nukui kasane toru futons - notice plural. Before hanging up, he says yoroshiku to everybody from him and CHERRY too. As for the coming up May Reunion in Las Vegas is concerned, nothing definite yet, kuru ka konka. Hope you two can make it. Eh, kangaete miruto, not too many left. Come and think later.

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to RICHARD & CLARA URADA and daughters VELMA, CORINNE, and ARLENE of the passing away of their son/brother RICHARD SHOICHI.

Deepest sympathy to HENRY NAKAMA and family of the passing away of his wife, ESTHER.

Deepest sympathy also to the family of HERBERT KIMOTO of the passing away of his sister.



As one grows older the days seem to go by much faster than when one was younger. It was only a few days ago when we enjoyed Christmas and New Years and now we are already in the middle of February. Before long we will be counting the days before Christmas. This makes it most imperative that we dare not procrastinate too long to do the things one wants to do before Father time catches up with you. One of the things that continually remind us is our experiences of 50 years ago as members of EASY COMPANY, 442nd Regimental Combat Team. That was a once in a lifetime experience never to be repeated and one which contributed much to the betterment of life for all and has brought us to where we are today. Historians will someday record our experiences as one of the keys that brought about a better understanding of the evolution of humankind.

It is this kind of feeling one has that keeps the

EASY mini-reunions getting ever increasing attendance. And this years "no host" mini-reunion is being hosted by Los Angeles EASY at Las Vegas on Sunday thru Wednesday, Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, 1995. Just talked to Tom Akins on the phone in Tyler, Texas and he and wife ANNIE will be there. Tom sounded as fresh and young as the last time we saw him. That rascal is talking like ole times and even suggesting that he may be able to play at least one 18 holes of golf. Besides those attending reunions to refresh old memories there are also those who left this worldly life that triggers memories of past years. This is why there is more interest in visiting veterans cemeteries than heretofore. Talking about Veterans Cemeteries, 10 EASY CHAPTER members including one California resident showed up on Friday morning, Dec. 21st to place potted poinsettias at the headstones of departed EASY members. After the group placed the potted flowers at the headstones where most of the KIA's were buried the group divided into three and separately covered the three major areas of EASY burials. One group was headed by TADAO YOSHIMOTO assisted by SHIGEO "Fly" TAMASHIRO, and CHIKTESHIMA. Group No. 2 was led by TOMO UYEDA assisted by WAICHI TAKEMOTO and EDWIN GOYA, and the third group normally led by MASAMI DOI was leaderless with all three men sharing the responsibility in MASAMI's absence; GEORGE TANDO, S.T. OOKA and this writer. This group also had Los Angeles visitor, TOK SHIOMICHI trailing until walking with the one wooden leg became a chore on the open grassy area. The total operation took less than an hour. A grateful thanks for a job well done. The poinsettias incidentally were of Canadian origin.

EASY CHAPTER held its Christmas Party at Zippy's Iwilei with about fifty members and wives being present. Also at the party was Los Angeles native TOK SHIOMICHI and spouse CAROL and Lahaina resident and former long time EASY Honolulu member formerly of Pearl City, HIDEO "Pakala" TAKAHASHI and spouse BETTY. True to Pakala's Hawaiian instincts, he again

brought delicious opihis and ogo which he himself gathered on Maui. Also at the party was the ever smiling HARRY TACHIBANA whose bout with prostate big "C" apparently in remission. Much power to you HARRY and friend NORA MAEDA.

The big news for this reporting period is the passing of BOBBY MAEDA. Small MAEDA as he was often referred to came to EASY COMPANY just prior to the Company's departure for overseas combat duty from the 1st Battalion. He served with the second platoon as a rifleman. BOBBY lost his left arm above the elbow in Europe. Upon discharge he worked for Hawaiian Electric as meter man until a few years ago when he became unemployable. Because of that condition VA reclassified him 100 per cent disabled upon separation from Hawaiian Electric Co. BOBBY was a very loyal member of the Chapter and a regular at the monthly Chapter meetings.

