

White my sisters and I live on the Mainland and cannot attend your meetings, we would like to support your efforts through our membership. We believe it's an important part of our own children's legacy.

Please send an application form to me at the above address. Yours very truly, LAVERNE K. IMORI (Daughter of KOSUKE IMORI, 232nd Engineers)

Thank you, LAVERNE and sisters, for your care and concern for our *LEGACY*.

3RDHQ Battalion member, JANET MATSUDA, was at a service station, where an attendant, MYLES ITAKURA, noticed her *GO FOR BROKE*, 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, license plate holder and inquired and requested information on membership. Membership services has contacted the person.

A police officer, SUGIMOTO, on the Wiliwili street beat also requested membership information.

We surely do not want other possible future 442 S&D offspring to be omitted from our membership rolls. Please keep informing your children and grandchildren of our chapter. There is a wealth of talent that can contribute to the wonderful legacy established by the men.

There are many other potential members. I wonder whether their parents or grandparents have not told them of our sons and daughters chapter. If that is the case, please spread the word and ask for membership applications. We are approximately 200 strong and we would enjoy having more active members.

52nd Anniversary Events

Sons and Daughters have been asked to assist at the March 25, 1995 52nd anniversary memorial services and we will be ushering, helping with refreshments and passing out programs. WADE WASANO will be our coordinator. Please attend your March 18 general membership meeting for information and instructions.

Souvenirs, anyone?

We will also be selling the rest of the 442 GO

FOR BROKE souvenirs at the Pacific Beach Hotel banquet prior to the start of the formal program. Still available are the license plate frames (\$5.00 each), Go For Broke torch pins (4/\$10.00), 2" torch patches (\$1.50), S&D T-shirts (limited sizes \$5.00), and 442 RCT campaign map T-Shirts (limited sizes \$12), tote bags (\$5), 50th anniversary GO FOR BROKE, 442nd Regimental Combat Team commemorative silver (\$31.15) and silver and bronze (\$41.55) coins in special presentation boxes, and the book, *BRIDGE OF LOVE*, by JOHN TSUKANO, \$39.50. We will still do mail orders plus shipping and handling for those who are interested. Mail requests and inquiries to GRACE TSUBATA FUJII, 2566 Aheolo Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-1108, or c/o 442nd Veterans Club, 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826.



by SHIRO AOKI

Apologies to SEIKI & ALICE YOSHIMURA

In the last issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin, I made a big boo-boo and credited the donation of \$200.00 to YOSH NAKAMURA. That was a mistake. The donation was actually made by SEIKI & ALICE YOSHIMURA, repeat SEIKI & ALICE YOSHIMURA. TOMEI wrote them to explain about the mistake, and I followed up with a letter to apologize.

The Mike Company Christmas Party

We Mikers had our annual Christmas Party at the Tommy Kakesako DAV Memorial Hall on Sunday, December 11, 1994. Our social chairman, FRANK NOMURA felt that at Christmas time, our members should relax and enjoy the spirit of the yuletides so he catered out all of the food. But you know, it's never that simple. We still had to have the old faithfuls, TOMMY

KIKUCHI and RALPH SHISHIDO go help FRANK pick up the food and take it down to the DAV Hall for all to enjoy. Thank you, old faithfuls.

It was Christmas time and like that song "O Come All Ye Faithful," the following faithful came: NORIO & MARY AKUTAGAWA, SHIRO & EVELYN AOKI, ALICE BEPPU, HATSUKO GUSHIKEN, BARNEY & ESTHER HAJIRO, SIDNEY & NANCY HASHIMOTO, MICHAEL & KIMIYOIDE, SHIGEO & YORIINOUE, JIMMY & FREIDA KANEMORI, TOMMY KIKUCHI, HAROLD & JANE KUDO, MELVIN & MILDRED KUNISHIGE, EICHI MATSUDA, ROBERT NAGATA, WALLY & PRISCILLA NAGAO, PAUL & YUKIE TAKIGUCHI, RICHARD & EDITH NARIYOSHI, FRANK & NANCY NOMURA, RALPH & MITSUE SHISHIDO, ISAMU & KAY TAKAYESU, YOSHIO & ELSIE TERUYA, RALPH & ALICE TOMEI, TOSHIO & AMY TSUJI, and JOSEPH & HAZEL YASUDA.

For the first time in a long time SYDNEY HASHIMOTO was able to join us. SYDNEY always wanted to make it to our Christmas party but it conflicted with his annual visit to his daughter and grandchildren on the mainland but this time we held it early enough so that he was able to attend. It was nice seeing you there, SYDNEY.

YORIINOUE, along with MITSUE SHISHIDO and AMY TSUJI entertained us with karaoke selections and Christmas carols.

We had lucky number drawings and everybody went home with a prize ranging from dendrobium orchid plants (10 pots) from JOSEPH & HAZEL YASUDA, twenty pound bags of rice (5 bags) donated by BARNEY & ESTHER HAJIRO, Lipton products (3 cases) donated by FRANK & NANCY NOMURA's daughter ANN; 3 pots of poinsettias donated by WALLY & PRISCILLA NAGAO; 3 pin cushions with thread donated by HATSUKO GUSHIKEN; 3 pots of poinsettias donated by RICHARD & EDITH NARIYOSHI; and lots of avocados enough for everyone to take home donated by THOMAS SAKAMOTO.

We had a great time with a great turnout but we are looking forward to a bigger and better turnout next year, so don't forget next year, "O Come

All Ye Faithful!"

The Legacy Continues

A long time ago, the father of "M" Co., the late TADAO BEPPU came into possession of the "M" Co. flag. When TADAO passed away, ALICE BEPPU brought the flag to FRANK NOMURA and told him, "I know TADAO would want you to have this." FRANK and TADAO were very close from Camp Shelby days, and FRANK always looked upon TADAO as a father figure right up to the time of TADAO's death. But FRANK felt that since he originally was in the First Battalion and had joined "M" Co. later that the flag should go to someone else; someone who has been the heart and soul of "M" Co.; someone who has kept Mike Chapter going throughout these years, and that someone is, of course, our Chairman of the Board, RALPH TOMEI. So at our Christmas party, FRANK presented the flag to TOMEI where as FRANK put it, "It rightfully belongs." THE LEGACY CONTINUES!

M. CO Shinenkai

At last, "M" Co. held its first ever Shinenkai thanks to the efforts of our social chairman, FRANK NOMURA. He brought up the idea to the general membership at our Christmas party and met with hearty approval. He selected the Maple Garden which features northern Chinese Szechuan dining as the place to hold our party and came up with a terrific selection of food which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a luncheon affair held on February 5, 1995.

In addition to those who attended the Christmas party, the following came to the Shinenkai: HARRIET KIKUCHI, EDWIN MATSUZAKI, HARUKO OBARA, SHIGEO SORAKUBO, EDWARD & BETTY TOMIKOSHI, and RICHARD & GLADYS UYEMURA.

At long last we had a chance to listen to our two karaoke contest singers, BETTY TOMIKOSHI and YOSHIO TERUYA who entertained us with karaoke selections. AMY TSUJI wowed the gathering with her depiction of an old lady, ELSIE TERUYA and BETTY TOMIKOSHI were joined by GLADYS UYEMURA for a selection of songs

and the talented YORI INOUYE emceed the program and favored us with a couple of karaoke renditions.

The Shinenkai came to a close with the traditional Banzai!

Part of the expenses for the Shinenkai was defrayed by the \$200 donation that was given to us by SEIKI & ALICE YOSHIMURA. Domo arigato, seiki san.

Condolences

TOMMY KIKUCHI received a letter from ROBERT & DEBBIE OYA informing "M" Co. members that their aunt, SUE TSUBATA, wife of "OLD MAN" TSUBATA (3rd platoon) had passed away Nov. 22 last year. The OYAS joined us for the anniversary reunion on Maui and still remembers the camaraderie among the chapter members.

