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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our sincere thanks to Senator Spark Matsunaga for enhancing our Diary distribution ceremony at the clubhouse. Without the cooperation of Senator Matsunaga and his staff, we would not have had the adequate media coverage witnessed that day.

Many thanks also to Fred Hirayama (522), Tom Kawaguchi and Chet Tanaka of the National Japanese Historical Society for their research and coordination which resulted in the final return of the diaries to their rightful owners.

We also acknowledge and thank Janet Matsumoto, Jane Ueoka and Gladys Uyemura who volunteered their services as hostesses to serve refreshments.

On August 27, 1987, George Nakasato and I attended the tree planting ceremony to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the VA Cemetery System and the bicentennial of the United States Constitution. This event was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl. The keynote speaker was Senator Daniel Inouye, who was also awarded with a replica of the Statue of Liberty for all his contributions in upholding the Constitution of the United States and his total commitment for the betterment of Hawaii and the Nation.

The Long Range Project Committee has been meeting regularly to study the proposal presented to our club by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber plans to establish a Cultural Center to create a hub for all Japanese organizations. Included in their plans is the preservation of the legacy of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The proposal includes the acquisition of our Club's assets over a period of time.

Members of the committee are George Nakasato (F) chairman, Kats Miho (522) vice chairman, Tom Kiyosaki (232nd Engr/Band), Harold Fukunaga (G), Takashi Nakamura (Medics), William Naganuma (I), Sam Hironaka (522), Tom Tanaka (Svc), Ernest Uno (3rd HQ), and Ted Tsukiyama (522).

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IN MEMORIAM

WALTER JIRO NAKASONE

Walter Jiro Nakasone, an active member of 232nd Engr./Band Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on July 12, 1987.



by Harold Fukunaga

When Tad Sakai, the editor of the 442nd Bulletin, called, in early August, to inform me that the deadline for the articles for the next issue was August 31st, I started wracking my brain for what news to write about. Many years ago, we could start talking about the new school years for our children, but that is ancient history. All of our kids have gone through school and are making their own living, with jobs and professions. That shows how old we're getting. Many of us have retired and are receiving retirement income and Medicare. Others will be eligible for Medicare soon. Because of our age, we need to focus on senior citizen problems. As a result, we had a good meeting on August 27th, when we had Arnold Hirotsu and Gary Yanagihara of the Planning Services Hawaii, Inc., give us an excellent presentation of how to cope with long term illnesses, requiring nursing home care. They explained about the gaps now existing in the Medicare and many health plans, where limited coverage is provided for this problem. The answer lies in private insurance coverage, to take care this gap. I'm sure many of the attendees were impressed by the presentation and made inquiries to meet with Mr. Hirotsu or Yanagihara in the future, to see if they want to participate in the insurance plans.

Our August 27th meeting was one of the best meeting held by the chapter, because of the 2 important matters discussed. One was the long-term illness insurance and the other was the presentation by Fred Ida on the plans for the Nisei Veterans Reunion in Reno in 1988. Our wives were invited to hear the presentations, so we had an excellent turnout. In making this meeting a success, we wish to thank the people making the presentations and to our unsung hero, Harold Guy Tokeshi, who made sure that refreshments, in the form of pupus and drinks were available and served to all attendees. Did you know that the meeting lasted until 10:45 p.m.? That is quite late for us "old buggans."

Fred Ida, who gave a very informative report on the reunion for 1988, prepared a more detailed report, for inclusion in this issue.

IN MEMORIAM

NORIMA HORIMOTO

Norima Horimoto, an active member of 'L' Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on September 8, 1987.

FRED IDA'S REPORT ON THE REUNION

Preparations for the Reno reunion in June 1988, are well underway. 'G' Co. will be headquartered in the Reno Hilton. A strong contingent from Los Angeles and Honolulu will make this reunion the best attended and we anticipate a great time.

According to Taki Handa who is coordinating plans for Los Angeles, the following are expected to attend: Asatos, Fujimotos, Fukuzawa, Handas, Hayashis, Karatsus, Kokkas, Korros, Machidas, Makinos, Nakagawas, Nakatsus, Ogawas, Otsukas and Sekino. Chicago: Serikaku and the Ojimas. New York: Greenes and Itanagas. Carson City: Fukuis and from Honolulu: Tannas, Kikuyamas, Ochiais, Amis, Itos, Nakayama, Onumas, Handas, Kawabatas, Ishizakis, Shiraishis, Yoshiwas, Fukunagas, Gota, Suehiros, Matsumotos, Ishiis and Idas. We expect the Odas and Kotakes from San Jose and there are rumors that a 2 day Post Reunion will be held in their city.

If you haven't made your intentions to attend known we suggest you get in touch with Fred Ida as soon as possible. We are holding 45 rooms and 39 are already spoken for.

OTHER TID-BITS NEWS

Mrs. Grace Ochiai (wife of Eddie) was nominated for the Federal Employee of the Year, in the professional administrative and technical category, from the 14th Coast Guard District.

Mike Shiraishi, who claims he cannot play golf because of the pain in the shoulder, made a hole-in-one on the 15th hole at Ala Wai Golf Course recently, according to the daily news. Hope it didn't cost you too much, in buying drinks at the 19th hole.

Jan? & I took a short Las Vegas trip in late July, where we saw Speed and Edna Tanna at the gambling tables. Speed was playing poker and Edna was playing black-jack. Hope you two did well. After the trip, I vowed to Jane that I'll never go to Vegas during the hot weather. Instead of making money, I caught a severe cold.

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by Sunshine Fukunaga

Last issue it was the Torrance Oracle that came to the rescue with his fascinating account of the Seto Saga -- the emotional, incredible reunion of brothers Jim (Chicago), Frank (L.A.), and Juan (Guadalajara, Mexico) after a marathon 60 year search for a long lost "family."

For this bulletin we are favored with the prolific pen of our correspondent on the Orchid Isle -- Mitsuo Akiyama. He tells of the eventful journey he and wife Shizue enjoyed through the breadth of the United States from Smithtown of Long Island, N.Y., to various stops in Northern California. Truly, the kind of trip everyone of us would like to duplicate.

Take it Away, Mitsuo.....

OUR JOURNEY TO THE MAINLAND

I thought you might be interested in our recent trip to the Mainland, from July 6 to July 26, when my wife and I visited New York and California, accompanied by Mrs. Mutsuyo Nada (wife's sister) who became the official photographer of the trip.

We spent the first week in Smithtown on Long Island enjoying the hospitality of our benefactors and hosts, Richard and Toshi Shigekane (brother-in-law and sister). Then we moved to New York City for a week where my wife attended the Ohara Ikebana Seminar held at Southgate Tower where we stayed. The last week we toured California to meet our friends and relatives in Sanger, Stockton, Manteca, Salinas, Capitola and San Francisco.

REUNION WITH ANTI-TANK FRIENDS

In New York I attended a most pleasant luncheon get-together when Hiroshi Kaku took me to a cozy Japanese restaurant, Yodo of Japan, located on 47th Street, to meet his buddies, mostly veterans of 442nd and 100th Bn. They meet regularly every Tuesday from noon to 3:00 p.m. closing time. At the luncheon I met Irwin Akahoshi and Ron Sada-yasu (formerly of Papaikou), both veterans of the 100th; Kelly Kuwayama of Medics, Dick Itanaga of 'G' Company Tooru Kanazawa of Cannon Company, and John Suzuki, an artist.

At the luncheon they all talked about Lt. Norman Kurlan who died on July 6, 1987, and had been a regular at the luncheon gatherings. Most of them attended the services held on July 8, in Southampton, near Philadelphia. Through the effort of Senator Dan Inouye, Lt. Kurlan was buried at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

I found this obituary notice in the New York Times of July 8, 1987:

"Kurlan, Norman F.

Beloved husband of Gerrie, devoted father of Tony and Leslie, dear father-in-law of Joan, loving grandfather of Jennifer. Adored brother. Services Wed. July 8 at 2:30 p.m. Goldstein Funeral Home, 310 2nd St., Pike, Southampton, Pennsylvania."

On Friday, July 17th, Hiroshi and his charming wife, Connie, who works for Bank of Tokyo in Manhattan, took us for dinner to a nice Italian restaurant, and then drove us back to Long Island about 50 miles away. We spent two more nights in Smithtown with the Shigekanes before leaving for California.

We flew from San Francisco to Fresno where David Ogawa was waiting for us at the airport. David lives in Sanger about 15 miles from Fresno. He took us to our hotel, then drove us to a fancy Chinese restaurant where he had invited practically all of his relatives and friends from Fresno and Sanger. We had a royal welcome and a pleasant visit with all of them.

The next morning Dr. Jane Ogawa, David's niece who had accompanied him to Hawaii, drove us to Manteca to the home of Tom and Kay Nakata, and then to Stockton to meet Eddie and Gladys Murakami. David, Tom Eddie and I had a pleasant reunion at Yoneda Restaurant, a Japanese restaurant in Stockton. The ladies had a session of their own. After lunch we drove to the Murakami's home, and then to Nakata's home for more refreshments. Tom has sold part of his nursery land to a developer and is building about 18 homes, including a new one for themselves, so Tom will be a "grande capitalist" in the near future.

ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK

We also did some sightseeing during our visit. On Long Island we visited the Museum at Stony Brook, where we saw a carriage museum. Also, in Greenport we attended an art show and sale. We also toured the huge Brookhaven National Laboratory, formerly Camp Upton, an army post, which is now operated by Associated Universities Inc., a combination of 9 universities, including MIT, Cornell, Harvard and Yale, under contract with the U.S. Dept. of Energy, doing research in chemical and biological sciences. The center hires about 4000 people, which includes about 1,000 guests scientists from the universities and 3,000 support personnel.

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In New York City I toured the Statue of Liberty and the famous American Museum of Natural History to gather material for our grandson. Also we took in a Broadway show called "Cats," and attended a concert at Damrosch Park at Lincoln Center performed by Metropolitan soloists.

Also, Gwen and Peter Murphy (Gwen is my brother Shuji's daughter), took us to Takesushi at 230 Park Avenue, a popular sushi restaurant, and after that drove us around and we had coffee at the 107th floor of World Trade Center, the tallest twin-tower in the city. Gwen and Peter live in New Jersey and she commutes to work in the city in the Bronx area.

ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA

In California we were most fortunate to visit a fruit-packing plant in Parlier near Sanger which is owned by John Kashiki (Cannon Co. veteran) where David Ogawa's son (John's son-in-law) is field superintendent. The firm name is KASH, Inc, employs about 100 people, and they were processing and packing plums, nectarines, peaches and even Kabocha squash (pumpkin).

In Salinas, our friends Kiyoo and Grace Hirano took us to see one of the largest Nisei farms in the U.S., owned and operated by five Tanimura brothers. They farm several thousand acres in Salinas and in Yuma, Arizona. They primarily grow lettuce, and also celery, cauliflower and green onions. They employ over 700 employees and ship their produce throughout USA and also as far away as London, Hong Kong and Japan.

What impressed me as the most interesting and beautiful part of their entire operation was to see the five brothers arrive for lunch, each carrying his own lunch kit. I understand that they come in from their assigned fields and have a daily luncheon get-together at the home of their oldest sister who is unmarried, and they discuss their operational problems and make their decisions.

Recently Grace Hirano sent me a newspaper clipping about the Tanimura brothers who operate their business under the name of Tanimura and Antle. The Salinas newspaper reported on the building inspection applications and permits issued by Monterey County for the period of July 17 through July 24, 1987, for Salinas Valley. The Tanimura brothers will relocate part of their business to a larger area, and they have taken out the following five permits:

1. Scale; Harris Road; Tanimura & Antle \$60,000
2. Washrack and fuel dock; Harris Road, Tani-

- mura & Antle; \$75,000.
3. Shade structure and warehouse; Harris Road; Tanimura & Antle; \$199,875.
4. Dispatch office, lounge, kitchen and workroom; Harris Road; Tanimura & Antle; \$156,000.
5. Cooler, storage, loading dock and mechanical room; Harris Road; Tanimura & Antle; \$1,610,750.

In Monterey, the Hiranos took us to see the famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, considered one of the world's most beautiful marine exhibition. Also, in Salinas they took us to visit Yamato Cemetery, a cemetery maintained by the Japanese community. Kiyoo Hirano is the cemetery superintendent, a job he inherited upon his retirement. The cemetery is most beautifully maintained and all Isseis and their families are buried there.

In Capitola, near Santa Cruz, our niece Lynne Shigekane of New York who works in California now, invited us to her apartment for cocktails and then took us to a neighborhood Japanese restaurant. We also visited the Ghirardelli's chocolate facilities.

We must say that Japanese restaurants are popular all over. We ate Japanese food twice in New York, and in Stockton, Capitola and San Francisco. We also ate Chinese food, Italian, Greek and Cambodian foods. We also enjoyed picking up different foods at the many delicatessens in New York City.

Our trip to the Mainland was pleasant and enjoyable, especially when we were able to meet up with old friends from A/T Company. We enjoyed gracious hospitality all along the way.

MAHALO  
S/ Mitsuo

As noted in Mitsuo's foregoing journal, another favorite Tank-Killer was called to the Kingdom Beyond. The first notice about Norman Kurlan's departure was received from Capt. Louis Ferris, 149 Woodlands Roads, Harrison, New York. He alerted us with a special delivery letter after spouse Lesley spotted the obituary notice in the N.Y. Times.

A few days later Hiroshi Kaku, 71 W. 23rd St., #1828, New York, N.Y. 10010, filled us in on happenings in the Big City.

His report follows:  
"I was asked by Gerrie to inform you and all

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Anti-Tankers of the passing of Norman Kurlan after a long hard fought battle with cancer, on the evening of July 6, 1987. Norman told Gerrie before he expired to be sure this message got to you. Funeral service was held at Goldstein Funeral Home, 310 Second St., Pike, Southampton, PA. at 2:30 p.m. Wed., July 8, about 10 miles south of their townhouse in Newtown. Members of the 442nd present were; Yeichi Kawayama (Kelly) (Medic) from Washington, D.C., Irving Akahoshi (HQ 100th), from New Jersey, Richard Itanaga (K), Tooru Kanazawa (Cannon) and myself from N.Y.C. The service was very solemn and well conducted by a Rabbi. After the services all was invited to their home in Newtown, where we all met their relatives and close friends. While at their home Gerrie received a call from the office of Senator Daniel Inouye to confirm the request from Gerrie through Dan that of Norman will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery the following day, Thursday at 2:00 p.m., and we were all very happy for her and the family, as this was his first choice with the second being at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl, Hawaii.