The next series of news items is a report of the health of the CHAPTER, although somewhat belated. GEORGE TANDO recently suffered Bells Palsy in Vegas. This ailment affects the muscles of the face and skews the face as if damaged by a stroke. SALLY YOSHITAKE had her right knee replaced recently. CHICKEN YAMADA recently had a stroke, his second in ten years, but now seems well settled and taking it easy. Spouse, ROSE had gall bladder surgery several months ago and taking good care of CHICKEN. As this writer reminisces about those days when CHICKEN was courting ROSE, which I did not know then, CHICKEN use to spend his weekends in Hilo at the old Cunningham Hotel on Haili St. The marriage was an excellent one and has given the couple three boys and a daughter plus four granddaughters. The children are ALLAN; a supervisor with Hyatt Regent Hotel on Kauai; WAYNE, a postal worker on the mainland; WESLEY, of Pearl City, and FAYE; of Honolulu, married to a sansei from Kaimuki. CHICKEN & ROSE have four grandchildren, all daughters, aged 10, 8, 6, and 4. WESLEY'S spouse JANE is from Indiana and their two hapa haole daughters are going to make young boys of their own ages lose their senses someday. The other two granddaughters are children of WESLEY and spouse.

LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA have four grandchildren too. Oldest son CRAIG, the Town and Country footballry tycoon has two sons, RYAN & GARRETT. They both attend Mid Pacific Institute with RYAN playing Varsity soccer and GARRETT playing JV soccer for Pac Five. With a father like LEFTY who excelled in all sports, the grandchildren have the right genes for sports excellency. LEFTY's younger son MILES also has two children; son ZACHARY and daughter BRIANNA. Here BRIANA seems to have gotten LEFTY & KAY'S athletic ability as she excels in soccer and Ice skating. GEORGE & DORIS TANDO have two grandsons, CULLEN and KEENAN PANG. CULLEN played JV football at Punahou and participates in track. His specialty in track is the Triple jump. He also is a member of the Punahou School Marching Band and plays the clarinet. Brother KEENAN also played baseball as a member of the Kailua PAC team taking the championship in 1994. KEENAN also played soccer and baseball in the Kailua area PAC leagues. CULLEN is about 71 inches TALL and a sophomore while KEENAN is in the 5th grade. Both started at Punahou as kindergarten students.

Your reporter is the Legislative point man for the Coalition of State/Counties Retirees with headquarters at 1649 Kalakaua Avenue. He visits the State Legislature almost daily checking on Bills and making contacts with individual Legislators. Because parking is expensive and sometimes unavailable he parks his car in the parking lot of the Hawaii Education Association and proceeds to and from the Legislature on the City Bus on a senior Parking Pass. On one occasion FLYTAMASHIRO and spouse HELEN got on the No. 2 Bus which has Waikiki as its main destination. It was wonderful to see the TAMASHIROS making the trip to Waikiki.

Just spoke with BYRON GENE BURNS who took Captain TOM AKIN's place when TOM went to Battalion headquarters and was promoted to Major. GENE BURNS retired last month

as emeritus of the Company; he was head accountant. I will be sending mini-reunion materials to him as soon as KIYO YAMATE sends them to me. He still needs a little encouragement from those who know him well and he will most assuredly come to Vegas. His address is BYRON & MARY BURNS, 517 Church St. Laurens, SC 26360. Please write him an invitation. Incidentally he lives in the same house that we visited on two occasion in 1957 and 1958 and enjoyed their hospitality.

Pau for now. ALOHA and GOOD HEALTH TO ALL. T.I.



Christmas Party

Our Chapter Christmas Party .. a finale to end the chapter activities for 1994. And what a party that was! A record number of 76 attended this affair that was held at Natsunoya Tea House. A change from the usual one at Victoria Inn. It was not the sit-on-the-floor type because the senior citizens have a difficult time getting up once they sit down. The planners wisely chose the luau type of sitting at table and chairs.

