

ested to know of his passing. So, to help spread the news, we sent word to key members on the neighbor islands and the mainland. At the Chapter meeting on March 16, which incidentally happened to be the largest in a long while, we took time to remember him by going through the funeral service announcement, sent by JOHN IWATSU. In a way, we had a mini-service for him.

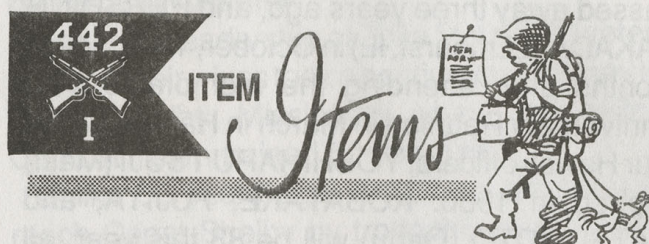
As long as the 232nd Engineers are around, PETER IWATSU's name will always be remembered.

One for Da Book

EDDIE KAWAMOTO (our Mr. Klean) bumped into HELEN TAKANO, or was it the other way around, in of all places, Las Vegas. And in MGM down the strip where you find all the "Big Boys." What makes this newsworthy is, they are the least expected people to be seen there.

Condolence

LORRAINE, beloved wife of JIMMY NAKAMURA, passed away recently. Deepest sympathy to JIMMY, daughters SHIRLEY and ELLEN and grandchildren.



by BRUNO YAMADA

Mini-Reunion

The 1995 I Company mini-reunion at the Four Queens Hotel and Casino on October 22 to 26 was bigger, better, and very well organized. Thanks to the Travel Adventure group (KAREN, DAVID, CINDY, and LAURIE) for all your kokua in arranging the room assignments, also conducting the optional tours and making all the ground and air connections.

We also want to thank TERRY ARATANI, BILL NAGANUMA, and JIM YAMASHITA who put in many hours planning, preparing, and coordinat-

ing with Travel Adventures.

241 members, wives, and guests filled the allotted 120 rooms. They came from the East, the Midwest, Southwest, Northwest, Rockies, northern California, southern California and Hawaii.

Hospitality Room

The Royal Pavilion (Hospitality Room) was in good hands again with RICHARD & NICKY OSHIRO doing the scheduling and ordering with the help of YUKI & ASAYO NAGUWA and KAZU & WINIFRED TAKEKAWA. Needless to say, the success for this year's reunion was due to all the participants who pitched in whenever needed and to all those who donated money, food, and most of all, your time. You were all wonderful.

Banquet

The Banquet at the King's Pavilion on October 21 was fit for a king. Onolicious food, wonderful music by the Nevada Hawaiian Quartet, lots of door prizes and CHAMP SUZUKI's karaoke singers headed by SHU, LIZ, EMIKO, ELLEN, BETSY, and DIANE kept everyone in the right mood.

MARGARET OSHITA opened the festivities with a very beautiful and touching invocation while TERRY ARATANI, who was sucked into being MC for the evening, did a bang-up job.

Monetary Contributions

TONY HARABURDA, PHIL HODGETTS, TOMIO ICHIKAWA, MIKE KREKOSKY, SADAICHI KUBOTA, LLOYD KURIHARA, SHIG MATSUMOTO, GEORGE MURAKAMI, BOB NAKASHIMA, JAMES NISHI, JACK OTTOVICH, C.B. SAKAMOTO, and TAK SENZAKI. Also Seattle I Company, KIICHI SONODA, SHU TAKETOMO, MOTOSHI TOKUNAGA, ED YAMASAKI, JAMES YAMANE, and HENRY HASHIGUCHI.

Non-Monetary Contributions

RICHARD ASATO, BETSY YAMAMOTO, BARBARA KAMEDA, MARIAN ISHIKAWA, JIM KAWAMINAMI, ENRO OKADA, JIM

YAMASHITA, BEA MATSUMURA, SHIG DOI, TAKSENZAKI, JIM MIYAMOTO, LIZ NISHIOKA, HIDEO TAKAHASHI, NOBO IKUTA, ROSE IKUTA, YUKI FUJIMOTO, BILL BENNETT, HUNJI SHIROYAMA and MINORU YOSHIOKA.

Also, ELSIE ARATANI, LLOYD KURIHARA, HIDE TAKAHASHI, CHARLES OKADA, Company I Hilo, TERRI IWASAKI, YUKI NAGUWA, MITS YAKUMA, and ELLEN SHIIGI.

Golf Tournaments

54 golfers (38 males and 16 females) participated in the I Company Tournament on October 23 and 24. Thanks to JIM YAMASHITA and FRANK SHIMADA we had two fine courses at the Las Vegas Club and the Boulder City Golf Club. FRED MATSUMURA handled the transportation very well as usual and many thanks to TAK SENZAKI for donating golf balls to every player.