Mitsuo and Shizue Akiyama, who are now on vacation and visiting with their friend in Smithtown, N.Y., (way out on Long Island) was also informed about Norman. I will see both of them next week, when they will be in New York City for 5 days, where Shizue will be attending an Ikebana class.

I also had the pleasure to meet with Jitsuo Kunichika and his lovely wife in June during their stay in New York City on the occasion of their son's Graduation Ceremony at Princeton University, N.J. So, this year was a treat for me to see and meet with two Anti-Tankers here in the Big Apple.

My best wishes to all from the Big Apple and hope to see as many as possible at our next Nisei Veterans Reunion, Reno, NV, June 8-12, 1988.

MAHALO & ALOHA  
s/Hiroshi

A welcome visitor, Mac Mamiya (Seattle) highlighted the Anti-Tank June meeting. Mac was here to stand proudly in a review punctuating the promotion of his son-in-law, Lt. Col. Steven H. Sakuma. Lt. Col. Sakuma took over command of the 7th Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment at Schofield Barracks on 18 June 1987.

Lt. Col. Sakuma graduated from Washington State U. in February, 1970 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. through the ROTC program. After arti-

llery Officers', U.S. Army Airborne, and Ranger courses he was assigned with the 1st Bn., 319th F.A., 82nd Airborne Division. From that beginning he rose steadily through various assignments to his present post as commanding officer.

Lt. Col. Sakuma is married to Mac's daughter, Penne A. They have a son, Ryan.

Another surprise June dinner guest was Buttermen Hamamoto (Hawaii) who was visiting his daughter at Mililani. Joining the visitors from the Northwest and Hilo at the Columbia Inn, Waimalu were the staunch "Reliable's": Masato & Sachi Doi, Flash & Miyeko Fujiki, Jack & Margaret Kaguni, Chilly & Irene Sasaki, S.S. and Sachi Fukunaga, Hot Sauce and Thelma Mizusawa, Richard & Catherine Miyakawa, Yuki & Nora Nakahira, Jits Kunichika and Kazuo Kiyonaga.

After a leisurely, dutch, pick-your-own-course repast, we adjourned for after dinner treats to the Sasaki's. With Buttermen there in an expansive mood, we finally learned of the disposition of the Ghedi strongbox when the show-down inspection to stem the proliferation of lires was pulled on the Regiment. Hear tell Omija's jeep somehow came in handy.

For the door prize, Miyeko Fujiki came up with the right number to win a beautiful, full-bodied rope lei about one inch in diameter. This unique surprise was fashioned by Catherine Miyakawa with her choicest pikake blossoms numbering in the hundreds. Beaucoup oohs and aahs from the disstaff side. A stunning necklace!

Columbia Inn Waimalu came in for an encore in August. A meeting planned for the Pearl City Country Club was side-tracked as the P.C.C.C. came up booked solid for weeks on end. Closest substitute was the Inn. Attendance, as expected, was slightly down, but most of the faithful were there.

Chilly and Irene again opened their Aiea Heights home as a way station before the gang wended homeward.

In addition to Irene's delectables and the standard talk-story, feature of the night was the logo identification contest presented by Margaret Kaguni. Reproductions of 14 well-known logos of prominent restaurants and catering establishments were passed out to challenge the gathering.

Sachi Doi recognized eight of the trade-marks to win the top prize, a garlic bowl with cover lovingly wheeled and shaped by the talented Margaret. Happily, her mathematical anticipation was perfect.

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Every one present went home with a ceramic piece. They were of all shapes, sizes and colors.

Mahalo Nui Loa, Margaret. And Jack keep firing that oven.

A chance discovery of 44 year old diaries in a forgotten military warehouse stirred a lot of forgotten memories at a ceremony at 933 Wililiili Street.

A Big Mahalo to the Japanese American Historical Society and Go-For-Broke, Inc. for spear-heading the return of over 300 diaries to their Hawaiian owners.

Thirty 442nd veterans were on hand at the clubhouse to receive their diaries from Senator Spark Matsunaga.

A typical reaction of a recipient was reported in columnist DAVE DONNELLY'S HAWAII. He was one of eleven Tant-Killers whose diaries were "requisitioned" that early April day in 1943.

We are indebted to Mr. Donnelly for the following: "Retired hotel exec. Akira "Flash" Fujiki says the most remarkable thing about the diary he and other 442nd veterans wrote in 1943 was that he had no recollection of ever writing one. But there it was, just one week's worth of entries from April Fool's Day, when he boarded the S.S. Lurline to go to the mainland until April 7, when the diaries were confiscated, presumably as a precautionary measure. Flash recalls the Lurline was one floating casino because most of the locals boarding the ship were given traditional gift of money by friends and relatives and gambling was about the only way to spend it, especially when many feared they'd never return to their loved one anyway..."

Other Oahu AT members receiving diaries were Lizo Horma, Jits Kunichika, and Ernest Maruyama. Maui members listed are Masaru Nitta, Masanobu Sakuma and Seiya Natanabe. Deceased members Masao Aizawa, Shigeaki Hirakawa and Katsumasa Tomita. There is also Shogo Nagata that cannot be located. Where are you, Shogo?

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS by Henry Kuniyuki

The Livorno Chapter News lead story for this issue is a congratulatory message to Chapter President Katsumi and Ruth Sakotani. In fact double congratulations are in order to Kats as he retired June 30, 1987, after thirty-two years of faithful service with the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station Command Management System. His last work assignment thereat was as a purchasing agent.

Kats and Ruth were again blessed with a second grandson, Travis Katsumi, born on May 14, 1987, to Brent and Louise Sakotani. Both grandsons have identical middle names, Katsumi, thus honoring their justly proud grandpa. Although Kats has retired Ruth continues working at St. Francis Hospital as a dental office assistant. Brent, a certified medical laboratory technician, is also employed at St. Francis Hospital. Louise, as previously reported, is working for Dr. Masao Takai, orthopedic surgeon in Aiea. Kats and Ruth are caught in the so-called "sandwich generation" as Ruth's mom resides with them, while Kats and Ruth are deeply concerned caring for their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Kats said travel plans are contemplated, now that he has finally retired. First, he is getting his yard back to his desired high standard of excellence. The Livorno Chapter members extend hearty congratulations to Kats and Ruth, and wish them both well!

While in a congratulatory mood the Livorno Chapter commend our Senator Dan for his chairing the Senate Select "Iran-Gate" Committee in a most exemplary manner. Notwithstanding critical comments expressed by some misguided individuals we are real proud how well Senator Dan has conducted the difficult hearings in a fair and very impartial manner. As you may recall Mike Royko, the reknown columnist for the Chicago Tribune, had an article published in the Honolulu Star Bulletin, on Friday, July 10, 1987, entitled: "North encounters a real hero in Inouye." We would like to have had the entire article republished in this issue of the Go-For-Broke Bulletin, but in checking with the City Desk staff we were informed that copywrite restrictions precluded this idea. Nevertheless we are indeed grateful to Mike Royko for his astute article. For 442nd members who may have missed Royko's excellent story this reporter will be happy to provide reprints.

The Livorno Chapter News conclude by sharing an item which appeared in the Church of the Holy Nativity service program entitled "Evergreen People" by Roy Larson.

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by Terry Ihara

September is here and that means the old faithful will be gathering in Denver come the 27th to once more fight the battles of Hill 140, Sospel as well, Bruyeres and the like. After forty odd years the stories may yet be as vividly remembered as the day they occurred or maybe moreso as time could have given those experiences a better chance to be seen in an intellectual rather than on emotional light. There probably will be less hard, back slapping drinking and a more general concern for the body politic. After all most of the boys will be pushing the mid sixties and the future is not too far away. The Hawaii delegation will not over brighten the place but the Californians certainly will spread a lot of sunshine. And a surprisingly strong delegation from the Pacific Northwest is out to take the Reunion over. However what Hawaii lacks in numbers will be made up by the likes of CHARLEY ARAKAKI, LEPTI & KAY SUGHARA, SHIG & SALLY YOSHITAKE, WAICHI TAKEYOTO, RAYMOND SHIROMA and possibly TOSHI & RUTH ANSAL. This writer originally was an intended participant but responsibilities as a board member of the National Association of Public Television Stations (NAPTS) made this impossible. The writer will however join the group in Washington for the Smithsonian Celebrations as well as the other EASY COMPANY functions already planned for the first few days in October. These functions include a group luncheon with SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE, a Chinese Dinner and golf that KELLY has arranged for about three foursomes. Joining the EASY COMPANY functions in D.C. will also be HIROSHI & ROSE OKADA, JOHN T. & NANCY SUZUKI and KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA. These three EASY couples are taking a protracted tour of North Eastern U.S. to view autumn leaves as well as the U.S. Southeast and Florida.

Concerning the DENVER REUNION as well as the total SMITHSONIAN package in WASHINGTON, D.C. full credit must be given to LAWSON SAKAI of SAN JOSE, who almost singlehandedly labored to bring this all about. In case you don't know LAWSON & MINEKO own the LSA TRAVEL, INC., in San Jose. Over in DENVER, EASY COMPANY vets like JOE SAKATO, HENRY SHIKUMA, JOHN MATSUNAGA and the like are carrying the brunt of the load in getting the place ready. Because manpower is always a problem there, veterans from other 442 Companies as well as other units pitch to assist the host Companies. Over in WASHINGTON, D.C., KELLY KUWAYAMA has done much to help LAWSON with most of the local details.

Word is that Lt. BYRON "GENE" BURNS of LAURENS, South Carolina will be in D.C. for the Smithsonian Celebrations. His wife MARY will accompany him. This writer had a phone conversation with GENE about two weeks ago and was assured that

he will be there at HOLIDAY INN CAPITAL on Sept. 30th. He was most enthusiastic at the thought that he will be renewing old friendships he made almost a half century ago. According to LAWSON, Lt. JIM FINNELL and wife MOLLY of Oklahoma City will also be there. Likewise Capt. TOM & KATHY CROWLEY of Chicago. LAWSON as well as this writer has been in contact with Capt. TOM & ANNE AKINS of Tyler, Texas. Several months ago TOM & ANNE finally moved into town from their semi-rural hide-away. The chores of keeping a rural style life got too heavy for the two of them. LAWSON hadn't as of early August received definite word from the AKINS'S about D.C., but from this writer's phone contact, TOM certainly indicated a strong desire to be in D.C. with the gang. If in case you wish to write Col. TOM AKINS, USA ret. he can be reached at 1020 Regency, Tyler, Texas 75703. Their phone contact is 214-581-2857. To conclude the report here on the haole officers of EASY COMPANY, there is one sad note to report. LAWSON wrote that the family of Lt. JOE BERTRAM called him in early August to report that JOE passed away the previous month. JOE was a bachelor and lived in Modesto, California. EASY extends its sincerest sympathies and much ALOHA to a fine officer and gentleman.

A surprise visitor to one of our Chapter meetings this summer was JOHN MATSUNAGA of DENVER. Many may not remember JOHN because he was not with the outfit throughout the battles in Italy, France and then back to Italy. John became a widower few years back and decided to move to Hawaii which he did, and unbeknown to EASY HONOLULU, purchased a home in Kailua. Things did not work out right with his business interest back in Denver necessitating his return there while still keeping his home rented here. This past spring he came over to sell the home. John has relatives here and one of them called this writer a few days before the regular Chapter meeting night and therefore the invite. For those from the first platoon, it was a real nice opportunity to meet an old friend. Following the meeting STOOKA volunteered and drove JOHN home across the Pali.

The August meeting was enlivened by the presence of two EASY buddies, one from Los Angeles and the other from Hilo. TOK SHIOMICHI makes his annual pilgrimage to Honolulu accompanying his wife who is a native of this city. Can't be sure if this report is true but learned that TOK is on the water wagon. That would be a real surprise!! The other visitor is really like a member of the Chapter as he visits frequently. He is HARRY TACHIBANA of Hilo and the visits are most appropriate as he has a friend living nearby. HARRY is presently planning a trip to Japan in October.

During July WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEYOTO joined

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a church group and went on a backpacking trip along the HAENA coast on the northwest shores of Kauai. The group went by Zodiac boats from Haena to Kalalau Valley. From Kalalau Valley where they spent two nights, they had to back pack all the way to Haena, a distance of about 20 miles on the mountain ridges. The packs weighed about 50 lbs. of which 15 lbs. was food. As they ate the food the packs got lighter but for WAICHI, who was the oldest in the group the trip was no picnic. Should get CHIYONO'S story next time.

DON and ALYCE MASUDA are also taking a trip to Japan in October. It is certainly good news to find that ALYCE is back to going on trips. The RAYMOND SHICHENAGA family, father, mother and daughter are planning a trip to Korea also in October. Their daughter works for the Federal Government overseeing U.S. government projects west of Hawaii which takes her on trips to the Philippines as well as Korea and Japan.

The ever fluid and unbreakable CHICKEN YAMADA broke his leg recently. For a man as wiry and one who is never overweight, CHICKEN like everyone else is beginning to feel the years. After all age 70 is not the same as age 50.

LEFTY SUGIHARA is getting better with age. Only last month he shot a 77 gross at the horrendous and killing PALI GOLF COURSE which gave him a net score of 65 and first prize in the 442nd Veterans Retiree Golf Club monthly tournament. LEFTY is a believer in biorythms especially as it was shown to him that his bios were just right when he shot that 2 under par score at Hickam a couple years back.

Good to see Prexy TOMO UYEDA back from that prostate surgery and a couple of broken ribs suffered in a fall during recuperation. Ditto JUNO KANESHIGE from same operation.

The writer again needs to apologize if materials given him do not appear in this news letter--very porous gray matter. Almost missed the deadline. Thought news due in end of September. Nevertheless he request that you continue to turn bits of news information to him as they arise. Thank you.

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by Kazu Tomasa

Mr. Shinichi Ishida, (Larry's father) passed away most recently. Let us offer him a prayer and thoughts in silence. Our deepest sympathy goes to you and your family, Larry.

