

## Letter From Cpl. John Narimatsu, Who Died in France, Denies Rumor

Memorial Services Held Yesterday  
Afternoon for ex-Reedley Soldier

Memorial services were held yesterday afternoon in Unit III for Cpl. John Narimatsu, a boy from Reedley, Calif., who died in France on November 1.

The following is a letter received from Cpl. Narimatsu by Settsugo Sakamoto. The letter was mailed on October 15.

"Dear Mr. Sakamoto, Somewhere in France in a muddy adobe field stands a pup tent. From this tent I say Bonjour, meaning good day. Yes, it might be a good day in Poston, but here it's not so good--mud to your ankles and deeper, and rain helping the mud along every day.

"Guess the last time I wrote you was from Italy before I joined the 442nd Infantry. Back in Italy us replacements were assigned to companies. Since then (Cont. p. 2)

## CORN PRODUCTS COMPANY IN KANSAS CITY WANTS FORTY NISEI WORKERS

Corn Products and Refinery Company in Kansas City, Mo., wants 40 men, according to Pvt. Satoru Okawa, 39-11-A, who returned here Monday, Nov. 27 from Kansas City and will leave shortly for Ft. Douglas.

Starting wage is 71½¢ per hour with \$6-12 bonus. Working hours are eight hours daily, seven days of the week. (cont. on city page)

## MORE REPORTED WOUNDED IN FRANCE

### Issei May Write to NYC Resettlement Council in Japanese

Council of Japanese American  
Organizations Apart from WRA

Issei desiring information on any phase of resettlement, are invited to write to the Resettlement Council of the Japanese American Organizations in New York City, according to Gordon Berryman, who is here from the New York WRA office.

Letters in Japanese will be answered in Japanese by the Council, which is separate from the WRA. Letters should be addressed to Resettlement Council, Room 1101, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Minoru Yamasaki is the chairman. Masumi Toyotome, former resident of Unit I, where he worked in the Christian Church, is the general director of the Council.

Organizations represented in the Resettlement Council include Arts Council of Japanese Americans for Democracy; Japanese Americans' Citizens' League, N.Y. Chapter; Japanese American Committee for Democracy; New York Buddhist Church; Japanese Christian Association; Japanese Christian Institute; Japanese Methodist Church; Japanese American Young (cont. on Unit I page)

### TWO LEAVE FOR DUTY

Leaving for active duty Monday morning were Richey Kuwahara and Masato Okamoto.

Both are to go to Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Casualties Are:

Pfc. Kazuo J. Nagata

S-Sgt. Suikichi Matsumoto

Two more men have been reported wounded in action in France, the War department advised last Friday, bringing the casualty total to 69. The wounded are Pfc. Kazuo J. Nagata, Nov. 6, and S/Sgt. Suikichi Matsumoto, Nov. 8.

Pfc. Kazuo J. Nagata, 24, son of Mrs. Aye Nagata, 42-10-D, who was inducted from Indio, Calif., in February, 1942, has been slightly wounded.

He went overseas in August this year with the 442nd.

A graduate of Coachella Valley high school and a student at Riverside junior college, the wounded soldier has a brother, Tom, who is now stationed at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

S/Sgt. Suikichi Matsumoto, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kunihei Matsumoto, 59-8-D, has also been slightly wounded, his wife, Margaret E. Matsumoto, 54-3-D, was notified.

He was inducted in (cont. on city page)

### NO LEAVES GRANTED DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

In compliance with the request of the Washington WRA office, the relocation division here will not grant leave for the period December 15 to January 8, for travel, except in cases of extreme emergency, according to Corlies R. Carter, relocation program officer.

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where the fighting is toughest. So far I haven't seen any action, but having a few friends in the 100th and also 442nd who have seen action, they've told them what our folks' worries are and they laugh and some think it a joke. They admit that fighting is no vacation but no need to worry thinking that we have gotten and will get bad deals. Far as that goes, it's no vacation living as we do here. I wish that people back home could talk to some of these fellows, they maybe they would change their feeling toward having their sons enter service. Maybe then they'd quit bad talk of the 100th and 442nd Combat Team.

Myself, I'm very proud to be a member of this team, and now if I was given a chance to leave this unit for any other unit in the army, I wouldn't accept it. I'm so proud of this team no other combat team is good enough for me. Mr. Sakamoto, you being a man as you are and seeing things the correct way, I wish you could be here with us for a few days. Then I'd know no one else would need to tell you a thing and you'd be very proud of us fellows, the fellows who are fighting for our country and for the betterment of the Japanese people in the U. S.