Results

Las Vegas Club

A Flight

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| 1. JOE YADA | 68 |
| 2. FRANK SHIMADA | 68 |
| 3. FRANK KINOSHITA | 70 |

B Flight

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| 1. HENRY OTSUKI | 70 |
| 2. GOOCH YONEMUTO | 70 |
| 3. JIM NISHI | 72 |
| 4. GEO MATSUSHITA | 72 |

Boulder City

A Flight

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|-----------------|----|
| 1. JIM YAMANE | 73 |
| 2. DON NEGI | 76 |
| 3. HARRY KODAMA | 77 |

B Flight

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. ROY YOSHIDA | 74 |
| 2. GEO. MIYASHIRO | 76 |
| 3. WALT FURUKAWA | 77 |

Overall

A Flight

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. BEN YAMAMOTO | 140 |
| 2. WATARU SHIZU | 142 |
| 3. LARRY ISHIKAWA | 143 |

B Flight

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. FRED TAKENAKA | 145 |
| 2. TORU MATSUOKA | 146 |
| 3. FRED MATSUMURA | 147 |

Ladies - Las Vegas CC

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. NANCY NAGAREDA | 71 |
| 2. RUTH NAGANO | 72 |
| 3. MARY NEGI | 73 |

Ladies - Boulder City GC

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| 1. BARBARA NAGAREDA | 73 |
| 2. SHIZ MATSUOKA | 75 |
| 3. JANE FURUKAWA | 78 |
| 4. REIKO MATSUSHITA | 78 |
| 5. SUE HOLDAWAY | 78 |

Ladies - 36 Holes

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| 1. RUTH HORIBE | 135 |
| 2. TERI YAMAMOTO | 142 |
| 3. TAMIKO GOTO | 143 |

Optional Tours

The Mystere Show at the Treasure Island which was voted one of the best shows in Las Vegas attracted 70 members on October 22, the first day of the reunion while 57 went to the discount factory outlet on October 23. The all-day tour to Laughlin on October 24 was the most popular tour with over 90 in attendance and the October 25 tour of the MGM Grand Hotel had only 35 takers. I was told that all of the tours were worthwhile and will be recommended along with a few added tours next year.

1996 Proposal

Although we have had good working relations and deals the past two years with the Four Queens, Travel Adventures and TERRY ARATANI informs us that as of November 1, 1995, the Four Queens Hotel will be under a new management and we will not be able to get the

same kind of deals we were having in the past.

To be on the safe side, KAREN of Travel Adventures has 120 rooms blocked-off at the Gold Coast Hotel for November 7 to 11, 1996. You will hear more on this in the very near future.

The Gold Coast is located on Flamingo Road which is west of the strip. Shuttle services are provided every fifteen minutes to Barbary Coast, the Flamingo, Bally's, and Caesar's Palace. This might be a welcome change after three years in downtown Las Vegas.

TSUNE SHIIGI

Noticeably missing at the mini-reunion was TSUNEO SHIIGI who had made so much preparations to make it to Las Vegas and join the gang. Unfortunately, TSUNE never made it. He passed away on September 29. TSUNE was stricken with Parkinson's sickness a long time ago while working for the Hawaii County Public Works Department.

SADAICHI KUBOTA presented a very impressive eulogy and history of TSUNE. TSUNE spent most of his life in Hilo, except for a stint at the University of Hawaii which was interrupted by his enlistment into the 442nd Regimental Combat Team where he served gallantly as a machine gun sergeant.

TSUNEO SHIIGI will always be remembered as a devoted husband and a very good father. Wife ELLEN and daughter JASMINE LINCICOME with other members of ELLEN's family and attended the reunion in place of Dad.

WARREN FENCL

Glad to hear that your pace-maker is working out well after having it checked out at the Good Samaritan Hospital and thanks for letting us know that MICH IZUI is presently confined in a nursing home. We're all hoping for her speedy recovery and hope to see all of you Illinois people at next year's reunion.

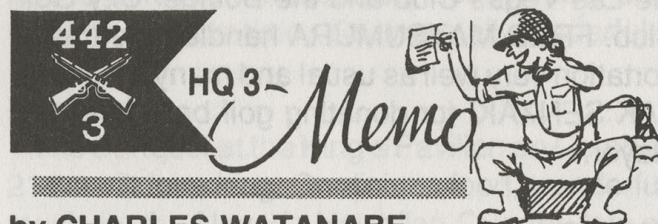
Thanks for the Chicago Post American Legion 1183 registration forms for your 1996 Reunion in Las Vegas.

JIM YAMASHITA

I Company is very fortunate to have someone like JIM who has kept all of us updated on what's happening in southern Cal. as well as keeping us updated with the recent directory which was passed out at the reunion in Las Vegas.

JIM also sent us materials relative to the Japanese American National Museum's "National Salute to Japanese American Veterans" which took place in Los Angeles on November 8 to 11. He also reserved three tables for the banquet. But unfortunately, no one from Hawaii could make it. Anyway, thank you very much for all your doings, we appreciate it very much, JIM.