Also the mother of GRACE YAMASHIRO passed away just about the time that HIROSHI visited us here in December of last year. Our deepest sympathies to both families.

Mainland News

Heard from DICK TOCHIHARA that he & SUMI spent New Year's day with HIROSHI & GRACE YAMASHIRO. DICK said that he made sure that he ate all the traditional good luck food for the New Year. He also met a NANA TAKAHASHI and found out that she is the sister of JACKIE HISAMOTO. JACKIE is still single and is working at a drug store in Ft. Lupton, Colorado.



by EDDIE IMAMURA

1995 Officers

MASAJI "SHADOW" KUROZUMI was elected as Service Chapter President for the 35th consecutive year at the regular chapter meeting

held at RALPH & GRACE CHINAKA's home on Saturday, March 11, 1995. Others elected were KIYOJI "SAM" YAMADA, Vice President, YUTAKA "STAN" KAJIWARA, Secretary, and RALPH CHINAKA, Treasurer.

Camp Shelby Trip

A contingent of 26 Service Chapter members and wives, escorted by RALPH & GRACE CHINAKA, will be attending the Camp Shelby Homecoming and "Go For Broke" Monument Dedication at Hattiesburg, Mississippi from June 15 through June 18, 1995. Those who have already signed on and who are looking forward to the trip are: SUSUMU & KOZUE AWAYA, RALPH & GRACE CHINAKA, RICHARD & ALMA HASHI and their daughter, CHIYO (Maui), EDWIN IMAMURA, TAKEMI KAJIKAWA, KUNIO & TSUGIKO KIKUTA (Maui); MASAJI KUROZUMI, ALEXANDER & JEAN OKA, CHARLES & HELEN SAIKI (Kauai). MASAMI & MARGARET TANABE, THOMAS & CHIYOKO TANAKA, NOBURO & MASAKO TANOUE, THEODORE & CLARA YAMATE (Kauai), and SAM & FRANCES YAMADA. Mainland Service Chapter member expected to attend the Camp Shelby functions are: HERBERT & ARNICE SASAKI, ROYAL & HIRO MANAKA, PHILLIP & MARY ICHINO, NOBO & ROSE IKUTA, and YOSHIRO & JULIA TOKIWA.

Additionally, 11 other members who are not going to Shelby but will be joining the group for a post-tour festivities of five nights at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino at Las Vegas from June 18 through the 22nd are: KIYOSHI & RUTH KAWASAKI, STEVE & MARY ONO, CHIEKO TSUTSUI, ROBERT & GWEN WOLF, AUBREY & MAUDE HALL (Guests of TED YAMATE), SHIZUKO SUMIYE (sister of DYNA MATSUDA of Love Chapter) and JULIANA OLIVIERO.

I noticed by the traveling roster that the CHINAKA's are a strong and supportive group, i.e. RUTH KAWASAKI, MARY ONO, and CHIEKO TSUTSUI are GRACE CHINAKA's (maiden name NIIMOTO) sisters and GWEN WOLF is the daughter of the CHINAKAS. Too bad GRACE's other sister, ALICE JOHIRO

couldn't join the tour but she was already committed to a trip to Japan. It was quite a joyful experience to be with the five NIIMOTO sisters at the Bruyeres/Biffontaine trip last October.

The United Airlines flight schedule for the CHINAKA Shelby tour is as follows:

Date	Flt #	Destination	Depart	Arrive
14 June	44	Honolulu/Chicago	9:00P	10:00P
15 June	1451	Chicago/New Orleans	10:55A	1:05P
18 June	1023	New Orleans/Denver	2:45P	4:00 P
18 June	1451	Denver/Las Vegas	5:00 P	5:43 P
23 June	2938	Las Vegas/L.A.	1:30 P	2:35 P
23 June	191	L.A./Honolulu	3:40 P	6:11 P
Alternate (Early flight)				
23 June	2006	Las Vegas/L.A.	6:30 A	7:30 A
23 June	191	L.A./Honolulu	8:30 A	11:00 A

Note: Please call RALPH CHINAKA at 734-0783 if you are interested in taking the tour.

Service Chapter Profiles

RALPH CHINAKA

He is one of the most dedicated members of our Chapter. We have been using the CHINAKA's home for our club meetings for the past 35 years. We have about 15 to 20 active members who regularly attend the monthly meetings. Our club will be "kaput" without the use of their home. RALPH, thank you for your generosity. You too, GRACE.

I had to mention the above news before I start writing about RALPH. He was born in the Palama district (Johnson Lane, near Vineyard and School St.) in Honolulu on April 24, 1922. He graduated from Farrington High School in 1940 and the Honolulu Business College in 1942.

He volunteered for the 442nd Regt in March 1943 and was assigned to Service Chapter and worked with Regimental Supply and Rations section. Upon his discharge from the Army, he worked for about a year at Von Hamm Young and a year with the Veterans Administration at Honolulu. In 1947, he received a civil service job with the Army and worked at various bases i.e. Kapalama, Schofield Barracks, and Fort Shafter. He worked as a Program and Budget Analyst for many years until his retirement on December 31, 1974 from Headquarters, United States Army, Pacific, Fort Shafter.

He married GRACE NIIMOTO of Honolulu on October 11, 1947. The CHINAKA's have been

blessed with three children: GWEN (Mesa, Arizona), RUSSEL (Mililani), and ROBERT (Hawaii Kai) and seven grandchildren: KELLY, AUTUMN, BRANDY, CHANDRA, DAYLENE, RUSSEL, JR., and CANDIE.

RALPH's hobbies are raising orchids and anthuriums and also traveling abroad. He and GRACE have escorted many groups, including fellow 442nd veterans and their wives, to different cities and countries. They recently escorted a group of 80 veterans and their wives and friends to the Bruyeres and Biffontaine festivities. They will also escort a group to the forthcoming Camp Shelby ceremonies.

MASAMI TANABE

MASAMI is one of the quiet and effective members of the club. You heard the saying, "Dynamite comes in small packages." Well, there's MASAMI. He's barely 5 feet tall, but what a guy! He has a nice positive attitude about life and is full of vim and vinegar. He doesn't drink the cheap beer like us but drinks only the expensive and potent Royal Crown whiskey.

MASAMI was born in Lahaina, Maui on March 14, 1922. He graduated from Lahainaluna High School in 1940. He volunteered for the 442nd RCT and was assigned to Service Chapter as a Truck Driver. Upon his discharge from the Army, he worked as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic for various construction companies. He also worked for the Mililani Golf Course for 20 years and was the Maintenance Supervisor when he retired from there on April 1, 1987. MASAMI married MARGARET NOMURA of Puukolii, Maui, on April 26, 1947. They are blessed with three children: SANDRA and CHESTER, who live on Oahu and CORINNE, who lives in Maui; and five grandchildren: KELVIN, JODIE, KYLE, KORY, and BRAD.

MASAMI's hobbies are to raise fruits and vegetables in his garden. He also enjoys taking charge of the annual Service Chapter picnic which is held at Kaiahulu Beach Park in Waialua.

NOBORU TANOUE

NOBORU is another one of the bashful guys in

Service Chapter and asked me not to write too much about him. He was born in the Kalihi District of Honolulu on August 2, 1920. He graduated from Farrington High School in 1939 and the Honolulu Vocational School in 1941. He volunteered for the 442nd RCT in 1943 and was assigned as an Automobile Mechanic with Service Chapter.

Upon his discharge from the Army, NOBORU worked as a civil service maintenance technician at Yokota and Misawa Air Force bases in Japan for a total of 5 years. He then returned to Hawaii and worked as a Refrigeration Mechanic for the Navy at Pearl Harbor. He retired in January, 1979 with a total of 35 years with the federal government.

NOBORU married MASAKO SUGIYAMA of Tokyo, Japan on December 15, 1950. They are blessed with a son OWEN and his wife KIM and 3 grandchildren, NATHAN, MATTHEW, and GABRIEL. OWEN, an engineer for IBM, recently relocated from Austin, Texas, to Raleigh, North Carolina.

