

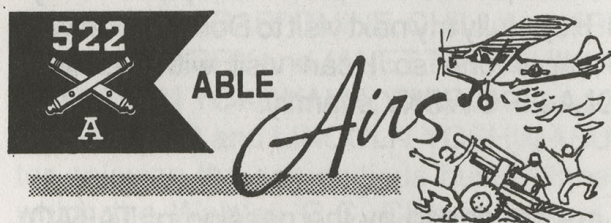
reality according to PAUL MATSUMOTO. TAY NOBORI of the No. Calif. "L" group came across as the savior in agreeing to host the hospitality room. It is now scheduled for October 12 - 16, with Four Queens Casino & Hotel as the headquarters. HIRO NISHIKUBO of LA and FRANK NOMURA of Las Vegas will handle the golf tournament. Those interested contact PAUL at 263 Hakakapiai St., Honolulu, HI 96825-3122. Phone: 1-(808)-395-3158.

Camp Shelby

At the January & February chapter meeting, the subject of the Homecoming & Monument Dedication at Camp Shelby, June 15 - 18, 1995 were discussed. Hardly any interest were shown by the members in going on the tour. The high cost of the tours seemed to be a factor in the lack of interest.

Misread

There was a misread in the last issue on GENRO's excerpt on pg. 72, Profile of 442nd (1945). GENRO was expressing his narration that the Italians at that time were referring to us as "Ci-ne-se" and not as corrected to read "Chinese" as it was published.



by TADASHI TOJO, Guest Writer

One Monday afternoon in June, 1945 (one month after the war ended), a little German girl called KAROLA was rescued from the fast flowing cold waters of the Danube River at Donauworth, Germany by TORAO NITTA, SHUNRO NOMURA, ROBERT YUTAKA, and TADASHI TOJO. These men were awarded the Soldier's Medal by a Colonel and Lt. Colonel who witnessed the entire rescue. Our guest writer, TADASHI TOJO, went to Donauworth during the recent 50th anniversary in Bruyeres,

in search of KAROLA. Much thanks must be extended to TED TSUKIYAMA, our 442nd historian, and his friend from Heidelberg, PAUL LESNIEWITZ, for writing to the Donauworth newspaper (Donauworth Zeitung) explaining the rescue and desire of TADASHI TOJO to have a reunion with KAROLA and her family. The following article recounts the rescue and the subsequent search after nearly fifty years.

(Harry Tokushige)

The bus took us smoothly down the Autobahn towards Donauworth on October 31, 1994. The Germany countryside was beautiful, but my thoughts were in another time 50 years ago when I spent a summer in the town on special police duty.

I could see the town as it was then. The European war was over, but the evidence of the conflict was everywhere in Donauworth. The town center was destroyed, the U.S. Air Force, as I understood it, mistakenly bombed the city proper because the smoke screen deployed to cover the munitions storage and manufacturing plant located nearby shifted to Donauworth on that day. I could see the townspeople meticulously preparing for reconstruction by carefully labeling and storing each stone and carving from the ancient church and town hall.

Beyond the town I could see the forest where we hunted and provided venison to the townsfolk for they had seen little red meat throughout the war. I recalled the warehouse that we found full of military clothing that we made available to the people. The most vivid picture in my memories was the river, our headquarters post on the south side and the Hotel Krebs on the other. I could still see and hear the clatter of the farmers in the first light at 4 a.m. driving their horse-drawn wagons across a heavy wooden planked bridge that the U.S. Combat Engineers had built to replace the steel girded permanent one which was destroyed in the raid to reach their fields. I remembered giving this traffic preference with the military traffic in the morning and again in the late evenings because it was so vital to the town's food supply.

My feelings as the bus took us closer and closer to Donauworth were a mixture of anticipation and apprehension. My deepest emotions were focused not on the town itself, but on a tiny 6-year old girl called KAROLA.

We were in the outskirts of Donauworth, the modern residential homes, condominiums, and huge industrial parks were all new to me. The city center was also new because it had been restored to its pre-war condition. The facades of the grand building had been rebuilt in their historic styles. The old bridge had been replaced.

As HARRIET and I stood on that bridge and looked down stream to the bend around which the turbulent waters flowed out of sight, I was back again at the old bridge on the most significant day of my summer in 1945 here in Donauworth.

As the town children were crossing the bridge to do errands for their parents, a group of GIs on a weapons carrier apparently decided to have what they regarded as harmless fun by playfully but dangerously swerving the carrier to frighten the queue of kids walking the bridge. The heavy wooden bridge being a temporary structure had only a marked pedestrian walkway and no retaining wall. The children in their excitement all scattered. KAROLA ran right under the bridge rail into the water. I had just left the headquarters post and saw her bobbing in the swift water of the Danube. I dove in as did others from the hotel side. We reached the little girl and held her up but could not make progress to the bank. We were swept downstream with thoughts of all five of us drowning, but fortuitously the currents swirled us into still waters at the bend of the river. That was how I met KAROLA and for the remainder of my time in Donauworth we were firm friends.

