ANNOUNCEMENTS

World War II Pacific Historical Tour

Azumano Travel Service in Portland, Oregon, has planned a commemorative tour of the sites of events that shaped the 20th century. Experienced guides will lead tours to invasion beaches, battlefields, memorials, museums, plane wrecks, secret caves, and dozen of other remaining WWII landmarks. Tour destinations include Honolulu, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, and will culminate in Hiroshima, Japan on the August 6 ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the atomic bomb dropping. Cost is \$4900 including all flights, hotels (double occupancy), sightseeing (not including optional tours), ground travel, nine breakfasts, and two lunches. Please contact Ms. Marty Voruz at (800)-283-2619 or (503)-294-3201 for more information.

French Goodwill Ambassador Passes Away

Msr. SERGE CARLESSO (442nd VC Kansha Medallion recipient) passed away the weekend of January 31, 1995, suffering a heart attack.

The 442nd RCT has lost a very dear friend who was instrumental in establishing an everlasting relationship between the people of the Vosges, France, and the AJA Veterans.

He organized the reunions to celebrate the liberation of Bruyeres, Biffontaine, the Vosges, and "the Lost Battalion" every five years and had just completed the 50th year festivities this past October. The celebration enabled him to pass on to the younger generations the story behind the story of the Japanese American liberators. He related to them the forced internment into camps during World War II from whence many of the men had volunteered and the large number of volunteers from Hawaii. This was evidenced by the very young and old who greeted the veterans with a smile, open arms, a shake of hands, a kiss on both checks and the words "Merci beaucoup" and "Thank you" in Frenchaccented English. During their visit to California, the CARLESSOS stopped at Manzanar and the museum in Independence and were present at Washington D.C. for the opening of the

Smithsonian exhibit "A More Perfect Union."

Among his many activities, he served as Founder and President of Go For Broke, France; President of Anciens Combattants La Legion Vosgienne of the Vosges; a Paris commission member of the "Torch" at the Arc de Triumphe and was recognized for his service to the veterans of France and international goodwill with a decree of Knighthood.

In the United States, he was French representative for Go For Broke National Veterans Association and associate member of the 36th Texas Division and the 442nd RCT Veterans of Hawaii and Southern California. He received many recognition awards for his goodwill services and achievements from the veterans organizations of the United States.

Msr. SERGE CARLESSO is survived by his wife MONIQUE, son, and grandson LAURANT. A compassionate gentleman and friend we will sorely miss.

Lou Hitchcock

Aloha.

I am trying to locate a fellow whom I believe is a member of your organization. His name is ED HALEY. ED was the Supply Manager for the Air Force on Wake Island about 12 years ago.

ED found a vase with what he thought was Arabic writing on it while walking the beach one day here on Wake Island. I just wanted to get in touch with him because I wanted to know if he had even found out anything more about the vase. I'd like to get a photo of the vase if it wouldn't be too much trouble.

