

5. Work hard to make your ideas take shape in reality.

I don't know when these words were written or who wrote them, but it seems that our fathers heard them and took them to heart when the call to arms arose. The "boys" did what was asked of them, and then they did more...because they believed it was the right thing to do; a sense of responsible behavior instilled by their parents. It was the spirit that helped the 100th Bn/442nd RCT write a chapter in the history of the world.

Today, a different "call to arms" can be heard. It is a call for unity to insure that the values and beliefs our fathers fought for will not be forgotten. A few have answered the call and afforded much time and effort participating in projects that perpetuate the "Legacy". It is a very involved task to say the least, but we are determined to meet the challenge just as our fathers did some 50 odd years ago. Our commitments, like theirs, is for the future...to make it a better place for our children, and their children.

The "few" have families, are busy with their careers, and have obligations like everyone else. We truly appreciate their involvement and invite others to answer the call, share ideas, feel the pride, and help build something of lasting value.

Thank you, ALAN KUBOTA, for your timely message and for your leadership. We truly appreciate your dedication.

Another article from our S&D newspaper, THE LEGACY CONTINUES, The European Campaign-50th Anniversary Tour-A Son's Perspective, by WADE WASANO

Anzio, Cassino, Livorno, Pisa, Arno, Lucia, Carrarra, La Spezia, Biffontaine, Bruyeres. Just names to me before I traveled to Italy and France with some of the 442nd veterans like HERBERT AKAMINE, TOM NAKAHARA, GEORGE MINATA, CHAPPY KISHABA, GENRO KASHIWA, STUD OSHIRO, HENRY IKEMOTO, MASA HOKAMA, JAMES GANEKO, TOSHI ISHIBASHI, ALBERT NAKAMA, ROBERT OWAN, GEORGE SHIOZAWA and TED

YAMATE. They made those places come alive.

After 50 years, the places still hold fond and sad memories for the men. As the veterans related stories and incidents that happened in those areas, I began to realize the hardships and the sacrifices that the 100th/442nd veterans experienced as they fought through Italy.

At Epinal, an American cemetery near Bruyeres, I saw hundreds of veterans stand side by side and salute the American flag as the "Star Spangled Banner" was played by the military band. I saw tears shed by the veterans, remembering buddies, friends, and brothers that died defending our liberties. I felt grateful to these men for their sacrifices and love.

Real chickenskin...

At Bruyeres I walked through a building my dad worked in 2nd Battalion headquarters. As I was getting my picture taken in front of the building, a veteran asked if that was the headquarters building. "I believe it was, I said. "My dad worked there." "Who's your dad?" he inquired. I replied, "RAMON WASANO." "We worked well together," was his reply. I felt chills up my back - real chickenskin - it felt like my dad was with me.

When I returned from Europe, I visited my dad's grave at Punchbowl. I started talking to him: "I understand a little better what you went through during the war. I am grateful you served with the rest of the Nisei from Hawaii and the mainland. I only wished you could have told me when you were alive."

Somehow Dad got it across to me after my visiting those places - I will never forget.

My deepest appreciation for all you 100/442 veterans who served our country, for protecting everything we enjoy today.

We owe you.

Poignant Rememberances From A Grateful Frenchwoman

WADE WASANO received a letter from MADAME JEANNE RUPP, mother of S&D member, MLL. ISABELLE RUPP of France. In the letter she writes, in part, "You are right (in writing your article). The young generation must never

forget the sacrifice of the veterans; the heavy price of freedom. I know what the word means, when I remember the years of the German domination in our country. I was 10 years old in 1940. My father was prisoner of war during 5 years in Germany. We were lacking of all. I remember the German requisitionings in the villages...the noise of their boots when they were walking in procession, singing in the streets of Bruyeres while I was in the highschool (the building where is the post office, nowadays), the yellow star on the clothes of a schoolfriend because (she was a) Jewish girl, etc...