NOBORU's interests are to stay cool and relaxed (although he used the word "loaf"), to visit his son and his family in the mainland, and doing things with his lovely wife, MASAKO.

Year End Party

In the last issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin, I wrote about our Chapter's Year-End Party which was held at the Pagoda Restaurant on December 14, 1994. MASAMI & MARGARET TANABE stayed overnight at the Pagoda Hotel and were able to attend the party. Also, JENNIFER BAKER, the club Executive Secretary, honored us with her presence as the Guest of Honor.

Tidbits

I'm grateful to GENRO KASHIWA for sending me a copy of his booklet: "Collection of Memories, Company "L" 442nd Regimental Combat Team."

I called GENRO to let him know that I enjoyed reading excerpts of his experiences both during the war and in 1994 that was written by Love

Chapter reporter ALLEN NAKAMURA in the October-December issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin.

GENRO's story is indeed remarkable. His narrative plus stories of his wartime buddies included in his booklet would be enjoyed by all veterans interested in reading authentic combat stories.

(The following article by RALPH CHINAKA about the October, 1994 European trip had to be omitted from the 4th Quarter issue due to space constraints. It appears here in its entirety.)

Tour #1 - Western Europe

The following is a 21-day tour of Western Europe covering France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, and Portugal. We are grateful to KUONI that handled the ground operations for Carlson Travel Network/World Class Travel, Inc. The fine selection of hotels situated in choice locations, the availability of City Guides for each major city visited plus having the services of two excellent European Directors and drivers were an added bonus. The unexpected buffet breakfasts offered in Spain & Portugal instead of the usual continental breakfast were a welcome surprise. The countless entrance fees to cathedrals, churches, museums, palaces, and parks without additional costs to group members were greatly appreciated. The Casino night at Estoril and the Flamenco show at Seville will be remembered. The excellent highways and secondary roads made traveling easier and faster. The frequent stops at rest centers with snack shops and excellent toilet facilities were a welcome relief and appreciated by all. Special thanks to MICH and SHINAKO TAKATA for the help in taking good care of Bus #2. We had a wonderful 21-day journey with good friends and wish to thank the Carlson Travel Network/World Class Travel and KUONI for putting together a wonderful tour package.

Tuesday, Oct 11 (Honolulu-L.A.-San Francisco)

The processing of our group of 80 plus pre-cruisers in two separate groups departing either to Los Angeles or San Francisco were com-

pleted with ample time to spare.

Wednesday, Oct 12 (Days Inn, Dulles International Airport)

Arrived in Dulles Airport at approximately 5:45 AM. Two porters were on standby to handle our luggage from terminal to bus located approximately 500 yards away. Only 1 bus was assigned to shuttle our group to Days Inn located 2 miles away. The first group departed at 6:30 AM and the second group waited 1/2 in 35 degree weather for the arrival of the bus. What miserable weather. The last to arrive at Days Inn, the lobby was cluttered with people waiting anxiously to get their room keys. With the assistance of BARBARA THOMPSON, Assistant Director of Sales, the distribution of keys to the rightful parties were finally resolved. Full day at leisure to explore the city.

Thursday, Oct 13 (Dulles-Frankfurt)

Only 1 bus was at our disposal for the afternoon transfer to Dulles Airport. 3 porters were on standby at the curb to expedite handling of our group luggage. For not having an official passport, BRIDGET SILVA from Bus #1 was detained at the Dulles International Airport. According to the UA representative, a photocopy of her passport is illegal and not acceptable by Frankfurt Immigration Office. Her only recourse was to obtain a new passport at the nearest U.S. Passport Office and hopefully rejoin the group at Strasbourg by October 16.

Friday, Oct 14 (Strasbourg)

Arrived in Frankfurt at 6:30 AM. After clearing customs and immigration formalities, departed Frankfurt for our trip to Strasbourg. En route to Strasbourg, visited the Heidelberg Castle and the surrounding medieval town in Germany. Beer and Cokes were selling for \$2.00 each and a 12-oz. bottle of mineral water was selling for \$3.00 a bottle. Never thought I'd see the day when we'd be buying drinking water at this outrageous price. Arrived in Strasbourg too late to do any shopping. The Hotel Le Grand is ideally located in town close to the Strasbourg train station. Lacking a restaurant at the Hotel Le Grand, our welcome dinner was held two doors away. With an early morning call at 5:30 AM, the

majority, tired from the long trip, opted to retire early for the evening.

Saturday, Oct 15 (Biffontaine)

After an early continental breakfast, departed for Biffontaine at 6:30 AM to join the ceremonies scheduled at 9:00 AM. The official ceremony held at the "Bonne 6 Monument" lasting well over 2 hours was much too long. Wine of honor reception and lunch was held at the capitol under a huge tent accommodating 800+ people. Lunch followed with wine flowing freely and more speeches by Biffontaine dignitaries. Met MICHEL & JEANNE RUPP and their daughter ISABELLE, who recently visited the islands for the first time. A wonderful and gracious family with so many ties to the people from Hawaii. RIKIO & EVELYN TSUDA from #2, long-time acquaintances of the RUPPS were overnight guests at their summer home in Vimenil near Bruyeres. Departed for Epinal in mid-afternoon for the military ceremony at the Quequement cemetery which lasted for another hour. By coincidence, met RICHARD & ALMA HASHI and daughter CAROL at the cemetery, traveling on their own to attend the Biffontaine and Bruyeres ceremonies. While chatting with the TANABES, YAMADAS, and CHINAKAS, RICHARD collapsed right before our eyes. Fortunately, SASH TANABE and GRACE held him until a medical doctor arrived. By that time ALMA came to his side, he recovered sufficiently and with the aid of an amplifier muttered that he had "one too much the night before." For that brief moment, he scared the daylights out of us. Left Epinal in the late afternoon for the 2 hour drive to Strasbourg. No sooner as we arrived at the hotel, ALEJANDRA LAGAPA shouted excitedly that "BRIDGET is back!" As we later learned, BRIDGET took a taxi from Dulles to Washington D.C. for an overnight stay at a hotel. The following morning, October 14, obtained the necessary photos and applied for a passport and returned to Dulles Airport by 2:00 PM for the 5:30 International flight to Frankfurt, Germany. Arrived Frankfurt at 6:19 AM, October 15, and made 3 train changes before arriving at the Strasbourg train station at 11:10 AM, a walking

distance to the Hotel Le Grand. What an amazing story from a courageous woman determined to continue her journey despite the odds. Our hats are off to you BRIDGET for your guts and we're happy to have you back in the fold.

Sunday, October 16 (Bruyeres)

6:30 AM departure from the hotel in order to be on time for the gathering at Station Place by 8:45 AM. After a welcome speech, the veterans paraded through town to the WWII memorial. HERBERT AKAMINE, Medics, and RALPH CHINAKA, Service, traveling with Carlson/World Class Travel, were one of the several groups from Hawaii presenting a bouquet at the memorial site. The beautiful bouquet was donated by Carlson/World Class Travel. Another bouquet was also donated by Carlson/World Class Travel at the American Memorial at Helledraye Forest. A new addition to the memorial site was the "Friendship Knot" a gift by sculptor S. TAJIRI, veteran of Company M, 442nd RCT. After completion of the ceremonies, a luncheon was held in Epinal. Special commemorative plaques were presented to each company of the 442nd RCT and the 100th Battalion. Due to the length of the program, Bus #1 and #2 decided to forego the walk on the Peace & Freedom Trail and closing ceremonies of Bruyeres. JANE IGE was gracious enough to share her fabulous collection of Hawaiian and Japanese tapes for the long ride home to Strasbourg.

