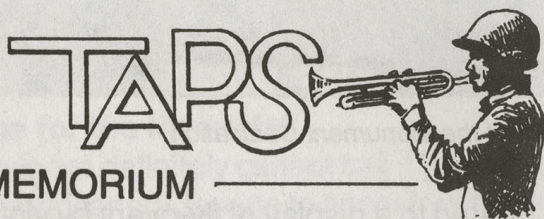


when we were there, but it is now slightly less than half that size.

That evening we enjoyed a southern dinner at the University of Southern Mississippi. Major speakers were again Senator DAN and Lt. General ALLEN ONO although Major General JAMES MUKOYAMA from Chicago also gave a speech. Dinner music was supplied by the Hawaii Army National Guard Band.

Sunday morning, we assembled at the Monument, which incidentally listed not only the 442nd RCT, but also the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), S Company of the MIS, and the 171st Infantry Battalion (Separate). Floral wreaths were placed at the Monument by Hawaii and Mainland representatives of the listed organizations. Representing us was RON OBA. After memorial service addresses were made by Generals ONO and MUKOYAMA and Senator DAN, the reunion and the homecoming festivities were officially ended.

Thereafter the participants went their separate group or individual ways, saying how great it was to be able to meet in this way at Camp Shelby again.



IN MEMORIUM

TAPS

EDMUND YUKIMASA EZUKA, a 232nd Engineer/Band Chapter member, passed away July 5, 1995

SABURO FUJII, a 522 Able Chapter member, passed away on June 15, 1995 in San Diego.

JOE HATTORI, a 522 Able Chapter member, passed away on August 14, 1995 in Walnut, California.

FUMIO "SLIM" HAYASHIKAWA, a King Chapter member, passed away on June 16 in Hilo.

TED KAWAHARA, a 522-Baker Chapter member, passed away recently on Maui.

TETSUOKAWASAKI, a 442nd veteran, passed away on June 25 in Wailuku, Maui.

MASARU KOTAKE, a 232nd Engineers/Band Chapter member, passed away on July 15, 1995.

KOYA KURIHARA, a George Company member, passed away recently in Long Beach, California.

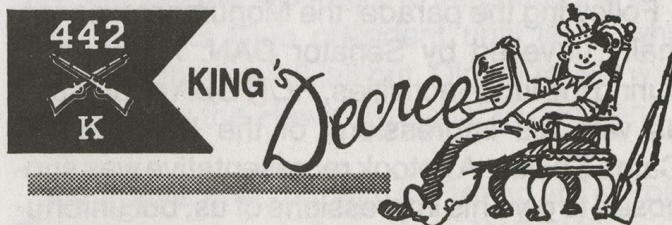
GEORGE MAEKAWA, a Mike Chapter member, passed away on June 26, 1995, in Metuchen, New Jersey.

CLARENCE MATSUMURA, a 522-HQ Company member, passed away recently in Los Angeles, California.

WILLIAM "BILL" MORITA, an Item Chapter member, passed away on June 19 in Los Angeles.

MASAHARU "OKI" OKUMURA, a Love Chapter member, passed away on July 26, 1995 in Milipitas, California.

BILL TERAGAWA, an Item Chapter member, passed away on August 8 in Los Angeles.



Kingsmen
by **JOE SHIMAMURA**

Hancho

It was a long, long winter and having done a superb job as the ICHIBAN for the Kingsmen, JAMES OURA was finally given his release papers to become an ordinary member. Our sincerest thanks to this 4th platoon for a job well done for services rendered beyond the call of duty. We all thank you, JIMMY, and also the better half CHARLOTTE who gave JIMMY all the time making it possible for him to give it his all. Taking over their new duties from this day forth will be President HERBERT YANAMURA and Vice-President GEORGE YOSHINO. Carrying on their lifetime positions will be KAZU KAJIWARA as the Ginkoman while HIROSHI SUYEOKA as the Secretary who always forgets to bring his pen. The initial meeting of this new regime indicates that we will be in for a most productive year.