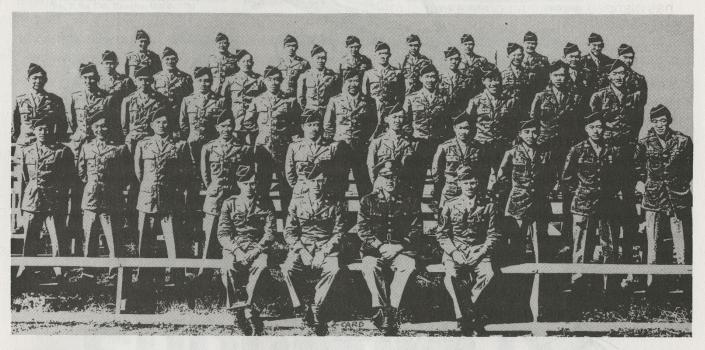
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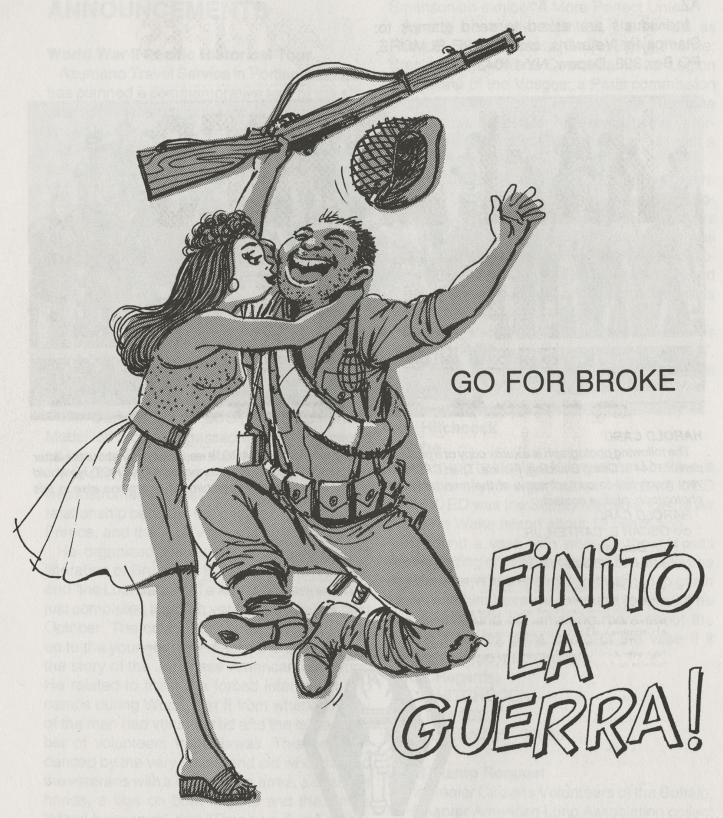


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The following photograph is a xerox copy of a picture belonging to HAROLD CARD. It was taken in or about the latter part of 1944 at Camp Blanding, Florida. Then CPL. CARD was a part of a cadre that trained the 442nd RCT. He would very much like to contact some of the men he helped train. If anyone recognizes himself or anyone else in this photograph, please contact:

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

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By Sgt. HOWARD TAUBMAN

Staff Correspondent

AFHQ, May 2—The German armies in Italy and in part of Austria have surrendered—completely and uncondi-

The long, bitter, back-breaking campaign of Italy has been crowned with victory. In the theater where the western Allies made their first breach in Adolf Hitler's Fortress Europe, the fighting has come to an end with the surrender of an entire front.

This front covers not only the rest of Italy where the routed Germans have been fleeing in disorder but the western area of Austria. The Germans defending the Austrian provinces of Vorariberg, Tyrol, Salzburg and parts of Carinthia and Styria have surrendered to the Allied might of the Mediterranean Theater.

This means that vital cities like Innsbruck and Salzburg are ours without a fight. It means that Allied forces take over Austrian territory within ten miles of Berchtesgaden, where Hitler built what he thought was a personal fortress so deep in the fastnesses of the Alps that it would take months and years to approach it.

It means that the bankruptcy of German aggressive policy and German arms has caused an old line Prussian military leader like Col. Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff and a convinced Nazi like SS General Karl Wolff, the two commanders on this front who have surrendered, to ignore Hitler's and Himmler's injunction—to fight to the end.

It means that other fronts where the Germans have any sort of sizable formations may choose to follow suit. It may be that here, in Italy, where the Allies have done their hardest and most sustained fighting, the way has been shown to German commanders how to end the useless slaughter at once.

But above all else, the surrender in Italy means that the valorous fighters of the 5th and 8th Armies, who have fought their way up the entire length of the relentless Apennines, need not begin the heart-breaking task of conquering the mountains that lead to the Brenner Pass and into Austria.

It means, too, that the fliers of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces need not go plunging into the flak alleys around Brenner Pass or in the other narrow passages among the Alps where the Germans (Continued on page 2)

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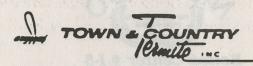
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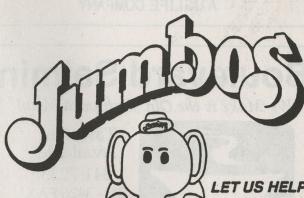


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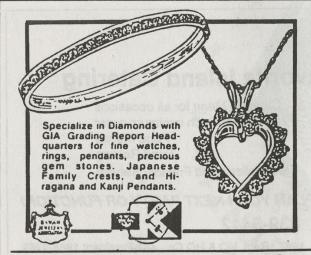
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