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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The recent Gulf War ended much faster than anyone expected; however, we are all happy that it did. We all hoped that casualties would be minimal; because any death is one too many. Probably there were some members who must have had some relatives in the Gulf War. I'm sure they were relieved when the hostilities ceased.

Now that March is here and with it, comes our anniversary banquet. This year's theme will highlight the sons and daughters of our members. We have a nucleus of sons and daughters, who are trying to establish a chapter in our organization. With the guidance of Ernest Uno, we hope that this group will increase and participate more actively in our 442nd Veterans Club activities. As more and more of our 442 members are aging, we need to encourage our sons and daughters to carry on after we are gone. We have a club house building with rental apartments and is valued at approximately a million dollars. The apartment rental income will provide sufficient revenue to finance the operations of a sons and daughters organization in the future. That is one obstacle that they will not to hurdle. We hope that they can work on matters which will reduce racial prejudice and other social injustices.

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By Mino Suzumoto

Reminiscing a bit about our last Christmas Party. Seventy three (73) Itemites and Itemites at heart appeared at that scene (Victoria Inn, Sun, Dec. 9): ARASHIRO, Ralph & Jeanette; ARATANI, Terry & Elsie; DOT, Hiram & son, Rodney, son-in-law DON YAMASAKI & Patricia and baby Chad; FURUKAWA, Walter & Jane; GONZALES, Ele; HANZAWA, Joe; HARIMOTO, Tommy; HAYAKAWA, Fred (guest); ISHIKAWA, Larry & Marian; KAMEDA, Donald & Barbara; KATO, Michi; KANAWAKI, Ralph & Mary; KOGA, Smitty, MATSUMOTO, Hide & Violet; MATSUMOTO, Shig & Joan; NAKAGAWA, Togo & Gloria; NAKAMURA, Masa & Helen; NARUSE, Edwin & Shirley; NISHIOKA, Bozo & Liz with her mom & 2 sisters, Dianne OGATA & Ted plus DALE PECK; OISHI, Fred & Evelyn (Program chairman); OKIMOTO, Patsy; OKUMA, Kenneth & Betty; OSHIRO, Mits & Sumi; OSHIRO, Richard & Nobu; SHIROTA, Mam & Margaret; SUZUKI, Champ (Gen'l chairman) with partner BELLA NAGATOSHI; SUZUMOTO, Mino (Decorations) & Dot; TARA, Clarence; TAKEKAWA, Kazu & Winnie; UMEDA, Tommy & Mari; WATASE, Harold & Frances; YAKUMA, Mits & Yuki; YAMADA, Bruno (M.C.) & Ellen; YAMAMOTO, Betsy; YAMASHIRO, Andy & Mae; YAMASHITA, Danny & Mary; MI-AJI, Bob (2 HQ).

Thankfully acknowledging donations received, relative to the occasion: GEORGE & DORIS TANDO

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(Co. E) again, in memory of kid brother, the late ISAMU TANDO (Chicago, IL.) KAZ & YO MUTO (Fairfield, CA., formerly of Suisun) continues with his gift, probably passing the 30th successive year mark; MASAMI ISO for his box of Swiss Colony products; YOSHIKO OSHIRO, contribution made in memory of her late husband SIDNEY who recently passed away while on a tour through Canada. And to the 17 other donors who were at the party, we are eternally grateful.

Would like to take the opportunity to convey my personal "Thank You!" to those of you who turned out early that Sunday, a.m. to decorate that spacious hall. Borrowing a cliché, it was a job well done! RALPH ARASHIRO; TOMMY UMEDA; CHAMP SUZUKI; TERRY ARATANI; KENNETH OKUMA; RICHARD & NIKI OSHIRO; BERT KATO (substituting for his dad, the late KIICHI KATO); TOMMY HARMOTO (also worked in "JIM YAMASHITA's Mini-Reunion" papers that evening in C.B.'s absence); and PETER NARUSE.

And once again, the food was one and the liquid stuff blended in well with the gala mood of the Holiday Seasons, creating an atmosphere of good will and close comradeship for everyone present.

TAD FUJISHIGE, back to Kaiser Hospital again missing all of the year's end festivities. Checking up and looking in on him at the Moanalua hillside establishment: BRUNO, MASA, HIRAM, MINO. Also, BILL NAGANUMA.