Since it was a different site from the usual, IRISH OHARA did a dry run to Natsunoya the previous day so that he would be able to find the tea house. JOE OBAYASHI didn't do that so he took a wrong turn into a dead end street. It really was a dead end with a cemetery located there. The new bingo set purchased thru courtesy of TOSHI NISHIZAWA was good for TOSHI for he kept winning. For a \$25.00 deposit, you too may rent this set for your party so you can win. There were numerous bingo prizes purchased and donated items for door prizes and we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge and thank the donors for the generous gifts: WALTER INOUYE -\$40.00 and Woolworth bags; SAM OGAWA of

Riverside, CA - man and woman's wristwatch with 442nd logo & dried plums; ROCKY TANNA - 2 qrts V.O., (1) lunch box, a small ice cooler; MR. & MRS. EDWIN HONDA - \$20.00; MR. & MRS. MILTON UCHIGAKIUCHI - (3) 15-pkg golf balls (new - not the experienced type); PEGGY & JOE OBAYASHI - 1.5 liter Chablis-Inglenook wine; SUE & MELVIN HAMAMOTO - (3) bottles Canadian whiskey; JOE USUI - (2) \$10.00 Longs gift certificates; IRENE NAKA - \$25.00; BIGGIENAKAKURA - Homemade hasu tsukudani; IIDA - (1) dish.

It was an enjoyable get-together with lots to gab about with some of the people whom you see only once a year and to rehash the recent European trip. This is still considered a family type outing for SAM & MARTHA HIRONAKA brought their son ROBERT and daughter PHYLLIS while BIGGIE brought his brother RONALD and wife TOSHIKO.

The only regrettable part is the bingo games took the greater part of the evening and not too much time was had for socializing for all too soon it was 2230 hr. and time to break up the party. Granted that the bedtimes are a little earlier now for many but staying up a little late for this Christmas party is way of "living it up."

52nd Anniversary

This GFB Bulletin is scheduled to come out before the 52nd anniversary events so here's some tidbits FYI and reminder.

Golf tournament is at Hickam G.C. on Mar. 24. Tee time is at 0700 from front and back. Gate passes will be provided. Memorial Service is at 0900 on 25 Mar. at Punchbowl Cemetery. Placing flags on the graves of deceased 522 members is under the capable hands of FRED HIRAYAMA and volunteers ROCKY TANNA, HAROLD UEOKA, IRISH OHARA, YOSHIWO SHIMABUKURO, EDWARD & DOROTHY MATSUURA, and ROBERT FUJIMOTO. Banquet is at the Pacific Beach Hotel on 25 Mar. Cocktail hour at 1800 and the welcome ceremony will commence at 1830. Only half-hour for cocktails? No - but it's a good idea for who can afford the Waikiki prices. Table and seating

assignments will be in place as per your requests so that you can be seated with your spouse or whomever, gossip or boozer, etc. By attending the Memorial Service or the Banquet, you are eligible for a door prize. Chapter Presidents or his designee will disburse and collect your tickets.

Old Business

If you're going to the LA Reunion with Panda Travel, the tab has been upped to \$534 per person dbl occupancy to include the cost of air travel to Las Vegas, which they forgot...says STAN KANESHIRO, local hancho of the 522 Bn Reunion. If you're not traveling with Panda, then you make your own arrangements for HNL to LAX, and LAX to Las Vegas. Also land travel from airport to hotel or wherever. You should have your hotel reservation confirmed by now. As in Hawaii, LA has a strict law against sleeping in the parks or in public places. Golf is being arranged at a Muny course in Las Vegas by BOYAN HIGA. Any questions? Ask STAN or BOYAN.

Etc. Etc.

A beautiful service was held for KIYOSHI OKANO who passed away suddenly on 16 Jan. KIYOSHI, former member of the wire section, HQ Btry was residing in Walnut Creek, CA at the time of his demise. Funeral services was at the Mililani Funeral Parlor which enabled many 522 members to attend and bid him farewell.

NOBUO TAKAMORI donated his refund from the purchase of the overseas cap to the Chapter. MASA KIKUCHI donated two cases of beer for the meeting nights. Not O'Douls beer as FRED is wont to do. IRISH OHARA donated a brief case to replace the dilapidated one which Treasurer BIGGIE is ashamed to be seen with it even at a dog show. KATS MIHO is hustling people for an October Special Tour to Japan. It is touted as a peace tour which will be from Tokyo to Hiroshima. So far, the interested ones are ROCKY TANNA (2), IRISH OHARA (2), the traveling NAGAREDAS (2), BOYAN HIGA (2), HIROMI FUJIWARA (2). Interested? Give KATS

a buzz. Received a cheery, newsy letter from AL BINOTTI over the Holidays. AL say and we're sorry to hear that JACK ANDREWS who always attend our reunions will be unable to make the LA reunion. AL also mentioned that he'll be seeing KATS MIHO during the 26 - 30th Jan. when KATS will be in Dallas, TX for a conference. AL and ANNETTE has confirmed reservations at the New Otani and is really excited about the LA Reunion.