Shelby

The Kingsmen combining with Fox Chapter journeyed to Camp Shelby 14 strong with the following making this a most memorable trip: STANLEY & THELMA HASHIMOTO, SEICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA, EICHI & NOBUKO OKI, FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, TSUNEO & HATSUYE KANEMORI, and the two soloists, KAZU KAJIWARA and NIZAE YASHIMA. Combined with the stateside delegation, the Kingsmen came thru as number 1 in personnel as they were joined by YORIO & MITSUKO AOKI, HARRY & BETTY HOSHIKO, ROBERT & LILLIAN KASHIWAGI, MARY KAWANO and son, SANJI KIMOTO and brother SAM and daughter DIANE, RICHARD & MARY NAITO, OLIVER & MICHIKO NISHIMURA, HARU & ALYS SAKAJI, TOM & SALLY TAKAHASHI, JIM TAZOI & son DOUGLAS, RUDY & JUDY TOKIWA, KIYO & MIDORI YOSHII, and that ace from Utah, SEICHI YEI. It actually turned out to be a mini-reunion and I'm sure that all who attended came home happy, happy with nothing but praises for a most well put-together dedication. Got the real taste of that so-called southern hospitality all the way from New Orleans to Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Police escort with

sirens wailing and lights flashing, saluted by a whole entourage of colonels and brasses, this was going first class all the way. Our sincerest thanks to that "Ginko Boss" KAZU KAJIWARA who treated the whole delegation dining on a sumptuous dinner on that one night stand in New Orleans. Thanks, KAZU. After all that gumbo and jambalaya, which was enjoyed by all, it was on to the city that never sleeps as we were accommodated at the Four Queens Hotel right in the heart of town. Here we met GEORGE FUJIWARA who resides in this city and MINO TAKASHIMA from the Garden Isle, so it was mini-reunion time once again as our "Hancho" HELEN MIYAMOTO took command and saw to it that we all got to dine together while donating our share of taxes in between these fun-filled dinners. The two waiters who took care of our crew were so happy with their tips, I think they are ready to open up their own lunch wagon in the nearest future. An excellent hustler in all respects, HELEN MIYAMOTO should always be included on the going list where ever your destination may be. HATSUE KANEMORI who really got her first taste of travel time should be hitting the road again in the nearest future so get that bankbook ready, TSUNE. Our arigato goes to the Ichiban spam-musubi maker, THELMA HASHIMOTO whose overwhelming generosity saw to it that no one went hungry on this trip. No one ended up hitting the big one but all this was made up by the fun that was generated by this most happy bunch of travelers. This bunch was just hard to beat except that we'll have to bring along some rope every time you travel with "AALA PARK" YASHIMA who tends to walk in his sleep, according to his roommate KAZU KAJIWARA. After hearing all these stories, if you feel that you missed the boat, I can honestly tell you, yes you did. Just be sure to air/put out that suitcase next time you hear that the Kingsmen will be hitting the road once again.

Almost left out MAX & YURI KOGA from Troy, Michigan who joined this Hawaii crew, fitting right in to the picture, being the likable couple they are. At HELEN's suggestion, the whole crew got together in the Magnolia Room having

had so much fun, the rest of the patrons must have been thinking who these crazy Hawaiians were?!? Putting it all together, it just turned out to be one hell of an unforgettable trip. The Fox Chapter crew whom we combined with were just hard to beat in the way of Past Prexy RON & MICHIO OBA, KIYOSHI & YUKIE TAKEUCHI, and that Mayor from the Garden Isle, GEORGE & KAY KAWAKAMI. Talking about a good one, this was it. To HERBERT SASAKI who resides in Hattiesburg, and his MRS., goes our sincerest MAHALO for a job well done which is going to be hard to beat, no matter what the next get-together may be. A superb job in all respects, our coconut hats off to you for an unbeatable job. Thanks, HERB.

In bringing to a close this June issue, we would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the family of FUMIO "SLIM" HAYASHIKAWA who passed away on June 16, 1995. An avid bowler, SLIM was gone from the island for quite a spell, returning to Hawaii a year or so ago, residing in Hilo. An avid bowler, he spent most of his life doing what he loved best, managing a bowling alley here and up in the mainland. We bid farewell to another 1st platoon. Again wishing our very best for a most speedy recovery to MASAO OKASAKO who took over as the K's Prexy for a brief spell but having had to ask for a leave of absence due to an ailing leg that has kept him rather incapacitated. Hurry up and get well, MASA. Lastly, our sincerest thanks to MRS. TERADA, mother of MILLIE OKUDA of Maui who donated so many knitted booties for the members, who were there to get it, being just 97 years young, can't help but admire her boundless energy. Thank you "MAMA" TERADA, may you continue to live another 97 years.



by ED IMAMURA

Service Chapter Profile MITSUO TOKITA

Because of his vast knowledge of the postal system, MITSUO was known as the "Postmaster General of the Regiment."