January brings us EDDIE YAMASAKI, aka YUKAWA, who had gotten married and left our islands over 26 years ago, to make a go in Japan. This "visit" of his has all the possibilities of turning into a more permanent "a prodigal son returns" sort of things. Happiest of all, I suppose, would be his somewhat ailing mom and his sister BEATRICE, residing in Nuuanu. Co. I hosted him to a china-meshi at Hee Hing on Kapahulu Ave. Managed to contact 20 or 30 somewhat "surprised" Itemites on a short 2 days notice. Mother YAMASAKI was so appreciative of our move that she donated 3 huge platters of sushi and I mean big 20 inch diameter ones, for pupu, during our January meeting, sending her son over with them. EDDIE left the following day for Houston and then to Denver, on business he said, before jetting back to the Land of the Rising Sun. Our prexy TERRY ARATANI received a recent communication from him and I'm taking the liberty of having it printed here, in full:

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February 4, 1991

The Guys & Gals of Company I,

Without question, the highlight of my recent visit back to the Islands was spending the time with you.

Words can't express how happy and appreciative I was with the warm Aloha extended to me. The gathering at the Hee Hing was something special - to be long remembered: the beautiful vanda lei (had not seen one like it in years?), the fine dinner (including beer!) and most of all catching up with so many.

I was very saddened to talk about those who are no longer with us and to learn of those who are ill. Mino and Hide, get well, and be amongst us for many more years!! I was so moved to see and hug Hide; how great it was for him to turn out.

The company meeting - wonderful to see so many present - and already preparing for another convention. A chance to see more of you.

My thoughts and prayers are always with you.

Warmest Mahalo & Aloha,

Eddie

The "another convention" he calls our attention to, in his 2nd to the last paragraph, of course, refers to JIM YAMASHITA's Mini Co. I Reunion in Reno, NV, come Oct 21-24, 1991. He has "officially" committed himself and so should all of us. I know, fate willing, I'll be there. C.B. SAKAMOTO is handling the details at this end for JIM (Ditto LIZ NISHIOKA for her group). So if you have any question, give Mr. SAKAMOTO a call.

To clarify a misconception held among some of our members, our annual Item Chapter dues is pegged at \$15. Have been since January 1, 1990, I've been advised.

So you consider yourself, the big wheel at home, boss of the household, king of the hill, supreme ruler of all you survey. So how come your daughter gets 70% of the mail, while 28% is addressed to your son and all you got left to sort out is the Social Security and Medicare related items? And as an added insult, all of your bills are paid by your wife?

During the interim: FRED & BEA MATSUMURA (Gardena, CA.) in town attending a nephew's wedding. My favorite transplanted kotonks promised to return in late March for the 48th Annual 442 Anniversary Banquet (and more important to FRED, the golf tournament that precedes it). They better be here. I've got their tickets.

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Dec/Feb 91. By Terry Ihara

Please bear with the writer as he opens this report by making apologies to an "old" friend for failing to recognize her contributions at the Kona Reunion in the last two issues of the Newsletter. More specifically I refer to YAE TAKEMOTO, the other half of the TSUNE TAKE-MOTO duo of Hilo. Everyone else was publicly thanked except YAE. The adage that one often misses the most important cue because of the "forest" was quite evident. Many years ago when this writer was a struggling teaching principal in a small school outside of Hilo, YAE was the school's part-time school secretary. There were two such small schools in the suburbs of Hilo and YAE was the secretary at both schools serving alternately, three days in one and two days in the other and vice versa. YAE not only helped her husband in managing the reunion but also performed an exquisite Japanese dance at the Chapter dinner. It is hoped that the admissions above will help YAE to still continue to be a friend of this writer.

The annual Christmas practice of honoring EASY dead resting in peace in the hallowed grounds of Punchbowl National Cemetery was completed with ease as ten individuals turned out for the undertaking. The group encountered one little problem in that a key member was a little late. The members who participated in distributing the pots of poinsettias were MASAMI DOI, DON MASUDA, WAICHI TAKEMOTO, TADAO YOSHIMOTO, S.T. OOKA, GEORGE TANDO, CHIK TESHIMA, CHICKEN YAMADA, TOMO UYEDA and this writer. Although this operation is performed twice a year it is still difficult to remember exactly the location of the plots of our buried dead.