Friday night's chapter meeting (Aug. 14), much discussion was given on the oncoming reunion in Reno. Many information was given to members who attended the meeting. If you have not, as yet, obtained the information sheet print-out, please make every effort to attend future meetings or contact Sweeney. Heard that there are already 41 of us having signed up. If you have friends or relatives who want to join us, they are most welcome. Contact Herb Isonaga or Sweeney Sugai for more details.

Stella had her sisters over for a short stay at her home. Sisters were mostly from various places on the mainland. This should keep our Toki busy chaffering. Anyway, anytime one has visitations from close friends or relatives, it is always a good time. Hope you have a wonderful time, Stella and Toki.

September 12 (Saturday) will be a dinner meeting at the Horitsuji's Restaurant situated on the second floor of Kukui Plaza. Parking can be validated. Parking can be done from the Kukui Street side of the building. We saw the menu and there is a variety of Japanese meals. Choices of food look good and the place seems like a good dining place. Watch for your September month notice. Hope we will see many of you at Horitsuji's.

Congratulations to Moriso Teraoka. He just received his degree in cooking. He will definitely apply his "know how" on one of our gatherings. I was busy talking to Larry and to Toshi when some verbal communication transpired between Takashi and Moriso. It was something like Moriso will do something for our annual Christmas dinner at the clubhouse. Cooking will take place in the garage area.

The International Lions Convention this year was held in Taipei, Formosa. Michelle and I went to the convention and I thought I would share a fast panoramic experience of the places we visited--mainly Taipei, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

Arriving at Taipei at San Polo Hotel, the mayor of Taipei left each visitor a good size fruit basket. Since the weather is almost comparable to Hawaii, the fruits were quite similar to what we have---bananas, grapes, mangoes, lychees and loquats. The lychees were really good. Somehow Taiwan being free of fruit flies, the fruits were almost free from being bruised.

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Taipei is a city of 4 million people. It was said that when the KMT government fled mainland China, 2 million Chinese from the mainland followed and settled in Taipei. Taipei is a hustling and bustling city. Buses, motorcycles, and taxis jam the city streets. One must display a high degree of caution when crossing the streets.

The constructions of the Sun Yat Sen's Museum and the Chiang Kai Shek's Museum are almost beyond description. They are huge and occupy acres of land in Taipei.

Chinese people in Taipei are very exercise conscious. People by the hundreds participate in calisthenics of various forms. These calisthenics can be easily witnessed during the morning hours at the Sun Yat Sen's Museum area. I was very much impressed, the diligence of the Chinese people to keep fit.

The food in Taipei was excellent. Taipei is clean enough where one from Hawaii can feel at ease and go into any ordinary restaurant and order your Chinese food.

Any host country that hosts the International Lions Convention is responsible for having a night of show called the International Night. I remember the buses one night took thousands of us Lions and wives to see an hour and half show. The buses all loaded travelled like convoys to this untold journey to the stadium. The buses took us way out of Taipei. I often wondered where we were going because it was so far away from the city. I felt we were in some very isolated place. For miles you see nothing. As we went along, way out in the horizon, I saw a dome-like construction. This became the stadium. It was so huge as we came near it. Once you are in this "almost astro-dome like stadium", you can see it easily holds more than 25,000 people. Witnessing a super show and seeing a stadium of this grandiose nature, I will swear I will remember Taipei for a long time.

Hong Kong was something. By chance, if you are walking on one of the thoroughfares of Hong Kong and see a plane coming in for a landing, you can't help it but think the plane is landing just the other side of your street. The plane is so close above you that you can almost notice the rivets.

Hong Kong doesn't occupy a big area. It has a population of 2 million people. Especially during the day, you can see people all around you. Highrises are built on top of mountains and many more are under construction.

People living in boats, too, forming a good

size community. For these people shopping is done right on the boats. People selling goods and wares come in their small boats and readily do their transactions (on boats).

Took a ferry one day to Macau. I was really amazed with the women-folks dominating the busy slot machines. I found out later that many of the women were from Hong Kong. These women would catch the morning ferries from Hong Kong to Macau. They play slot machines and in the afternoon catch the ferries back to Hong Kong to do the cooking or other chores for their families. Macau is a small place. Its size is only 2½ square miles.

Tokyo, as said by our travel agent, is the capital of Asia. Tokyo has a population of 12 million people. We stayed at the Keio Plaza Hotel in Shinjuku. I didn't see anything like it---there is another city under the city. One can easily see this transformation when you go to most train stations. Tokyo is huge. I was there in 1947 and 1953; the old Tokyo is completely gone. Highrises are all around you. 50 stories high buildings are just ordinary.

One can not make a mistake in riding subways. If you have difficulty in reading "kanji" (like me), all stations are coded in different colors. Just follow your coded color upon transfers or get off the subway upon arriving at your colored destination.

Restaurants are clean. One can go into any restaurant and order your food. If you have difficulty in speaking Japanese, just point your desired "dish" to the samples. Many restaurants display plastic samples of their specialties just at the entrance.

The shopping areas are conveniently there for you at the underground cities. One can almost surely do his complete shopping. Arare stores, mochi stores, bento stores, fish markets, department stores, and many more are all around you.

After observing Tokyo in this gulping and awing manner--how true when our travel agent said "When it comes to capital of Asia--it is Tokyo". I wondered how close to right he was!!

Will see you all at Horitsuji's-----  
Sayonara.

END





by Joe Shimamura

L'ESCARFNE

It's been a long winter but most happy to report that southern France hasn't sunk into the Mediterranean as yet as we heard from ALICE ZELLER during this 3rd week of June, who reports that all goes well with this fabulous family. MAMA who underwent a major operation last year has made a fantastic recovery and doing well at present. The boss-man PAPA ZELLER doing O.K. but it seems as though he will have to spend more time bucking the odds at Monte Carlo. Sister MARIAN hard at work in the shop which is doing real well as she travels all over Europe during her vacation. Brother MAURICE is mighty busy as a contractor with wife ANDRE holding up the home front with daughters LAURENCE, now engaged and CATHERINE now 16 scheduled to take the big examination this year. Still carrying on with a most complicated love life. The other year it was the Austrian GEORG followed by an American there must be something to that old favorite "Love is a many splendored Thing" as far as ALICE is concerned. More traveling, as she will be going to Austria with MAMA during the latter part of June. Otherwise life just lulls along there in L'ESCARFNE. Still in touch with ALAIN FINE the boss-man of the jeep driving brigade as all goes well. Two continents apart but still communicating after all these years so goes this report from southern France.

K- BITS

With the departure of 1st platoon FRED SUGIURA from this good earth, the years are really taking its toll on this old infantry company as we tend to say farewell on the average of 2 departures a year, over the past several years. Having suffered the heaviest casualty in the outfit, during those conflicting years, the ranks of the KINGSMEN continue to dwindle for this bunch of ex-dog faces. No more banzai charges so just take those vitamins and keep 'em healthy.

With memorial services held in Waimea, Kauai, we do extend our dearest sympathy to KATS IBARA and family in the passing of their mother who was laid to rest at the age of 94---survived by 6 sons and 5 daughters ---during the month of June.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

On June 26, 1944, attached to the 34th "Red Bull" Division, the outfit gets it's first taste of battle after relieving the men of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment going into position under cover of darkness as it was on to the mountain village of Belvedere, the first objective.

For the KINGSMEN this initial day of baptism into combat was an unforgettable all night march as it suffered it's first casualty as SHIZUO MATSUSHITA of the Big Island becomes the first KIA on the front slopes overlooking Belvedere, a sleepy hollow town that no one heard of before.

JULY REPORT

Getting in his share of fishing since his retirement, HIROSHI SUYEOKA alternating his time between the deep blue sea and his unending yard work. A most conscientious sportsman, SUIKA is another great fisherman that can teach you a lot on how to reel it in, may the game be big or small. Always concerned about the next guy, he's just hard to beat as a fishing companion.

Living the life of Reilly after deciding to call it quits at the end of June, MARYJANE SUVEOKA is our latest retiree who's busy, busy. Doing what she's always wanted to do all these working years, just be sure that you have a sturdy ladder for all those doings, MARYJANE.

THE PAST JULY 1944

The KINGSMEN get a real taste of the 4th of July fireworks not with firecrackers and Roman candles but a steady stream of field artillery barrage that takes it's toll on this open road that is zeroed in by and under constant watch by to F.O.'s. A mountain goat stamping ground, hill 140 was a 90 degree climb as the 2nd squad, 1st platoon led by MASAO NOBORIKAWA took the blunt of the mounting casualty. The KINGSMEN next objective, Luciana, the key town that controls Livorno and the last of the high ground on the road to Pisa. Shooting the works for 2 days and blasting away enough ammunition that a normal infantry company will use in 1 month, the KINGSMEN get their baptism of house to house combat as they root out the die-hards of the 16th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment. All by it's lonesome the KINGSMEN clear this town as it's ranks is further decimated, with the loss of T/SGT. ATSUSHI SAKAMOTO, 1st platoon Sgt. and the very best to come out of San Pedro.

VISITORS

First time here enjoying her Hawaiian Holiday with her 2 boys was WENDY, daughter of ex-1st. Sgt. WILLIE SAKAI, flying in from Sacramento, CA, during the latter part of July. Reports that father WILLIE who's quite a workaholic is getting along O.K. after that by-pass job but still have to be constantly reminded to slow down. Like WENDY sez, doesn't make much sense in taking her dad on a vacation as he'd head back to the coal mine after spending one night with them. Looks as though

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by Ronald Oba

They came, they caroused, they conquered our hearts. You never get tired of old friends who's been nurtured, cultivated and savoured over these forty odd years. The magic of a reunion never gets tarnished with age - rather, the glitter improves with age as our strabismic eyes doubles everything, and I mean everything except----

It was interesting to elicit responses as to why people want to see each other over and over again. You'd think that people just like to party and golf. It might be apropos to repeat some of their reasons. According to Rose Ichihara from Seattle, who never misses a chance to reunion. It's the camaraderie among friends. Doing what Lefty wanted to do best." Joe Kadowaki, Toledo, Ohio, "Because of the pretty wahines. They're getting younger. They're full of sex down to their neck." Bob Matsushita, Maui, "The one common cause - fellowship! Life is too short. This is something I cherish." George Kawakami, Kauai, "Fellowship!" "Paul Tokusato, San Francisco, "To see my old buddies." Yuri Tasaka, Kauai, "Because he came. He wears the pants." Ocean Miyake, Artesia, CA. "The candle is getting shorter." Sadao Nishida, Big Island, "Want to feel how my dear friends are making out."

Sociologists say that people are gregarious and tend to flock toward the bright lights. Whatever the reasons, Fox members have their special excuses as evidenced by their replies. The bottom line is what reunions are all about - we thoroughly enjoy hosting it and can't wait for the next one. As Toshi Kadowaki said, as we were hanging loose during the sessions, "Teishyu Genki de rusu ga ii!" Which literally means that the husband is healthy but it's best that he's not around. Joe, you've been working too hard. You're a good man but you should take her out more often.

The following Fox members, spouses and friends attended our second annual reunion: Big Island Yas and Helen Deguchi, Richard Higa, Robert and Sadako Honda, Wataru and Kikuye Kohashi, Kats and Ami Matsumura, Sadao and Bessie Nishida, Yuki and Elaine Okutsu. Maui: Toshi Fndo, Tom and Aileen Higa. Tom and Miyo Hiranaga, Takao and Dorothy Ito. Robert and Mabel Matsushita, Hideo and Masae Murakami, Daggie and Blossom Tanaka. Kauai: Masa Agina, Mamo and Bernice Hiranaka. George and Kay Kawakami, Wally and Yuri Tasaka, George and Esther Teraoka. Mainland: Curtis Fujioka, Rose and Joyce Ichihara, Joe and Toshi Kadowaki, Tom Kawaguchi, Yas Kawashima, Roy and Lillian Matsuda, Matt Mikami Ocean Miyake, Bessie and Dorothy Suto, Paul and Yasuko Tokusato. Oahu: Shigeo and Rose Higa, Florence and Tsuguo Imai, Roy and Ramona Iritani,

Warren and Mitzie Iwanaga, Roy Kubo, Tsugumi Masuda, Barney and Phyllis Miyaji, Kats and Grace Nakamura, George and Myrtle Nakasato, Ron and Michiko Oba, Henry Oyasato, Yoshio and Clara Shibuya, Chikako Shimada, Michio and Shinako Takata, Tomrv and May Tamagawa, Joe and Sharon Tanaka, Bill and Audrey Tanaka, Toshi and Eiko Tsukayama, Paul and Clara Yamashita, Kiyoshi and Yuki Takeuchi, Mineo and Sachiko Imuzuka, and Goichi Suehiro.

Numerous individuals, groups and friends have donated so much to so many that the reunion committee has decided that individual letters will be meticulously addressed and all donors will be thanked. Therefore, the committee has also decided that acknowledgments will not be mentioned through this newsletter lest we forget or miss thanking someone. Anyway thank you all. As usual the golfers had a tremendous time oblivious that they had to get up at 4:30 a.m. to brush their teeth, shave, eat, go to the join and dress to wait for sunrise to tee it up. It was a ding dong of a battle for 3rd, 4th, and 5th places while the rest will tell you that they played to have fun. The foursome were mixed and integrated so that by the end of 3 days' of golf you knew who were your friends who gave you those two footers. Bill Tanaka made sure that everyone got a chance to win something since the format called for no more than one prize per golfer per day. This format also prevailed for the overall 36-hole tournament.

CITY TOURS

The city as well as the country tours were well attended. The highlights were the trip to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at the Punchbowl and the ferry to the Arizona Memorial. To be sure that guests do not get tired of bento lunches, the ladies prepared some home cooked entrees that satisfied the hungry. The dinner cruise aboard the Aikane was so smooth no one got seasick. In fact Mamo Hiranaka and Paul Tokusato did a few impromptu hula and rock and roll to the delight of Bernice. The panoramic view of Waikiki beach and diamond head is something only the tourists seem to appreciate. Hawaii's people take for granted that the ocean should always be deep blue; the sky should always be baby blue; the shoreline should be reflecting the white beaches and the hillsides verdant and virgin as the Spanish sailors found them. The tourists cooed and aahed as we passed each landmark. One lady even located her hotel and the floor she slept in. And then there was the tea house dinner where everyone danced, sang and traipsed the light fantastic to the tune of "sho-jo-i." Goichi Suehiro stole the show by hamming it up. Oahu took the skit contest but the neighbor islanders had the better vocal chords as well as looks. The Oahu actors hid behind the

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tanuki masks. It was a fitting farewell dinner which was sumptuous from the appetizer to the numerous entrees. We're happy that everyone was able to leave next morning with a full stomach!