He was born in Lihue, Kauai on April 26, 1912. He came from a family which included 10 children. He graduated from Kauai High School in 1932 and attended Galusha Business School in Honolulu and majored in Business Law. Jobs were very scarce in the early 30's but he was able to get a job as a clerk at the Lihue Post Office.

He volunteered for the 442nd Regt in March 1943 and initially was assigned as the Assistant Supply Sergeant of B Btry, 522nd Artillery Bn. The 442nd Personnel Officer later assigned him to organize and straighten the Regimental Postal Section. The Personnel Officer learned that MITSUO had previously worked for the largest Post Office on Kauai and also taught postal work to servicemen of two Army Post Offices (APO's) units that were stationed in Kauai. His request to return to the Artillery Bn were denied after he reorganized the Postal Section.

Upon his discharge from the Army in December, 1945, MITSUO worked for the Lihue Post Office and served as the Assistant Postmaster at the Lihue Post Office for over 20 years until his retirement in December, 1976. Ironically, he was offered the job as Postmaster at the Lihue Post Office after the war when the job was an appointed rather than a civil service position. He declined the Postmaster's job because of political reasons.

MITSUO was married to the late HISAKO OTA of Koloa, Kauai on June 21, 1951. HISAKO passed away on October 30, 1988. They are

blessed with a son, JETT and 2 grandchildren, PRESTIN and RHIANNON.

A very religious person, MITSUO has attended the Lihue United Church of Christ Nursery School from the age of 3. He taught Sunday School at the same church after the war and later held numerous positions at the church among them being a Moderator and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

MITSUO loves to travel. He enjoyed the 1984 trip that he took to Bruyeres and Biffontaine, France, the 442nd reunion at Los Angeles, the 1980 36th Division reunion at Dallas and the 1993 family trip to Nashville and Disneyworld. He is looking forward to bringing his family to the forthcoming 442nd Monument Dedications Ceremonies at Washington D.C.

His hobbies include fishing and planting and taking care of fruit trees. He enjoyed golfing until he was stricken with arthritis in 1993.

MITSUO, you did well with yourself. Take care and enjoy the good life.

Annual Camping and Picnic

The annual Service Chapter camping and picnic shindig will be held at the Kaiahulu Beach Park, Waialua, from Friday afternoon, September 15 to Monday afternoon, September 18, 1995.

As in previous years, MASAMI "SAGEBRUSH" TANABE was responsible to borrow the nice picnic and campground area for us from the Waialua Plantation. KIYOJI "SAM" YAMADA will again serve as the General Chairman and TAKAO "JUICY" ITO will be in charge of the games and prizes.

We are expecting close to 60 people to attend this 4-day function. Those are: RALPH & GRACE CHINAKA with family and guests, JUICY & JUNE ITO with family and guests, TOM & CHIEKOTANAKA with family and guests, ALAN & SARA MASUDA and family, JIMMY & MARTHA MIYAKE and family, MASAMI & MARGARET TANABE, NOBORU & MASAKO TANOUE, TOSHIO & CLARA NAKANISHI, SAM YAMADA, MASAJI KUROZUMI, and ED IMAMURA.

Camp Shelby Trip Hi-Lites

1. Service Chapter's contingent of 33 participants, led by our escorts RALPH & GRACE CHINAKA, was the largest group from Hawaii to attend the Shelby Homecoming and Monument Dedication Ceremonies from June 16-18, 1995. There were only 75 participants from Hawaii and 375 from the Mainland for a total of 400 people.

2. Those who attended the ceremonies enjoyed a "once in a lifetime" experience. The people from Camp Shelby and Hattiesburg welcomed us with open arms and gave us the royal treatment throughout the 3 days of activities.