In the meantime, prior to our departure to Europe, TED TSUKIYAMA, our 442nd historian, enlisted the aid of his Heidelberg friend, PAUL LESNIEWITZ to write to the Donauworth newspaper (Donauworth Zeitung) about my desire to have a reunion with KAROLA and her family. The Donauworth Zeitung responded

magnificently by publishing an article in their paper on October 8, 1994, asking for help in finding the little girl named KAROLA (last name unknown) who had been rescued by American soldiers in the Danube. The response by the public to this plea was overwhelming. On October 10, 1994, KAROLA's sister and aunt called the newspaper to inform them that the *"American rescuer was a very welcome guest and they would be honored to have him visit with KAROLA's family."*

I was not able to accept the invitation because our stay in Donauworth lasted less than a day. However on the evening of October 31, 1994, a newspaper reporter interviewed me and was able to give me the news of KAROLA.

The rest is a sad but comforting memory for me. My reunion with KAROLA will unfortunately not be realized. The little girl's name was KAROLA DUNSTHEIMER, she married a LIPOWSKY and lived in Soflingen (a suburb of Ulm) with her husband, son, and daughter until she passed away 13 years ago. The reporter also gave me a photo which was taken by KAROLA's sister and aunt with KAROLA's family at her graveside on October 15, 1994. Since my return, I have enlarged the photo and have it framed and placed in a prominent place in my home. Hopefully my next visit to Donauworth will be a longer one so I can visit with the late KAROLA LIPOWSKY's family.

Taps

We are saddened by the passing of TAKAO "MA KE COW" MATSUOKA on January 27, 1995. To his sons JOHN & MELVIN and daughters LANA & JAN, our deepest sympathies. Our members GLORIA & YOSHIO TAGUMA, TSUNE YAMADA, YUTAKA WATANABE, TERUHISA NISHIYAMA, AMON OSHIRO, JACKMAN TANIGUCHI, ROY KAWAFUCHI, GILBERT TAKAMORI, MINORU OKABE, SADASHIOHARA, TOMMAYEDA, and HARRY TOKUSHIGE represented the chapter at the memorial services held on Sunday, February 5, 1995 at Hosoi Garden Mortuary.



By Mary Sakai, Carol Sakai-Feiteira, Patti Laba

A.T. Commanding Officers, Honolulu Chapter

President WALLY KAGAWA, Secretary MASATO DOI and treasurer JACK KAGUNI meet every Wednesday morning at Jolly Rogers or Zippys. Everyone is invited to their weekly breakfast meeting.

Prexy's Report

The A.T. Chapter Christmas Party on Dec. 5, 1994 at the Waialae G.C. Clubhouse began with emcee MASATO DOI. Present were ALICE (wife of former Senator TADAO BEPPU), and daughter ANITA BEPPU, MASATO DOI, KO and JANETHATA, HALO and KIYOMI HIROSE, WALLY and YORI KAGAWA, JACK and MARGARET KAGUNI, RICHARD and KATHRYN MIYAKAWA, YUKI and NORA NAKAHIRA, THOMAS "OSCAR" OMINE, CHILLY and IRENE SASAKI, HARRY and JANET TOKASHIKI, KEN and HELEN YOKOYAMA, SHIROKU and AMY YAMAMOTO and LINCOLN YOSHIMASU. After enjoying the scrumptious buffet dinner for which the Waialae G.C. Club is famous, the group was entertained by HARRY TOKASHIKI with harmonica and vocal numbers. HALO HIROSE joined HARRY in vocal duet and led the group in singing Christmas carols. A series of brain teasing games were led by MARGARET KAGUNI and IRENE SASAKI. The highlight of the evening was a rendition of the Hawaiian style "12 Days of Christmas" by 12 persons, one for each of the 12 days. The party ended after a hilarious exchange of gifts.

CHILLY and IRENE opened their gorgeous home and beautiful garden for the A.T. meeting. The highlight for the A.T. Chapter "boys" and

ladies was a 4-hour video showing of "lively" SEIJI "STUD" OSHIRO and lovely wife EVELYN touring Europe with the 50th Reunion group. TOSHI MURAYAMA nicknamed SEIJI "STUD LONIGAN" OSHIRO. STUD showed pictures of Nice but no nudes on the beach. They viewed Monaco and visited the Perfume Factory. SALLY made 600 francs, about \$120 in US money. Breakfast in bed was a delight. Saw Marseilles, southern France and STUD made the bus driver stop in Lucerne. STUD remembered a girlfriend and insisted and argued with the driver to take the group to find this girl he met and knew in 1944?? Or 1945?? The driver stayed, not 10 minutes, but over an hour while STUD looked for the girl. A musubi birthday cake was made by TOSHI and DOROTHY MATSUO for a 522nd member TOSHI ISHIBASHI. CHILLY had the German measles and was left behind during the war while WALLY, JACK, LIZO, PETITE, MINORU, MASATO, HARRY and others went on. Left Marseilles to go to Italy. Saw Notre Dame, built in 1675, still beautiful. Mosaic was ruined by bullets, donations were shown on the wall.

On to Lyon, Switzerland. Hotel Regina's balcony views were delightful, a first-class hotel. Snow covered mountains were breathtaking. In Germany, oak, cherry, ash and rosewood made great clocks. Biffontaine - 18 buses loaded with 40 people went up to the Monument where the Lost Battalions were saved by "our boys". JERRY AYABE lost his leg there. Taps were played - LIZO and SEIJI said tears welled up in their eyes, a truly sentimental trip. "Rejoice since mourning has no end—Nami-abu dabutsu! These men came to save us; they had never been here."