5 years without hope to find again our freedom. And I remember our great joy by seeing our Liberators of 1944. In that time, I lived in a little village located near to Bruyeres (about 6kms before Bruyeres)

American soldiers of the 45th Infantry Div. came to free us on Sept 29th 1944. After, there were other soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div., then around Oct. 16, reinforcements: the men of the 100th/442 Rgt.

We were very surprised, amazed...They were "yellow" soldiers like Japanese! They came by trucks from Epinal, driving by the villages of Fontenay, Memenil until Vimenil (my birthplace) - On the side of the village, there is a hamlet called "Le void de la Borde" - I saw them, walking with their kit, through the hamlet going to the entrance of the forest. They were young smiling boys...looking at our wooden clogs...I was worried. I thought they were too young and too good looking to be killed, because we knew the Germans were in the hills, in the forest, not too far."

Thank you, Madame Jeanne Rupp.

Upcoming Meetings-442nd Clubhouse

S&D Board Meeting: March 2, April 6, May 4, - 6:30 PM

52nd Anniversary Committee: March 6 - 10:30 am

Membership Services: March 7, April 4 - 6:30 PM

Education Committee: March 16, April 20 - 5:30 PM

S&D General Membership: March 16, April 20, May 18 - 7:00 PM

Archives Committee: March 29, April 26, May 31 - 6:30 PM

Please come and be involved in our 442nd legacy. *Motivation is what gets you started, habit is what keeps you going.* For the sons and daughters actively involved in our monthly and yearly planning and happenings it is definitely in our blood and I think that if you come and join us you'll find a real likable bunch of neat kids. Some of us are in our 50's! and some of us are in our 20's, 30's, and 40's and when the Dads, Moms and grandkids join us it's even better!

So, make it a habit to be at the clubhouse at least once a month. (I think, no, I KNOW, your Mom and Dad are going to really appreciate it.)

It was great to meet first time attendees, DR. CYNTHIA GOTO and DR. STEVEN BUTO at our general membership meetings and to get acquainted with them.

Generous Families and Friends

Our chapter has been the beneficiary of generous donations from the following 442nd families and friends: \$300 from DOROTHY SUZUMOTO and family, \$100 from TOM and LILY MASAMORI, \$125 from LILY and YOSHIO TANABE, \$100 from WARREN FENCL. Thank you very much. Many of our projects do not pay for themselves therefore we appreciate your kindness. We also received donations from other people however, we failed to keep accurate records previously therefore please know that we sincerely appreciate your generosity also.

S&D Membership is Growing...

We received a letter from another 442nd daughter who writes, "My mother continues to receive and enjoy the Go For Broke Bulletins even though Dad passed away over three years ago. She shared the latest copy of the Bulletin (October-December 1994) with me, and I was impressed with the efforts of the Sons and Daughters Chapter. I applaud your energy and devotion to keep the history and spirit of the 442nd alive!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

52nd Anniversary Events

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

Souvenirs, anyone?

We will also be selling the rest of the 442 GO

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



by SHIRO AOKI

Apologies to SEIKI & ALICE YOSHIMURA

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

The Mike Company Christmas Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Ye Faithful!"

The Legacy Continues

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

M. CO Shinenkai

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

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

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

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

The Shinenkai came to a close with the traditional Banzai!

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

Condolences

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

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

Mainland News

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



by **EDDIE IMAMURA**

1995 Officers

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

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

Camp Shelby Trip

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Service Chapter Profiles

RALPH CHINAKA

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

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

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

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

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

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

MASAMI TANABE

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

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

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

NOBORU TANOUE

NOBORU is another one of the bashful guys in

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

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

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

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

Year End Party

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

Tidbits

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

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

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

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

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

Tour #1 - Western Europe

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

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

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

pleted with ample time to spare.