3. A ton of Kudo's goes to HERBERT SASAKI of Service Chapter and Hattiesburg resident, who served as General Chairman of the ceremonies and who put together an outstanding 3-days program of activities.

4. The keynote speakers were all outstanding and made speeches befitting the occasion. Especially noteworthy were speeches made by Senator INOUE, LtG (R) ALLEN ONO, MG (R) JAMES MUKOYAMA, Chaplain GEORGE AKI, HERBERT SASAKI and ROBERT KATAYAMA, who represented the 442nd Veterans Club.

5. The most hilarious speech was made by RONALD OBA of Fox Chapter during the luncheon under the tent on Saturday, June 17, 1995. He talked about his impressions of the mainland "Kotonk" volunteers when he first met them at Camp Shelby and Hattiesburg. What made his speech so funny was the appropriate use of pidgin English in describing his experiences. A "Kotonk" was to give his impressions of the buddhaheads following OBA's speech, but it was canceled due to the start of the WWII Airplane show.

6. Congratulations to HIDEO NAKAMINE of B Btry, 522nd Artillery for bringing the best looking flowers to the Monument Dedication. The beautiful dendrobium orchids that he lovingly nurtured and hand-carried from Hawaii to Shelby was eye-catching and definitely the "hit" of the

dedication ceremony. According to HIDEO, the orchids were presented to the Monument committee from entire membership of the CHINAKA group. ROBERT KATAYAMA had the honors to officially place the flowers in front of the Monument on behalf of the Hawaii 442nd group.

7. This was a return trip for HIDEO NAKAMINE to Shelby. He and his 7 Honolulu friends and their wives visited Shelby on a one-day homecoming tour back on Tuesday, April 16, 1991. The group took a detour from the Texas 36th Division Lost battalion reunion which was held at San Antonio. HERBERT SASAKI served as the host for the Honolulu group and arranged a spectacular program. It included speeches from a two-star General, the Post Commander, and other dignitaries and visits to the Post Museum and other historical sites.

A pictures of NAKAMINE's group outside the Armed Forces Museum was published in the Hattiesburg American and the Jackson Chronicle daily papers on Wednesday, April 17, 1991.

8. The video presentation "Welcome Back to Camp Shelby" shown at Dolton Hall (Post Theater) on Saturday morning, June 17, 1995 was an outstanding film. It highlighted the various elements of the 442nd Regiment stationed at Shelby in 1943 and 1944.

9. Things and Places we will remember:

a. The large "Grand" gambling casino at Gulfport, Mississippi where we had lunch on Friday, June 16.

b. The large contingent of motorcycle police officers (I believe 6) and 3 or 4 police cars that escorted the nine 442nd buses from Gulfport to Hattiesburg (about a 2 hour ride.)

c. The growth of the population of Hattiesburg from about 8000 in 1943 to the current 50,000 (although we didn't get to see the new town.)

d. The modern facilities built in Shelby (our 1943/44 Regimental area is all gone and is now in the forest area.)

e. The outstanding programs presented

by the Homecoming and Monument Dedication committee. The programs were well planned and organized.

10. Finally, I feel all the members of the CHINAKA group enjoyed every moment of the trip, from the time we checked into the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans on the first day (Thursday, June 15) until we left the Four Queens hotel in Las Vegas, broke but happy (except for some), on Friday, June 23, 1995.



by RON OBA

Revered like heroes,
Hattiesburg, Shelby
Miz MACKEY, who dat?

MACKEY is gaining notoriety at our expense.
'Nough of that shit.

Shelby Revisited

The Hattiesburg American headlined, "Japs Invade Mississippi." A southern congressman exclaimed, "They are being sent to the hellhole of the '48th" in 1943. In 1995 we didn't know if we were stepping into a nest of chiggers but all of us knew that the people of HATTIESBURG will be waiting with open arms, for surely this is a homecoming, fifty years past.

Three miles out of Camp Shelby, the convoy of buses stopped to put up our banners on the lead bus that read, "Go For Broke, 442nd RCT." Five highway patrol cars with red lights flashing, 5 motorcycles from the counties of Forrest, Perry and Hattiesburg and another 5 patrol cycles from the Mississippi highway patrol sent the flashing vehicles to every intersection of the freeway and stopped all traffic intervening into the freeway. The trucks and cars stopped and waiting along the ingress for our procession to



Ron Oba, Michi Oba, George Kawakami, Kay Kawakami, Kiyoshi Takeuchi at Shelby

pass were so long that we felt embarrassed but happy that at long last the nine buses in the convoy were heading for Camp Shelby. The M.P.s at Shelby took over and escorted the 400 veterans and wives to the visitor center. The bus drivers declared that they had never seen such hoopla and honor accorded to any other celebrity.