Monday, Oct 17 (Strasbourg - Zurich)

This morning we bade Aloha and Bon Voyage to EDWIN IMAMURA and nine other pre-cruisers departing for Venice, Italy for a 12-day Mediterranean cruise. Boarded the bus at 8:00 AM for a scenic drive via Colmar and a walking tour to medieval Riqueweh, a wine producing town. Riqueweh is also a tourist haven for those interested in buying regional souvenirs. With so many dogs running loose the narrow streets, STEVE ONO, self-appointed "pointer" freezes and points the dog's droppings along the way. This town is best remembered as the birthplace of sculpture BARTHOLDI, the creator of the Statue of Liberty. Stopped for lunch at the handicraft center on the grounds of Hargret Sterman,

near Feiburg, the entrance to the southern Black Forest. Here at the center, literally hundreds of different types of cuckoo clocks are displayed. MARGARET TANABE, in a buying spree, bough 5 cuckoo clocks for "Omiyage." Arrived at the Swiss Hotel too late in the evening to do any shopping. We decided to try the Chinese restaurant across the street. To our surprise, a pre-set dinner cost about \$50.00 per person. Sensing our hesitation and delay in ordering, the waiter appeared impatient and agitated and to avoid confrontation, 10 of us decided to leave. In came TETSUO & ELEANOR KUROZAWA and facing the same dilemma, also left the restaurant in a hurry. We finally ended eating at "Mama Mia" an Italian restaurant for less than half of the price of a Chinese dinner.

Tuesday, Oct 18 (Zurich-Bern-Geneva)

Breakfast included several types of cold cuts, cheese, and orange juice, a welcome change from the plain continental breakfast. Departed at 8:50 AM with city guide RAYMOND on a guided tour of Zurich. Viewing the downtown area, we were shocked and surprised to see graffiti scrawled over the main downtown area. At least in Honolulu we see graffiti in the neighborhood areas but rarely in Waikiki or the main city. A scenic drive through the heights of Zurich, showcasing the renowned University of Zurich with its large real estate holdings and the Dolder Grand Hotel, considered one of the best 10 hotels in the world. Land is expensive in Zurich and only 5% of the population owns their own homes. To our pleasant surprise, we stopped at Lucerne for lunch. This lake resort sprawls at the foot of Lake Lucerne. The fortifying walls and towers and the unusual wood Chapel Bridge and the picturesque Water Tower is Lucerne's chief landmark. In recent years, the bridge was reconstructed due to fire damage to the base of the bridge. Stopped long enough at Bucherer for people to shop for Rolex and Piaget watches, jewelry, and ever popular Swiss knives. Left Lucerne for Geneva via Bern, the capital of Switzerland. According to legend, the reigning Duke told his followers that the city would be named after the first animal he killed. Thus, the

Bear of Bern became its trademark. Drove through Fribourg, a town noted for its Gruyere cheese and a museum devoted to Gruyere cheese. Passed the resort town of Lausanne, the Riviera of Switzerland rivaling the city of Nice, France with its greenery. Had our first "Big Mac" in Geneva. We craved for hamburgers, fries, and drinks, after eating European meals for the past week.

Wednesday, Oct 19 (Geneva-Avignon)

Departed 8:00 AM from the hotel with city guide MARGARET conducting a city tour of Geneva. Drove through the lakeside parks viewing the flower clock, a gift from the Geneva's watchmakers. Geneva is the European Headquarters of the United Nations, including the International Headquarters of the World Health Organization. A tight security was enforced for all those entering the U.N. Building. A walking tour of the Ariana Park visiting the St. Pierre Cathedral and the old city arsenal, with its covered patio, mosaic walls, and cannons. At the Bastion Park stands a massive wall with statues of 4 reformation leaders of the historical Protestant Reformation. Continuing on our journey to Avignon, we encountered our first rainy weather between Valence and Montilimar. Up 'til now, we were blessed with beautiful weather throughout France, Germany, and Switzerland.

Thursday, Oct 20 (Avignon-Monserrat-Barcelona)

Departed 8:30 AM from Hotel Novotel Sud to view the city of Avignon with city guide RAPHAELLO. Avignon is one of the great art centers of France and was the residence of Popes during the 14th century. Remains of a Roman bridge during the 12th century with 4 arches dominates the scene. During one of our rest stops, can't help but notice the problem SHIGEO KAWAMOTO faced trying to use the urinal bowl which was much too high. Ditto for SAM YAMADA and SASH TANABE. They are survivors, somehow they manage. The ever-present problem of the women standing in line to use the bathroom will continue as long as we have bus loads of people simultaneously rushing to the bathrooms. Often times the men stood

guard to let the women use the men's room. The other tourists don't take kindly to us locals directly traffic for the women. Driving to Monserrat, the mountain from afar appears jagged, leaving an impression of a serrated knife. The principal treasure, the Black Virgin of Monserrat, is the object of thousands of pilgrimages annually. We were privileged to walk-up the stairway leading to Black Virgin encased in a niche above the high altar. We all rubbed the outer glass for good luck and good fortune. Monserrat also offers a museum with works by El GRECO and other world-renown artists. Arrived in Barcelona in the late afternoon and was surprised with the luxurious accommodations of Hotel Le Meridien. RENEE LAU upon entering her room was frightened and speechless to find a man lying on her bed. The man was equally shocked and gesturing so excitedly that she left in a hurry to have her keys checked. To the embarrassment of the hotel clerk, the wrong key was issued to RENEE. It was a quite an ordeal for RENEE and the unsuspecting gentleman.

Friday, Oct 21 (Barcelona)

Surprised to have a complete buffet breakfast consisting of bacon, sausages, eggs, assorted cold cuts, cheese, assorted cereals, fresh fruit, and assorted fruit juices. Late morning departure from the hotel with city guide RAPHAELLO doubling again to conduct a tour of the city. The CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS monument, a landmark, and Barcelona's most well known and controversial cathedral started by GAUDI since 1891 is still incomplete and under several stages of construction. Gypsies are in numbers, peddling their wares on the grounds trying to get close to you and your wallet. Had to brush away a gypsy with her hands in my jacket.. some nerve! To accommodate the 1992 Olympic games, part of the sea front was converted to an Olympic Village and is now occupied as a residential area. For lunch, GRACE and RUTH KAWASAKI had their first taste of paella, a combination of sea food and rice at the Spanish Village. It tasted so good that they had a plate lunch of paella for take-out to ALAN, our driver. KIYOSHI KAWASAKI and I wanted to try Tapas

but for lack of time, settled for calamari for "pupu" and beer. Afternoon at leisure, the first afternoon off since we left Strasbourg. Too tired to go out to dinner, we settled for "Ochazuke" and saimin at the suite of BETTY OKADA, CHIEKO TSUTSUI, and ALICE JOHIRO with the KAWASAKIS and the ONOS joining the group.

Saturday, Oct 22 (Barcelona-Zaragoza-Madrid)

After a hearty buffet breakfast, departed for Madrid via Zaragoza. Zaragoza is best known for its association with FRANCISCO GOYA, who was born in this province. An abundance of olive trees from this region can be seen for miles. SYLVIA mentioned that olives can be harvested from a tree after 13 years, yielding 13 lbs per tree. It takes about 200 pounds of olives to extract 4 gallons of olive oil. The long drive from Zaragoza to Madrid and lull in conversation prompted ROSE IKUTA to use the speaker to recollect an incident that happened 10 years ago at the Nettuno American Military Cemetery in Italy. "After visiting the grave of NOBO's friend buried at Nettuno, we were surprised to see RALPH and GRACE escorting a group of Nisei veterans from Hawaii. Knowing about our predicament and the long wait for the next train to Rome, they offered us a ride on their bus to Rome, which otherwise would have taken us over two hours by train and taxi to reach our destination. Ever grateful for your offer, NOBO and I will always cherish your kindness and thoughtfulness." It was nice of you ROSE, and NOBO for caring and remembering. Arrived at the Plaza, a superior hotel situated in the heart of tow. Such luxurious suites similar to the one we occupied at Le Meridien hotel in Barcelona. Apparently the lucky ones on the 5th floor share the same type of room like we did.. we never asked.