A very happy and healthy new year to everyone.



by CHARLES WATANABE

Ever since our May reunion in Las Vegas, I kind of lost track of the members. For one thing, we drifted into the relaxing summer months, and then the meeting for September was canceled so it seemed like a long, long, stretch before October meeting was called. Some of our members were traveling during this time. Take SAM SASAI, for instance - he was away some place in Asia; BILL KUWATA - Las Vegas or bust; SHIGERU GOTO and DAVID KAIURA - gotta see Japan one more time even if it's the ump-teen time; and TAKESHI NAKAMURA - off to Maryland to spend some quality time with grandchildren. JANET MATSUDA headed out to the Bahamas for a Caribbean Cruise with her sister who lived on the mainland. The cruise took place amid the Hurricane frenzies along the Atlantic coast line. Well, JANET returned home and reported that the ship couldn't have sailed on a calmer sea, and everyone had a wonderful time. Can we look forward to lots of travel talk at our next chapter function, you travelers?

The month of September was kind of hectic for

reason that it was the 50th anniversary commemorating the end of WWII, with victory in the Pacific. Veterans, families, friends, visitors, and media alike came together in Honolulu for this special event. 3rdHq was well represented in the activities that began with the Memorial Service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific and ended with a parade along Ala Moana Boulevard and up Kalakaua Avenue. In order to participate and to hear the notables speak, especially the President of the United States, members and wives had to report to Central Union Church grounds at 5:30 a.m. to register. There were matters to tend to like bus pass, lunch ticket, and even ID clearance because of tight security. What a busy morning before day break. Getting up extra-early was no special effort for these usual early risers.

Not having participated much in the past parades, I am glad I did march in this parade (in a trolley, too) because to see the people on both sides along the parade route who came out to cheer and show their support, was for me the most gratifying feeling. And as I watched our men march on foot so tirelessly and determinedly to the finish, I wanted to applaud them, for it reminded me of our younger days at Shelby. Then as we passed the reviewing stand, seeing the President of the United States in person was like the ultimate experience of this memorable day. For those of you who were unable to participate, you may have missed the only opportunity to march in a parade of this scale and recognition. By the end of the day, we were tired and ready to go home. Rest at ease, this is the last time...too old already...oh, my aching back. Members and wives of the 3rdHq participating were SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, EDWARD FUJIWARA, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, DAVID KAIURA, BILL KUWATA, HAJIME MATSUURA, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, SAM & MICH SASAI, ERNI & GRACE UNO, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE.

October finally arrived and brought the members together - where? - of course at the clubhouse - where else do you think - some nice

country club with swimming pool and golf course? Keep dreaming. SAM FURUYA reported that November 11 is set aside for Dedication Day of the Archives Center at the clubhouse. Our thanks to Sons & Daughters who worked so diligently to make this happen. Also, November 11 being Veterans Day, a Memorial Service will be held at the National Cemetery of the Pacific. Attending the October meeting were SAM FURUYA, DAVID KAIURA, BILL KUWATA, TAKESHI NAKAMURA, ERNI UNO, and CHARLES WATANABE.

November was another busy month for some members and it wasn't hard to know who were the trippers to Vegas. Nothing of significance was reported so I won't go into da kine stuff. November heralds the Holiday season, and the Christmas trimmings, ornaments, and other decorations are out of the storage and into the various shopping malls. Not to be omitted from the agenda for discussion was the annual 3rdHq Christmas party. The UNOS have once again opened their home, and this made me recall ERNI's choo-choo train. ERNI's set has drawn much attention in the past years, and maybe ERNI had added more surprises this year to the thrill of his grandchildren. GRACIE, it's time again to test your patience as ERNI indulges in his favorite pastime, right? A reminder to the Group II ladies that you are in charge of the Christmas dinner. The Group II ladies are HINAYO MATSUURA, IRENE NAKAMURA, MICH SASAI, FRANCES TSUBATA, GRACIE UNO, and CLARA WATANABE.

November is the month for hard decisions, like who's the next Chapter president. SAM FURUYA says definitely "PAU" for now. SAM SASAI, we missed your salesperson's and arm-twisting skills to change SAM FURUYA's mind. Although my list says ERNI UNO is next in line, he says other added duties and responsibilities in 1996 will make it very difficult for him to serve as the Chapter president. So be it. SAM SASAI is the 1996 president and ERNI UNO will follow in 1997. That takes care of the most important

matter to settle for next year. We haven't seen HAJIME MATSUURA around but now that the Wahine volleyball has ended he may have more time for our meetings. The meeting was attended by SHIGERU GOTO, SAM FURUYA, TAKESHI NAKAMURA, DAVID KAIURA, ERNI UNO, and CHARLES WATANABE.

A reminder regarding the 442nd Annual Banquet in 1996. The banquet will be held at the Pacific Beach Hotel and our speaker will be the Honorable PAULA NAKAYAMA of the State Supreme Court. Many of you know her parents HARRY & HARRIET NAKAYAMA of 3rdHq. We look forward to seeing them in March, 1996.

This is the last report for 1995. The happenings at our Christmas party will be in the next issue. Until then, take care of your aches and pains and try not to add any more during this holiday season. With continued good physical and mental health foremost in our minds for 1996, I bid you "Pau - 1995."



by ALLEN NAKAMURA

Announcement

Starting 1996, chapter meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, T. K. Bldg. First meeting, January 10, 1996. 7 PM.

