAMOTO: "It was heartwarming to come back to Hawaii. It was hard to communicate. The trip was very nice. The weather cooperated. Saturday and Sunday at Bruyeres was perfect. 20 buses. To go to the memorial, the sky was clear. We were prepared for snow but the climate was wonderful. Flew to Frankfurt, Munich, Salzburg, Venice, Rome, Anzio cemetery. Drove to Florence and Pisa, Nice, Genoa, Sospel (beach by Nice where a submarine was

captured). There's a big monument of 442nd and 100th at the tomb."

MASATO DOI: Went golfing with his cronies in Vegas.

KAZUOKIYONAGA: Speaking of Vegas, that's where KAZUO went for his class reunion with WHITEY. KAZUO was the only healthy one on the Bruyeres trip until he got back. YVONNE HONMA commented that he was the "smiliest" one. Was it the wine tasting?

TAK HATTORI: "Anti-Tankers toured to the 442nd Bruyeres Reunion in October were M/MS KUNE HISATOMI, M/MS SEIJI OSHIRO, M/MS HENRY IKEMOTO, M/MS DAVE KAWAGOYE, M/MS MINORU KISHABA and RICHARD TAKAHASHI." One of TAK's "highlights" was having the privilege of test driving the General Motor's experimental electric car, a very nice-looking 2-seater that is probably the most advanced electric vehicle in the world...dual airbags,

air-conditioning, power everything, finest hi-fi, cruise control, anti-lock brakes...0 to 60 in 8.5 seconds. No engine noise or transmission shifting, just very smooth and quiet acceleration. I tested this car for 4 weeks. The 30 available cars in the USA will be rotated to other cities and tested for a couple of years."

Our condolences to ERNEST MARUYAMA whose wife, MARGARET passed away last September. They lived in Moreno Valley. Now ERNEST is in Nevada.

HENRY and MILDRED IKEMOTO: Recently went to Honolulu and ate lunch at Wisteria Restaurant with HARRY TOKASHIKI, JERRY AYABE, CHILI SASAKI, RICHARD MIYAKAWA, TSUNETO MIZUSAWA, WALLY KAGAWA, MASATO DOI, and OSCAR OMINE.

Mahalo to TAK, MITS, GEORGE and MALY for being our corresponding reporters. HAPPY 1995!