Sunday, Oct 23 (Madrid)

Complete buffet breakfast with all the trimmings and surprise of all surprises, "Bara-Zuzhi" was also added to the buffet. How they ever concocted this dish is beyond me. Apparently the Plaza hotel has a steady stream of visitors from Japan. Departed from the hotel at 9:00 AM

with city guide MARIA. The Prado is probably the greatest gallery of classical paintings in the world. It's masterpieces include works by GOYA, EL GRECO, VELAZQUEZ, RUEBENS, TITIAN, VAN DYKE, and other masters. The museum also contains classical sculptures as well as coins, gold and silver work collections. The Royal Palace, no longer used as residence for royalty, is still used for state functions. Just to observe the State Dining Room, the Gold Throne Room with its magnificent ceiling and the great collection of tapestries is awe-inspiring. The music rooms contain a collection of instruments including several by Stradivarius. The stroll through the Botanical Garden appeared tempting but several of us opted to rest under the cool shade of the trees. The scheduled trip to the flea market was canceled due to the huge Sunday crowd and the ever-present gypsies at the flea market. ALAN had to repair his bus which took about 2 hours to replace the power steering hose. The amazing thing about the European drivers is that they must be qualified mechanics in addition to being drivers. Today being Sunday, all restaurants were packed to the rafters. About a dozen of us, including SYLVIA, had to settle for Big Mac lunches. Since the afternoon was at leisure, GRACE and her sisters RUTH KAWASAKI, CHIEKO TSUTSUI, ALICE JOHIRO, and MARY ONO decided to prepare local food for dinner. BETTY OKADA, MARGARETTANABE, FRANCES YAMADA, JANE IGE, and TOMOYE KAJIWARA all pitched in to prepare island favorites. Thanks to HISAYOSHI TACHIBANA, SASH TANABE, SAM YAMADA, STEVE ONO, KIYOSHI KAWASAKI, and SAM IGE for the contribution of liquors and cases of beer. After dinner, the ladies prepared a new batch of rice enough to serve 2 musubi and Vienna sausage per person for Bus #2 the following morning. If the room was large enough, we surely would have invited Bus #2 for dinner. Gomen-na-sai.

Monday, Oct 24 (Madrid-Toledo-Granada)

After a complete buffet breakfast, drove to Granada, via Toledo with city guide MARIE narrating. Toledo is approximately 43 miles away

and approximately 280 miles to Granada from Madrid. A two-hour walking excursion was conducted by MARIE. The Tagus River hugs the town on three sides, much like a castle moat. The Spanish Gothic Church is celebrated for its wrought iron work and countless beautiful stained glass windows. Equally renown are the painting by EL GRECO, VELAZQUEZ, GOYA, and VAN DYKE. Visited the Spain oldest Synagogue erected in the 13th century. A brief stop at a jewelry shop in Toledo caused a buying spree of gold bracelets and pendants and other exquisite regional jewelry by the ladies. The complete devotion of SUSAN KAISAKI and NANCY YONEMITSU, daughters of the ARTHUR & AMY KAISAKI, is heartwarming. SUSAN and NANCY were constantly at their side comforting and lending hand to them in every possible way. ARTHUR KAISAKI is disabled and a highly decorated veteran of L Company. Stopped for lunch at a small town with a wrought iron figure of DON QUIXOTE prominently displayed. The lunch was a disappointment with vegetable tomato soup so salty and equally lousy ham and cheese sandwich. Arrived at Hotel Granada in the late afternoon. Had a simple dinner of spaghetti and soup and retired for the night.

Tuesday, Oct 25 (Cordoba)

After a hearty buffet breakfast, departed at 9:10 AM with city guide MARGARITA. Alhambra, the formidable fortress stands at the top of a wooded hill with a commanding view of the town. The fortress' outer perimeter is entered through the Promegranate Gateway to the massive Justice Gateway. The Nasrid Palace, the residence of the royal family stands the famous court of Lions. Other points of interest in the palace are the brightly colored dome ceiling and domed room with a fountain. Alhambra is Spain's outstanding symbol of Moorish heritage and one of the country's most visited tourist attractions.

Wednesday, Oct 26 (Cordoba-Seville)

Departed at 9:00 AM with city guide CHRISTOPHER to tour the city of Cordoba. Cordoba's three faiths are represented by Islamic with its Mezquita, Christians with its Cathedral incorporated with the mosque, and Jewish with its

Synagogue. Walked through the old Jewish quarter with narrow streets and white-washed walls. The Cordoba and Toledo Synagogues are the only major synagogues which remain in Spain today. The 2000-year old Roman bridge fronting the Mezquita has been restored several times and is still in use. Stopped at Ecija, the hottest spot in Spain. During the summer, it is known as the frying pan of Andalusia. We had our first 5-course Chinese dinner with set menu costing us 2,300 Pesetas equating to \$21.00 for two. What a difference from the pricy Chinese restaurant Zurich, Switzerland. Saw our first flamenco show at El Patio, Sevillano. The show lasted 90 minutes starting at 10:00 PM. More than twenty professional dancers performed and the rhythm is given by handclaps, heel-clicks, and castanets. One drink, either wine or beer was included with the show. YURIKO SAWADA, a teetotaler, will well remember this night. The wine apparently overwhelmed her but fortunately PHIL YONEMITSU, a paramedic from Bus #2, was there to give assistance. Missing the flamenco show was the conspicuous absence of SASH TANABE. According to MARGARET, SASH slipped in the bathtub the night before and needed the rest. (Later visit to the doctor in Honolulu confirmed that he suffered 2 fractured ribs.)

Thursday, Oct 27 (Seville)

After a complete buffet breakfast, left the hotel at 9:40 AM for a morning tour of Seville with city guide CONCHITA. The Seville Cathedral is the largest cathedral in Spain and third largest in Europe. Priceless paintings and chapels enclosed by screens decorate the interior. The cathedral also contains the tomb of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS and Spanish monarchs. The Orange Tree Court also remains from the old mosque. Quoting CONCHITA, an Orange Tree with two leaves (small leaf connected at the base of the stem), the orange is very bitter, unfit for consumption and the one-leaf variety, the orange is very sweet. A professional photographer took a group picture of Bus #1 and #2 with the Giralda Tower in the background. Unfortunately, we did not have the 442nd 50th Anniver-

sary banner to identify this momentous occasion. Strolled through the Maria Luisa Park with its beautiful trees, pools, fountains, and sunken gardens and colorful tiled plazas. For dinner, the group was driven to a special restaurant noted for its seafood. Browsing through the souvenir shops before dinner, HIROSHI SUYEOKA impulsively bought a bronze bull, a limited edition sculpted by L. MORENO. The miniature bull, 4 1/1" tall with a 3" x 6" base was specially packed in a wooden case for hand carry by HIROSHI. MARY JANE was ecstatic over the purchase of a miniature bronze bull instead of a 'live' bull from Andalusia.

Friday, Oct 28 (Seville-Lisbon)

Departed Seville at 9:00 AM for the long drive to Lisbon. Midway to Lisbon, both buses were stopped by Portugal's Highway Patrol to check on the drivers tape-recorded disc to determine whether a driver has a minimum 9 hours rest in a day. This no-nonsense check by the Portugal Highway Patrol to insure the safety of passengers is commendable. Noticed the abundance of Cork Oak trees along the secondary roads leading to Lisbon. Quoting SYLVIA, the Cork Oak trees grow well in Spain and Portugal where most of the world's cork is produced. A Cork Oak tree must be at least 8 - 10 years old before it can be harvested and has a life span of 100 years or more. Most of the cork produced is used for insulation floor covering, gaskets, bottle caps, and stoppers. In approaching Lisbon, high above the bank of the Tagus is the statue of "CHRISTO REI" a landmark of Lisbon. The statue was erected in 1959 in fulfillment of the vow made by Portuguese bishops who prayed that Portugal be spared from participation in WWII. The suspension bridge, the longest in all of Europe, leads you direct to Lisbon. Dinner consisted of Cream of Vegetables and Beef Medallions with Madeira wine fruit salad. The cooking at Holiday Inn is more Americanized and suitable to our tastes.