Everywhere we gathered, active duty soldiers and retired American veterans came to shake our hands. At the Hotel Monte Leone several haole veterans came just to shake our hands to say, "Welcome." A sister of one of the 36th Div. "Lost Battalion" veterans said that her brother cried when he couldn't come due to his disability. He sent her to greet us instead. Every speaker insisted that we were the most famous outfit to ever train at the camp where the 69th, 85th, 87th, 99th and 31st Dixie Division were some of the 11 divisions that trained there. Elsewhere, Robert Katayama will report on the Camp Shelby Homecoming.

The French Quarters in New Orleans hasn't

changed much with the second story balconies overlooking the narrow Bourbon street below where the mademoiselles flipped their skirts - except that it is more dangerous now than before. There is an average of one stabbing a night on the side streets. The Gypsy fortune tellers who read your forehead, palms and cards are no longer there. However the ubiquitous prostitutes were in every bar and topless women dancing on stage in the darkened nightclubs. Curious tourists gathered at every doorway

eavesdropping. We felt like peeping toms. Our group took a city tour soon after arriving. In the evening we went to *Mulates*, a Cajun restaurant to eat raw oyster, crayfish, jambalaya, fried chicken, shrimp etouffe as well as shrimp Creole poured over rice, gumbo soup and home brewed Dixie tap beer. Everyone at the restaurant was supposed to dance the Cajun type folk dance but I couldn't get any of the ladies to get up and dance just to say we danced the *Zydeco*. Cajun

dancing is a two step folk dance called *Zydeco*, a blues influenced black Cajun folk dance using accordions and washboards for sounds. Cajun is a corruption of the word *Acadia* or *Acadie*, an Evangeline poem written by Longfellow. These people originally emigrated from Nova Scotia to Florida. The above was told to me by Dr. TED YENARI who lives in Metairie, New Orleans. For dessert we rode the tram and walked over to Cafe Du Mond for their famous Beignet doughnuts and *caffe latte*. Everyone who visits the French Quarters is supposed to try the Beignets. On our city tour we visited the cemetery where the tombs are erected above ground since the ground below was a former bayou. The Super Dome was so large it could cover the Ala Moana center. The Mississippi River was a few blocks away. Next day we were driven to a river boat casino in Gulfport. MICHI hit three 7s to make it a worthwhile stopover before busing to Shelby. The two hour caravan led by the highway patrols to Shelby will never be forgotten.

With the tremendous media coverage that headlined our activities everyday and the T.V. exposure nationwide, the 111th Hawaii National Guard Band and the 100/442nd Reserve honor guard performing at all our functions, everyone felt that those who did not attend missed out on a momentous homecoming.

We thank L/C HERBERT SASAKI, a lone Hattiesburger, who gave rise to this Homecoming and the prime mover for the celebration assisted by HANK YOSHITAKE and the Los Angeles 100/442 Veterans Association. Job well done!

Fox golfers at Kapolei

The sun shining brightly at 90+ degrees didn't faze BILL TANAKA from winning the tournament of 11 players. ROY KUBO was the no show. I went to his home to regrip his clubs so he could win the tournament but his Doc - a her - told him that he can golf only one day a week and that at a municipal course where he can drive up to the green. GEORGE KAWAKAMI came all the way from Kauai to play with his fox buddies - he just wanted a day off from KAY who's

developing a new *FLACKY CRUST MANJU* - it's good, KAY.

And the winners were: overall, BILL TANAKA; net 68, second, DOC ROY IRITANI net 72, 3rd, a tie, OSCAR TSUKAYAMA and TOMMY TAMAGAWA with net 74s. Front nine by DOC again with a 31 and 1/2, Back nine by GEORGE KAWAKAMI with a 36 net. Closest to the pins were: ROY IRITANI on #5 and RON OBA on #12

Many thanks to ROY IRITANI who donated 3 doz. balls while PHYLLIS MIYAJI donated 2 dozen of BARNEY'S NEW UNUSED BALLS and to BOB KATAYAMA who arranged the T-times at a very reasonable rate for the boys. Everyone enjoyed playing at an excellent layout..