There will be a change in making reservations by Love chapter for the 442nd annual anniversary banquet. You will make out check to Hideo Nakayama for the banquet reservation and mail it to him at: 3261-A Loke Pl. Honolulu, 96816. He in turn will write one check to 442nd clubhouse for L Chapter reservations. Cost of 1996 banquet: \$25 per person.

96' Anniversary Banquet

So as not to duplicate info, please read the separate article on 53rd Anniversary Banquet by me in this bulletin. Besides Wendy being the keynote speaker at the banquet, Howe, Mary, Jonathan and Baby, expected birth in December will be here. Husband Michael may not be able to take off from his new job to join the family. They will be here at the Pacific Beach Hotel from the 27th of March to the 30th, leaving on Sunday 31st. Plans for the family will be discussed at the chapter meetings.

We hope that many "Lovers" will make a real effort, including the neighbor island members, to share the evening in tribute to Wendy, in which I believe that appearing before this group of 442 veterans are the culmination of her greatest recognition for her outstanding achievement. Many times we talk of legacy, sometimes loosely as a matter of fact, but what can be more effective in leaving a legacy on 442nd RCT for your family than a visual history, Honor Bound, on the video tape for generations to see! As Confucious says, "A picture is worth 10,000 words". Every member I hope will consider having this video in the context of leaving behind a legacy. Wendy will have the video tape available at the banquet for \$25. \$29 for mailing order.

Mini-Reunion at Four Queens

Thanks to Shig Kizuka of Walsonville, CA., who mailed me the video tape for the '95 mini-reunion at Four Queens Casino & Hotel that I'm able to write an article on it.

Of course, no can smell the display of oishi aroma at the hospitality room on video tape but you can tell it was ono. Joey Ishihara the young and upcoming bundle of energy from No. Calif and a terrific golfer besides being a smooth talker as the honcho, credited all the ladies for the sumptuous pupu's. He did mention Genny Matsumoto's expertise and guidance in handling the hospitality room. Tay Nobori's impressive banner hung up in the H room, "WELCOME L CO. RED BULL PATCH flanked by VE 1945, 36TH DIV T patch, 442 TORCH & VJ 1995" gave it a true reunion atmosphere.

The highlight of this reunion was the presenta-

tion of a plaque by the chapters with inscribed words, "For Her Outstanding Achievement in the Production of Honor Bound". Richard Furukawa made the presentation but with poor lighting and aging eyesight, a slip or two are excusable. The engraving on the plaque was done by Ken Nihei. As Wendy put it that this multi-talented engraver, horse trader & watchmaker took her husband under his wing being a family friend and went looking for another engravers equipment. Her puzzlement was answered at the mini-reunion! Good job, Ken!

Wendy, a personable, excellent speaker that, it is always comfortable listening to her, told of the number of congratulatory and appreciation letters she received on HB. Scott Yokoi's letter, son of Feb & Amy Yokoi, describes the educational value of this documentary film. Scott a former student at a midwest high school, his excerpts from his letter, "that they had never taught them about the concentration camps on U.S. soil during the war. Not one word in the history books, social sciences nor political sciences. Nothing about the heroism or the bravery of the men of the 442. This silence haunts and disturb me as tho' it was not important enough".

Banquet night formalities had Tay Nobori, Ben Kitagawa, Ken Higashi & Hide Nakayama speak for their group. Ben in a brazen move committed LA group to take over the mini-reunion in 1996. Jacob Jichaku never one to let opportunity go by, offered his experience of shaking hands with President Clinton at Punchbowl during the 50th WWII Ceremonies, representing eight others who are not able to personally shake the presidents hand. Naturally he had to have a joke while at the podium and it was a dilly that the ladies enjoyed.

A surprise presentation by none other than George Matsumoto who stayed across the mall at Fremont Hotel captured the audiences' attention. As told by George, he played the \$2 machine but only put \$1 and hit the jackpot! George being a generous person, he felt the need to share this good luck by donating \$100 each to L Co., No. Calif and L Co., Hawaii. Tay Nobori and P.K. Matsumoto received the donations for their

respective chapters.

Hiro Nishikubo in charge of golf thanked Frank Nomura who lives in Las Vegas for making the arrangements. The winners for the award cannot be published as the tape did not record the announcement. Sorry guys, but you know who won!

Jun Yamamoto thanked the four regional L Chapter's for their donations to a page in the MJWWII journal. He extended his appreciations also to Tom Mizuno of Hilo, Kiyoshi Kishimoto, Francis Ohta of Maui & Whitey Kurasaki of Kauai for their contributions to the ad. Jun had 3 Ladies & 9 Mens Watches to raffle off during the evening. He also asked for corrections or additions to the roster of Company L members that he distributed.