Saturday, Oct 29 (Lisbon)

After a complete buffet breakfast, departed from the hotel at 9:15 AM taking a panoramic tour of Lisbon with city guide LYNNA. Drove

through Rossio square, the city's focal point and meeting place; the 7 hills of Lisbon; Sao Jorge Castle and the Pombal Square where the great earthquake struck in the mid-1700's, destroying everything in sight. In remembrance, one building was purposely left as a reminder of the great tragedy. A walking tour visiting the Dos Jeronimos Monastery which miraculously survived the devastating earthquake. The Cos Coaches National Museum contains Portugal's outstanding collection of coaches and carriages of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. The Belem Tower situated on the banks of the Tagus from which Portuguese navigators embarked on voyages of discovery. The oddly shaped tower has a combination of Italian Arabic charm and surprisingly palm trees dominate the landscape. Not far from the Belem Tower is the modern monument to the discoveries of PRINCE HENRY the navigator. Up the slanting white decks are the other Portuguese explorers who took part in the discoveries. A welcome afternoon leisure time gave us a chance for a catnap before a surprise complimentary dinner hosted by Carlson/World Class Travel at Holiday Inn. Dinner consisted of Cream of Vegetables, Roast Loin of Pork with apple sauce, and fruit salad. A late evening of gambling at Estoril, a fashionable seaside resort and playground of the rich and famous. The Estoril pales in comparison to the casinos of Las Vegas. The casinos have two entrances. One for those who prefer gaming tables (dice, 21, poker, baccarat, etc.) and the other is the slot machines. A small fee is charged for both entrances. We chose the slots to make our contribution. For the uninitiated, never cash a traveler's check at the casino as I learned the hard way. For cashing a \$50.00 traveler's check you must show and surrender your passport which took a good half hour before your passport is returned with your Escudo. The shocking truth is for cashing a \$50.00 traveler's check, a \$13.08 commission plus a casino tax of \$1.18 is deducted leaving a balance of \$35.74, a rip-off of \$14.26 before you even start to gamble. Lesson learned - have enough Escudo in your possession before gambling and never cash a traveler's

check at the casino. Nevertheless, it was a diversion and fun night for all.

Sunday, Oct 30 (Lisbon)

With seven 5-lb. bags of rice left with only a day left before heading for home, GRACE, her sisters, and lady friends made over 160 musubis right after breakfast, allowing 2 assorted musubis for members of Bus #1 and #2. Left the hotel about 8:15 AM with city guide NINNA to view one of Europe's most sacred shrines, the Fatima Sanctuary in Fatima, second only to Lourdes in France. The grounds of Fatima are twice the size of St. Peter's in Rome. Due to time limitations, LILLIAN MATSUDAIRA and several others were disappointed for not being able to witness the conclusion of the services and tour the Basilica. Continue on to Batalha to view the masterpiece of the monastery built with limestone of intricate carving throughout the church. Can't help notice the intensity shown by MARY ICHINO and JOHN MATSUDAIRA over these carvings. The same deep concentration shown by them over the classical paintings at the Prado Museum in Madrid and the stain glass windows of the Church of Toledo. Other items of interest at the Chapter House contained Portugal's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the tomb of PRINCE HENRY the NAVIGATOR. For lunch we had musubi and spam, prepared earlier this morning, at the picturesque seaside village of Nazare. Returned to Holiday Inn in mid-afternoon. With so much local can food still on hand, the ladies decided to cook the last meal for all those available to partake in the food. Never thought I'd see PHIL ICHINO with a drink in his hands. Seems that "Jack Daniels" agrees with him. YUTAKA KAJIWARA, KIYOSHI KAWASAKI, SAM YAMADA, STEVE ONO, and SAM IGE were equally mellow drinking Lisbon's finest brew. The remaining food of can goods and rice were equally divided among SYLVIA, CLAUDINE, ALAN, and JILES.

Monday, Oct 31 (Lisbon)

For breakfast, GRACE cooked the last of the 10-cup rice. With permission of the Holiday Inn staff, sat the rice cooker on our table and within the hour the rice pot was emptied. Today being

a full day of leisure, SYLVIA, CLAUDINE, ALAN and JILES were gracious enough to accommodate the group's request for shopping time. We were drive to the Craft Center for an hour of shopping and thereafter to the heart of Lisbon for a shopping spree until 2:00 PM. It was a godsend for those who had little time for shopping elsewhere. ROSE NAKAO with a stack of coins from Estoril lamented that the merchants in Lisbon refused to accept casino coins. She happily donated her casino coins to ALAN for souvenir. While waiting for the bus to pick-up the group, droppings from above hit SASH TANABE on the right forearm. Looking up, SASH got a direct hit right on the forehead. If this was a parting message from the birds, it was some kind of send off for SASH. Perhaps it's the birds way to express "Lisbon with Love" to SASH. For our final farewell dinner at the hotel, management had a big sign in the dining room that read "50th - 442nd - Aloha." It was a nice gesture on the part of the Holiday Inn. Dinner consisted of Cream of Vegi, Turkey with Mushrooms, and caramel. Led by SHIGEO KAWAMOTO, the group sang "Aloha Oe" a fitting ending to a most memorable and satisfying 21-day journey to the Western most part of Europe.

Tuesday, Nov 1 (Lisbon-USA)

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group left at 9:00 AM to meet the 11:05 departure to London. We bade fond farewell and Aloha to SYLVIA, CLAUDINE, ALAN, and JILES for taking such good care of us. For those interested in the number of miles traveled, ALAN's odometer recorded 4,930 kilometers or 3,062 miles from Frankfurt to the Lisbon Airport, the end of our journey. It appears that the 2:00 PM departure from London to San Francisco was much too close for comfort. The distance from one terminal to another in London was unbelievable. Pity the disabled vets. The tight security imposed (3 separate security checks) caused much delay and we barely made the flight. The group that left earlier for the Los Angeles flight was also in the same predicament. JANE IGE, scheduled to fly to Los Angeles missed her flight and took the next available plane to Los Angeles via Wash-

ington D.C. For those of us who barely made the San Francisco flight and being the last to be boarded were fortunate enough to be assigned to Business Class and First Class to the disabled. A Business Class seating on a 10-hour flight to San Francisco more than made up for the anxiety and stress experienced going through the London terminals. The custom check at San Francisco, our first point of entry into the U.S. was a breeze. No major delay was encountered by the group. Departed San Francisco on schedule and arrived in Honolulu at approximately 10:15 PM.



Rural Chapter NEWS

by ED IMAMURA

119 Officers

The officers for this year are: President GARY YAMAGUCHI, Vice-President JOHN CHINEN, Recording Secretary/Treasurer YUTAKA KAJIWARA and Corresponding Secretary KENICHI SAKUMOTO.

Chapter meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at Dots Drive Inn of Wahiawa. All 442nd veterans are welcome to join us for dinner. Pay for your own dinner unless you can give a halfway decent dinner speech. In which case, it's the club's treat.

Shinnen-En Kai

The club held their annual New Years dinner party on Friday, February 17 at the newly renovated spacious Leilehua Golf Course restaurant. Those who attended were (Mother Club member in parentheses): JOHN CHINEN (Svc); EDWIN & AMY IMAMURA (Svc), YUTAKA & TOMOE KAJIWARA (Svc), HOWARD & KATHERINE KAWAGUCHI (232), SAM & EVELYN KIHARA (MIS), MASAYUKI & JENNY KIKUCHI (I), TADASHI & CHIYOKO MATSUMOTO (522), KENICHI & BETTY

SAKUMOTO (232), NOBUO & VIOLET TAKAMORI (522), FUTAO & BETTY TERASHIMA (I), and GARY & HISAE YAMAGUCHI (AT, MIS). RAYMOND & FLORA KATAOKA and JOE & MARIAN USUI (both of 522) were unable to attend the dinner party.