Tidbits

LIZO and YVONNE HONMA: YVONNE had a stroke in late January. After an open-heart surgery, she's home now. LIZO said that a nurse will be coming in from time to time check on her. The A.T.'s prayers is for a speedy recovery.

WALLY and YORI KAGAWA: The holidays were indeed happy for WALLY and YORI be-

cause son KENNETH came to vacation with them. YORI is making a name for herself in Kaneohe—helping at the library, selling used and new books and gardening. Forgot to mention that YORI gave homegrown “chisa” to those who were at the Pearl Country Club luncheon. What a great and generous person!

MASATO DOI: Out of commission with a “tennis elbow” and playing host to Japanese visitors plus planning a 10-day trip to Japan in April keeps the judge pretty BUSY!

RUGGED and KATHRYN MIYAKAWA: KATHRYN is smiling again after a successful back operation before the holidays. She was barely able to move prior to the operation but now is fully recovered, enjoying jaunts to Las Vegas with husband, RICHARD.

WHITEY and AMY YAMAMOTO: WHITEY volunteers for the Hawaii Army Museum. AMY “knits” for the Kapiolani Hospital as a volunteer.

MIKE FUJIKI: MIKE enjoys her new life by taking a Therapeutic Chinese exercise at the City Hall, also learning tai chi, taking cooking lessons at the Hokulani Parks and Rec., also baby-sits when Punahou has no school session...busy lady!

JERRY and ALICE AYABE: Gone again for 10 days with brother DANNY KAWAKAMI and MARIAN. Covering west coast and will end up in Vegas.

MITO and SHIZUE AKIYAMA: After attending a funeral in Kona, MITO and SHIZUE went to GORO and YAYO INABA’s “fancy” hotel to have a “fancy” breakfast.

GORO and YAYO INABA: At the request of his good pal, TOM NAKATA of Montica, GORO and YAYO went to Bruyeres and other historic parts of the country with the 442nd, 50th Anniversary group.

GEORGE and MALY TAMURA: MALY shared “You’ve heard of the expression, ‘He could sleep through a four-alarm fire.’ MAC MAMIYA, fortunately, is one of those sound sleepers, as the following events will testify. The doorbell rang one early morning about 2:00. He climbed out of bed, went to the window and cautiously looked out the window, without disturbing the shade.

He saw a figure go down the stairs, walk along the sidewalk, and then cross the street. An hour later, he suddenly heard a “bang.” His first thought was, “The carpenters must be working next door,” but then realized the time: 3:00 in the morning! He looked in the direction of the neighbor’s house, saw nothing unusual and resumed his sleep. A short time later came another, “bang.” He looked out the window, saw no lights next door, no activity (but still puzzled) went back to sleep. Shortly after his head hit the pillow, he heard another “bang.” Ah well, he yawned...just another “bang” and went back to sleep. The following morning, his neighbor called and asked him if he was aware of a broken window in his basement. He discovered that two of the windows on one side were broken. A heavy shelf standing in front of the windows prevented the burglar from climbing in. The burglar then tried another window: broke it, only to discover that a key was required to gain entry through the door. He then proceeded to the NEXT WINDOW (HOW MANY WINDOWS YOU GOT, THERE, MAC). The outer pane was shattered, but the second, held fast. With so many obstacles standing in HIS way, the poor burglar decided the whole thing was just too damn much to mess with, and went on his way. MAC managed to sleep pretty soundly throughout much of the busy burglar’s activity. During the furious window bustings, I imagine there must have been a certain amount of “!!**?*?!” that went along with all that activity. Had I been the burglar, I probably would have cussed pretty soundly, seein’ how I got NO RESULTS. And yet, MAC, blithely unaware of all that going on, slept peacefully through it all. Hm-mm just as well. Had he rushed to the scene, he would have been caught in an unexpected encounter: Mac, in P.J.’s, uncombed hair, barefoot, unshaven, facing a surprised burglar, bug-eyed, with dropped jaws and sweating like crazy trying to lug that heavy treadmill out that narrow door. Both of you guys were pretty lucky, I’d say. Mac’s theory: If you hear a “bang”...no matter how many; no matter how close to home...simply assume something’s going on at the NEIGHBOR’S HOUSE...even if

you see no evidence of activity, no suspicious movements, or no broken windows. H-m-m- so much for MAC's Theory."

CHAPPIE KISHABA: CHAPPIE wrote: "The trip to Europe and the 50th Celebration of the Liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine was a wonderful occasion and a very emotional one, too. As we were observing the ceremony up in the mountains, tears just welled in my eyes as memories of the bitter fighting that took place 50 years ago came back. Also to see the French people participating in the celebration made me realize how much they appreciated what we did there. It made me proud that I was part of this historic episode of WWII."