The Barnacled Mariner

Where are you, MINEO? Where's your survival radio beeper like the one Captain SCOTT O'GRADY used to give his position in Bosnia? We can't locate you. Maybe Capt. SCOTT ZOBRIST can put you on the Internet so the whole world would know where you're at. The following is excerpted from MINEO's salt encrusted letter from somewhere in the Indian Ocean that was picked up in a corked bottle bobbing somewhere in Dubai.

May, 1995. My plan was to depart Darwin, Australia on 8 Nov. 1994. I had to leave my mooring to fuel up at a place called Fisherman's wharf - about 1/2 hr away in the main harbor of Darwin. When I arrived, the wharf was all filled up with all kinds of vessels, so I tied up at a small opening at the end of the wharf. Some people told me, I better move because when the tide goes out, I would be on the bottom. I untied my mooring and was on my way when all of a sudden my boat stopped. I was caught on a mud flat as the tide was going out. I was on a 35 degree angle with no water beneath me. I called the harbor control and they just laughed. Apparently, 2-3 boats get caught in the tide everyday. After about 6 hrs. the tide came back in and I was floating again. I tied up next to a fishing boat. The Captain of the fishing boat was very nice to me.

Offered me a shower, lobsters, fishes, anything I needed. I finally got fuel the next day and departed Darwin on the morning of 10 Nov. 1994.

About five miles out of Darwin, I observed a group of Vietnamese evacuees being towed by an Australian Naval vessel. Next I was unfortunate to get caught in the Indian Ocean doldrums (none or little wind). I used half of my fuel trying to get out of the doldrums, but no luck. It took me over a month and a half to get away from Australia. Thanksgiving day meal was turkey soup.

On 12 Dec. I got some strong winds and was real happy because I was traveling at a speed of over 5 mph. Then I heard this loud noise and looked up to see I had lost both the jib and staysail. Both sails were torn completely across. It took me all afternoon just to get the storm jib up until I could get out my spare sails installed.

On 15 Dec. I had double problems. The boat lurched all of a sudden and I hit my head against a steel beam. I saw stars and blood was coming out of my forehead. After stopping the bleeding, the auto pilot stopped working. It's really a challenge to sail a boat single handed without an auto pilot to assist you.

About this time 4 large long fishes began following me. Every morning I would feed them flying fishes that had hit the boat. The same four fishes followed me all the way to the south of Rodrigues Islands about 4,000 miles distance before they left me. They were just like pets and I didn't have the heart to catch them for food.

On Christmas day, I had canned ham, sweet potatoes, beans and carrots with biscuits. New Years day I drank a bottle of champagne that ALICE HUSTEAD gave me. Felt good all day. From west Australia to Rodrigues Island I either got wind or current from the wrong direction and was going off course when this happened. I didn't have enough sails left to make it around Cape Horn to Cape Town so I came to Durban instead with only 1 main, 1 jib and 1 storm sail that were all repaired. After an inspection I was directed to the Point Yacht Mooring next to the city of Durban, a real modern city where the

people are very friendly and kind. I have been invited out for dinner over 8 times with people that I just met on the docks or in stores. This would not happen in the States, Samoa, Australia, Japan or even in Hawaii. Maybe the newspaper story made some people feel sorry for me?

Most of my problems: 8 sails, auto pilot, electronics, electrical equipment have been repaired with just a few more things to accomplish. Been stocking up on food, supplies and repair equipment. Just have to get some more fuel and when the weather is right, I should be on my way. I hope to make it to the Panama Canal in one shot, but most of the people here think I will have to stop 3-6 times before I get around Cape Horn because of the continuous changing winds and strong current. When I get around the Cape, it should be downhill from then on. From here Panama is about 8,000 miles which should take me 5-7 months give or take a couple of months.

I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers that have been given for my safe journey. I am sure that is why I have made it this far and will be home by December? I hope. Always, MINEO.