The following widows joined us for dinner (husband's name/chapter in parenthesis): MILDRED IMAMOTO (JOE), TAEKO ISHIKAWA (GEORGE/M), DORIS MATSUOKA (SHIRO/171), MITSUKO MIURA (TATSUO/Svc), MIYAKO NAKAI (KIYOTO/G), JANE NAKAMURA (BEN/Medics), KATHERINE SAKAMOTO (HAROLD/522), BETSY YAMAMOTO (YUKIO/ "KOPPE"/I), and ROSELINE YANO (FRANCIS/AT).

TED HAMASU of Pearl City, the current president of Rural Chapter, 100th Bn. and his wife TSURUYE were the honored guests at the party. Mahalo to MASAYUKI KIKUCHI for his generous \$75.00 donation of gift certificates.

Japan Trip

JOHN CHINEN and his son GLEN are taking a short vacation to Nagoya, Japan, beginning on April 16. They are looking forward to meeting the family and relatives of GLEN's prospective bride. Congratulations and best wishes to both of them.



by HICHI MATSUMOTO

Christmas Party - 1994

Our Christmas party was held at Victoria Inn and again going to be the site of the 1995 Christmas party, because mo kimetoru and chanto da okane for da down payment already harotoru for kapu da place.

The attendance was very encouraging, 82 total. 62 adults and 20 kids. More and more of our kids and their kids are coming out. Commu-

nications must be getting through.

Program Director/Master of Ceremonies was KIYO KIMURA - who else. Again kotoshi like kyonen he was greatly assisted by his No. 1 daughter SUSAN and her teenaged daughter and son. Her husband RUSTY was in attendance too. Da kids no name, nandatta kano. Grandpa no need tell 'em do this, do dat but kiwo kikasete their side kara yoh tego suru. The parlor type games they keep coming up with, year after year boggles the mind. Participating and trying to contribute to your team is getting tougher and tougher. Any group tow in mo bettah makaseru to da sharp minded wakai shis, if not, you just as good as dead.

With everybody at least a step or more slower, imagoro no parties bingo is a must. The members enjoy playing it just as much if not more than the kids. With plenty prizes and money too, to be given to the lucky winners daibun hima totta. SUSAN and PAUL (YURI and the late YASUhide) ISHIKAWA manned the bingo set and the caller was KIYO.

Almost ookega. Nobody was responsible (more likely they went forget) to pick up the reserved bingo set at our 442 clubhouse. Anyway, while da anpontans in the committee were blaming one another for da booboo, LILY OKAMOTO and JANET MATSUMOTO took it upon themselves and the men ga shirna aidani hele on to pick 'em up. Upon their arrival, 2HQ (they were having their party too) HERBERT ISONAGA chanto was waiting with the game in hand for whoever was gonna pick 'em up. He most likely was expecting some members but nani dokoroka two him ga shiran wahines showed up. He must have been of great help because we thought we overheard the girls saying something like, da guy personable, a gentleman, and seems like a good guy. Well (ahem), it's debatable. After all these years, they no think, they know no sense monku and do 'em themselves mo hayai.

Took a little break to introduce the 1995 chapter officers. After a round of applause given the incoming officers, the party resumed.

The YURI ISHIKAWA and BESSIE ONO clan were out in force. They whole cheesed and

occupied the entire table by themselves. With the manpower they had, seemed like they were winning prizes left and right. Got to know ONO no muko-san, JAY, CATHY's husband. BRIAN ONO and wife like always were in attendance. Was a pleasant surprise seeing and chatting with CYNTHIA, LILY MURAKAMI's daughter.

Collectors BARNEY/BERNICE ZENIGAMI had da pilau job of relieving people of their hard-earned money. Learned from past experience that setting up da choba right next to the elevator was da akamai thing to do. Catch 'em as they enter the hall. Both are retired but keep busy. Attending dance class for one.

Santa Claus was DOC KAWAMOTO again. Santa's vocabulary was very limited when passing out the goodies to da kids. If boy, he'd say, "Were you a good boy?" If girl nara, "Were you a good girl?" Besides da hohohos, kidded him, "You the chapter's permanent Santa or what." Answered, "What, my uniform, eh." Rascal bugga dat and never lost for words.

Christmas carol singing which is a must was led by JOE SATO, our music man. No more him and his trusted shobai dohgu (guitar), sabishii yutara... no more da spirit and not like Christmas.

Was nice seeing and talking to HELEN TAKANO. This was her first since MERVYN passed away.

Chapter Officers - 1995

President CHARLEY IJIMA - Youngest and the biggest in the 232nd Engrs. Not a bakabutori because he get da smarts and priorities in order and one akamai sonovagun. This is his second time around as chapter president. Now days as the years go by (faster and faster it seems) and the ranks getting thinner and thinner, guys should prepare themselves to serve more often.

He and First Lady MARGIE live out in Enchanted Lakes subdivision in Kailua. Their two sons, GLENN and IRWIN futotte left the comfort of home, flew da coop, and on their own. Number one son is married and has a family of his own, works for Bank of Hawaii - Hawaii's #1 Bank. Spent several years in Guam and is now

back in Honolulu. IRWIN, da otombo works and lives in LA. Good news for the girls him mada nyobo ga oran. Mother ni nitte, good looking boy. Sega takai just like da old man.

Da IJIMASKanshinna yutara, faithfully attends the monthly chapter meetings although living on the other side of Nuuanu Pali - winward side of the island. Oh, yes, being a conscientious man with great pride will do an excellent job. Spell da myoji with one "I."

Vice-President KIYO KIMURA - This makes two years in a row he is serving (yorokonde) in the same capacity. A perfect fit for the position. Headman for parties... there is no one better. Excellent public relations man. Senmon at entertaining. A triple threat. He can sing (wahine part too). Plays da ukulele with gusto. But being the master of ceremonies is his "meat." And he knows a few jokes too. A few??

No need to make any kine iran shimpai if him and his boss going get along, no way they won't because their nature, style, personality very similar. Easy to approach, very likable, easy to get along. You can grumble/argue, they listen. Just like the Almighty went put 'em together, they will work in perfect harmony. One guy likes to talk and talk some more. The other guy after huli-ing several tall tsumetai ones likes to talk too but to his credit is a good listener as well. Do we need to elaborate as to dare ga dare ka?

Secretary MASAO YAMASAKI - MASAO been secretary and an excellent one for so long, no can recall who was the last one before he took over. But now, you gotta give wife YVONNE just as much credit too. Say, at least 50 - 50. MASAO takes the minutes and compiles them. YVONNE type 'em and read 'em at the meeting. Dis fufu nakayoku kurasu.

Treasurer MONTE OKAMOTO - Da OKAMOTOS (MONTE & LILY) kompan their work. Just like da YAMASAKIS.

JOE SATO inherits all the numerous jobs WALTER MATSUMOTO used to do since way back. Doing this kind work is nothing new to JOE because he's been WALTER's right arm all along. He'll just smoothly slide his okole in. Will he do a good job? Of course and what a silly

question to ask. In doing anything, this man in thinking several moves ahead. He assumes being boss of a thankless job. You do an excellent job, nobody notice. But inadvertently should you goof, good chance you'll hear about it. Making a long story short, doing a futsuna things that people no meni kakaran things. Now, what would be an appropriate title for him.

With the transition of duties from WALTER to JOB complete, WALTER will carry the title of emeritus and serve in the advisory capacity. As much as he contributed all through the years no way can he divorce himself from the chapter and fully retire, because just about all of the outside islands and mainland correspondence comes to him.

Tea with KIMO

HERBERT "KIMO" KIMOTO, a local (Hawaii) boy but took off for Los Angeles more than several decades ago, came back home to Honolulu to attend his sister's funeral service.

He had a few extra days to kill before returning home to "Smog City," make himself available and let the chapter host him to a supposed to be sumptuous lunch at our clubhouse. The boys happy seeing him regain back his health, cut loose, went all out and celebrated the special occasion with plate bento lunch. No, we are not tight nore being manini.