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

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

Thursday, Oct 13 (Dulles-Frankfurt)

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

Friday, Oct 14 (Strasbourg)

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

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

Saturday, Oct 15 (Biffontaine)

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

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

Sunday, October 16 (Bruyeres)

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

Monday, Oct 17 (Strasbourg - Zurich)

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

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

Tuesday, Oct 18 (Zurich-Bern-Geneva)

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

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

Wednesday, Oct 19 (Geneva-Avignon)

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

Thursday, Oct 20 (Avignon-Monserrat-Barcelona)

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

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

Friday, Oct 21 (Barcelona)

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

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

Saturday, Oct 22 (Barcelona-Zaragoza-Madrid)

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

Sunday, Oct 23 (Madrid)

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

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

Monday, Oct 24 (Madrid-Toledo-Granada)

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

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

Tuesday, Oct 25 (Cordoba)

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

Wednesday, Oct 26 (Cordoba-Seville)

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

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

Thursday, Oct 27 (Seville)

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

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

Friday, Oct 28 (Seville-Lisbon)

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

Saturday, Oct 29 (Lisbon)

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

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

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

Sunday, Oct 30 (Lisbon)

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

Monday, Oct 31 (Lisbon)

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

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

Tuesday, Nov 1 (Lisbon-USA)

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

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



Rural Chapter NEWS

by ED IMAMURA

119 Officers

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

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

Shinnen-En Kai

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

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

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

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

Japan Trip

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



by HICHI MATSUMOTO

Christmas Party - 1994

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

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

nications must be getting through.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter Officers - 1995

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tea with KIMO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

P.S. Etto ocha nonda.

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION!

What: 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter Reunion
Where: California Casino & Hotel - Las Vegas
Time: Leave Honolulu April 30, Return May 4, 1995

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

Volunteer

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

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

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

Deko Ageta

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Information Please

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

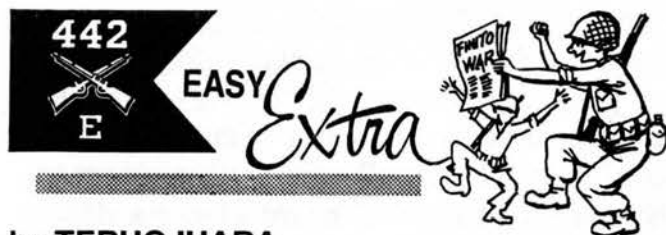
nukui kasane toru futons - notice plural. Before hanging up, he says yoroshiku to everybody from him and CHERRY too. As for the coming up May Reunion in Las Vegas is concerned, nothing definite yet, kuru ka konka. Hope you two can make it. Eh, kangaete miruto, not too many left. Come and think later.

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.



by TERUO IHARA

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 CHI KTESHIMA. 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 opihi *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 football 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 BRIANNA 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 FLY TAMASHIRO 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 occasions in 1957 and 1958 and enjoyed their hospitality.

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



by JERRY ISHIMOTO

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 INOUE - \$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; BIGGIE NAKAKURA - 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 boozier, 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 Munny 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. CANNONBALL 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 CANNONBALL, #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.



MEDICS

Reports



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 & MAY SHIOZAWA, Eastsound, 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 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 & IRENENAKAMURA, HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA, SAM & MICH 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

the complement of the joyous occasion.

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

to Las Vegas, if there are any good omens, please let me know. I mean like striking a jackpot. "What jackpot?" Like the heavy "Cashfall" on the Slot....All pau.



by ED ICHiyAMA

Kudos to the following for helping their fellow Charleys during the past year. Your kokua is much appreciated by all of us.

To our bossman, YOKICHI HOKAMA for serving as frontman in coordinating the 52nd Annual 442nd RCT Anniversary Memorial Service and Banquet. the 522 FA Bn and the 171st plus the Sons and Daughters were assigned the task for this year's function and what a bang-up job they did. The committee met frequently during the past year, planning the program, handling the various logistics involved, etc. etc. This year's affairs were planned with the focus on the commemoration of the 50th years of the ending of World War II both in Europe and in the Pacific Theater.