Scorecard by ROCKY 19 Dec. 94 @ HCC

First Tournament for this fiscal year is for Ace of the Aces, Ace of the Month, and Christmas Shoot. DON Y., the veteran golfer who was better than the other Monthly Aces pocketed the title, the prestige, satisfaction, but no million dollars as other golfers do on TV. CANNON-BALL started the year by being first Ace of the Month. All others played for Christmas prizes. After the aforementioned winners came KATS. Then the price of the prizes go down for KON KON, TEIJI, BOYAN, MITS, TOKU, Y.T., JOE S., TOM, BIGGIE, JOE O., STAN, TONY S. From BIGGIE on down the prize was \$1.25. Sound familiar? "You are a first round winner in this sweepstakes, but there were so many winners, your share is \$1.25. CP's on the par 3's: #4 WALTER (That cataract operation must have improved his shooting eye); #8 STAN S. (He hit the top half of the ball (skulled) and the ball kept on going onto the green to about 8 ft. of the pin. He did birdie the hole so hard to tell which part was the lucky part); #13 DON; #15 STAN K.

9 Jan @ NGC

KATS is on a roll for he came in first for Ace of the Month. The two-man team winners are KEN/KATS kombo, TONY/AKABO, TOM/KON KON...has a nice beat to it...BOYAN/BIGGIE, GEO/JOE S., ROCKY/WALTER, TEIJI/ROY O. CP's on the par 3: #1 Club saves money on this hole; #5 WALTER; #8 STAN S., #10 CANNON-BALL, #14 BOYAN, #17 TEIJI.

6 Feb @ NGC

TEIJI socked away the Ace of the Month title and the first place purse with a net 63. Two-man

team winners were ROCKY/TONY, BIGGIE/DON, TOM/GEO, TEIJI/LARRY, WALTER/STAN S., ROY O./TED. CP's of the par 3's: #1 Club saved \$5.00; #5 BOYAN; #8 DON Y.;#10 aha! Club saved another \$5.00; #14 BIGGIE; #17 TOKU.

You golfers take out your red pen and mark these schedule changes before you get slapped with a \$5.00 fine as a "no-show."

Monday, 14 Aug. 0700 @ HCC Tuesday, 03 Oct. 0924 @ HCC

10th hole of these dates: 17 Apr., 17 Jul., and 17 Sept. will be at the Moanalua G.C. with the Club picking up the tab. I'm sure you won't need a red pen since these dates are committed to memory already.

20 Nov. is the Turkey Shoot and the 10th hole is at the Inn of the 6th Happiness.



by HERBERT AKAMINE

One of the strongest links of Bruyeres to Hawaii is gone. THERESE SONET, an information officer for Bruyeres, reported on the recent passing of SERGE CARLESSO. SERGE had been an ardent admirer of the 442nd and had served in various official positions with the Bruyeres-Hawaii Association. He took an active part in the recent return of the 442 to Bruyeres for the 50th anniversary celebration.

SERGE was born to JEAN and CONCHETTA CARLESSO on April 10, 1929. He lost a leg on October 10, 1944 during the battle of Bruyeres. He was 15 at that time. He was 65 when he was felled by a heart condition. He leaves a widow MONIQUE LAURENT and son DOMINIQUE.

TOM MATSUMORI, the 442 movie projectionist's news on his Christmas card from Sandy, Utah was somewhat somber. He revealed that he was diagnosed as a bone marrow cancer case about a year ago. At one time, he

lost 38 pounds. Recently, he regained 7 pounds after undergoing oral chemotherapy. He says he feels a little better now. TOM worked out of the macaroni factory in Lt Trinite Victoire near Nice during the war and boarded with Service Company.