There's many things I'd like to tell you of this unit but there's no limit. We'll also a good outfit here, overseas. Yes, if some people like you could only come here and see and hear the combat team and could go back here to tell our folks it'd sure help. Maybe before long some boys with the Purple Heart can go back and try to convince our folks. Even with that I can hear some folks saying, oh the army fired that boy. If the boys back home could understand us they wouldn't hold back as some are doing. Here the boys are trying to build a stepping stone for the Japanese in the U. S., but there are some crazy fools breaking it away faster than we can build. I know when we come back those boys will more than hear about it for we here know about it. I'm sure that the sooner they get off of that one track mind of theirs, it'll not only help them but the whole Japanese population.

Well, Mr. Sakamoto, as I've said before, there is really no limit to how much I can go on, so guess I'd better call it stops. Before closing, my regards to the whole family. The next time you write to Jimmy and Ed, forward my regards, please.

Just, John  
P.S. Can't talk French so my hands are learning to talk for me. What a way to talk...

# A LETTER FROM A SOLDIER WHO WAS KILLED IN FRANCE (continued)

we've traveled a few more miles. Mr. Sakamoto, what I really want to tell you is what our folks worry most about: Being of Japanese ancestry, they believe we get raw deals here and when fighting comes we fight

KANSAS CITY FACTORY, JUNE 1941, TO NIGHT (cont. from front page) with double time on the seventh day and holidays. Hourly wage and bonus is automatic, after 60 days.

Those who are accustomed to machinery work can advance rapidly, Pvt. Okawa says. There are several rates of pay, with rate 1 at 71¢, rate 2 at 81¢, rate 3 at 84¢, rate 4 at 89¢ per hour, and going as high as rate 11 and 12. Seniority counts when there are openings.

Work is said to be simple, with everything operated by machinery. Deferral for those eligible may be obtained after 60 days, with reasonable guarantee of post-war work. In case one is called for active duty, seniority is still retained, and the job will be open to the soldier after the war.

Misai working at the refinery are now getting \$104 weekly, in rate 2, working 12 hours at press machines, according to Pvt. Okawa.

Open shop prevails, and workers can join the CIO or not. The attitude of Kansas City people and co-workers in the company are said to be favorable.

Pvt. Okawa may be contacted at the mail relocation office.

TWO MORE ARE WOUNDED (cont. from front page) January, 1941, at Ft. MacArthur (San Pedro, Calif.) He is a graduate of Calverton high school and El Centro junior college, where he was also instructor's helper in photography.

Stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., for 2 1/2 years as X-ray technician, he was transferred to Camp Blanding and to Camp Shelby, Miss., and went overseas in August, 1944.

A brother, Kato, is also overseas.

## Briefly

by Cpl. Ben Kudo

This column is continued from Saturday:

SPEAKING OF LETTERS...

...There are very many rare types of letters:

(1)...

...The type that brings sunshine to a gloomy day...and...

(2)...

...the other, which no soldier likes to receive, is the "Dear John" type. This type of letter comes from a soldier's girl-friend stating that "it has been such a long time and things have changed. I have met a young gentleman and we have been going quite steady for some time." Nothing can lower the morale of a soldier than to get a letter of this type. We can tell if a soldier receives such a letter because he doesn't act the same or talk much after that.

THANK YOU, BEN...

...The staff is sure the residents are grateful for your contributing a column; especially taking your precious time-out on your furlough to contribute.

MORALE...

...like Cpl. Kudo says, is the strongest type of strength a soldier can have. And giving them strength is by letters, so let's write to them. It doesn't have to be long, just a few cheerful lines can cheer up a soldier for a whole day.

DON'T GIVE UP...

...or don't lose fight if he doesn't write to you right away. Give them time, for we're sure they haven't forgotten you; and too, you must consider that they are getting a tough workout every day and we're sure they are very tired.

## "RAINBOW TERRACE"

Dance, dine, and welcome the New Year at the "Rainbow Terrace" Club 215 is opening this gala affair to the public on New Year's Eve.

Elaborate decorations, refreshments, a menu, talents and a program are to be included only for your generous donations.

With "Rainbow Rhapsody" as a theme song, society is promised for your "Memory Album."

Greet 1945 and give generously to the Red Cross Drive!

## DEPARTURES

Leaving on short-term last Friday to Rivers, Ariz., were Mochiichi, Satsu, and Mitsuji Hironaka.

To Rivers, Ariz., on short-term last Sunday, were Yasuichi Kanagawa and Toshichi Kanagawa.

Indefinite leaves on Dec. 4, Monday, are the Mimura family, who include Mitoshi, Yukiko, Kenneth, together with Kiyoshi, Haru, and Chizuko Sera. Also the Hamadas, Yoshio, Toshiko, Yukio, Mitsuo and Mikio Hamada; all destined for Tooele, Utah.