Another Kudo for Paul K. Matsumoto for the successful mini-reunion. I had planned to list the names of the attendees, but as I received permission from the late Masi's brother, Masaru in L.A., to write Masi's memoirs in the bulletin, and because his memoirs are quite long, I will list only those I think was first timers or long time no shows at the mini reunions from Co. L. From So. CAL: Mino Kaminishi, Richard Koto. NW: Kozo Hiromura, Art/Amy Kaisaki. HON: Bill/Lily Oshiro, Dyna Matsuda, George Matsumoto. MAUI: Francis Ohta, Komao Mochizuki. Write or call me if I'm off base.

1996 Mini-reunion

Paul K. Matsumoto the successful coordinator of the annual mini-reunion, came out with the 96' package earlier than usual because of the time factor involved. The reunion will again be held at the Four Queens Hotel rather than at Gold Coast as announced at the 95' reunion as the circumstance in making the arrangement for 96' has changed.

There is a important requirement that the deposit of \$100 must be paid by November 20, 1995 as room reservations will be made for only those who make the deposit. No guarantee for rooms can be made for late comers. The '96 reunion will be from Sun, June 2 to Thur, June 6. The package info has been distributed or mailed

by P.K. Contact him for info as the deposit date will be passed-due by the time this article is out in January.

Sickness & Distress

It seems so unfair to have unfortunate incidents to happen two successive years to Genro Kashiwa at mini-reunion time. Genro had to rush home as he learned that Muriel is hospitalized as she had a concussion when she hit her head from a fall. Muriel had cancelled earlier from going to LV. The concussion was much more serious than realized. She was hospitalized in a coma for awhile at Straub from Oct. 12, and later at the Rehab Center when she was finally released to go home on Friday, Nov. 17, the day when I met Genro strolling his twin grandsons', Bradley & Jason. Muriel is much improved when I visited her at home. She walks with the support of a cane as a safety precaution. Muriel, our prayers and well wishes for your complete recovery are with you.

I noticed in the video that George Doi of Culver City, CA is on a walker?

Our sincerest condolences to Chiyoko Betsy Yamane and sons, Royden & Gary, and daughter Mrs. Sheryl Takita, grandchildren's and relatives on the death of Bobby Yamane (4th platoon) age 70, who died on Oct. 2, 1995. Bobby was one of the youngest volunteers. It is very regrettable that many of us have not seen him for nearly fifty years plus, as he cancelled out from our 50th 442nd Anniversary, Love Chapter celebration in 1993 at Natsunoya Teahouse. May He Rest In Peace.

II remember Company L by Masaharu (Masi "Oki") Okumura.

Masi who passed away on July 26, wrote his memoirs to Genro Kashiwa who is compiling a list of memoirs from many Company L members. Masi's memoir is a long one so it will be presented in a series of chapters.

"Since this documentary "Honor Bound" by CBS and Wendy Hanamura is coming out in a few days, people have been calling me up to write a few memories of my own. Francis Ohta

of Maui, George Yasukawa of San Jose & Tay Nobori of Berkeley. Since this documentary features L Co., it has caught my attention and interest. So, I Remember, 52 years later, from a Kotonk's viewpoint!

I remember volunteering for the 442nd in Rivers, Arizona when the gov't first opened it up. Some people said "watch out, 442 means 'shi shi ni' in Japanese, which means in a sense "to die". I didn't think too much of that idea because I'm not a superstitious person (I used to wear No. 13 on my basketball jersey). However, as the future told, how true that prophecy became. I lost a lot of good friends, as did all of us. The G.I. truck took us from Rivers, Arizona, WRA Center (War Relocation Center) to Phoenix and we boarded a Greyhound bus to Fort Douglas, Utah where we were inducted in the U.S. Army. I had a ten day ERC till I had to report on 4 June 1944 to Shelby. I went to Santa Barbara, CA my hometown, courtesy of U.S. Gov't on a Pullman train and spent my time there with my good friends, Bob & Lucy Murphy. What I didn't know was that no person of Japanese ancestry were allowed in California. However, that wasn't enforced because there weren't anybody there except me and nobody said anything because they were all my friends. Met a schoolmate of mine, Charles Gunderson. We had a few drinks together then it was board the train for Camp Shelby, Miss.

I ended up in Co. C, 442, 1st Battalion, 2nd platoon, 2nd squad. In our hutman which held 16 men were: Squad Leader S/Sgt Wilfred Mita, HI., who later went to MIS; Squad Leader S/Sgt Ed. Ohata, mainland, who was a "hapa". The Assistant Squad Leader was Thomas Morimoto, HI and S/Sgt Satoru Hishinuma, H1., the platoon guide who bunked in our hut. Then the Hawaii boys were: Katsumi Nagao, Hilo who ended up Anzio replacement, C Co. 100th; Oscar Miyashiro, HNL whose Japanese name I can't remember so couldn't look him up in the 442 books so I can't tell where he ended up. I know he's alive because I read his name in the "GFB Bulletin" I receive from Honolulu. Rokuro Moriguchi, HNL, Anzio, 100th B Co., Tadasu

Muraoka, HI., pvt., Yasumasa Nagamine, HI pfc., Anzio, both of C Co. 100th. From the mainland was pfc Kazuo Kunishige, Reedley, CA., and Charles Mayewaki, CA. Both ended up in G Co., as did Sgt. Hishinuma. Albert "Lefty" Ichihara, Seattle, ended up Sgt in F Co., as communication man and whose picture appears in many of the 442 books carrying the "300". Jim Teriyuki Suzuki ended pfc L Co., Masaharu "Oki" Okumura (yours truly) Santa Barbara, Co. L, T/Sgt.