TAK HATTORI: ALBERT TAKAHASHI writes for the "One Puka Puka" column of the LA 442nd Club. The Nominating Committee chaired by MIKE TAKAMINE announced the slate of officers for 1995 as follows:

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| President | HENRY IKEMOTO |
| 1st Vice-President | FRANK SETO |
| 2nd Vice-President | BEN TAGAMI |
| Secretary | HANK SAKATO |
| Treasurer | HANK YOSHITAKE |
| Adm. Coord. | GEORGE NISHINAKA |

Thanks GEORGE and MALY from Seattle, TAK H., MITS A., and HENRY I. for keeping this reporter up-to-date on news from the west coast. Mahalo to MITS from the Big Island.

HENRY and MILDRED IKEMOTO: HENRY shared: "My wife and I really enjoyed our European trip. I always loved to travel...even during the War. There were many fellas, haoles I trained with, who were always talking about being 'home-sick'. Maybe it's because my home was the Rohwer Relocation Camp. I left my dad, a widower, and my 3 brothers and 2 sisters there when I left camp in 1943 to go to school at Baylor Univ., Waco, TX. That's where I got my notice from Uncle Sam. One of my majors was religion so my professor said that I didn't have to go. One of the first guys I met at Baylor was a tall, good-looking blond young man. He was barely 18 and I was 20. He volunteered for the Navy...and right after boot camp in San Diego, he was out at sea on a destroyer. Within a few weeks, he was hit

and killed. This was early in 1944. I told my professor that I wanted to go, too. Since I spoke Japanese to some degree, I might be able to go to the Pacific. I took basic at Camp Hood, TX. A couple of Navy officers came to see me during basic and called me in for a conference. I had taken the Japanese language test when I first enlisted...but found that my knowledge was not enough. These fellas came to see me about a different mission...because I looked Asian...a classified job. After they heard my life's mission, about helping people, they said, 'Nope, you're not our kind of a guy. You do your thing and we'll find another person. Forget that we saw you.'" Stay tuned for more of HENRY's adventures...

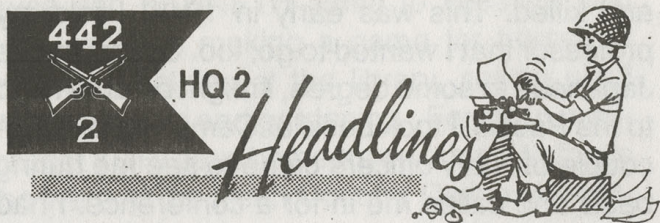
Note from Prexy WALLY KAGAWA

The L.A. Chapter of the 442 Anti-Tank Veterans Club will sponsor a Mini-Reunion, Oct. 9-13 at the Four Queens Hotel in Las Vegas. This affair will be held in conjunction with the 100 Battalion Mini-Convention.

HENRY IKEMOTO, president of the L.A. Chapter promises a very enjoyable time for all. CHAPPIE KISHABA and FRANK SETO will head the Hospitality Committee. Hotel cost for the 4 nights will be \$62 per person, double occupancy, or \$124 for single occupancy. The cost of the 100 Bn. Banquet to which Anti-Tankers are invited will be \$13 per person for 4 Queens Hotel guests and \$25 per person if you stay elsewhere. Fee for golf will be \$40 per day for the 2-day tournament. Costs for A.T. Chapter Night and Hawaii Hospitality contribution will be announced shortly.

Group airline reservations will be taken by HARRY OKOUCHI (3rd platoon) who is affiliated with Super Jet Travel Agency. Reservation for Hawaii members and spouses should be made with JACK KAGUNI.

WALLY KAGAWA, Honolulu chapter president urges all Anti-Tankers, spouses, widows, and relatives to attend the reunion to reminisce and rekindle the bond of friendship and camaraderie of a half century ago, perhaps for the last time.



by K. TANIGAWA

We closed out the old year with a bang. On December 10, 1994, under the auspices of hosts HERB ISONAGA, TOKU KANESHIGE, MIKE SUGAI, and JAMES SAKEMOTO, and the able patronage of MORISO TERAOKA, who catered the Kapiolani Community College chefs, a superb dinner was enjoyed by all.

A hefty (for Hq2ndBn) contingent of 34 diners included: TOSHI & GRACE HAYAMA, LIPPY HIGUCHI, HERB & SUE ISONAGA, TOKU & STELLA KANESHIGE, RICHARD & MARGIE NAKAMURA, TAKASHI & JANE OKAMURA, KENNY & VIVIAN SARUWATARI, MIKE & SUE SUGAI, MORISO & FLORENCE TERAOKA, ROBERT & HISAKO UYEDA, MASA YAMAMOTO, BERT & HANNAH NISHIMURA, KAZU & MICHELLE TOMASA, LARRY & VIOLET ISHIDA, JAMES & MITSUE SAKAMOTO, MRS. FRANCES SATO, MRS. JOYCE MASUNAGA, MRS. ALICE SUGAI, MRS. AILEEN YONEMORI, MRS. CAROL ODA, MRS. NORA KUWAYE, and MRS. HISAKO (Chaplain) HIGUCHI, to round out a list of healthy appetites with a Ho! Ho! Ho! and a Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Goodnight!

