

*Pictor taken Dec. 1945 -  
at Personnel Office Christmas  
Party - Ft. Snelling, Minn.  
The whole "gang".*

## Army Renames Ship for Nisei War Hero



### Munemori Ship Naming Rites Set This Week

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The twice-postponed Munemori ship redesignation ceremonies have now been advanced three days to March 16, Brooklyn Army base authorities informed the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week. The schedule was moved up, it was explained, to restore the 7,046-ton cargo carrier Pvt. Sadao S. Munemori to service at the "earliest possible moment."

The official renaming of the ship originally was to have been held March 12 to allow repairs to the ship. The ceremonies were put off a second time, to March 19, when it was discovered earlier last week that it would take more time to complete the job of overhauling. The Brooklyn authorities revised the date with the receipt of shipping orders.

The Washington JACL ADC office learned further that the former Wilson Victory has been sailing as the "Pvt. Sadao S. Munemori" for several months; the vessel was renamed soon after the War department order was announced. The USAT Munemori, named for the only Nisei winner in U. S. history, has been operating out of New York on a regularly-scheduled run in the Atlantic and is registered as the Pvt. Sadao S. Munemori. The ceremonies on March 16 are to make the redesignation official.

It was hoped that following the renaming ceremonies, the Munemori will be diverted to the Pacific area. Port officials said that the vessel had made at least two trips to the Pacific since it was acquired by the Army Transportation corps in 1945.

Victory, the colors of the Horn, Italy, the USAT ceremonies the ship

will honor one of the 442nd's heroes and the only Nisei to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. A JACL plaque will be placed aboard the ship during the redesignation rites. This photo of the Wilson Victory was taken recently when the ship stopped in Honolulu, en route back to the United States from the Far East.

### Senator Names Utah Nisei As Alternate To West Point

George Shibata, 21, was an honor graduate from Bear River high school, Utah, in 1944, and volunteered for the Army shortly afterwards. He was enrolled in the student training program of the Army and went to Amherst college. He was assigned to active duty in January, 1945, and went overseas in August of that year, serving in Europe until his discharge in August, 1946. He is now at work on the farm of his mother, Mrs. I. Shibata, in Garland. George Shibata has five sisters, Mrs. Hatsuko Fujii, Mrs. Wally Sato, Teruko, Kouko and Kazuko, all of Garland, and three brothers, Joe, an attorney in Chicago; Harry and Saburo.

The Shibata family was notified of the appointment by telegram from Washington on Feb. 27 and members said that they were "very proud" of the honor.

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