Sgt Ohata our squad leader stayed behind with the 171st and joined the 442nd in Nice, France in I Co. "Kune" became S/Sgt in G Co., and according to mutual friends, became known as "blood and guts" Kunishige as he volunteered for every patrol, I'm told. He passed away recently according to his widow, Shiz, and we lost a good comrade. Sadly, we have lost some of my original squad, but luckily none of us were KIA in the war although, all of us were wounded one time or another.

After attending rookie class all day with the rest of volunteers from concentration camps, I had to come back to the company area to go to another class not scheduled. I had to surmount the language barrier and learn pidgin quick so I could blend in the background, and hope to remain inconspicuous as I heard so much of the friction between Kotonks and Locals. However, there was very little of that in C Company, although I heard there was some difficulties in other companies thru our mainland "grapevine" that we had.

Not for 52 years did I know the reason why one of my volunteer classmate from my hometown went to MIS from the 522nd FA in Shelby, till he told me he didn't want to get involved. He ended up in the Mars Task Force in the China Burma India theatre with lot of Hawaii boys as comrades, and good ones he told me.

I learned quickly that pi pe li ne was not so, but pronounced "pipe line", you dummy! That ukuleles grew on trees in Hawaii was not true, and you go stay go - I go stay come" was for real or if "no believe" - get dirty busted up! My expertise on

mastering pidgin was quite evident when on being transferred to Co. L later on, I was often asked, "What island you stay come from?" To me, that was the ultimate, graduation if you must, to be asked that from a completely strange "local". Of course, C Co., guys knew I was a Kotonk!

Yes, I REMEMBER L COMPANY 442, being transferred from C Co., with Turk Suzuki, Sueo "Tojo" Takahashi, the future Mr. PAPAYA, Andy Hayashi, Mas Okino and a few others. I returned to C Co., area after a fortunate furlough which occurred in the middle of "D" series maneuvers in Louisiana to find all of the Hawaii boys gone! The guys remaining told me that they were shipped overseas as replacements for the 100th Bn. Later we found out that they went to the Anzio Beachhead.

It was a memorable day, that first day in my future home, Love Co., 442nd. The company was out for a 15 mile forced march that day so I was lucky. When the march was over and the Company double timed in the area and was about to be dismissed, I heard this awful uproar. I stepped out to hear this 2nd Lt. chewing out his platoon. "I told you men to come back with full canteen of water, and I see that most of you have half or none at all. If you men can't follow orders and control yourself, I don't want to go to the front with you!" I found out that Lt. Smith was my platoon leader, like it or not! We became good friends after the war was over. They had no room for me in the 2nd platoon huts so I was relegated to a 1st platoon hut where I stayed till shipped out. I got to know a few of them including Casey Kasadate, Chuck Ishimaru, Genro Kashiwa, Tommy Kakesako and "Sleepy" Inada. Whether they remember me being there is a moot question but I'll never forget that 1st platoon hut. I went to sleep that night with thoughts of having to fall out with 2nd platoon and getting acquainted with my new comrades.

I awoke about midnight hearing a familiar sound but not believing it. I pried open my eyelids, and lo and behold, somebody was pissing in my boots besides my cot! It was "Sleepy" who did the deed! Coming home from

the canteen with Chuck Ishimaru, he must have by-passed the latrine, and found the most convenient receptacle for his bladder which must have been full of 3.2 beer! Being a cool and collected customer, I didn't confront him but sure had a hell of a time with Sgt. Kosugi to get a new pair! After such a shaky, and doubtful beginning in my new home, the future seemed a little bleak and cloudy to me. However, as time passed by and years rolled by, the story unfolded like a flower opening its petals in slow motion, and as history revealed itself to this day, I thank my lucky stars and think - 'LUCKY COME L COMPANY!! (thanks to Jon Shirota, author of the book, LUCKY COME HAWAII). (cont'd).

50th Anniversary of WWII

I guess we will never see in our lifetime again, the likes of the gigantic celebration of the 50th Anniversary of End of WWII. With President and Mrs. Clinton heading the VIP list, joined by wartime favorite entertainers, Bob Hope and Maxine Andrews, the lone living Andrew Sisters and other government, military and civilian officials, there were 10,000 plus at the Punchbowl Memorial Services.

Iwao Yokooji of MIS and 171st Chapter, 442 as the coordinator and MC at Punchbowl, 442nd Veterans were asked to stand and be recognized. Ed Ichiyama of 522 B Chapter was the chairman for 442nd VC. The Sons & Daughters of our AJA organizations, 442nd, 100th, MIS & 1399th, did a tremendous job in carrying out their duties of busing the AJA participants gathered in the early morn at Central Union Church grounds. The public transportation was coordinated by the city, met at the bus terminal.