KAY KANESHINA, widow of the hero of the poignant ZELLER story, one of the 442nd's most heartwarming episodes, sent holiday greetings from Torrance, California. She said that she is busily wrapped up in the care of her two infant grandchildren. LA dance maestro HARRY KANADA, who joined the MUN SAITO reunion tour told her that they were royally welcomed by the ZELLER family in Sospel, France. Since then, KANADA has not stopped raving about the ZELLER's superb wild mushroom soup.

Early in February I got a phone call from DON NAKASHIMA. He said that he would be going to Molokai on the morrow to spend some time at his condo. Some of his family members were to be with him.

Much has happened to the NAKASHIMAS during the past year. Son STEVE married SOPHIE DE CAEN in Toronto. The newlyweds now work in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Wife JOAN's mother passed away in late summer. DON and JOAN went on two cruises - one through the Panama Canal and the other to the fjords and waterfalls of Norway.

DON and his son JAMES attended the reunions in Biffontaine and Bruyeres. DON had to be wheeled around by JAMES because of a locomotion problem. Nevertheless, they thoroughly enjoyed the reunion trip.

NELL and JOE SAITO of Ontario, Canada sent a newsy card. They are having a family reunion at daughter CARRIE's place in Dufur, Oregon. JOE wrote warmly about his children and grandchildren. Although now a gentleman farmer, JOE is still concerned about weather conditions affecting farming. To him last year's dry summer does not forebode a good coming crop year.

JOE describes Dufur's location as wheat country. It is near the Dulles, the cherry capital of the Northwest and Hood River, a fruit growing re-

gion that has become a famous wind surfing resort. Hood River gained nation-wide notoriety when the American Legion wiped out the names of 16 Nisei veterans from the town's war memorial. LINDA TAMURA, a professor at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, has written a most revealing book about the Hood River Issei. It is a "must" book for Japanese-Americans. It describes the tremendous hardships that the Issei had to endure to reap the meager returns of agriculture. It is surprising to read in her book that both Gardena, California and Las Vegas, Nevada were strongly anti-Japanese-American in World War II.

We also received season's greetings from SALLY KAZAMA, KIMI IMAMURA, FUMI & TOSH YASUTAKE, PEGGY & FRANK YANO, and MICHI & VIC IZUI. The YANOS achieved grand parenthood. MICHI and VIC celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their grandson shows definite signs of musical ability. Unfortunately, MICHI's arthritis still plagues her.

The following people were members of the Second Battalion 50th Anniversary Reunion tour of Europe: ROBERT AJITOMI, Sunnyvale, CA; YOSHIO & BETTY AJITOMI, Honolulu; HERBERT & NANCY AKAMINE, Honolulu; JAMES & KATHERINE GANEKO, Aiea; MASATOSHI HOKAMA, Wailuku; HENRY & MILDRED IKEMOTO, Downey, CA; TOSHIO & NELLIE ISHIBASHI and SUMAKO FUJITA, Gardena, CA; GENRO & MURIEL KASHIWA, Honolulu; MINORU & MOLLY KISHIBA, La Mirada, CA; DOROTHY MATSUO, Honolulu; GEORGE & AIKO MINATA, Spokane, WA; THOMAS & BERNICE NAKAHARA, Paauilo; ALBERT & BERYL NAKAMA, Kaneohe; SEIJI & MATSUE OSHIRO, Huntington Beach, CA; ROBERT & GRACE OWAN, Haleiwa; GEORGE Eastsound, MAY SHIOZAWA, WA; THEODORE & CLARA YAMATE, Princeville; WADE WASANO, Honolulu; and KARLEEN CHINEN, Honolulu. Writer CHINEN interviewed many veterans during the trip so their stories will probably appear in future issues of the Hawaii Herald.

It is good to learn that LYN CROST's book

Honor by Fire has gained publicity elsewhere than Hawaii. My friends from Connecticut, knowing that I had served in Uncle Sam's army, brought a clipping of the review of her book from the Waterbury Republican American. I hope other areas of the U.S. have also learned about the book.

These friends were here for their 18th winter stay. They always look forward to eating sashimi and squid at the Peacock Restaurant of the Queen Kapiolani Hotel. They have also become addicted to sumo. They made it a point to see MRS. ROWAN, AKEBONO's mother, at her sumo store. They have also written to DAVE WIGGINS of the NHK sumo broadcasts and their names were acknowledged twice via satellite transmission. They have contacted the main ESPN station in their area to air sumo but without success so far.



by CHARLES WATANABE

1994

Hq3rd ended this year with a gala Christmas party on December 18, 1994 at ERNI & GRACE UNO's Kuawa St. home in Aiea Heights.