On tonight's departure are Masaru, Hiroaki for Cleveland, Ohio, and Sam Ogawa destined for Chicago, Ill.

## "RAINS CAME" TO BE SHOWN TOMORROW NIGHT

"The Rains Came" starring Tyrone Power and Myrna Loy and the fourth chapter of the serial, "The Secret of Treasure Island" will be shown at the local theatre tomorrow night starting at 6:30 o'clock.

WANTED: Piano instructor, either part-time or full-time. May be school girl. Anyone interested, please contact Toshiko Shigemoto of Adult Education.

## P.O. TRANSACTIONS

Transactions of the local post office for the month of November were released by Mas Yuki, postmaster. They are as follows:

Money orders-\$10557.99  
C.O.D.-----1621.36  
Stamps, parcels-726.73  
Grand Total--\$12806.08

## NOVEL HUT NEWS

Two more new books, as disclosed by Maoru Tazumi, head librarian, have been added to the shelf of new books in the Novel Hut. They are Etiquette by Emily Post, and Fire Bell in the Night by Constance Roberts.

## WEATHER REPORT

NOVEMBER	HIGH	LOW
23	76	48
24	72	52
25	66	42
26	66	30
27	71	38
28	74	31
29	71	35

## ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education wished to announce that the 3rd and 4th grades (maku) Do-ki-hon are now available to anyone who wishes to buy them.

## IN APPRECIATION

We wish to take this means to express our deepest and sincerest gratitude to the Camp I, II, and III Fire Depts., Camp II Police Dept., and all our friends for your kindness and everything that you have done for us as a result of our recent misfortune.

As is impossible to thank each and everyone of you personally, we hope this message will be accepted instead.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Nishi  
Sueo Teruo & family  
Mrs. S. Tsubouchi  
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Around this time of the year, dates are designated to express our thankfulness to everything we should be grateful for. Such dates are Thanksgiving and Ho-Onko.

After spending over two years of mass living under trying conditions, we have almost forgotten what the feeling of gratitude really is...We are now full of "monkus"..... everything irritates and disgusts us...from food to people. We have forgotten to appreciate little things because we try to compare ourselves with other Americans who are living in a "real home" just the way they want to....But when we stop and take the world as a whole--all the people starving, getting killed, and our fellow brothers living in water-filled, ~~for~~ holes, we have plenty to be thankful for.... So let us awaken our sleeping hearts for appreciation and express gratitude for all the small things in our daily lives and let's all attend church! (Who's telling who?)

Sights of our boys in uniform are once again common on these Poston grounds...perhaps their last furlough for a long time.

Let's try to make their short stay here as enjoyable as possible.

#### THANK YOU NOTE

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to all the hospital staff and friends for the kindness extended toward our daughter, Nadine, during her confinement at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone  
Saruwatari, Blk. 316

#### PLEASE DON'T DUMP YOUR BURNING CHARCOAL

Some people are said to be dumping still-burning charcoal embers around the premises of Poston Square Garden after movies and shibais. This practice should stop at once for the wind can carry the fire to the theatre or even to the barracks.

Also it is very dangerous for children as they may step on it or fall on it as the ~~of~~ **fire** rushes out.

Let's cooperate and get rid of the little "stove" you carry to the movies in a safer manner.

#### TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Thursday, Nov. 23--  
VISITOR: Cpl. Ky. Miyamoto, Ft. Meade, Md.; William Uchiyama, Denver, Colo.

Saturday, Nov. 25--  
SHORT TERM: Sam, Kazuye, Eugene Uyeno, 309, Loma, Colo.

Sunday, Nov. 26--  
VISITOR: Yuri Izushita, Chicago, Ill.; Alice Hiratsuka, Chicago, Ill.

INDEFINITE: Sally Masmoto 327, Cleveland.

Monday, Nov. 27--  
VISITOR: Shinkichi Maimura, Salt Lake City, Utah; Shunichi and Sawa Kishima, Rivers.

Tuesday, Nov. 28--  
INDEFINITE: Yoshiaki Matsuoka 306, Milwaukee, Wis.; George Tsuchiyama 325, Detroit; George Nakahara 325, Detroit, Mich.; Tokumi Morikawa 308, Chicago.

VISITOR: Pvt. Shiro shiraishi, Ft. Meade, Md.; Pvt. Minoru Fujisaki, Chicago, Ill.; George Nishimura, Denver, Colo.; Pvt. Minoru Hatada, Ft. Meade; Pvt. Henry Mukai, Ft. Meade; Tomi Kitahara, St. Paul, Minn.; Edith Yamaguchi, Chicago.