The real early birds of Lovers up at 4 AM, hoping to have the chance to shake President Clinton's hand (some who succeeded as Nancy Oshiro, Betty Nakahara, Pauline Tome and Jacob Jichaku who shook hands for eight other Lovers in the backrow) included Bill Oshiro. Jun & Bev Yamamoto decided to come were a pleasant surprise. Whitey Kurasaki who represented Kauai was there too.

Yoshito, Jacob, Jun & Victor Yamashita rode

the tram in the parade and received a standing salute from President Clinton passing the reviewing stand. P.K., Robert Sasaki, Hide Nakayama, Joe Oshiro & myself braved the hot sun and paraded the 3 miles marching at the backend joined by a lone Filipino veteran who seemed to have been lost. Guess we must be homogeneous. Ha!

The 14 warships & 2 submarines in the off-shore parade of ships from U.S., Canada, New Zealand, Russia were quite impressive. The Corsairs, Blue Angels, F-16 and especially the F117 Stealth Fighter planes which flew very low over Waikiki during the parade drew quite a bit of ooh's & ah's. The event ended at the Waikiki Shell on a Peace and Prayer Program highlighted by the appearance of Astronaut, Apollo 13, Captain James Lovell. USN.

Kailua 4th of July Parade

Our participation in this parade was revived this year with Henry Ishida, Jake/Terry Jichaku, Wilfred/Butchie Leong, LIKM Cmdr Ernie Uno & wife Grace, Kazuo/Kazuko Fink, Cowboy/Marian Malsumura, Hajime/Lani Matsuura, Allen, Hide Nakayama, Joe/Nancy Oshiro, Kobe/Chiz Shoji, & Kuro Tomasa.

The Kailua community go all out on this event in which our participation is on a 1/2 ton pick-up truck in the parade. With banners of L Company, 442 & LIKM Chapter DAV on the side of the truck, this group rated a picture in the morning Advertiser. The picture was taken from the back of the truck with Jacob & Kobe riding on the truck ramp (which later broke - too much weight?) joined again by a Filipino veteran who invited himself for a sit on the ramp! Guess we are homogenous!

The group spent a pleasant afternoon after the parade munching on potluck menu's at the Finks' who recently built a swimming pool.

Natsunoya Teahouse

Friday, July 14, 1995, 44 wives & members enjoyed a oishi—dinner at Natsunoya Teahouse for a carefree relaxing evening. A short installation ceremonies was held for new LIKM Cmdr

Ernie Uno. Past Cmdr Isa Takiyama is to be appreciated for being commander the past 2 years which was the second time around for him.

The dinner was the same menu we had for our Company L, 50th Anniversary at the teahouse. The compliment was *deja vu* all over again with guys still raving on the menu of, 5 asst' sushi combo, cornish hen, crab claw, duck mushroom, togan soup, tako miso & asst' tempura.

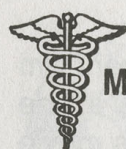
Northern Cal News

News is news if it wasn't printed earlier—so here it is: The Northern Cal group assisted in Masi's memorial services at Mission Hills Chapel at Fremont, CA. In attendance were: Tom Espineda (Stockton), Howe/Mary Hanamura (Oakland), Hide Kiyomura (San Bruno), Tay Nobori (Berkeley), Bill/Miyo Tomura (SF), George Yasuhara (San Jose), Shigeo Yokote (Loomis), Frank Mukai & Feb Yokoi (Sacramento), Francis Ohta (Maui).

Info from Spring Valley Management is that, in tribute to Masi's 30 years of service in the pro shop and the community, a Memorial Plot to honor Masi is to be constructed behind the 8th green near the shack.

A 10 mile section of Hiway 99, between cities of Manteca and Salida, Calif., named the, "442nd Regimental Combat Team Memorial Highway", the dedication ceremonies and banquet were attended by: Hide Kiyomura, Tay Nobori, Shig/Ruby Kizuka, Roy/Kiyo Sato, Larry/Barbara Takai, Feb Yokoi, Mel/Kiyono Tominaga & Shig/Rose Yokote.

On August 9, madame Monique Carlesso and grandson Laurent Carlesso of France were guests of E,I,K,L & Cannon companies of No. Cal. veterans from four different cities/town had entertained, dined and housed them. The Carlesso's were able to exchange autographed 50th Anniversary Bruyeres, 442nd RCT Booklet with Congressman Norman Mineta who hosted a barbeque lunch at San Jose.