Every chairperson and his helpers deserve a medal of honor for meritorious service beyond their normal physical and mental endurance.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitaka Kuwaye whose mother passed away on Kauai. During a break in our reunion in June some of you made a visitation to see "Buda" Hamaguchi. I'm sure he appreciated your visit and wish to be reminded that his passing should be regarded as a happy occasion, having lived a full life till his final day on August 18, 1987.

REUNION 1988

Word is trickling in regarding the '88 Reno reunion. President Tanaka reported that he has received hotel registration cards and reunion details. The activities were reiterated in our last bulletin. Of note is the post-reunion update. According to Roy Matsuda, the San Francisco post reunion will commence in late afternoon on June 12, Sunday as soon as the Fox members arrive in San Francisco. Activities are planned for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We should all be leaving on Wednesday afternoon for various destinations. Babe Morino reports that golf tournaments will be on the agenda.

The Reno committee requested that the Honolulu Chapter handle all communications and reservations for the neighbor island Fox Chapter. Prexy Tanaka has appointed Barney and Paul to coordinate and collate each member's request as soon as he is able to provide copies of the Hotel and reunion registration forms to each of the neighbor island Honchos. Tanaka has also made 65 tentative Air reservations with Travel Wavs. A reminder--if you make hotel reservations other than at the reunion site, you will not be allowed to participate in the large gatherings such as the welcome, farewell and other coordinated activities. Tanaka stated that our communication with Reno should be filed and sent by January-February at the latest.

OUR INDOMITABLE BOLO

Once again Bolo is in Kuakini hospital recovering from a bout of gout and would like to have visitors to break the monotony. He may be in for six weeks so he deserves at least two visits from each of you.

THE GOLF BOX SCORES

Thursday at Pearl Country Club

- 1. R. Oba -----86 - 17 = 69
- 2. 3 way tie, net 71
  - Roy Iritani -----(20)
  - Geo. Kawakami -----(16)
  - Toshi Kadowaki -----(27)
- Front: T. Imai -----32½
- Back : Iritani -----32
- Calcutta: Tie for 64
  - Oba/Matsumoto
  - Miho/Higa
  - Net 65 --Iritani/Kadowaki

Friday at Olomana

- 1. Mich Takata -----77 - 17 = 60
- 2. Y. Shibuya -----91 - 26 = 65
- 3. Tie for 66
  - B. Tanaka -----(10)
  - R. Kubo -----(27)
  - T. Ito -----(22)
  - R. Oba -----(17)
- Front: T. Ito ----- 31
- Back : R. Kubo -----31.5

Saturday at Makaha West

- 1. R. Oba -----82 - 17 = 65
- 2. M. Takata -----87 - 17 = 70
- 3. T. Tsukayama -----88 - 15 = 73
- T. Ito -----95 - 22 = 73
- Front: Tsukayama -----29.5
- Back : Shibuya -----40

- 36 holes overall winners:
- Takata net 130
  - Oba net 131
  - Shibuya net 139
  - Ito net 139

BIG ISLAND NEWS by Sadao Nishida

Age plays tricks with one's memory. It is also very difficult to remember all the good things when one is wine and dined like we were all treated at the Fox company reunion hosted by the Honolulu group and gals this past Fourth of July week-end in Honolulu. We will try to summarize the events as best as we can remember.

The reunion permitted us to visit with old friends from the state of Hawaii as well as from the mainland. It was especially nice to be able to visit with the Kadowakis, Ichiharas, Matsudas, Tokusatos, Matt Mikami, Curtis Fujioka, Tom Kawaguchi, Yas Kawashima, Ocean Miyake and Bessie and Dorothy Suto from stateside. We are especially grateful to the ladies of the Honolulu group who

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tended to all our needs and made us feel like very important VIPs. George Nakasato did an excellent job of organization assisted by Paul Yamashita and his crew who did a wonderful job on our transportation. Gotchi Suehiro, Mineo Inuzuka and Kiyoshi Takeuchi with the help of the ladies kept the hospitality room "one busy place." The evening events were especially memorable, and we must confess there are a few talents in Honolulu. The "sho-jo-i" song and dance performed by our hosts was as good as any night club show. We would think that Goichi should be receiving a contract from Hollywood, if he has not already.

The golfers had their day and since we did not give the Honolulu "ringers" a chance to scalp us, we won't report on that event and I am sure someone else will. The excursions planned were unusual and very worthwhile. The reunion was just excellent with plenty of food and drinks --now, we are at home thinking of ways to shrink off a few inches from our waist. Thank you Honolulu, you did a good job!

MAUI NEWS by Bob Matsushita

It is rather late for the Maui delegation to thank the Honolulu Group "F" Company ICHIBAN for the wonderful time our spouses had together with their husbands too. I have been contacting the Maui gang who participated at the last July 4th week-end events there is a tremendous ALOHA for the wonderful hospitality extended to us all. DO MO ARIGATO is just a mere expression that I can express on this sheet.

The planning, preparation, transportation, etc., and also the GHA ZUKE SNACKS after each evening events as well as golf and excursion. We certainly thank you all. Now we MAUI GROUP are wondering whether we could top this?

Interviews made of a few: Here goes. Toshio "Nancy" Endo: "Terrific reunion, well organized, hospitality room was 1st. class. Sight-seeing well planned by George Nakasato. Missed some tours due to long delays of waiting but we were able to move up some other interesting places. Punchbowl Cemetery - paid respect to our fallen comrades - NAMIDA GA DETA." Eileen and Tom Higa: "Wonderful and we enjoyed it says Eileen. Had to recuperate after coming home and now I have to earn more money to replace the golf losses I encountered for three days" says Tom.

Daggie and Blossom - "Wonderful and well organized - hospitality room was excellent says Blossom. Golf tournament handled by Bill Tanaka

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by Stanley Kaneshiro

UP FRONT

This issue of the Bulletin will reach you as we start celebrating the 200th anniversary of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Opening of the AJA exhibit at the Smithsonian on October 1, 1987, will be part of the celebration in Washington, D.C. and Chapter members and spouses travelling to participate in the celebration activities should have much to report when they return.

Hotel reservation and Reunion registration forms for the NVR Reunion in June 1988, have been received and distributed. If you haven't received your copies, contact Mits Kunihiro or Fred Hirayama right away. Additional information on hospitality room, air transportation, golfing etc., have also been received and are covered below.

Reminder, Christmas party will be on Friday, December 18th at Victoria Inn and that will be the next meeting for the ladies, please mark your calendar now.

CHAPTER MEETING, AUGUST 29TH

Most items of import, especially the 1988 NVR Reunion in Reno, were covered at this meeting at the clubhouse with the ladies in attendance. The change to Saturday night instead of the usual Friday night cut attendance nearly in half but this meeting and social was a good one.

Mits Kunihiro's report on the Reunion and subsequent discussions and decisions on this were as follows:

Hotel reservations - immediate action required by attendees on this to acquire accommodations desired. Single or double occupancy rates pegged at \$68 per day. One day's deposit must be submitted with reservation request. To have all 'B' Chapter members on same floor or location at Bally's, decision was made to collect all reservations and deposits here and have them transmitted together. James Mizuno will be informed on those attending and he will work on room assignments with the hotel.

Transportation - arrangements made for contract air carrier @ \$398 round-trip ran into many questions and problems, such as flight time, stop overs, deposit requirements, minimum number of travelers, layovers etc., Kats Miho with alternative suggestions will investigate this further with Mits Kunihiro.

Hospitality Room - Rocky Tanna who had spent some time recently in Los Angeles reported that he had dined with the Mizunos, Hiyoishi

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Inoto, Gashouse and Seiko and found out from Jim Mizuno that the hospitality room had already been reserved and funded for by Frank Yasuda, the well-to-do strawberry farmer. Plans accordingly were to collect only \$25 each or \$50 per couple for refreshments, food corkage, etc. Rocky also reported that Toshi and Jim are having a friend donate fruits which will be personally trucked to Reno by Imoto. Mizuno is also contacting Mrs. James, Binotti, Andrews, Brew and others. Sgts Tsuginoto and Ikegami are reported to be at the Reunion also. Hospitality room will be for Battalion except for 'A' Battery members who are planning their own.

The August meeting was also a white elephant night with auctioneer Kats Miho barking the wares and Biggie Nakakura hauling in a few hundred collars. As with similar past events, there were the usual goodies, that attracted many bids such as cakes, cookies, jelly, tsukemono, sushi, bananas, papaias, pumpkins, numerous plants and housewares. But there were many unusuals, also such as a microscope, a battery charger/tester, a finely crafted Budweiser-can airplane that powered itself around and wana leis/chokers/earrings etc. handcrafted by Flint Yonashiro. Apparently, Flint is going fishing nightly since we haven't seen him at the meetings. Don't blame him since fishing is best in the dark.

GOLFING by Rocky Tama

June 15th, HICC. We had 20 golfers and weather was perfect. Roy Okubo shot good round of 93-25, net 68, and was overall winner. Teiji Uehara and Flint Yonashiro tied for front nine at net 34½ and Toshi Nishizawa took back nine with a net 35. Richard Ogata won three par 3's and Toshi won the fourth.

July 20th, HICC. I missed the tournament, went to L.A., but 16 golfers had a lousy day with only three golfers shooting par or better. They were Biggie Nakakura, Milton Ushigaki and Stanley Kaneshiro. Biggie won overall with 97-26 net 71. Kats Miho took the front nine with net 31½ but had a 52 on the back nine. Roy Okubo took the back nine with net 36. Par three winners were Milton, Lester Kato and Roy with no one hitting the green on the 17th hole.

August 24th, HICC. Good day for golfing with 17 members and one guest who was Allen Nakamura (HQTRS) from San Diego area. Winner was Richard Ogata with 79-11 net 68 and Lester Kato was second with 94-25 net 69. George Muramaru took the front nine with net 33½ and Don Yagami had

net 34 on the back nine. Par three winners were Rick, Roy O., Milton and Biggie.

No golfer has made a hole-in-one since the beginning of the 'B' Chapter golf club and with 25 members the hole-in-one is worth \$75. So far, two golfers have made eagles, Don Yagami and Joe Takata, on par five holes. Tournament Chairman Toshi Nishizawa would like to remind all golfers to be at the golf course half an hour before starting time. He has also requested scorekeepers to record net scores for both nines and to collect penalties for over net par at 10¢ a stroke with dollar maximum.

Those planning to golf at the 1988 Reunion in Reno should note same on the registration forms and they will receive further instructions.

DIARIES RETURNED AFTER 44 YEARS

44 years after they were confiscated, nearly 300 personal diaries of Hawaii's 442nd volunteers were returned and distributed with much publicity, including a speech by Senator Spark Matsunaga, on August 24th. Shoso Kagawa was seen on local TV news smiling and receiving his diary. Rocky Tama another diary recipient was surprised to see his diary with many days of entries prior to his induction into the Army. Lester Kato was another 'B' Chapter diary recipient. Fred Hirayama should be commended for his honcho efforts in having the diaries returned to the proper owners.

DACHAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE

The Dachau Liberation Committee is still gathering information and if you have pictures or information that may be of interest to this Committee, please contact Hideo Nakamine, Joe Obayashi, Don Shimazu, or Ted Tsukiyama. The May 1987 National Japanese American Society publication had a two-page center spread on the liberation of Dachau by the 522nd. Judge Daniel Valk our new friend in New York and the Jewish War Veterans has also written an article in the Brooklyn Barrister, Brooklyn Bar Association Magazine, on the exploits of the 442nd and the liberation of by the 522nd. Incidentally, this reporter has been requested to inform all interested and concerned with the Dachau Liberation stories that this is a Battalion research project and not solely a 'B' Chapter effort. Accordingly, coverage or reporting on this project in our 'B' Chapter column hereafter will be limited.

BITS & PIECES

August 7, 1987, issue of Hawaii Herald has a quote by Bruce Nagasawa, "You have to teach the

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by Mino Suzumoto

With prospects of the hot, humid, hazy days of September staring at us, can the "National AJA Veterans Reunion" in Reno, NV., be too far behind? General Chairman WILSON MAKABE assures us that Itemites & Itemites-at-heart will be quartered at the Bally's (June 8-12, 1988) right smack in the middle of things. Luckily, we have guys like BOZO NISHIOKA making timely trips to and from that high Sierra Nevada country thereby keeping Item Chapter fairly current. And, of course there's BRUNO YAMADA, himself, earning his keep, so to speak. Co. 'I' has always taken pride in the fact that we've consistently gone to any reunion, not only with the most, but, more important, also with some of the best behaved contingency. And this coming event, probably the last of its kind overseas for some, should be no different.

Here's an open invitation to those reluctant Itemites, who, for whatever their reason have yet to join "Club Item." Borrowing an old cliché "There's no time like the present." Come out, even if it's just to talk story, as they say. Heck, the upcoming Reno trip should make for a fascinating discussion. Absolutely no penalty, no back dues will be assessed. You have Prexy TERRY ARATANI's word on it. And I'm aiming this primarily to the likes of DAVID ITO, TOM SHIBAO, TAMO HASEGAWA, DAVID MATSUURA to name a few. I know you're out there because my "spies" tells me so. RALPH HAYASHI is another who comes readily to my mind. I realize none of you are ex-4th Platoon-ers, but I promise I'll not hold that against you. Come on out and find for yourself who amongst us are hard of hearing (aren't we all?); possessors of high blood pressure and equally high cholesterol count; why KAZUMA OYAMA requires a walking cane "every now and then, but, not always"; why KENNETH OKUMA, while he might not tell you his age (comparable to MASA MANABE and THAT'S old), but, willingly confesses to having a problem whenever reversing his car. Come on out and "shoot the bull" as CHAMP SUZUKI would say, with the likes of TOMMY UMEDA, HIDE MATSUMOTO, RICHARD OSHIRO, MAMO SHIROTA, RALPH ARASHIRO, even. According to Treasurer TAD FUJISHIGE, there are 52 Itemites in good standing. Take your pick.