MR. HOKAMA is such a super salesman that he browbeat or conned Charley's out of 30 tickets - imagine 3 tables - a record turnout for the banquet.

To SADA HIGA and STANLEY SAKAI, our local coordinators for our forthcoming 522 FA Bn Reunion in Los Angeles. These two also spent the last year solving the logistic involved in moving about 30 Charleys from Hawaii to Los Angeles. Additionally, figuring the details for a post-reunion get-together in Las Vegas also posed a giant headache for these two - but never fear - they have everything under control.

To TAD TOKUDA and MANABI HIRASAKI, our Los Angeles coordinators. TAD also toiled in the vineyards for over a year ministering to all little details involved in putting on a meaningful, enjoyable, and entertaining couple of days for

our members, which he has guaranteed.

MANABI is responsible for having the Japanese American National Museum of Los Angeles play an integral part in our reunion. One of the featured events of the reunion is a 522 FA Bn exhibit at the museum. In addition, the climax of the reunion will be a joint memorial service between the veterans of the 522nd FA Bn and the Jewish community of Los Angeles. KAORU OGURI, of the museum staff, has informed us that there will be considerable media coverage during this reunion so please come prepared to "meet the press."

Finally, the kudo's for this edition of the bulletin go to STANLEY SAKAI and BOBBY KIKAWA. These two were asked, prior to their sojourn to Bruyeres and Biffontaine, to furnish us a detailed report and they did. I am sure this responsibility weighed heavily on their shoulders but they do have broad shoulders. They more than fulfilled their part of the bargain. Members really appreciated their reports and many were heard to utter this famous last remark "I should have gone."

Danke!



by KAORU WATANABE

It was the July 1994 issue of the "Sun Press" - a weekly newspaper published for the Windward side of Oahu - that carried an advertisement that said "Please help me find STEVEN/STEPHEN KANESHIRO of Benjamin Parker High School." The Sun Press ran her story as "JANE DOE" who learned accidentally that the man she called "Dad" wasn't her real father. The only thing she knew about her biological father was his name and where he went to school. Her mother was ELIZABETH ONO.

I was aware that we have a Cannoneer, STEVE

KANESHIRO living on the Mainland, but didn't connect the two facts.

Then the November 1994 issue carried the happy ending to that search by "JANE DOE." Accompanying the article on the front page was an overseas photo of STEVE KANESHIRO flanked by JOHN USHIJIMA and TETSUO HAMADA (KIA). "JANE DOE" found her biological father in California and his family and relatives have accepted her into their families.

World War II separated STEVEN from then pregnant ELIZABETH. When STEVEN left for Europe with Cannon Company, she asked STEVEN not to make contact because she wanted her child to give complete loyalty to the man who would someday marry her and be a father to her child. What a poignant story with a happy ending!

And more Cannoneer related story from the news. The February 3, 1995 issue of the Hawaii Herald carried a front page story of the 100th Battalion veteran PAUL SAKAMOTO and AMERICO BUGLIANI who were reunited in Hilo 50 years after their first meeting in Valdicastello, Italy.

In July 1994, at the 47th reunion of the 34th "Red Bull" Division in Chicago, the men of the 34th turned the spotlight on the Nisei of the 100th and the 442nd. In that ceremony, the 34th Division Association honored the Nisei with a proclamation presented to the Chicago Nisei Post. Receiving the proclamation was Cannoneer SAM YOSHINARI as the Commandant of the Chicago Nisei Post. SAM earned a battlefield commission as a 1st Lt. I was a member of the Second Platoon so you may detect a bit of pride showing.