MEDICS

Reports



by HERBERT AKAMINE

Dr. HARRY ABE of Long Island, New York, sent an invaluable memento of World War II to the Hawaii Medics through TED MATSUO. It is the daily log of the 442d Medics during combat in Italy and France. Wounds and death are the recurring subjects of the reports. In the casualty-ridden 442, it seemed like a revolving door situation for the overworked medical aid man. he sustained wounds while aiding a combat infantryman and went to the hospital to recuperate. He returned to the battlefield to respond to the frequent cries for Medics by wounded soldiers. He then repeated the series of battlefield to hospital to battlefield if he was unlucky. Often the big red cross on his helmet was an invitation for the enemy German snipers rather than an emblem of safe passage. Were our KIAs TADASHI KUBO, KATSUYOSHI HAMAMOTO, KOSAKU ISOBE, MITSU HARU KUBOYAMA, AKIO NISHIKAWA, KUNIO TAMANAHARA, and GEORGE SAWADA victims of ruthless enemy snipers? Although written in matter-of-fact language, the logs make us aware of the great acts of courage by some of our fellow Medics.

GEORGE MINATA of Spokane, Washington, lost his 95-year old mother. She had been a patient at the Keiro Home in Seattle for a few years. GEORGE and his wife AIKO drove 300 miles from Spokane to Seattle every two weeks to see her.

MIN MASUDA's widow HANA has been a patient at Keiro Home for a number of years. Her childhood Seattle friend MASA NOMURA who now lives in Chicago continues to visit her periodically.

The MINATA family spent a week at Kaanapali recently. The adults spent most of the time golfing. Their scores were satisfactory. The younger ones enjoyed the comfort of sea and

sand of Kaanapali's famous beach.

I met DOROTHY MATSUO at the recent film festival at the Varsity Theater. It was at the reshooting of director ZHANG YIMOU's movie "Ju Dou" starring GONG LI. She recalled the Cherry Blossom Festival tour to Japan that her daughter MICHELLE had given her and TED. Theirs was not the usual run-of-the-mill kind of tour. They learned to make washi (Japanese paper.) They also went cormorant fishing at night on the Nagara River and ate their freshly caught ayu. At Meiji-mura in Aishi province, they saw WILLIE YASUTAKE's Portland, Oregon childhood home and also Chaplain HIGUCHI's father's old Hilo, Hawaii church building. They visited Kurobe Dam which was made famous by a TOSHIO MIFUNE movie.

The local Medics were well represented during the 50th anniversary celebration of World War II which was highlighted by the presence of President CLINTON. Some of the Medics involved in the National Memorial Cemetery rites and Grand Parade through Waikiki were ALBERT TSUKAYAMA, JERRY OGAWA, SUEO FUJII, TOSHIKI TANAKA, WILFRED TAIRA, ROY SAKATA, JACK YAMASHIRO, TED MATSUO, HOWARD KOZUMA, SHIGEMI NAKAMURA, TAKASHI NAKAMURA, and ED ONAKA.

WINIFRED TAIRA, daughter of WILFRED and TSUTOE TAIRA passed away on November 4. The service was held at Hosoi Mortuary. WINIFRED was the trust operation officer at Central Pacific Bank. Besides her parents, she is survived by three sisters and three brothers.

JIMMIE KANAYA of Gig Harbor, Washington wrote that the 442nd Medical Detachment is one of the honored units at the US Army Medical Department Museum located in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. JIMMIE started donations to the project five years ago before retirement. The museum is dedicated to the Army's combat Medics.

KANAYA attended the Nisei Veterans "Salute to All Veterans" in Los Angeles in November. There were 2500 people at the dinner and 7500 at the main celebration. The Medics who were at the events were HARRY ABE, WILLIE

YASUTAKE, TAKASHI MOMODA, KELLY KUWAYAMA, and HARADA of the 100th. There were also replacement Medics whom KANAYA did not know. The celebration was a great success according to KANAYA.

HARRY ABE and KANAYA were present at the meeting of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation which was held at the time of the Salute to All Veterans. They voiced their opinions regarding the issues involving the 442. TOM MASAMORI of Denver, a 3rd Battalion Medic, also attended the sessions so the Medics were represented well.

Another reunion that KANAYA attended was the September 1995 gathering of the National Military Intelligence Service of G-2 types from the South Pacific campaigns of WWII. His involvement in the group was the Korean War and occupation of Japan. After he met some ex-442 vets who had gone on to the Pacific following the European war, he felt more comfortable at the gathering.

KIMI and JIMMIE KANAYA celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 20, 1995. During most of their married life they moved from one army post to another; even staying at Schofield Barracks for a short time. JIMMIE started his military career as an enlisted man and retired as a U.S. Army colonel. The KANAYAS now live in Gig Harbor, Washington. They have been settled there for 12 years; longer than at any other place.

I would like to thank GENRO KASHIWA for sending me the Company L wartime annals which he helped write. The heroic accomplishments of the company's soldiers are graphically chronicled. The conquest of impregnable Mt. Folgorito is described breathtakingly. KASHIWA and his wife were members of the 442 Second Battalion tour to Bruyeres and Biffontaine in 1994. When the tour bus traveled through Italy he recognized Mt. Folgorito and pointed it out to fellow Co. L mate ALBERT NAKAMA. The two were members of the historic assault group of the mountain. Mount Folgorito is highlighted in the TV special "Honor Bound" which was produced by WENDY HANAMURA as a tribute to