When the Hon Kung Restaurant in Kaimuki closed down recently, it sure left an empty void in our life style. Being that it was Item Chapter's favorite china-meshi establishment, it was also the scene where FRED & EVELYN OISHI had hosted then newly appointed Family Court Judge TOGO NAKAGAWA to a cozy, sumptuous dinner just a couple of months or so prior. Others seated around the table were GLORIA CHUNG, TOGO's constant

companion; CHAMP SUZUKI & BELLA NAGATOSHI; MASA & HELEN NAKAMURA; HIRAM DOI and yours truly. (Lack of interest on the part of the heirs, was the reason given by the owners, for the shutdown. Too bad. Here, we were on first name basis with all the managers).

Due to the generosity of MOTOMI SHINDO; MITS OSHIRO; JAMES YAMANE (of Denver, CO...the cases of Coors were delivered to us by TOSH OTA, also of that mile-high country), and MASA KOBASHIGAWA, the liquid refreshment consumed during our July, August, September & October meetings will be "on the house!" Mahalo nui loa, to all.

The OTA clan, with wife RUTH and golfing sons KERRY & KEVIN included, in reciprocation, were entertained by the Item golfing fraternity (plus their wives), at the Suehiro Restaurant, late July.

TAKA ARAGAKI, our Big Island counterpart, popping in and out of town. All within the span of 5 hours. Well, if you got it, flaunt it, ha! Spent approximately 3 of those hours at the MASA NAKAMURA's, sipping the you know what. Which brings to mind the Hilo reunion held in late March. My apologies, at this late date, to SUS "Tonti" SAKAIDA, our Molokai Itemite, for my failure to mention that the pineapples were his donation although he was not there, in body. Also a big "MAHALO!" to former Shelby Itemite, who joined the 100th, SUEO "Slim" SAKAMOTO, ex-Hawaii Air-line comptroller for expediting said fruit from Molokai to the Big Island of Hawaii. I'm sorry the acknowledgments took so long in coming.

HIRAM DOI, spending 5 whole weeks visiting his sis and dad, among others, in the Tacoma, WA, area. Golfing with FRANK SHIMADA (San Jose, CA) who's meeting him there included in his itinerary. And I suppose he'll squeeze SHIRO KASHINO in, somewhere.

KAZUMA & HELEN OYAMA's name mentioned in the June issue of "Ka Elele," the Bishop Museum periodical, as being one of its "donors". Of course, with my son ARNOLD working there (Specimen Collection Manager, Ichthyology Division) I notice these things. Frankly, CHAMP and I have been supporters for 10 years or so.

Memorial Day, 1987, brought back memories of FRED KAMEDA, our very first casualty, and the "Battle of Belvedere," up in the Masa Mountains of Italy. May he and others who fell along the wayside, continue to rest in peace.

If you have a wartime diary coming to you, check with FRED HIRAYAMA (522 FA) at the clubhouse.

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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS by Alex Oka

Flamingo Chuckwagon, on August 9, 1987, was the site of Service Chapter's first dinner meeting where the wives were the guests of the chapter. Chapter President MASAJI KUROZUMI was the promoter of this event on the basis that all the other chapters were having these dinner meetings. Enjoying the evening were President MASAJI KUROZUMI, Vice-President SAM & FRANCES YAMADA, Secretary JAMES & MARTHA MIYAKE, Treasurer DIXON YAMASHITA, RALPH & GRACE CHINAKA, ROBERT & CYNTHIA OTANI, BILL & BETTY TOMA, TOSHIO & CLARA NAKANISHI, TOM & CHIC TANAKA, GEORGE & HISAKO MIYASHIRO, TOKUO FURUTO, MIKE INOUE, NOBORU & MASAKO TANOUÉ, SUSUMU & KAZOE AWAYA, and ALEX & JEAN OKA. All the wives were enthusiastic on this type of dinner meetings while us hen-pecked members decided to postpone any comment until the next regular meeting when the wives wouldnt be around to listen to our opinions.

Susumu Awaya shared the pictures of his recent visit with the MANAKA's at Monterey. It was good to see and hear that ROYAL has recovered from the hip surgery. There is an interesting background about the Manaka's home. It could be considered a historical site for the Monterey area. It is a huge home that was used for a special purpose of "revival". This magical power of revival is still alive within the area. Chapter members who enjoyed the hospitality of the Manaka's all report increase in the vitality.

Catching up on the news of individual members Alan Masuda was back and perhaps for good. He has finally decided to retire from his federal job in Okinawa when he no longer can use the base housing but must rent off-base civilian housing. With the yen exchange -- all his pay will be going for rent.

After many, many years of faithful service to the Chapter, OTTO HORI has retired as chapter secretary due to failing eyesight. MASAMI TANABE has recovered from his hip surgery. GEORGE MAIRE of Westminster (Denver) is recovered from a back surgery. MASAJI KUROZUMI almost lost his toe in a home accident. It is remarkable that a little patch job here and there will keep us going for many more years.

At the March annual banquet, Wilson Makabe, chairman of the 1988 Reno Reunion mentioned that his brother Daniel had just died and that Daniel was with Service Company. Dan joined Service Company when the regiment was in Southern France, February 1945. Service Company old timers recall the name but were not familiar with Dan. This is because the regimental personnel office was always

located away from the regiment so as to safeguard all the personnel records. In Southern France, the personnel office was in a hotel right in Nice while Service Company RSO and Motor Pool were in the outskirts of Nice in a place called La Trinity (Macaroni Factory). All the other fighting forces were 30 miles away along the France/Italian border Sospel, Monaco, etc. TADASHI MORIMOTO was a sergeant working with Capt. Riebesell in the personnel office. I won't write anything about TADASHI's tour of Nice since he was already married when he volunteered for the Army. Na, Na, I'm only kidding, Martha. Tadashi was such a good boy that many of us thought that he was one of those that didn't like wahines.

While most of the members have retired from active employment, we still have wives who are actively employed. Some, after retirement from the first job and now in a second job. MARTHA MIYAKE is one of those active employed. She obtained her Real Estate license and is now with Damon Real Estates. Her entry in real estate was just in time to make good use of her fluency in Japanese language.

In the Pacific Business News, there was a nice picture of RANDY YAMADA, son of SAM and FRANCES YAMADA. Randy is a CLU, CFP and serves as manager of the Marketing Division of MONY Financial Services. Many chapter members with considerable assets could use the services of Randy.

TADASHI MORIMOTO was kind enough to share information on the cost of nursing home care. All of us who are rapidly approaching this stage need all the information for proper planning and action Tadashi will keep us informed on this important subject.

RALPH CHINAKA and JAMES MIYAKE are putting on the final touches on the tour to Washington, D.C. for the opening ceremony at the Smithsonian Institute.

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was well planned. Hospitality and transportation to and from each events were prompt with no loss motion." This has been the best says Daggie. Daggie says he miss some old timers who were not present at this reunion.

Those who wish to extend their appreciation are: Tom & Miyo Hiranaga, Hideo & Masae Murakami, Takao & Dorothy Ito and Mabel & Robert Matsushita.

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by Herbert Akamine

The August meeting of the Medics at the 442nd clubhouse was attended by Tom K. Nishikawa, Takashi Nakamura, Shigemi Nakamura, Ted Matsuo, Jerry Ogawa, and Toshiaki Tanaka. Application forms for the Reno reunion were distributed. Takashi Nakamura explained the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce's proposal for gaining assets of the 442nd Veterans Club.

About 30 local Medics and their families are planning to attend the 1988 Reno Nisei Reunion. As to the Washington, D.C., Smithsonian's Japanese American exhibit, of the Medics, only Carl and Chiyo Miyabara are going.

The August edition of the Hawaii Pacific Press revealed that Ted Matsuo's spouse, Dorothy was elected president of the Japanese Women's Society, for 1978-1979. A picture of the officer was shown.

Masa Nomura of Chicago wrote:  
Dated July 25, 1987.

Dear Herbie:

Just read your beautiful "eulogy" on Dick and I want to thank you most gratefully for writing about him so eloquently. Hana called to tell me about it since the West Coast receives the Bulletin about a week earlier. Vic Izui also made me extra copies for my children. Please forgive the typing - my handwriting at best is lousy but I am just recovering from eyelid surgery wherein my right eyelids were stitched shut for six weeks and when I write, I see double. The doctor assures me that it will take several weeks more before the eyesight returns to normal. Needless to say, because of the surgery, my life has been more or less "on hold", and I am now beginning to get back into the stream of things. I have resumed my volunteer work and am managing to keep busy and occupied. It's almost 5 months since Dick left us so abruptly and while I know he's gone, I still keep thinking he might walk into the house any minute. Time is the great healer, so everyone tells me.

Because of your article, I have heard from several readers who hadn't known. Thank you again, Herbie, and my best to Nancy and the family.

Cordially,  
s/ Masa

P.S. Hana flew out from Seattle and spent 10 days taking care of me after the surgery, thus relieving my children of many hours of care. We spent hours consoling and comforting each other.

I'm sure Min, Don and Dick are "hoisting" a few and renewing their friendship.

Tom K. Nishikawa was one of those 442 members whose wartime diaries were confiscated. His returned diary contained the following entries:

- 3-25-43. Inducted in the U.S. Army.
- 3-28. Sunday. Marched in new KCC uniform at AJA ceremony at Iolani Palace.
- 4-1 My first 24 hour pass.
- 4-3 AJA volunteers hear farewell speech made by Col. Keary (Schofield). This evening at assembly met our C.O. Capt. Young.
- 4-4 Sunday. Rise and shine at 4 a.m. Ate breakfast. Policed grounds. Departed Tent City at 6:15 a.m. Departed Honolulu (Lurline) 2:00 p.m. Gunnery drill of 3-inch deck guns was very exciting.
- 4-5 Enjoyed my breakfast aboard ship. No destroyer escort seen. No land sighted. Getting colder each time. Had a good night's rest. Also saw water tight doors go into action. Stood guard 12:00 to 4:00 a.m.
- 4-6 Had a wonderful chat with Capt. Young. Also got our second inoculation aboard ship. Also did latrine duty and KP during voyage.
- 4-7 Getting near to Frisco. Each time getting colder.
- 4-8 Will reach Frisco about 10:00 a.m.

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the only way he'll make it a long one will be for him to make it to this far flung Pacific Isle. Even if we have to tie him down, we'll make sure that this will be no over-niter of a vacation. Should be good company for CHIKA NITAHARA who's really looking good these days as we can have a gathering of the old war-horses.

In bringing to a close this July write-up, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to EICHI & NOBU OKI on the passing of EICHI's mother during the month of July.

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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT for the Period/Month Ended July 31, 1987

Cumulative 1/1-7/31/86	Cumulative 1/1-7/31/87	ACCOUNT TITLE	Month of May 1987	Month of June 1987	Month of July 1987
<b>OPERATING EARNINGS:</b>					
42,975.83	47,505.87	Interest on Loans.....	6,395.66	6,617.77	6,597.68
55,820.49	51,333.24	Income on Svgs Accts.....	7,604.11	7,704.21	9,633.47
1,262.75	4,182.39	Income on Securities.....	294.93	637.01	746.97
1.75	1.25	Fees and Charges.....	.25	.25	
		Other Earnings.....			
100,060.82	103,022.75	<b>TOTAL EARNINGS.....</b>	14,294.95	14,959.24	16,978.12
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>					
1,435.41	1,170.27	Conference/Travel Costs....		498.47	
511.99	482.01	Association Dues.....		193.47	
700.00	700.00	Office Utilities.....	200.00	100.00	100.00
568.00	681.32	Postage/Communication Costs			281.60
134.98	40.00	Member Educ/Publicity.....	40.00		
415.05	485.89	Stationery & Supplies.....	284.99		
893.33	1,230.92	Subscriptions.....	384.98	163.73	66.65
1,981.79	2,379.85	EDP Accounting Services....	300.00	301.62	347.66
243.62	204.94	Depreciation-Equipment....		64.70	
1,428.35	1,309.02	Surety Bond Premium.....	410.66	282.37	
		Provision for Loan Losses..			
3,114.94	3,262.29	Borrowers Insurance.....	456.99	443.85	429.88
1,821.18	1,812.66	Life Savings Insurance....	258.57	255.69	257.79
943.71	564.48	NCUA Supv/Exam Fees.....		282.24	
377.00	596.95	Annual Meeting Expenses....			
2,839.87	3,151.37	Miscellaneous Expenses....	754.53	299.94	746.90
1,205.90	1,082.11	Staff Benefits/Taxes.....	212.24	67.62	74.47
18,615.12	19,154.08	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES...</b>	3,302.96	2,953.70	2,304.95
81,445.70	83,868.67	<b>NET OPERATING PROFITS.....</b>	10,991.99	12,005.54	14,673.17
		Non-Oper. Gains/(Losses)...	(8,500.00)	(9,234.76)	(9,000.00)
(65,782.31)	(60,405.00)	Less Dividends Pd/Credited.			
15,663.39	23,463.67	<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS).....</b>	2,491.99	2,770.78	5,673.17