The January meeting was held on the fourteenth at Suehiro's with repeat hosts HERB ISONAGA and MIKE SUGAI for what else? Japanese cuisine - molto ono and tres beaucoup! Diners list: MORISO TERAOKA, MIKE & SUE SUGAI, KAZU TOMASA, RICHARD NAKAMURA, KATOON & TOSHI TANIGAWA, QUANTO (QUANTO COSTA) WATANABE (President), TOSHI & GRACE HAYAMA, TAKASHIOKEMURA, LIPPY HIGUCHI, KENNY & VIVIAN SARUWATARI, MRS. JOYCE MASUNAGA, HERB & SUE ISONAGA, JAMES & MITSUE SAKAMOTO, AILEEN YONEMORI,

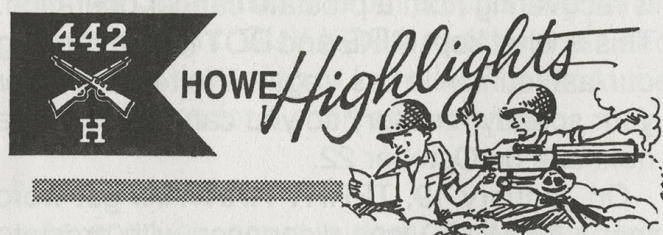
FRANCES SATO, MASA YAMAMOTO, LARRY & VIOLET ISHIDA, ALICE SUGI, and ROBERT UYEDA. Not only is the food great, with generous servings, but there is much entertainment with the cocktail waitresses - an order for TWO DOUBLE GIN ON THE ROCKS produced one drink. I quickly tried to rectify the error by saying I wanted two drinks; the ever alert waitress, with a look of benign tolerance worthy of Mother Theresa replied: "This is TWO - DOUBLE MEANS TWO!" Hello! A lesson in English yet! Mother Theresa won the field that day, and all the days before and after that event! BELIEVE!

The February 10th meeting - the first regular meeting of the year - produced only ten stalwarts: President QUANTO WATANABE opened the proceedings to: MORISO TERAOKA, MIKE SUGAI, BERT NISHIMURA, LIPPY HIGUCHI, BILL THOMPSON, LARRY ISHIDA, ROBERT UYEDA, and KATOON TANIGAWA. Refreshments were supplied by KATOON TANIGAWA and KAZU (Invisible Man) TOMASA. If you want to see Harmony in Action in our democracy, you should attend one of our meetings - everything is passed unanimously, including the beer - but, of course, in a different locality.

We were glad to see LARRY ISHIDA looking so perky after that very serious operation he underwent recently - the only trouble is that he is gaining weight after the ordeal, which is strange because we were always of the opinion that an operation is performed to REMOVE something from your body - but in LARRY's case, they must have added a few rocks or something - this bears watching - however, we are happy that he came through with flying colors.

Anyone watch the Channel 2 News at around 6:30 AM on Monday, February 6th? Well, our own MORISO TERAOKA was interviewed by LESLIE WILCOX at KCC where MORISO is tending the cactus garden which he had planted, and is nurturing, yes, in Texas and other such dry and hellish climates, cacti grow wild even without the asking, but in Paradise, a different story - they have to be NURTURED! And from reports circulating and from what was visible on the TV screen, MORISO is doing an excellent

job. Kudos for a job well done.



by JACKSON MORISAWA

The *Shinnenkai* at the Captain's Table Lounge in Hawaiian Waikiki Beach Hotel, January 22, 1995, was very successful. Considering the attendance, the members looked forward to the New Year's get-together. The spread was fabulous; so much food and variety that most of us weren't able to taste half of the offerings. The sushi bar seemed to be popular but the *Otemae*, not a buddhahead! He was generous, but his *nigiri* was something (more like *musubi*!) All told, everyone looked satisfied and it was a good get-together. We feel badly for MARIA - she went to the wrong hotel. One consolation - she is starting the year with a bang! We love you, MARIA.

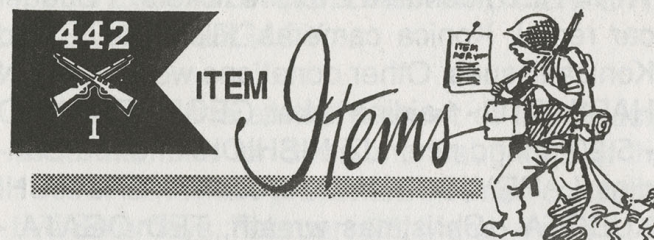
The Seattle Reunion will be set aside because the H Chapter members there won't be able to handle it. We have decided, however, to meet with them for an evening dinner. The members on the Canadian Rockies trip will end up in Seattle on the 11th of September and get together with the Seattle gang on the evening of the 12th. The members will go their ways on the 13th - to Las Vegas, extended stay in Seattle, or go home. Those on the Canadian trip should decide their preference as soon as possible so that appropriate accommodations can be arranged. The trip will start in Calgary on September 1st.

As of now, there are 17 people on the list from the original 24 who signed up. We need 20 people to get a group rate. If any members or friends are interested, please call me.

March 25, 1995 is the Anniversary Banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel.

Since HARRY KIYABU's chapter newsletter covers most of the current events, the Bulletin

will be very short unless you come up with some news. The Bulletin staff will be very happy.



by BRUNO YAMADA

Christmas Party

The 1994 I Company Christmas Party at the Victoria Inn was again a resounding success. It almost seems as though MINO was guiding us from above. BILL NAGANUMA counted over eighty members, wives, S & D, grandchildren, and friends there on December 4. Noticeably missing were GEORGE and MARGARET OSHITA from Kauai; however, SADAICHI KUBOTA and family took up the slack to liven up the party. In the future, we hope to see more of our friends from the outer islands and also more of our grandchildren. What is a Christmas party without children?