The Chicago Nisei Post felt that this proclamation rightfully belonged in Honolulu because that's where the 100th and consequently the 442nd really started. So BUGLIANI, a member of Chicago Nisei Post - a membership directly resulting from his never-forgotten memory of a Nisei soldier whose fleeting act of generosity and kindness in giving a 12-year old Italian lad in Valdicastello some candy, C-rations, and his woolen cap - offered to hand deliver the procla-

mation on his trip to Hawaii to search for that Nisei soldier, PAUL SAKAMOTO.

The reception at the 100th Battalion Clubhouse to receive the proclamation was attended by Cannon Chapter President, MASARU KOIKE and Treasurer HENRY CHAGAMI. There is a whole lot more to this very moving story about AMERICO BUGLIANI leading up to his trip to Hawaii in search for PAUL SAKAMOTO. Read it in ARNOLD HIURA's featured article in the February 3 issue of the Hawaii Herald. You will be well rewarded for your effort!

Our last Chapter news in the 4th Quarter issue of the "Go For Broke" Bulletin reported that JUDY SAIKI was hospitalized. We sadly report that JUDY SAIKI passed away on December 11, 1994 after a long bout with rheumatoid and osteo arthritis. Private service was held on December 14, 1994, in accordance with her wish. Not only fellow Cannoneers, KAZU SAIKI, LEITH and RANCE SAIKI who lost a wife and mother, but everyone blessed by her love, warmth, compassion, and concern for others have cherished memories of his beautiful person.

If you had any difficulties in reaching DUKIE KUNISHIGE in the past, you can now reach him at 696-1614. He has just about recovered from a colon cancer surgery in January and we are pleased to report that the removal of cancer was 100% successful. He exercises and is doing well. He will tell you the wisdom of regular check-ups to detect early signs of cancer is not to be overlooked. He dug a trail of holes in Shelby - at the kind request of his Captain, and in Italy and France - because he wanted to. He dug them so deep he swore he heard Hawaiian music. Is Hawaii the antipode of Shelby, Italy, and France? He doesn't want to see another hole in the ground big enough to lie in. He wants his Hawaiian music sitting down.

Reunion bound for Las Vegas May 18 - 22, 1995 are: HENRY CHAGAMI, ALFRED GOTO, MASARU & MAY KOIKE, KAZUYUKI & MITSUE KUDO, LINCOLN, IRENE & MARY MAEDA and PAUL SHINAGAWA, TAKESHI "BOLO" MIZUKAMI, MAMO MORITA, TSUKAWA & YUKIE MURAKAMI, TAKASHI "CURLY" & ANN

MURAOKA, HAROLD NAKASONE, CHARLES ODA, MASAMI & JUNE OHARA, TOM & BARBARA OKINO, KAZU & LEITH SAIKI and BERWIN NYUHA, NORMAN SATO, and KAORU & MABEL WATANABE.

There will be a large contingent from the Mainland but not yet finalized by JOHN KASHIKI.

Dinner meetings were held at the Pearl Country Club in November and Queen Kapiolani Hotel in February along with breakfast meetings in November and February - all well attended.



by **EDDIE TAMANAHA**

On a cloudy and rainy morning, 24 members gathered at the Ft. Shafter Golf Course on December 8, 1994. The weather was no obstacle for AKABO TAKASAKI as he turned in a net 60, a four stroke lead over the nearest competitor for top honors. KEN KAWATE was second with his 64. Three strokes back with 67s were LARRY NAKAHARA and BULL NAMBA tied for third. KATS IBARA was fifth with his net 69. Nearest to the pin were: #5 AKABO TAKASAKI, #8 LARRY NAKAHARA, #14 BOBBY HIRAYAMA, and #17 RON OBA. The weather wasn't totally bad - it would rain and when we got wet, the sun would come out. When we just got dried, the rain would come. This continued throughout the day.