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of July 31, 1987

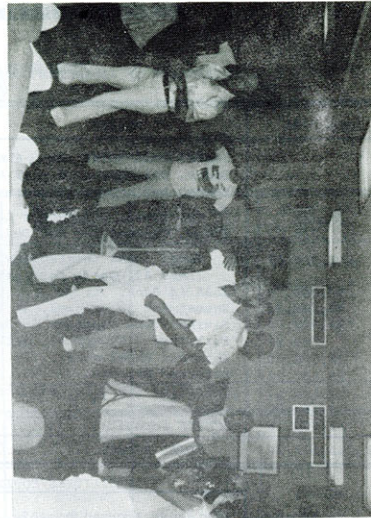
July 1986	ASSETS	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987
	Loans, Delinquent 2 - 6 Months....	3,183.20	177.95	-
	Loans, Delinquent 6 - 12 Months....			177.95
	Loans, Delinquent 12 Months or More..			-
(none)	Sub-total, Delinquent Loans.....	3,183.20	177.95	177.95
811,014.07	Loans, Current and Not Delinquent....	796,703.12	812,734.09	780,082.08
	Total Loans Outstanding.....	799,886.32	812,912.04	780,260.03
	(Less Allowance for Loan Losses)...			
194,660.70	Cash in Bank.....	406,087.42	257,026.62	127,184.95
90,246.34	Investment Securities, at cost.....	77,564.25	76,396.29	111,790.71
793,720.07	Savings/Time Deposits in Banks/S&L...	840,601.24	1,062,713.15	1,172,814.95
749.92	Furniture & Equipment, net.....	382.70	318.00	318.00
32,620.00	Interest Receivable.....	39,784.00	40,222.00	50,539.00
10,657.95	Deferred Expenses.....	7,602.04	6,939.23	7,379.27
	Unapplied EDP Disb. Exceptions.....			
1,448.00	Other Assets.....	1,539.08		
16,400.15	NCUSIF Deposit.....	17,478.58	17,478.58	17,478.58
1,951,517.20	<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	2,190,925.63	2,274,005.91	2,267,765.49
<b>LIABILITIES/EQUITY</b>				
9,000.00	Dividends Accrued/Payable.....	17,000.00	965.50	9,000.00
	Unapplied EDP Credit Exceptions....		699.64	2,810.17
740.97	Accounts Payable.....	715.66	2,041,608.18	2,019,549.56
1,740,458.27	Members' Savings Shares.....	1,945,248.16	75,000.00	75,000.00
75,000.00	Regular Reserves.....	75,000.00	137,942.09	137,942.09
110,654.57	Undivided Earnings.....	137,942.09	17,790.50	23,463.67
15,663.39	Net Income/(Loss), Current.....	15,019.72		
1,951,517.20	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY.....</b>	2,190,925.63	2,274,005.91	2,267,765.49
<b>STATISTICAL DATA</b>				
July 1986		May 1987	June 1987	July 1987
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 3 - 6 Months.	4	1	-
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 6 - 12 Months.	-	-	1
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 12 Months + ...	-	-	-
232	No. Accts. Current, Not Delinquent...	210	212	211
543	No. Savings Accounts.....	540	540	540
610	No. Savings Potential Members.....	610	600	600
64	No. of Loans Made Year-to-Date.....	35	42	47
4,117	No. of Loans Made Since Organization.	4,198	4,205	4,210
348,069.	Amount Loaned Year-to-Date.....	175,665.	229,153.	252,514.
6,334,793.	Amount Loaned Since Organization....	6,787,802.	6,841,290.	6,864,651.
10,254.	Amount Charged Off Since Organization	10,254.	10,254.	10,254.
3,811.	Amount Recovered on Charge-offs.....	3,811.	3,811.	3,811.



442ND UKULELE /HULA CLUB by Stanley Kaneshiro

Practice, practice, practice, perfect and perform. Members of the Ukulele Club have met at the Clubhouse every Monday night for the past few years and many of the fifty members who knew little or nothing of Hawaiian music and hula when they started are now entertaining or performing at family gatherings, private and public functions and even hula festival competitions. Instructors and leaders such as Joe Sato, Jiro Watanabe and Jane Ueoka deserve much credit for the accomplishments and success of the Club. Shown below are a few shots of members at the August 'Borot' night, when members are allowed to show their stuff or show-off and enjoy themselves.

Below some pictures of the Hula Group:



by Hichi Matsumoto

PERSONALITY OF THE QUARTER - MORRIS MIYASATO

Our man in the spotlight has been an inkyosan for a good many years now. Not one that would idle his time away, he keeps himself physically fit and mentally sharp by getting involved in a lot of tameni naru things and golf in one of 'em that carries a high priority. He's not only an avid golfer but a damn good one too. Making the most of it, plays at least a couple of times a week. Mostly at Leilehua Golf Course, where he is an active member. His membership card permits him to play at the other two army operated courses, Kalakawa in Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter, a nine-hole course. On several occasions, he made tee time for the club boys. Thanks Mo, the boys appreciate it.

You know something? It's more easy pulling teeth than to try to beat him at Leilehua, his beloved home course. Lilibit on the exaggerated side but he can just about find his way around the course blindfolded. Not the type that would take candy from a kid, he no take advantage of his local knowledge and toki doki let the guys bypass him. To him winning is secondary and not everything. But a firm believer of participation and having fun, golf being just a game.

Keeping everything in perspective and under control is one strong point of his game and no let anything major or minor distractions rattle him. A gentleman golfer and a pleasure to play with. Not only as a partner but the all important opponent as well. Monku is not his nature. Come to think of it, never never did we hear him utter golf's most famous words, "ah shit." Even after a pake hemo shot, something rare for him, he never pounds his clubs because only going yaburu his daijina shobai dohgu. His game is as steady as they come and da tama no go astray da kine hema and tondemo nai kind places. Him no physical side mitara, you scratch your head and wonder how and where the hell he gets all the power from. It's not unusual to see him embarrass guys bigger than him because he can whack 'em.

Mo's place of employment before retiring was Schofield Barracks out Wahiawa way, sugu neki to where he lives. In fact so near that he tsuku at his shigotoba before the car engine can get chance to warm up. Some of us not too akamai guys used to cross town, make it island, to go work. At least we made the gas dealers happy. Boo-coo "turncoats" went to work for the navy after being discharged from the army but not him. He was no "deserter" and stuck with the army.

He mixes well with any crowd and enjoys his beer as much as the next guy but not the nomi tawasu type and never was one to take one for the road. That was strictly taboo. Personable and easy to talk story with. Perhaps one of the biggest pluses is, he knows when to listen.

As already mentioned, he lives out in Wahiawa but never uses that as an excuse for not attending chapter meetings. His usual tsure is tomodachi Sam Sakamoto, who lives not tonari but nearby. A "company" man, he just about makes it to all the Xmas parties and other chapter functions.

Good husband, father, man, golfers not necessarily in the order mentioned. Ever see him get yake or haboot and get huhu at something? Not to our knowledge, he's too cool headed and akamai a fella. He's like who da guy said, "for every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness." We buy that. Mo fits the 232nd Engr. Golf Club's Constitution and By-Laws Article II, Section I, to a "tee". It reads, "The purpose of this club is to promote fellowship and encourage the highest principles of golf and sportsmanship." He dunno but behind his back, we call him, Mo Da Pro.

232nd ENGRS/BAND WAHINE - MARGIE (CHAS.) IJIMA

Margie is one or if not the youngest among the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members' wives. Lilibit too young to retire, she still labors for Uncle Sam and is connected with the postal department, home based in Kaneohe.

Doh yutara iika. Anyhow, the older than us Japanese people call a person oyakoko who looks after and takes good care of his or her parents. With our Margie, it's little different from the usual. She takes good care of his ani-san (big brother Tadasu Muraoka) a retiree, who lives in Pahala, on the Big Island. Anyway, the story is, any chance she gets, him ni totemo yoh seae yaru. Hubby Charley comes first of course.

The past few years, big brother has been a regular with the Engrs. group whenever the Kiyosaki (Tommy) Karavan went on a trip, with the kid sister taking care of just about everything to the minutest detail. And yoh mite yaru. Good for you Margie, all the kindness (that's her nature) no going be poho because the akua going sabe. You just wait and see, bambai, even sooner than that, iikoto ga aruke. No miss, you watch.

The Ijima's No. 1 son Glenn is a banker (Bank of Hawaii) worked and lived down in Guam for many years. But now he is back home with his wife and kids, for good or temporarily, only time will

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tell. No. 3 son Irwin is trying to make his fame and fortune in L.A. The latest we heard, he is still single, the most eligible kind. Margie & Charley lost No. 2 son Dwayne in a car accident while he was in training (army) on the mainland. The boys, all of 'em oyani nite, not only sega takai, but yoka otoko as well.

Having enough years of federal government service under her belt, Margie will be eligible for retirement with a handsome annuity for life in a few short years. That is if they (the government) no fool around and push back the retirement age. You know nowadays, things are constantly changing from day to day.

At home in Enchanted Lakes, Kailua, Margie is the chief's chief (retired Fire Chief Chas. Ijima). With the kids out and only them two at home, they are living happily ever after...not that they weren't before.

WEDDING BELLS - SUZANNE (JOE) SATO

Scene 1 - New York City

Suzanne, hitori musume of Joe & Jane Sato, came home with a husband. The young couple were married in New York City, where she's been working and living since graduating from college. The happy and elated parents were present at the impressive wedding ceremony. The most happy event for the Sato's was held at the Riverside Church in Manhattan on the Hudson River. Escorting the bride-to-be down the aisle, the new father-in-law to be had this to say, "The church so big and the altar looked so far away, I like walk fast and get it over with, but she had other ideas. The entire trip being only for four days, the preparation, rehearsing and the wedding took up just about all of the time. Sightseeing was on the hima ga att-ara basis. Besides him ga yuhnoni, the miru kind places, already all mita.

SCENE 2 - Honolulu

Reception, a week after da kekkon shiki, was held at the popular Pacific Beach Hotel's Mahi-mahi Room in the heart of Waikiki. The MC of this festive and joyous occasion was a two time transplant. First from Buddhahead to Kotok and after some 25 years, back to Buddhahead again. Who else but Kiyoshi Kimura. For him the transition both ways was duck sup like eating apple pie. Da Emushi and the proud father rendered several knockout kind Hawaiian and Japanese numbers. Naturally they were good, long time kara professionals noni. Timothy Hawkins the groom (Joe broke him in already) did himself proud too, joining the duo in singing Lei Aloha Lei Makamae, the original Hawaii-an Wedding Song. If you had your back turned and

only heard the groom for sure you would think one Blah-lah went join them.

Some chapter members went shine up too, especially the wives. Eleanor Ando, Millie Honda and Janet Matsumoto danced two hula numbers as a group. That was for starters. After warmed up seta ato, they went dance solo. From the response of the guests in attendance (boo-coo of 'em 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members & wives), they must have been good. Not that because our da kine one of them, we must agree. After all when you no give up and practice and practice majimeni, it pays off. No can koto wanai, neshin ni try setara. Like who said, "All men are created equal."

Mits Honda and the Inquisitive Reporter were on the program just for chotto dake but had a major role. Leading the Sniro Shinpu (toast to the bride and groom) and Raihin Snokun (toast to the guests) banzais. Kono futari no yatsu, you wouldn't include them with the bigger guys but vocally, mama mia, dare nimo makeyasen and oso-roshi nai too. Mother Club president and also chapter member Rodney Yamashiro went play Bonsan again and blessed the food which we were to partake.

Father-in-law Joe was a triple threat and continuously isogashii datta. His role: Father of the Bride; Leader of the string quartet, him at the guitar Kiyo Kimura Ukulele, Jiro Watanabe, steel guitar and John Morisawa base. The last two mentioned, lend leased for the evening. Also, one man Maitre'de, going around and sasou the guests, no make any kind enryo and help themselves with the pupus and refreshments. Rascal bugga dat, he was seen everywhere but at the reception line. No more him there, so mother-in-law Jane had to play dual roles, mother and father. Was a very good party and fun packed evening, closing with everybody joining hands singing Hawaii Aloha.

Scene 3 - Back to New York City

The newlyweds will make their home in the Big Apple and continue to be involved in the Theatrical and Entertainment field.

Finale

This was a transcontinental kind thing, over there, over here and over there again.

CHAPTER MEETING - JUNE

Konya no turnout of about 30 members was considered excellent, the weather being on the inagena side. It rained like a dickens from about hiru to past pauhana time but that never discourage them.

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from attending. We know at least two pretty good reasons of them showing up. Meeting up with the boys while go tsunami on the pupus and putting away some cold ones. After all, no going look good eh, sekkaku Gary Kawate and JimmyNakamura went through all the trouble and hotto kasuno mottai nai en. Had reports on the AJA veterans club thing with the JCC. The AJA Museum stuff in Washington, D.C. and the long overdue raising of the apartment rent.

JULY - DINNER MEETING AT WISTERIA

The attendance was good but wasn't the usual excellent turnout. Could be, it was held on a Sunday night instead of the mukashi kara accepted Friday. Another reason could be like some of us had to attend obon service. Had a speaker again and the subject was about tameni naru things when you grow older. A continuation of the last two dimer meetings.

AUGUST

Chapter president Richard Murakami's Report of the Day, was what transpired at the last BOD meeting. Not too much and nothing pressing. Tommy Kiyosaki passed on some info regarding the 1988 Reunion in Reno. Not too much action on that too with some 10 months to go. And the Japan High School All-Star Baseball Team will be coming again. Strangers in the night were Yasuhide Ishikawa and Kosuke Imori. Looks as though Kosuke's on extended leave because him mada indoran. Yasuhide's work load must be such that he's got some breathing room. He is a general contractor. A couple of Uta No Kai ladies, yodare dashite were eyeing up the fish tempura prepared by Gary Kawate and JimmyNakamura, feeling kawaisona for them and being the big hearted and generous type, gave 'em ONE each. Our chapter meeting is after the Uta No Kai pau.

T.V. STAR

To us guys anyway, Kiyo Kimura is the hottest TV commercial star on the air waves today. The first clip we saw his shining up was late last year datta kano. Anyway, his "con-pan agents," Ben Ono and Duck (his professional name) Kawamoto ga yuh noni, if you get time, stay glued to the TV because it is only the beginning with motto, motto more commercials, starring him, of course, to be released in the very near future. As you all know this here kiyo guy, in the entertainment world nara, he is semnon in any field. The biggest plus in his favor is, he can "throw-fart" with the best there is. If you durpo or doubtful and like know how good him, go ask him (kiyo) or more better yet his two self-appointed agents. All

sannin tomo tottemo good yute, vehemently, yoh yute kureruke. Take our advice, if you no like pay nothing for his autograph, no wait and go see him now. No more crowd yet and no need to stand in line too, or da guy stay charging awreddy. Throw-fart is a small kid time terminology, which is comparable to today's "borot." Borot? Means the same as throw form, show off, etc. Becoming a big TV star went make him get da kine swell head and change him? We durno but now, he no say clothes, but wardrobe. And very heavy and articulate on the th's and er's, you try watch.