CHAMP SUZUKI, who was appointed Chairman by TERRY, did a remarkable job decorating the joint. He never forgot what the BUGGA went teach him. Of course, he needed the help of ARNOLD SUZUMOTO, BERT KAMO, TOMMY UMEDA, TOMMY HARIMOTO, TERRY ARATANI, CB SAKAMOTO, HIRAM DOI, RICHARD OSHIRO, and BRUNO YAMADA. For entertainment, CHAMP camp up with some very talented karaoke singers in: LIZ NISHIOKA, EMILY NISHIMURA, BETSY YAMAMOTO, DIANE OGATA, ELLEN YAMADA, and DORIS KUMASHIRO. A surprise performer was SHU FUJITAKE with his rendition of "Katakoi Zake." Also NICKY OSHIRO is not only a good cook and housewife but she is also a talented harmonica virtuoso. Everyone enjoyed her oldies and enjoyed reminiscing their younger days.

Generous cash donations were received from CLARENCE TABA, SADAICHI KUBOTA, VIOLET MATSUMOTO, DAN YAMASHITA, DON

KAMEDA, HIRAM DOI, DOT SUZUMOTO, TERRY ARATANI, and BETSY YAMAMOTO. The TAKEKAWA Family (NEIL, JUNE, KAZU & WINIFRED) donated 2 airline tickets, 1 Budget car rental, Konica cameras, klicker toys, and Konica tissues. Other donations were: KAREN HARIMOTO - 1 airline ticket; GEORGE TANDO - 5 20-pound rice; LIZ NISHIOKA - \$100 Candies; LARRY ISHIKAWA - 2 coolers; SADAICHI KUBOTA - Christmas wreath; TED OGATA - glassware; BELLANAGATOSHI - 10 Bag Candy; YAKUMA - electric can opener; GUY KOGA - Picture slips; BOB ISO (SF) - box of cheese; TOMMY UMEDA - case of Bud Light; and BRUNO - pupus.

A very sizable cash donation was received from RICHARD & MARY NAITO of Seattle "K" Company and also from FRED TAKENAKA of Pennsylvania. Mahalo and hope to see you in Las Vegas on October 22.

Happy New Year (Year of the Boar)

The first Company I meeting of the year was on January 12 and the second one was on February 9. Both meetings drew near capacity participation with over 23 members present at each of the meetings. If this is an indication of what is to come, we should have a very fruitful year. Members present were: LARRY ISHIKAWA, ICHIRO SUZUKI, TOGO NAKAGAWA, MITSUO YAKUMA, MITSUO OSHIRO, DON KAMEDA, CLARENCE TABA, CB SAKAMOTO, EDDIE YAMASAKI, KENNETH OKUMA, BILL NAGANUMA, MASA NAKAMURA, MOTOMI SHINDO, MAMORU SHIROTA. Also: WALTER FURUKAWA, JOE OKUMOTO, SHU FUJITAKE, KAZU TAKEKAWA, TOMMY UMEDA, FRANCIS SUGAI, HIRAM DOI, TOM HARIMOTO, RICHARD & NICKY OSHIRO, BRUNO YAMADA, TERRY ARATANI, and KAZU OYAMA.

PEGGY & BILL NAGANUMA entertained HENRY & MITSU NAKADA from Homer, Alaska during a short visit before Christmas. With such notice, BILL was able to round up the OSHIROs (RICHARD & NICKY), the SAKAMOTOS, the ISHIKAWAS, the ARATANIS, and MAMO

SHIROTA. BILL also heard from the KREKOSKYS of Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania who is recovering from a prostate cancer operation. This is what kept MIKE and DOT from attending our last reunion in Las Vegas. We're praying for your speedy recovery so you can join us in the next one on October 22.

On January 19, TERRY ARATANI got word that KAZ MUTO was diagnosed with prostate cancer and was scheduled to operate on February 7th. Hope all went well. GAMBARE! And we'll see you at the Four Queens.

KAZ also informs us that a stretch of ten miles on Freeway 99 between Salida and Manteca, California will be named the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Memorial Freeway. There will also be other stretches named the 100 and the MIS Memorial Highways. Anyone who would like to make a small contribution can send donations to" VFW Post 8985, c/o SUS SATOW, 3460 Buccaneer Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826.

EDDIE YAMASAKI, who is presently doing consulting work with clients from Japan and Honolulu will be joining Conley Dew Realtors which is one of the largest realtors in Hawaii. Anyone needing real estate assistance can contact EDDIE at 201 Merchant St., Honolulu.

Anniversary

The 52nd Anniversary Banquet, which has been shifted from last year's Ilikai Pacific Ballroom to the Pacific Beach Hotel Ballroom, should be filled to capacity on March 25. I Company alone has nearly 60 seats reserved. FRED & BEA MATSUMURA, SHIRO & LOU KASHINO, BOB & ROSEANN SAKAMOTO, FRANK SHIMADA, HUNTER DOI, CAP UTSUNOMIYA, and SLIM NAKAMURA are some of Iem's guests from the mainland. KAZU TAKEKAWA, our Veterans Relation Chairman is asking for a good turnout also at the Memorial Services at Punchbowl on the 25th of March.