FOUND: 4 inch pocket knife near PSG. Claimat Chronicle office, 310-2-A

#### INTRODUCING SOLDIERS FROM BLOCK 325

##### Block 325

PFC. SABURO TSUCHIYAMA, Camp Shelby--Mr. George Tsuchiyama, 325 -14-G; T/5 YOSHIO TSUCHIYAMA, Fort McClellan--same as above; PFC. GIICHI YAMAGATA, APO New York--Mr. and Mrs. Tomoichi Yamagata, 325-8-D; PFC. KENJI SAKAMOTO, APO New York--Mr. and Mrs. Masahei Sakamoto, 325-6-A; PVT. WILLIE OGINO, Fort Snelling--Mr. and Mrs. Sohei Ogino, 325-12-A; PVT. LARRY OGINO, Camp Shelby--same as above; S/SGT. KENICHI KURODA, APO New York--Mr. Tom Kuroda, 325-4-D; SGT. JAMES T. FUJIMURA, APO San Francisco--Mr. Taro Fujimura, 325-7-A.

#### MOVIE FINANCE COMMITTEE FROM UNIT 3 APPOINTED

Masami Honda, Kaichi Sumida, and Shigeo Fujimoto, representing Community Activities, Council and Block Managers respectively, have been appointed as Unit III members to the Movie Committee of Poston for a term of six months.

Their duty is to select films and schedule dates of presentation; estimate budget and expenditure and direct supervision of general work.

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The Unit III members of the Finance Committee of Poston for the next six months were chosen as follows: Sandy Sunahara, Blk. Mgr. Supervisor; Masao Otani, councilman; and Katsuchi Kurokawa, Executive Board.

Their duties will be to estimate budget and supervise expenditure of the following funds: Hospital, Movie, Optometry, Community Council. Also, they shall investigate and audit public funds of other activities and organizations.



by Edith Fukaya

FROM FORT DES MOINES, Nelly Sasuga, my WAC friend, wrote recently and said: "We're already in the third week of basic. Boy! Are we busy. I never realized that I could put on so much clothing in so little time."

"We also had our fourth series of inoculations..."

"About twenty-four of us are here in the upper cotry of those red brick barracks... Yesterday, as each Friday night, we washed our windows, scrubbed our floors, made our beds G I (of course, nice, neat; if there's a wrinkle, the inspecting officer tears it apart); I'll be an expert bedmaker for one thing..."

"It's a great life, though. Not as tough as the men's army."

"There's another Japanese-American girl in my company who was chosen to be the colonel's orderly. It's an honor and we were happy to hear that a girl from our company received this honor during the regular guard duty."

"I've had K. P. duty already. Washing and scrubbing from morn till evening. But work is fun if you make it so. I had a swell girl working with me. She kept calling me 'Kid.' Kid this and kid that. In fact, most of the girls call each other 'honey.' Nothing unusual."

"We were in another parade today. It's an awfully wonderful feeling with the drums beating, and the band playing..."

#### OBITUARY

Mrs. Tei Katano, 82 years old, S-3-D, formerly of Delano, Calif., and Kanagawa-ken, Nov. 6.

#### SOME CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN WORKER BUS SCHEDULE

Some revisions have been made in the bus service plan for project employees, reports John L. Wein, motor and transportation head.

There will be seven busses in use, one each for administration, warehouse, motor pool, machine shop, camouflage, and two for garage workers, with names of the busses marked on the windows. Busses are scheduled to leave the motor pool at 7:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.

Bus stops will hereafter be at the intersections, as marked above, and not at the oil tanks. There will be no pick-up at the first intersection for administration workers.

#### JAPANESE MOVIES WILL BE SHOWN THIS WEEK

Two Japanese films, will be shown this week.

Thursday, Unit II; will see the films; Friday, Unit III; Saturday, Block 4 stage, and Sunday, Pool 44.

#### MIYAKE OTSUYA TONIGHT, FUNERAL TOMORROW

Otsuya for Mrs. Kinu Miyake, 39-8-C, will be held tonight, beginning at 6 o'clock at Mess Hall 39.

Funeral services are scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, from 2 o'clock at Block 43 Buddhist Church.

ISSEI MAY WRITE IN JAPANESE TO NEW YORK (cont. from front page) People's Christian Federation of New York.

Purposes of the Council are to cooperate and advise with the WRA and other organizations concerned with resettlement (the term Japanese American is used to designate both citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry in the United States); to promote greater activity among the Japanese Americans in aiding resettlement; to foster activities which will help Japanese Americans to resume a normal American life.