Eh boy, konna mata deko don agena hatta bai. Now, he's graduated into making mon-piccha, you know da kine katsudo shashin. When's the release date, you ask? All we can say is, Junusepa. His agents no hanashi kikononi, in his "deboot," a war picture, he'll be playing the role of a captain in the Japanese Imperial Navy and the movie go start seta to omtara, he going ma-ke. So him mitai nara, when you go see the movie, make sure you go before the main picture go hajimaru maeni ikan nara, if not, you know what. And him now one tour conductor too, taking care the buddaheads from Japan. All we know is the tourists that draw him for their guide, may not be the most informed but for sure the best entertained, by far. This is one isogashii man. If the work load (in retirement) get any more da kine, he kinda thinking of going back to work full time so he can take it easy like.

GOOD GUY 1

Fred Arashiro donates a pint of blood, for the no can count how many times, at the Blood Bank of Hawaii, where he is not only recognized by look but known by his first name. Ain't that something. And then, yatta sugu ato played in the monthly 232nd Engrs. Golf Club's tournament. How do you like that. Futsunamon like us guys nara, "I feel kinda weak" yute, go home and take it easy. All he needed to rivive him was devour one good size musubi. He never wins the jack-pot but what had the guys going in his foursome was, he was consistently tagging 'em high, wide and handsome. He has a unique way of teeing up the ball, like jum jun ni go kasaneru one tee on top of the other tee. The result as we already mentioned, fantastic. But the fushigina part is how come he manages to keep 'em from popping 'em in the air. Must be the concentration. Homeruto, of his good deed (giving blood), he go shrug his shoulders and heiki de go say, "Ain't no big thing, just wanna help anyway I can." He says what he did was manini stuff, Harry Fujii to compare setara.

GOOD GUY 2

We tell you this guy Harry Fujii, he is one

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for the book and worthy and deserving all the ink you can heap on him. He gives blood so often, his no shashin stay hanging on the Wall of Fame, alongside the other enryo nashi donate suru guys. Dis kine stuff hito kara kikan nara, you no hear and don't know because you'll never get 'em from them, the ever so gracious and generous donors. Us guys nara, should we give (yoyatto) a pint, for sure need at least five pints modosan nara. Ahyufu jya, maruson for the blood bank. Harry is one of the very few guys that is still growing physically. No, not the chest went fall down to the opu area but all over. You like get fresh and like get his goat, go ask him, eh, you still get some baby fat on you or what. No nonsense guy whenever health is concerned, he going tell you you like feel if fat or what. And feelsetara, makoto ni, all muscles. Not anything like tofu or konyaku, but tamageru hodo katai, katai. Keeping physically fit, tnat's Harry.

Kono futari (Fred & Harry) do gooders, not no need to but from their side kara yosha nashi gibari yoru. Like the old saying, 'they give till it hurts. Which goes to prove, when a man's good, he's good, no ifs or butts about it. Never inquire as to how many times them two yattaka and if they do keep records or not. And if like kid time by dishing out stars for every time given, mama mia, the chart must look like the milky way.

GOOD GUY 3

If you're wondering how come the clubhouse furnitures like the tables, chairs and davenport stay looking in such good shape like you can move 'em around with the greatest of ease and no need to go busting your okole like in the past. And the what-chamacallit too that when drawn, partitions off the hall to make it two rooms. Or have you not noticed. No, it wasn't the work of the menehunes that came during the still of the night and went whack 'em up. Proudly and ooiaride, we can say the man responsible is our own Mervyn Takano. He is the type of man that not only goes to the clubhouse for a good time but willingly gives a helping hand when asked. He's not da kine of a person going say, "Okay, but bambai when I get time, but sure, what you like I do." So when you see him no hold back, make some kind mention and thank him. Let him know you appreciate it, no going cost you anything. Make him feel good.

GOOD GUY 4

The picture that appeared on the cover of the last Go-For-Broke Bulletin may seemed way outdated and history, but to us it was something special, Richard Urada, a staunch member of the 232nd Engrs/ and Chapter being in the group photograph. If

memory serves us right, he is the only one in our chapter besides when the members became officers of the mother club to make the front page. Yeah, it took some years but better a little late than never, he getting the recognition he deserves and deko don akena hatta too. Richard ga yuhnoni, it was in 1946 when the Windward veterans (not only AJA's) from Kahaluu to Waimanalo took up the ambitious project, a community affair. A large stone monument with a plaque with all the names of WW II KIA's inscribed on it. It is located at the junction of Pali Highway, Kamehameha Highway and Aulooa Road near Pali Golf Course. It happened a good many years ago but any good deed such as that won't go unmentioned. That is our policy. Shirisai sureba, we no hold back nothing and enryo nashi geev'em the ink. Our modest buddy, who shuns the limelight is a low key person that keeps a low profile. In any sort of gatherings, one may need to meet him maybe two or even three times before being able to place him. But once knowing him, you're got a friend for life. And the more you get to know him, he impresses you more and more.

BOWLING

Fred Kanai, the old goat ( he no huhu because he knows it's been said with endearment) is. The Last of the Mohicans. Putting it in simpler form, he still indulges in the old and very popular Chinese game called, bowling. Man alive, talk about longevity, stubbornness and pakiki head bugga too. The thing is, even the no can count number of years of week after week (at times day and night) without letting up, he's enjoying it more. When asked, "What's your average now," still elusive with his answers, "same as before." This guy stands out like a swollen thumb in any bowling alley, that is when he is in action. This is no bull. No matter how crowded the alley may be, you can spot the Bowling Master right away, with his classic form. It's so unique that nambu mane setai no can come close. He is the one that seems to be sliding on not one but a pile of baha-na skins and go suberu all over the floor. The unsolved mystery is, how does he manages to keep from huli-ing over. Being strictly a one sport man, to him golf (favorite for many) is for the birds. Hitting and go chasing after a small white (now get yellow, orange, pink, etc) balls asewo kaite in the scorching hot sun and go freeze your daijina da kine when it pours. Bowling, no need do nothing, the ball comes back to you. Going one step further, no need to wreck your brains, the machine keeps score for you too. Da bugga may have something there after all. The only way you could keep the golf fanatics from playing is closing the golf course. The old folks have a saying for those fanatics, bakani tsukeru kusuri wa nai. Fred still remains the same old friendly,

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likeable, jolly and witty sonovagun from mukashi no toki kara. Today him mitara, before yorito kurabe tara amari okawari wanai. But for sure lilibit more shiwa ga dete kita. He's the perfect example of the old axiom, a person's character doesn't change from age 16, give or take a year. This going lilibit astray but we no see on Japanese TV, the male actor that played the part of the furoba man in a soap opera of the past, Daikon No Hana. You put them side by side, hard to tell darega dareka.

GOLF 1

Fred Arashiro scores an eagle (that's two strokes less than par) at the Ala Wai Golf Course, not too easy par 4, 5th hole at the monthly 232nd Engrs. Golf Club Tournament. To us an eagle is harder than a hole in one because you gotta put two good shots back to back. That's the result of hitting 'em long and accurate. He is considered about the best in our club, and we have some good ones. What makes him good? Not only self motivation, a burning desire to excel, but that all important practice, practice and more practice. Whereas most guys are having a cup of coffee (beer for a few) or just taking it easy and talking stories, golf stories, of course, in the clubhouse before teeing off, all the while he neshinni shagging balls. Unlike some guys that seem to just wanna go through and finish up the bucket of balls in record time, ne hima totte analyzes every shot he hits. Good things no just happen, you know that, you got to make it happen. Coming back to the eagle. No was the fluke and lucky kind that bounces on the asphaltic concrete motor car path or careers off a tree, but the professional golfer's kind you see on TV or dream about. A prodigious drive splitting the fairway followed by a crisp #3 iron shot with a lot of backspin that bites when the ball hits the green. A couple of bounces and boom, ending up in the puka. Up to then, the perfectionist that he is, he just wasn't pleased at all with his overall game and was sort of monku-ing and muttering to himself, no more one part yet.

GOLF 2

Good guys finish last. Meaning da lousy guys always seem to sneak in and win. That's a popular terminology in the world of sports. Yuso Iwane proved it all wet when he went bugga loose and captured the 232nd Engrs. August tournament held at the Ala Wai Municipal Golf Course. Bakame ga tsuite, he was red hot and could do no wrong and shot a mind boggling net 62. A 24 handicapper, he grossed a dazzling 40-46=86. Nobody was close.

After the first nine, it was a fight for second place since Yuso went 99.9% hanapaa the top prize. This guy, while playing, yoh monku ga deru but no sweat and good fun playing with him because all the grumbling is directed at no one but himself. This going lilibit off the subject but you'd be surprised at what guys call themselves da kine expletives after a pake hemo shot. But if anybody call 'em that, auwe brah, you get one fight awreddy. Coming back to our new King of the Hill, him with the big massive body, never drive to show but went putt for dough, where money talks. Around and on the greens, nobody could touch 'em, he was the master. With a little luck, he could of netted in the 50's easily. Another claiming long time no win guy wins.

SHORTS

Konaide were you roaming around at the Ala Moana Shopping Center's Performing Arts area, ground floor and center yorimo more toward the Waikiki end and see some familiar looking hula maidens boroting and were wondering, arera dareka. They were our Eleanor Ando and Millie Honda. Every so often their halau participates in the hula show. To the not too akamai guys in Hawaiian, halau yutara, hula dance school or group.

Saw, met and chatted with Kosuke Imori a couple of fortnight ago. Tasshade he stay looking good. Now 100% retired from work, chanpande enjoying the fruits of his labor. Left here (Honolulu) sometime in 1958 for greener pastures in yonder places like Okinawa, Guam and places there about. He calls Kirkland, Washington hom now. Him go yuhnoni, shikata ganai because all three of his kids (girls) live there. He say, he might come back here to live kamo shiran. At times mukashi no koto omote sabishii natte kuru noyo. His plight reminds us of the old Japanese proverb which went like, "Asa deru ushiwa yoru ni modoru," or something close to that.

Joe Sato's big sister comes from Japan. This was her very first trip to the islands. Oney-san no savvy niente English whatsoever, hanasu nonimo and kiku no nimo so to make complicated matters more muzukashii, ototo Dengoro no was yutosei (we assume) in Japanese School so we think the conversation between sister and brother, lilibit more than himatotte was on the da kine side. But if was da kine yuto mito kind happa Japanese, Joe could more than held his own.

A MEMORIAL - STANLEY NAKAMURA

Stanley Nakamura passed away after a lengthy illness. He was 67 years old. Although he wasn't too active a chapter member during the last few

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years, due to work load and later illness, he was an active member you could find during the earlier days. He was one of the keymen that was instrumental in forming and organizing the 232nd Engr/Band Chapter. Through his and the others hard work, the chapter is where it is today on solid grounds. He started working at about the lowest level at Sears, when it was located on Beretania Street, presently the Honolulu Police Station. He took time off from his work to serve his country in WW II. After being honorably discharged from the army, he went back and through the years worked his way up the ranks and retired after some 30 plus years as general manager of the automotive department, where it all started. His is a success story. In the service with the 232nd Combat Engrs., he was best remembered as the company captain's jeep driver. A very active chapter member in earlier days, he was a member of the bowling and softball teams. In later years, he gave up all of that for something less strenuous and something relaxing. He took up fishing and usually went with Ben Ono, Gary Kawate and Richard Murakami. Stanley processed a jolly and fun loving nature and always helped liven things up a bit more with his humor and antics at chapter functions. He was a loving husband and a caring father to his children, and family always came first. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Helen and the family.

EULOGY FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE OF WALTER NAKASONE

BY Tom Kiyosaki

With the sudden news of the loss of a dear comrade, the men of the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter were shocked and stunned. We could not believe that such a dependable and vital part of our group was gone. In expressing the sentiments of the group, I quote Rodney Yamashiro, President of the 442nd Veterans Club, "This club certainly lost a pulse with the passing of Walter Jiro Nakasone.

Walter Jiro Nakasone, affectionately known as "Juju" was born on May 15, 1922, on Maui where much of his early years were spent. His family moved to Honolulu where he continued his education and began his career until the outbreak of World War II. Although only a teenager, he was one of the first to volunteer when the AJA's were permitted to join the Army. With enough men to form a regiment, Walter was an early "first-round draft" into the 232nd Engr. Combat Company with his knowledge and skill in operating heavy equipment.

Juju lived a full life and did everything with intensity and vigor. He colored every undertaking with his touch of concern and persistence. This was best exemplified during the war, when the

232nd Engrs. were assigned to open the road leading to the cities of Massa and Carrara, in the initial and final offensive push of the 5th Army Italy. The area that we were to clear was mined and booby trapped with connections to 1,500 pound long-range cannon shells. But, we had to get that very vital and strategic road open. We lost couple of bull-dozer with casualties in the process, and like a "kamikaze" pilot, Juju drove his "cat" bull-dozer in to get it cleared. The bull-dozer with Juju in it blew up, completely demolished. I happened to be the first to reach him. I still remember his words when I carried him out, he kept muttering "my cat, my cat" before he slid into unconsciousness. He was more concerned about his bull-dozer than himself. His dedication and hard-headedness was even more evident after this incident as he was labeled a "run-away" by the hospital. He couldn't stand being cooped up in the hospital so he "ran away" to join the outfit back on the frontline. We were surprised but happy to see him—bandages and all.

Upon discharge from the army with many honors he became a civilian employee with the U.S. Army in Okinawa. It is not surprising to us that he spent the next 33 years in Okinawa where he fell in love with and married Tsuneko Tamashiro and had four children.

Those of us who knew him well, as well as those casually acquainted with him, would never believe that this strong, healthy and personable guy who was always on the go had been troubled with serious cardiac problems for 20 years with 4 heart by-pass surgeries. The 5th was his last. His heart physically may have been troublesome but it was always overflowing with love for his family and friends. Many nieces, nephews and friends always found a welcome place at his home while in Hawaii.

Although Walter had some trying times throughout his life, especially with cardiac problems, he had many outstanding moments to be proud of and I would like to share some of these with you.

1. Of course, nothing beats the joy of becoming a grandfather. His daughters, Joy and Nani, made him the proud grandfather of 3 wonderful grandchildren, Tia, Jill and Hoku.
2. He was elated when his wife Sue became a U. S. citizen.
3. When son, Keith, attained National world recognition by being selected Captain for the U.S. Judo Olympic team to Moscow, he, Sue and Keith attended a White House reception on a personal

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AJA GOLF TOURNAMENT by Bruno Yamada

Michio Takata fired a net 65 to capture the 'A' Flight in the 16th Annual AJA Golf Tournament which was held at the Honolulu International Country Club on July 24. This was a repeat victory for Mich since he also won last year's tournament with a 67 at the same course which was damp and muddy compared to the dry and hot weather that prevailed this year.