December 22, 1994. 23 golfers met at the Makalena Golf Course on a clear, sunny day. The fairways were dry so the ball had lot of roll. CHARLEY IGARASHI was unbeatable this day as he turned in a fantastic net 59 for first place. Five strokes back for second was RUSTY HONDA with a 64. One stroke back with 65 was KATS IBARA for third. Another stroke back for fourth was TOM MAYEDA with a 66. KEN KAWATE was fifth with a 67 just another stroke back. Closest to the hole were: #4 HERB ISONAGA, #6 KEN KAWATE, #11 MAUI

OKAMURA, and #17 TADASHI KUNISHIGE.

January 5, 1995. The first tournament of the Boar year. 25 members showed up at Ft. Shafter Golf Course. The weather was fantastic at the start but turned a bit wet with drizzle later. The course was in good condition with the greens good for some golfers and others didn't like it. Conditions were to the liking of HARRY TOKUSHIGE as he turned in a net 56 (must be a record best net score for our club) to run away with the top spot. A distant five strokes back for second was ED TAMANAHA with a 61. Two strokes back was YOSHI HIGA for third with a 63. CHARLEY IGARASHI was fourth with a 64. Tied for fifth were TOM MAYEDA and KEN KAWATE with 65s. Starting this year, closest to the pin awards will be given to all par threes. Winners were: #1 TADASHI KUNISHIGE, #5 TADASHI KUNISHIGE, #8 RUSTY HONDA, #10 HERB ISONAGA, #14 HARRY TOKUSHIGE, and #17 LEFTY SUGIHARA.

On a cloudy January 26, 1995, 21 members gathered at the Makalena Golf Course. The course was wet and muddy and started to rain. 5 golfers gave up after 9 holes. However, some good scores were made under the lousy circumstances. HARRY TOKUSHIGE eeked out a one stroke first place win with a net 63. He won the last two tournaments with a total of 20 under par. He attributes this feat to his hard work on his short game. The rest of us guys better practice. One stroke back for second was TEIJI UEHARA with a 64. Another stroke back with a 65 was TERRY IHARA for third. Another stroke back for fourth was TOM MAYEDA with a 66. Tied for fifth were NEKA MATOI and HERB YONAMURA with 69s. Closest to the pin were: #4 JIRO SHIMOMURA, #6 STEVE HIROTSU, #11 RUSTY HONDA, #14 LEFTY SUGIHARA, and #17 RUSTY HONDA. The 19th hole is still being enjoyed by all.

February 11, 1995. 19 members gathered at a golf course our club hasn't played since 1986 - Barbers Point Golf Course. The weather was clear and the course is in relatively good shape. Clubhouse is new with the pro shop in a new location. The fairways are now irrigated with

underground sprinkler system. NEKA MATOI and BOBBY HIRAYAMA found the course to their liking as they turned in identical net 64s to tie for first. Three strokes back for third was TADASHI KUNISHIGE with a 67. TEIJI UEHARA came in fourth with a 71. Tied for fifth were HERB ISONAGA, MAUI OKAMURA, TOM MAYEDA and ED TAMANAHA with 73s. Closest to the hole winners were: #2 NEKA MATOI, #8 no winner, #11 BOBBY HIRAYAMA, and #14 HERB ISONAGA. The 19th hole was held at the golf course restaurant with much refreshment and fellowship

Schedule for the next due date of the news Bulletin: Feb. 16 @ Pali, 11:36; Mar. 2 @ Makalena, 12:06; Mar. 16 @ Pali, 11:36; Mar. 30 @ Shafter, 8:17; Apr. 6 @ Makalena, 11:42; Apr. 25 @ HCC, 9:30; May 11 @ Pali, 11:00; and May 25 @ Shafter, 7:49.



by BRUNO YAMADA

Kauai Invitational

Old friends and acquaintances will get together again for some fun competition and fellowship during the two golf tournaments planned by the Kauai 442 veterans.