Aloha to MISS KARI ANN HIRAOKA, daughter of STAN & KRIS HIRAOKA and granddaughter of SHIRO & LOU KASHINO who was crowned the 1994 Miss Japanese Community Queen of Seattle. One of KARI's prize was to come to

Hawaii and be part of the 1995 Cherry Blossom Festival. Unfortunately, the Cherry Blossom Festival Coronation and our anniversary fall on the same night. GUY KOGA and the Sons and Daughters are trying to have KARI over at the Pacific Beach for a short appearance.

Mini-Reunion

As soon as group airfare for October and ground transportation rates are available, Travel Adventures will be able to prepare the final proposal for the "I" Company MINI-REUNION (You should be getting your proposal before you receive this bulletin.) You can thank TERRY ARATANI, JIM YAMASHITA, and KAREN HARIMOTO for the hustle in putting it all together. The headquarters will be the Four Queens Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas on October 22 - 26, 1995. The hospitality room will be in the Royal Pavilion and the banquet will be held in the King Pavilion.

Golfers will enjoy playing at the Las Vegas Club on October 23 and at the Boulder City Golf Club the following day. JIM YAMASHITA wasted no time in getting such wonderful courses. JIM and FRANK SHIMADA will be conducting the tournament.

RICHARD & NICKY OSHIRO have agreed to take charge of the hospitality room and BILL NAGANUMA will handle the bills. Please give them your full support. HAPPY NEW YEAR, everyone! Enjoy life while you can.



by GRACE TSUBATA FUJII

WHY DID I JOIN.....?

TO LEARN.....

TO EDUCATE MYSELF ABOUT WHAT DAD
DID AND THE IMPACT IT HAD.....

TO UNDERSTAND SO HISTORY WON'T

REPEAT ITSELF.....

TO TEACH OTHERS AND THE COMMU-
NITY.....

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN AND PERPETU-
ATE DAD'S LEGACY.....

So began the announcement of the Educational Seminar for Sons and Daughters of the 100th/442nd RCT presented on three consecutive Saturdays, February 25, March 4 and 11 at the 442nd Clubhouse from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

The Education committee chaired by TERRY (KAWAMURA) SASAMURA obtained veterans TED TSUKIYAMA (522nd, MIS) MIKE TOKUNAGA (100th Bn) and RON OBA (Fox) to be our speakers. Announcements were sent to everyone on our mailing list. Also S&D president ALAN KUBOTA informed the Board of Directors at the February 6 meeting of this very important seminar. It is impressive and exciting to hear first hand knowledge from TED, MIKE and RON, our Nisei veteran historians who have written and spoken extensively in books and on radio and television.

Another gathering was the SONS AND DAUGHTERS BRAINSTORMING SESSION of February 26, 1995, Sunday, from 11:00 am to 2:30 PM at the DAV TOMMY KAKESAKO HALL. Every members valuable input is critical for our future. EILEEN SAKAI, Membership Services chairman, S&D president ALAN KUBOTA, JAN KAWABATA and treasurer, JOE UNO who will be the facilitator are planning this long awaited session. MARIE YAMASHITA, cuisine expert, has volunteered to plan the menu. Thank you, MARIE!

Message from the S&D President-ALAN KUBOTA

A popular and successful businessman was asked if he had any advice for his associates: He said:

1. Belong to something bigger than yourself.
2. Work with others towards a common goal.
3. Do your part.
4. Take pride in doing your job well.

5. Work hard to make your ideas take shape in reality.

I don't know when these words were written or who wrote them, but it seems that our fathers heard them and took them to heart when the call to arms arose. The "boys" did what was asked of them, and then they did more...because they believed it was the right thing to do; a sense of responsible behavior instilled by their parents. It was the spirit that helped the 100th Bn/442nd RCT write a chapter in the history of the world.

Today, a different "call to arms" can be heard. It is a call for unity to insure that the values and beliefs our fathers fought for will not be forgotten. A few have answered the call and afforded much time and effort participating in projects that perpetuate the "Legacy". It is a very involved task to say the least, but we are determined to meet the challenge just as our fathers did some 50 odd years ago. Our commitments, like theirs, is for the future...to make it a better place for our children, and their children.

The "few" have families, are busy with their careers, and have obligations like everyone else. We truly appreciate their involvement and invite others to answer the call, share ideas, feel the pride, and help build something of lasting value.

Thank you, ALAN KUBOTA, for your timely message and for your leadership. We truly appreciate your dedication.

Another article from our S&D newspaper, THE LEGACY CONTINUES, The European Campaign-50th Anniversary Tour-A Son's Perspective, by WADE WASANO

Anzio, Cassino, Livorno, Pisa, Arno, Lucia, Carrarra, La Spezia, Biffontaine, Bruyeres. Just names to me before I traveled to Italy and France with some of the 442nd veterans like HERBERT AKAMINE, TOM NAKAHARA, GEORGE MINATA, CHAPPY KISHABA, GENRO KASHIWA, STUD OSHIRO, HENRY IKEMOTO, MASA HOKAMA, JAMES GANEKO, TOSHI ISHIBASHI, ALBERT NAKAMA, ROBERT OWAN, GEORGE SHIOZAWA and TED

YAMATE. They made those places come alive.