Takata was awarded the Governor John Waihee's trophy and also a beautiful clock which was donated by the Central Pacific Bank. Tied for second with 69's were: Larry Amazaki (100), Tom Tanaka and Tom Harimoto (442).

Edward Uchihara of the 1399th Veterans Club had the day's best score with a 64 which was good enough for winning the 'B' Flight and with it another Governor's trophy and a clock from the Central Pacific Bank. Bob Hirayama (442) and Itsuo Tokunaga (1399) were tied for second with 67's. Harriet Iwai was the winner in the Wahine Division with a net 68 followed by Jean Yoshioka with a 70.

The team winner went to the 1399th Veterans Club, who had a total of 437. The 442nd Club trailed with a 443 total.

One hundred twenty golfers participated in this year's tournament which was headed by chairman Kenso Kanemoto of the MIS Club.

RESULTS OF THE 16TH ANNUAL AJA VETERANS COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT.  
HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY CLUB  
July 24, 1987

A FLIGHT

1. Michio Takata	442	65
2. Larry Amazaki	100	69
Tom Tanaka	442	69
Tom Harimoto	442	69
5. George Ishida	MIS	70
Ken Nakada	MIS	70

LADIES

1. Harriet Iwai	MIS	68
2. Jean Yoshioka	1399	70
3. Toshiko Sato	1399	78
4. Jane Furukawa	442	79

B FLIGHT

1. Edward Uchihara	1399	64
2. Itsuo Tokunaga	1399	68
Robert Hirayama	442	68
4. Paul Maruo	100	69
Tad Nakano	1399	69
6. Kan Tagami	MIS	70

TEAM

1. 1399	437
2. 442	443
3. MIS	
4. 100	

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"What is the secret of people who become more and more alive whatever their age. They do seem to have similar traits: They carry their eggs in more than one basket. The meaning of their lives is derived from several sources----family and friends, work and leisure, private interests and public concerns. They have a capacity for intimacy. To form truly satisfying bonds with others is to take the sting out of the recognition or our mortality. They define prestige and success in terms of vitality, not in terms of social status, financial position, or professional achievement. Instead of allowing their lives to be trivialized they feel at home in the dimension of depth. As someone put it, they know you find oil, not by drilling foot-deep holes in scores of places, but by drilling deeply into a few well-chosen places. They do not try to fashion the rest of the world in their image, but respect the otherness of the other and relish human diversity. They combine competence with a blithe indifference. Once their competence is proved, they are freed from the curse of earnest striving and can develop a talent for taking themselves lightly. They remain in constant communication with their own insides by listening to the spirit's smallest cry.

In a season when the obligations of meetings are less and the opportunities for reflection are more, the Livorno Chapter offered this think piece for your consideration.

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NEW ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES WHAT VETERANS SHOULD KNOW

A law recently passed by Congress made several changes in a veteran's eligibility for VA health care. The intent of the law is to ensure that VA hospital care is provided to service connected veterans and to lower-income veterans. Those veterans with higher incomes will be provided VA health care on a space-available basis and may be charged a deductible for their care based on their level of income.

Specifically, the legislation established three categories of eligibility for VA health care--Categories "A" "B" and "C." Within these three categories, the law also established new eligibility assessment procedures, based on income levels, for determining whether nonservice-connected veterans are eligible for cost-free VA health care. These income levels will be adjusted on January 1 of each year by the percentage that VA improved pension benefits are increased.

Of these three categories, VA will provide hospital care and may provide outpatient and nursing home care to veterans in Category "A" and may provide hospital, outpatient and nursing home care to veterans in Category "B" and Category "C" if space is available in VA facilities. Veterans in Category "C" must agree to pay VA a deductible for their care before they will be considered eligible.

This factsheet describes these categories in further detail and provides other information you should know to determine whether your eligibility for VA health care has been affected.

VETERANS NOT SUBJECT TO THE ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

The new procedures do not apply to you if you are:

- \* a service-connected veteran,
- \* a former prisoner of war,
- \* a veteran who was exposed to herbicides while serving in Vietnam or to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing and in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and you need treatment for a condition that might be related to the exposure,
- \* a veteran receiving a VA pension,
- \* a veteran of the Spanish-American War, the Mexican Border period or World War I, or
- \* a veteran eligible for Medicaid.

The eligibility assessment applies to all other nonservice-connected veteran, regardless of age

CATEGORY "A" VETERANS

You are considered in Category "A" if you are not subject to the eligibility assessment (as listed above) or if you are a nonservice-connected veteran and your income is \$15,000 or less if single, or \$18,000 or less if married, plus \$1,000 for each additional dependent.

Hospital care in VA facilities will be provided to Category "A" veterans. Outpatients and nursing home care may be provided in VA facilities, if space is available.

CATEGORY "B" VETERANS

You are considered in Category "B" if you are a nonservice-connected veteran and your income is above \$15,000 but less than \$20,000 if single, or above \$18,000 but less than \$25,000 if married, plus \$1,000 for each additional dependent. VA may provide hospital, outpatient and nursing home care in VA facilities to Category "B" veterans, if space is available.

CATEGORY "C" VETERANS

You are considered in Category "C" if you are a nonservice-connected veteran and your income is above \$20,000 if single, or \$25,000 if married, plus \$1,000 for each additional dependent. You must agree to pay a deductible amount for your care equal to what you would have to pay

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under Medicare. The Medicare deductible currently is \$492 and is adjusted annually. VA may provide hospital, outpatient and nursing home care in VA facilities to Category "C" veterans, if space is available.

You will be charged for the cost of care that you receive or \$492, whichever is less, for the first 90 days of care during any 365-day period. For each additional 90 days of hospital care, you would pay half the Medicare deductible. The most you could be charged for hospital care in a 365-day period is \$1,476. For each 90 days of nursing home care, you would pay the Medicare deductible. For each outpatient visit, you would pay 20 percent of the VA outpatient billing rate (currently \$80), or \$16.

#### HOW INCOME IS ASSESSED

For purposes of determining your total income under the eligibility assessment, income includes social security, as well as supplemental security income; U.S. Civil Service retirement; U.S. Railroad retirement; military retirement; unemployment insurance; any other retirement; total wages from all employers; interest and dividends; workers' compensation; black lung benefits; and any other gross income for the calendar year prior to your application for care. The income of your spouse and dependents also is counted. Personal property, however, is excluded. You will not be required to provide proof of income beyond filling out form 10-10f at the time you apply for care.

In order to avoid hardship, VA medical centers may consider special circumstances in a veteran's financial situation and make an exception to the eligibility assessment.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Veterans will be subject to the new procedures on July 1, 1986, except in the following situations:

- \* A veteran receiving inpatient care prior to July 1, until inpatient treatment is completed or until the veteran's status changes and he/she begins undergoing a different type of treatment (for example, being discharged from outpatient care and later applying for inpatient care).
- \* A veteran receiving outpatient care prior to July 1, for a condition requiring continued care until September 1, 1986.

#### SUMMARY OF COPAYMENT DETERMINATIONS

##### CATEGORY "C" PAYMENTS

- \* Within each 90 day billing period the veteran pays no more than the Medicare deductible that was in effect on the first day of the 365 day period.
- \* For initial hospital admissions during the 365 day period, the veteran pays the lesser of the actual cost of care (1-day stays) or the Medicare deductible.
- \* For each additional 90 days of hospital care the veteran pays 1/2 the Medicare deductible.
- \* For each 90 days of nursing home care the veteran pays the Medicare deductible.
- \* For each OPT visit the veteran pays 20% of the OPT billing rate.
- \* Fee Basis - for each OPT visit the veteran pays 20% of the actual cost of the VA.

#### REMINDER FOR HOMEOWNING VETERANS

Homeowning veterans, seeking to escape high mortgage payments or merely selling their property for other reasons, should beware of buyers offering a convenient "quick fix" to the payment problem. Unless the VA has approved a Release of Liability for the veteran's GI home loan guarantee, the veteran is still responsible for the payments no matter what the buyer may tell him.

VA investigators report that a number of area veterans who bought homes under the VA loan guaranty entitlement have been victimized by an "equity skimming" fraud scheme. According to Sam Tiano, Honolulu VA Regional Office Director, the scheme works like this:

A veteran in financial difficulty, or attempting to sell, is approached by someone offering to buy the house by taking over the loan obligation. The veteran may even receive a small payment in exchange for signing a "quit claim" deed to the mortgaged property. The buyer asks only that the veteran move out immediately so he can rent the property as soon as possible.

A quit claim deed, however, does not make the purchaser legally liable for repayment of the mortgage.

If the purchaser (equity skimmer) does not pay off the loan, the veteran remains responsible for it. Unfortunately, it is often not until after a foreclosure occurs that the original veteran homeowner discovers his or her liability. Without a Release of Liability from the VA, the veteran is liable for any indebtedness based on foreclosure of the loan.

To avoid the pitfalls of equity skimming, a veteran planning to sell his VA-guaranteed loan-financed home should apply to the VA for a Release of Liability. If the loan is current, the purchaser is a satisfactory credit risk and has assumed liability to the mortgage holder and VA, the VA will release the veteran from his personal liability.

To apply for a Release of Liability, the veteran should request the necessary forms and instructions from the VA Regional Office that originally guaranteed the loan.

Tiano stressed that veterans facing financial difficulty should contact their lending institution first.

"The lending institution can work with the veteran and advise him on what he can and can't do," Tiano said. "The lender must also notify

the VA when a guaranteed loan is in default and we will make every effort to assist the veteran in saving his home. There are no quick fixes, but help is available," Tiano added.

#### VETERANS RECEIVE 1.5 PERCENT INCREASE IN DISABILITY CHECKS

Sam A. Tiano, Director of the Honolulu VA Regional Office announced that some 2.2 million veterans and dependents will benefit next month from a 1.5 percent cost-of-living increase in Veterans Administration disability compensation.

The rate boost, which will be reflected in VA checks issued December 31, 1986, resulted from legislation signed by President Reagan in October.

The rate adjustment means an increase from \$1,335 to \$1,355 per month for a single veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 100 percent. The new rates for other disabilities are: 90 percent, \$815; 80 percent, \$724; 70 percent, \$626; 60 percent, \$496; 50 percent, \$394; 40 percent, \$278; 30 percent, \$194; 20 percent, \$128; and 10 percent, \$69.

In addition to disability compensation, the 1.5 percent cost-of-living increase applies to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) paid to spouses and children of service persons who died on active duty and of veterans who died from service-connected illness or injuries.

#### LOCAL VETERANS HAVE UNUSED EDUCATION BENEFITS

Veterans in Hawaii may lose over \$8,100 each in education benefits. Many post-Vietnam veterans while on active duty, contributed up to \$2,700 into the Veterans Educational Assistance Act program. In order to qualify for benefits, they must sign up within 10 years after being discharged from active military service.

According to Sam A. Tiano the Director of the Honolulu Veterans Administration Regional Office, over 269,000 eligible veterans nationwide have yet to sign up.

"We do not know exactly how many Hawaii veterans may be eligible," Tiano said. "Some of them may have simply forgotten that they signed up for this program in the first place. Some may have changed their minds and do not realize that they can apply for reimbursement of their contribution. Either way, it would be a shame for a veteran who

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Junior Bowlers to play the game properly." The article also says Bruce, at age 15, was called the "Boy Wonder" of the late 60's. Appears Bruce, now manager of Ewa Bowling Center, was taught properly by father Tad, who was formerly manager of Kalini, Windward and Leeward Bowls. If you haven't seen Ann Fujiwara lately, she busted some bones! Let's hope she'll be able to hobble over to Victoria Inn for our Christmas Party. No further house and yard maintenance for Harold Ueoka, for Harold and Jane have moved into a condo on Prospect Street.

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I suppose this'll be the last time I'll have to remind you that our Christmas Party at Victoria Inn will be held on Sunday, December 13. See you there.

Those of you who have any question on the 1988 Reno affair, contact BRUNO. If you need any application forms, call him. Or leave word at 933 Wiliwili Street, mentioning that you wish to see him...Arriverdecchi.

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invitation by President Carter due to the boycott of the 1980 Olympics in Russia.

4. And, just recently, he was a very proud father when son, Burt, was accepted into George Washington University in Washington, D.C. to pursue his dream of becoming a forensic pathologist.

We will certainly miss him dearly -- this much loved husband, father, grandfather, relative and friend -- but, he left us a legacy -- warm memories of his caring and kindness. We are all blessed for having known Walter Jiro Nakasone. May the warm memories of having known him comfort us at this time. He was a champion amongst us. We shall carry on knowing that death is but a bridge for this champion, between the material to the spiritual; from earth to heaven.

Thank you.

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could benefit from this program to lose out because the time limit elapsed before he or she applied."

VA ASSISTS VETERANS WITH HOME LOAN PROBLEMS

The Veterans Administration wants veterans to know that they should seek VA's assistance if they have fallen behind in their GI home loan mortgage payments. "We can help the veteran to avoid losing the family home or equity in a home through foreclosure," says Sam Tiano, director of the Honolulu VA Regional Office.

The first step for a veteran experiencing mortgage payment difficulties, VA advises, is to contact the lender and make arrangements to bring the loan up to date. If an agreement with the lender cannot be reached, the veteran should ask for assistance from the nearest VA regional office.

VA counselors, after reviewing a veteran's financial situation, can sometimes develop a payment plan that will be acceptable to the mortgage company. As an alternative, VA counselors may advise the veteran to sell the property to protect the veterans equity.

When a veteran defaults on a VA-guaranteed loan, the VA may have to pay the lender a claim of 60 percent of the loan amount up to \$27,500. Defaults of VA-guaranteed loans have risen in recent years partly because of high interest rates in the early 1980's and partly because of setbacks in the agriculture and oil industries.

Tiano said some foreclosures during this period could have been avoided through agreements with the lenders or veteran-initiated sale of the property.


Veterans with home loan problems may contact the Honolulu VA Regional Office at 541-1000 from Oahu, 961-3661 from the Big Island, and 1-800-232-2535 from the other neighbor islands. Veterans on Guam should contact their veterans affairs office.

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