The usual members and wives arrived promptly at 6:30 PM, and that accorded everyone time to exchange greetings and chat a bit before beginning the evening festivities. What better place to be to help get into the joyous spirit of the Holiday Season? Over the years, GRACIE had been adding something new to decorate the UNO's Christmas tree. Some of them are embellished gifts from friends and some are GRACIE's own creations. Other collections from the past familiarly adorned their living room. As expected, the choo-choo train set (the pride and joy of ERNI) was conspicuously displayed in the cozy family room. This year ERNI added a few more trains, or more specifically, another model with longer

tracts, that exhibited much ingenuity to the complement of the joyous occasion. everybody's fascination.

A short meeting was held by SAM FURUYA who discussed the following:

-A brochure relating to "Camp Shelby Homecoming and Monument Dedication, June 15-18, 1995, Hattiesburg, Mississippi." If you are interested in joining the tour, call SAM FURUYA for further information.

-Ft. DeRussy will be the site of the 442nd RCT monument.

-A book by author LYN CROST, entitled Honor by Fire, has been published and is available for sale at the clubhouse.

Another item of discussion was the mini-reunion in Vegas. Plan, schedule, and itinerary have been completed by Travel Adventures Inc. and all set to go. Anyone wishing the list of those who signed up, see ERNI - I mean the "Reverend."

Of course, the highlight of the evening was the grab bag game. Unlike previous years, this year's participants were pretty much content with their first pick as we noticed many happy faces. Congratulations to all for doing an excellent job of selecting your gifts.

Enjoying the Christmas gathering at the UNOS were: SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA, SAM & MICHI SASAI, ROBERT & EDNA KUNIYUKI, JANET MATSUDA, FRANCES TSUBATA, DAVID KAIURA, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE.

Our hearty thanks to ERNI and GRACE. As in the past, we have genuinely enjoyed the comforts of your home and the warm relationship we share.

Looking through my notes, it just refreshed my mind that we had a Santa Claus amid us at the Christmas Party although he wasn't in his usual attire. Without going any further, I'm sure you all recall it was SAM FURUYA. The delectable dishes on the buffet prepared by the selective wives of the Chapter were savored, especially since they were compliments of SAM FURUYA. Thank you, Mr. Santa Claus. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have definitely served as

It was an extra Christmas Cheer for PAPPY IWAMOTO when joined by SAM SASAI, ERNI UNO, and CHARLES WATANABE in the SASAI's spacious station wagon to take in the widely talked about Honolulu Hale lights and other interesting lites along the way.

CHANGE relating to last issue: SAM FURUYA has decided to lead the guys of Hq3rd for another year. No arm twisting involved.

The above brings to a close 1994; see you in 1995.

1995

January 1995. The first meeting of the year was held at the clubhouse with SAM FURUYA presiding. Be thankful and humble for SAM putting up with another year. He could end up being the permanent president.

Present at the meeting on January 20, 1995 were BILL KUWATA, SHIGERU GOTO, ERNI UNO, SAM SASAI, TAKESHI NAKAMURA, DAVID KAIURA, and FRANK ISHIKAWA (appeared again.) Missing members were HAJIME MATSUURA (excused to attend the baseball game) and CHARLES WATANABE (home with back problem.)

According to ERNI who gave the report of the meeting, nothing much has been discussed but mark your calendar for:

-February 18, 1995, New Year's first social function at the Waioli Tea Room. The wives are included, of course.

-March 25, 1995, 442nd Anniversary is taking place at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Memorial service will be held in the morning at the National Cemetery of the Pacific.

That should cover the business part of the report.

Let's get in to da kine news. ERNI UNO is done with the arrangements for the mini-reunion. The kotonks are ready and waiting, and so are we. Most of those on the list have been here for the 50th Reunion in 1993.

If find myself without much news for 1995. Perhaps we need respite time. This is the "Year of the Boar" - year of omens. Concerning our trip