The first tournament will be 18-hole affair at the Wailua Golf Course on March 20 and the second at the Kiele Lagoon Golf Course on March 21. More than seventy players from the state of Washington, California, and Oahu will be joined by twenty players from Kauai. After the tournaments on Kauai, most of the golfers will participate in the 52nd Anniversary tournament at the Hickam Air Force golf course on March 24.

Anniversary Tournament

The 52nd Anniversary Tournament will move to the Mamala Bay Golf Course at the Hickam Field Air Force Base on March 24. Last year's

tournament which was held at the Kakalaua Golf Course was won by 2nd Headquarters' BERT NISHIMURA who scored a net 62, nosing our GEORGE MURAMARU (522-B) who was close behind with a 63. Eighty golfers will be entered this year with the PRESIDENT'S AWARD at stake.

OTHER News

COMMITTEE REPORTS

442nd RCT Foundation by HAROLD FUKUNAGA

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team Foundation has been in operation since July, 1993. As such, it is a relatively new foundation and is growing slowly as it becomes more active in obtaining donations and funding some worthwhile projects, which are in line with our mission and purpose of the Foundation.

We were very fortunate in receiving large grants from the proceeds of the 50th Anniversary of the 442nd RCT and from the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd Veterans Club at the formation of the Foundation.

We have been receiving many contributions from our members and others over the past year (1994). We are thankful for the generosity of these persons:

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We hope to continue to receive such donations from our members and others in the coming years, as we develop more programs to make such contributions more worthwhile. We plan to financially assist the Sons and Daughters in their development of the 442nd Archives Center.

In addition, we are working to develop a planned giving program, for those members who would like to make a larger-scale donation before or after their death.

**522nd Dachau Research Committee
by HIDEO NAKAMINE**

The following article appended hereto titled “Mission to Japan” and related story was compiled by HIDEO NAKAMINE of the 522nd Dachau Research Committee.

The news article titled “Mission to Japan” appeared in the Puka Puka Parade. With the permission of Puka Puka Parade and approval from the authors, 522nd Dachau Research Committee would like to share this most heartwarming story with the readers of the Go For Broke

Bulletin. The photos relating to this news article are posted on the Club 100 and 442nd Veterans Club House bulletin boards.

**Mission to Japan 1994
by KUNIO FUJIMOTO and KEN MITSUNAGA**

Ten veterans from the 100th Inf. Bn, the 442nd RCT, and 522 FAB, plus three spouses visited the great nation of Japan for two weeks beginning September 18, 1994. This was a mission to promote goodwill and world peace. The first half of the trip was planned for us veterans to participate in activities scheduled to honor SENPO SUGIHARA, one of the greatest humanitarians of the twentieth century.

A Japanese diplomat, SENPO SUGIHARA was assigned to the Japanese consulate in Lithuania, prior to WWII when HITLER’s Nazis started to overrun Poland. Many Polish Jews fled into neighboring Lithuania to escape the Nazis juggernaut. MR. SUGIHARA, noticing the plight of the Jews, used his position as consular official to issue over 2000 temporary exit visas, assisting over 8000 individuals. This enabled the Jews to escape through Russia and then to Japan and ultimately to Shanghai, where most remained for the duration of WWII. MR. SUGIHARA had issued the visas in defiance of the Japanese dictate which ordered and prohibited from issuing these visas. His compassion for his fellow men transcended duty to his country. For his defiant act, MR. SUGIHARA was summarily discharged from the coveted positions as consular official. He lived out his life in obscurity and in disgrace until his death in 1986.

Neither the Japanese people nor the Japanese government had displayed any sense of appreciation or recognition for MR. SUGIHARA’s benevolence and humanitarian deed until recently. Most of the world, likewise, are still unaware of MR. SUGIHARA’s exploits; thus he remains for the most part under appreciated. The Jewish community, however, has recognized his courageous Herculean deed; similarly, a small number of Japanese-American veterans of the 522nd FAB have recognized and appreciated MR. SUGIHARA’s compassionate deed.