Like KIMO's molto bono aikane, TV doctor KIYO KIMURA caution us: Da bugga's health is dakine dat kiwo tsukete gotta keep close watch whatever he consumes. If not we bugga loose and go for broke.

The wonderful part of entertaining at the clubhouse is tada, eh. And another good thing is when the beer stock starts getting low and the inevitable bullsh.... pardon, da mukashi stories start coming out, ato ga nai. Ahem, we the landlords so no need vacate the premises against your wishes.

Him, iiko sete patiently waiting for our 232nd Engrs./Band Chapter's Reunion scheduled for Las Vegas in May. Until then he'll be sharpening up his black jack game. The money part no problem, the hard part he says is when to hit and

when to stand. Go sit down on the same table with him, every game (\$1.00 or whatever) is an adventure, making the dealer earn his bread and butter.

KIMO is very active with the LA Engrs. and dekiru dake health permitting of course, attends all dinner meetings and whatever functions. The L.A. group have good things going, the host whoever he may be or wherever he may live, selects the meeting site and does all the necessary leg work. Every month they jump from place to place so nobody is left out, no like anybody get haboot.

Dis KIMO no yatsu yo, whenever L.A. get anything, he is very visible and helping out. He is one kolohe and rascal bugga. Probably he lived more than half of his life on the mainland but to us, he is more Buddhahead than Kotonk. Like they say, You can take the boy out from the country but you can't take the country from the boy.

He reports that all the L.A. Engrs.; YAMADAS, KIYOMURAS, TOM MATSUNAMI, HENRY KAMBARA, and others mamede making the most of it. MARY YAMADA yo, being on da pinpin side, GEORGE tsurote go work side by side at the golf course, messing around the golf carts. Dunno if da bugga wuz kidding or waht, da YAMADAS leave home by 4 AM not PM. His wife MARYE is doing good, too.

KAY (HARRY) FUJII looked like her former cheerful self. Just konaida, she returned after an extensive medical check-up at Stanford University hospital. All examinations proved to be negative....yokatta. Modotte attending her first club function was asked to be the day's collector, yorokonde enjoyed doing it.

CHARLEY IJIMA, our brand new daitoryo pulled "rank" and cut into some happy hour time and reported what transpired at the January BOD meeting. Reason for it was the previous night which was supposed to be our first chapter meeting of the year, shoganashi was canceled due to a funeral service the members and wives had to attend. Eh, our new leader get the get-up-and-go and looking forward for BOD and chapter meetings.

Everybody knows nothing just happens, this was no different. Da hatara-ita people: Refreshments - JOE SATO & HARRY FUJII; Food/dessert - LILY OKAMOTO & HICHI MATSUMOTO; Bonsan blessing the food - RODNEY YAMASHIRO. Our First Lady (MARGIE IJIMA) was moving around a lot, making co-pay and ocha and serving too. Almost forgot to mention VP KIYO KIMURA in charge of dis kine stuff.

Besides the already mentioned, the following people attended: TEIJI CHINNA, MITS & MILLIE HONDA, BOB ISHIKAWA, DOC KAWAMOTO, BLANCHE KIMURA, WALTER & HAZEL MATSUMOTO, MONTE OKAMOTO, JANE SATO, MASA & YVONNE YAMASAKI, and NORA YAMASHIRO. And Da Main Boy that was responsible for this humbug..no, no erase, for dis yorokobi get together - HERBERT KIMOTO, made it 23.

Even on such short notice all the above mentioned showed up, doesn't that tell you something about this man.

P.S. Etto ocha nonda.

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION!

What: 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter Reunion

Where: California Casino & Hotel - Las Vegas

Time: Leave Honolulu April 30, Return May 4, 1995

For further information, call LILY OKAMOTO.

Only konaida, bumped into ART "PRIMO" KIKUKAWA at Wisteria Restaurant. Asked him: "You going Vegas?" Answered: "I went pay already." End of conversation.

Volunteer

ELEANOR ANDO, present treasurer, and a darn good one, for the 442 Ukulele, Hula & Choral Group, volunteered her services again for the 1995 year. No she never was asked if she cared to serve again in the same capacity, but her side kara offered her services. ELEANOR-san, now dohyu tara good ka, anyhow the club members to the very last one, dem no shinzo no ichiban shitakara thank you so very much. Her yo, of her good deed nokoto praise setara, she

go say something like, "I get the time and to go change the signature for writing checks, mendo kusaina eh." No grandstand play on her part. She's sincere shin kara and anything good for da kurabu nara, she's all for it. Oi, ANDO no obasan, you get your head screwed on pololoi. When first nominated and elected to office last year, no monku, no nothing from her but gladly accepted saying something like, "Thank you for giving me chance to contribute and for having trust and faith in me and I will do my best." She's done that and more. She is a doll.

P.S. Almost forgot to mention what she excels in. Eh, she can shake 'em with the best too, boy. Hard to spot her in a crowd when nothing is going on but once the show goes on, watch out.

Deko Ageta

MACK NOGAKI gets unexpected reward after 50 plus years. Born, grew up, and attended school, worked until retiring, all in Seattle, Washington. That's a story in itself. Of several 232nd Engrs who used to call Seattle home, only him (his wife JACKIE too) and TOM & MARY HIRAKI remains. Others like EDDIE SATO and HAM TSUKUNO headed to the midwest and settled in Chicago. TAD FUJIOKA went up north Juneau, Alaska to live among da Eskimos. You know him, da bigger da wide open space, da better he likes. As for WILLIE TAHARA, he haven't seen him for sometime.

Been maru two years since Da Beeg One (50th Anniversary Reunion) but seems more like it was tatta konaida because we can still taste dem onolicious crab legs and clams, fresh and not refrigerated, MACK waza waza went lug 'em all the way from home. A sizable amount for da boys to tsumamu on 'em with something refreshing in the other hand in the hospitality room. That mezurashii omiyage, table in dashita to omotara, suguto went disappea. A treat da boys well remember and won't soon forget.

The reason for his picture in the newspaper, we'll let him tell you:

"On November 11, 1994, they held a Veterans Day service at the Washelli Cemetery, out north of town, and the Japanese-American vets were

invited to participate. This time the Military Intelligence group was also invited, and we had a really big turnout. We were asked to come in uniforms if possible. This was hard to do, so most of the vets came just in their Legionnaire caps, which was acceptable. This boy dug up his antique uniform out of mothballs and it was still a pretty good fit. When I showed up, I was asked to be color bearer and I didn't look too bad for a guy in his 50-year old uniform.

Some guy walked up to me and asked my permission to take a picture, so I said go ahead. He asked me my name and age. I thought nothing more of it.

Next Saturday morning my phone started ringing like crazy. Everyone was telling me that my picture was on the front page of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in full color, smothered by the stars and stripes. We collected a number of copies of the picture, so here is one I saved for you."

No bull, the picture size, 7"W x 11"H, standard size typing paper and yoh utsuttoru. (Editor's Note: See Cover Photo/Caption) What caught da maka about this 82-year young man, nambo mitemo no can find one shiwa. He looked snappy in his well-preserved Eisenhower jacket but niente da stripes. The shirt sleeve, clean, bare kara.

Information Please

Wanting some information, our Eskimo friend TAD FUJIOKA called from Juneau, Alaska. Him and wife CHERRY have been calling the 49th state home a little after his retirement from Boeing Aircraft Co., where he was employed as an electrical engineer. We couldn't comply with him the tanomareta request but that wasn't the end of the long distance call, no siree. Because like always, "How's the weather over there" comes into play to prolong the conversation. Just then at the time of the call, the weather of his place was a tolerable 25 degrees F., for them that is. But only a couple of days earlier, the mercury went hit rock bottom, 0 degrees F. He continues, now, that is what you call on da little cold side. Us kanakas would say: Freeze da okole and dakine too and go crawl under da