Sick Call, Love Sick, In Memorium

ROY KUBO is still in Castle Hospital. He says, docs don't know whats wrong with him.

ITARU COWSHIME KAWASHIMA reports that he underwent a quadruple heart by-pass and by the strength of his voice he seemed to have recovered. He says that there are enemies like NIIYA and MACKEY behind every pine tree so keep slugging and rebut them at every opportunity since they may still be educable. Don't let the 442nd be kicked around, he ends. Talking about PINE TREES, he is hale and hearty at last sight and that FRANK SOTELO has a new LOVE - atta boy, FRANK!

FRANK MORIMOTO reports that YURI fell and broke both her right hip and arm - says they are adjusting in spite of the house being in a mess.

JOE TANAKA scared everyone by landing in the hospital in the wee hours of the morning. Almost gave us a cardiac but his was not, although the pain started in the chest area. The

other day he had a gall bladder surgery and was feeling fine when I visited him.

Our itinerant associate member, YOSHIO INUKAI, was treated for a spot in his lung and won't be making his semi-annual trip to his condo at the Ilikai. He'll be back next year.

ELSIE FUMIKO HOKAMA, wife of DANNY HOKAMA died July 30, 1995. A Christian service was held at the Hosoi Garden Mortuary

HIDEO OKANISHI of Rosemead, CA., a Fox veteran on the mainland, passed away recently, according to COWSHIME and FRANK MORIMOTO. JOE OKAZAKI'S mother, 100 yr. old and WARREN IWANAGA'S mother, 99 yr. old left us quietly without fuss or fanfare.

EDWARD "MANJIRO" WATASE's mother, YAYOI, 97 years old, died this past week.

SHINAKA's brother, TOSHIHARU HAMATAKE, 66 years old, passed away on August 24th.

"NANCY" TOSHIO ENDO gathered 6 of his friends to help out with the Japan-Hawaii Baseball Goodwill Tournament in spite of his son NEIL's terminal illness with cancer. He and his ganag with MR. HASHI helped 'til the day NEIL passed away. Thank you very much, NANCY. **Fox six to Fox one, over.**



by BOB MATSUSHITA

Return to Camp Shelby. We spent 2 nights in New Orleans at the Hotel Montelione and spent an additional two nights at Hattiesburg at the Howard Johnson's. It was a good experience visiting the French Quarter and sampling the Cajun food prepared. We visited the waterfront which is the mouth of the Mississippi River and saw the riverboats which are used as entertainment vessels which have gambling areas. The weather was a very sunny afternoon with the

citizens of New Orleans treating us royally.

Bumped into F Chapter members MR. & MRS. WATARU KOHASHI of Hilo, MR. & MRS. GEORGE KAWAKAMI of Lihue, MR. & MRS. RON OBA and MR. & MRS. PAUL YAMASHITA of Oahu, and MR. JACK WAKAMATSU and MR. & MRS. HIRO TAKUSAGAWA of L.A.

HIRO questioned me about the poor showing of 442 members attending from Hawaii. He also noted that the mainland boys didn't show up. Also I told them event after event have taken place in Hawaii and emphasis on Camp Shelby was not stressed too heavily.

The two nights spent in Hattiesburg were well spent visiting Camp Shelby as well as adjacent areas. We were fed under a giant tent with music by our Hawaii Army Reserve Band. Made us feel at home. The Hattiesburg Army Band performed during the banquet night to the tunes of the '40s.

Interviews were made for only those who trained in Camp Shelby. Questions asked: What has changed? (Many responded it didn't have green lawn grass growing. They stated while they were in training the grounds were pure dirt.)

Dedication of monument: This monument will remain century after century as a reminder to all of the heroics and brave sacrifices made by the Nisei of the 442nd/100th. The selection of word- ing engraved were well stated.

It was nice to be there to observe the unveiling of Monuments and be present at the ceremony.

Neil Toshio Endo

Son of TOSHIO & GLADYS ENDO, NEIL died on August 17, 1995 at the Maui Memorial Hospital. He was a police lieutenant and commander of the Community Relations section of the Maui Police Department with 16 years of service. A service was held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Nakamura Mortuary. Burial was held at 9 a.m. Friday at Maui Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife SHARON and his parents TOSHIO & GLADYS. We extend our deepest sympathies.