After 50 years, the places still hold fond and sad memories for the men. As the veterans related stories and incidents that happened in those areas, I began to realize the hardships and the sacrifices that the 100th/442nd veterans experienced as they fought through Italy.

At Epinal, an American cemetery near Bruyeres, I saw hundreds of veterans stand side by side and salute the American flag as the "Star Spangled Banner" was played by the military band. I saw tears shed by the veterans, remembering buddies, friends, and brothers that died defending our liberties. I felt grateful to these men for their sacrifices and love.

Real chickenskin...

At Bruyeres I walked through a building my dad worked in 2nd Battalion headquarters. As I was getting my picture taken in front of the building, a veteran asked if that was the headquarters building. "I believe it was, I said. "My dad worked there." "Who's your dad?" he inquired. I replied, "RAMON WASANO." "We worked well together," was his reply. I felt chills up my back - real chickenskin - it felt like my dad was with me.

When I returned from Europe, I visited my dad's grave at Punchbowl. I started talking to him: "I understand a little better what you went through during the war. I am grateful you served with the rest of the Nisei from Hawaii and the mainland. I only wished you could have told me when you were alive."

Somehow Dad got it across to me after my visiting those places - I will never forget.

My deepest appreciation for all you 100/442 veterans who served our country, for protecting everything we enjoy today.

We owe you.

Poignant Remembrances From A Grateful Frenchwoman

WADE WASANO received a letter from MADAME JEANNE RUPP, mother of S&D member, Mlle. ISABELLE RUPP of France. In the letter she writes, in part, "You are right (in writing your article). The young generation must never

forget the sacrifice of the veterans; the heavy price of freedom. I know what the word means, when I remember the years of the German domination in our country. I was 10 years old in 1940. My father was prisoner of war during 5 years in Germany. We were lacking of all. I remember the German requisitionings in the villages...the noise of their boots when they were walking in procession, singing in the streets of Bruyeres while I was in the highschool (the building where is the post office, nowadays), the yellow star on the clothes of a schoolfriend because (she was a) Jewish girl, etc...

5 years without hope to find again our freedom. And I remember our great joy by seeing our Liberators of 1944. In that time, I lived in a little village located near to Bruyeres (about 6kms before Bruyeres)

American soldiers of the 45th Infantry Div. came to free us on Sept 29th 1944. After, there were other soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div., then around Oct. 16, reinforcements: the men of the 100th/442 Rgt.

We were very surprised, amazed...They were "yellow" soldiers like Japanese! They came by trucks from Epinal, driving by the villages of Fontenay, Memenil until Vimenil (my birthplace) - On the side of the village, there is a hamlet called "Le void de la Borde" - I saw them, walking with their kit, through the hamlet going to the entrance of the forest. They were young smiling boys...looking at our wooden clogs...I was worried. I thought they were too young and too good looking to be killed, because we knew the Germans were in the hills, in the forest, not too far."

Thank you, Madame Jeanne Rupp.

Upcoming Meetings-442nd Clubhouse

S&D Board Meeting: March 2, April 6, May 4, - 6:30 PM

52nd Anniversary Committee: March 6 - 10:30 am

Membership Services: March 7, April 4 - 6:30 PM

Education Committee: March 16, April 20 - 5:30 PM

S&D General Membership: March 16, April 20, May 18 - 7:00 PM

Archives Committee: March 29, April 26, May 31 - 6:30 PM

Please come and be involved in our 442nd legacy. *Motivation is what gets you started, habit is what keeps you going.* For the sons and daughters actively involved in our monthly and yearly planning and happenings it is definitely in our blood and I think that if you come and join us you'll find a real likable bunch of neat kids. Some of us are in our 50's! and some of us are in our 20's, 30's, and 40's and when the Dads, Moms and grandkids join us it's even better!

So, make it a habit to be at the clubhouse at least once a month. (I think, no, I KNOW, your Mom and Dad are going to really appreciate it.)

It was great to meet first time attendees, DR. CYNTHIA GOTO and DR. STEVEN BUTO at our general membership meetings and to get acquainted with them.

Generous Families and Friends

Our chapter has been the beneficiary of generous donations from the following 442nd families and friends: \$300 from DOROTHY SUZUMOTO and family, \$100 from TOM and LILY MASAMORI, \$125 from LILY and YOSHIO TANABE, \$100 from WARREN FENCL. Thank you very much. Many of our projects do not pay for themselves therefore we appreciate your kindness. We also received donations from other people however, we failed to keep accurate records previously therefore please know that we sincerely appreciate your generosity also.

S&D Membership is Growing...

We received a letter from another 442nd daughter who writes, "My mother continues to receive and enjoy the Go For Broke Bulletins even though Dad passed away over three years ago. She shared the latest copy of the Bulletin (October-December 1994) with me, and I was impressed with the efforts of the Sons and Daughters Chapter. I applaud your energy and devotion to keep the history and spirit of the 442nd alive!