Again this past year EASY'S annual Christmas Party was held at Zippy's Iwilei Hall of Catering Experience on December 11. It was a gala and yet somber affair with lots of door prizes and much good food. As usual Zippy's through TOMO UYEDA was most generous in providing extra services and gift certificates. The absence of the electronic wizardry of then ailing JOHN T. SUZUKI was most obvious. As usual PAKALA & BETTY TAKAHASHI came over from Lahaina with lots of taco pupuus which were devoured in no time. In all 45 were in attendance in what we may refer as to somber Christmas Party probably mindful of the uncertain times of the Arabian crisis.

In 7 months the WWII EASY COMPANY, 442nd RCT will meet in reunion in Seattle, Washington to celebrate the 48th anniversary of its founding in March 1943. The War that changed the lives of almost everyone of us, whether in service or out

but especially those of us in service, is almost fifty years old. It hardly seems possible that, that many years have passed since that spring day in 1943. For those of us from Hawaii the war made it possible for Hawaiians to become full fledged citizens of the country for whom we shed blood in war. It has resulted in active and full participation of Hawaiians in the full gamut of activities as full fledged Americans, taking back seat to no one. For that matter we have an associate, from EASY, who sits in one of the highest elected offices in this country--Senator DANIEL K. INOUE, a very senior member of the United States Senate and a man his war time buddies still refer to as DAN. As important a man as he is Senator DANIEL INOUE has never forgotten his buddies and as busy as he is, he has always made time for the comrades with whom he served in war. Incidentally the Senator is expected to be in Seattle for the reunion in August.

EASY HAWAII will be represented in Seattle by the following already registered individuals and couples: CHARLES & HIDEO ARAKAKI, EDWIN & LEATRICE GOYA, JAMES & SETSUKO HAMASAKI, TERUO IHARA, BOBBY MAEDA, NEKA & HAZEL MATOI, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, S.T. & JUNE OOKA, SABURO & TOKUE OUCHI, LEPTY & KAY SUGIHARA, HARRY TACHIBANA and friend NORA MAEDA, TSUNE & YAE TAKEMOTO, GEORGE & DORIS TANDO, CHIC AND PATSY TESHIMA, TOMO & MARY UYEDA, NOBU & BETTY YONEDA and TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO. Others planning to go but not yet registered are: WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, CABBIE FUJINO, JUNO & MAY KANESHIGE, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, CHICKEN & ROSE YAMADA and SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE and from Maui: Mr. & Mrs. MASANAO HASEGAWA, SHIGEO IWAMASA, HAROLD & WINNIFRED KISHABA, HIDEO MIZUKI, PAKALA TAKAHASHI, BEN TAKAYESU, TOSHI & RUTH ANZAI, and AYATO KIYOMOTO. Counting those listed above show that 54 from Hawaii will be attending the REUNION. Following the Reunion, the group of fifty will be going all over the Pacific Northwest and RENO as individuals, small groups, and yet smaller groups of three couples or less. A group of twelve will be going to Alaska to see what the 49th State has to offer.

Last month EASY HONOLULU was prepared to go to Maui to honor an old friend and Top kick TOSHI ANZAI when a request came to cancel the affair due to an impending operation. TOSHI still has not, as of this date, had the operation due to the unavailability of his surgeon who himself underwent surgery. The cancellation was unfortunate but MACK & AIKO SHOJI of Seattle wasn't able to get refunds on tickets purchased so they did come to Hawaii anyway and did see TOSHI. On their way home to Seattle they spent

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

By Herbert Akamine

We received holiday greetings from Hana Masuda, Masa Nomura, Nellie and Joe Saito, Kimi Imamura, Sally Kazama, Aiko and George Minata, Fumi and Toshi Yasutake, Michi and Vic Izui, Kay Kaneshina, and Therese Sonnet. Toshi said he is still working on his second book part-time and it will take two years to complete. Checks of generous amounts were sent to the Medics by Masa Nomura and Aiko and George Minata.

John M. Nakagaki, age 76, died at Hale Nani Health Center on December 14, 1990. He was a retired Honolulu county road department worker. He is buried at the National Cemetery in Punchbowl. In service John was an independent, a loner. Sometimes he was disciplined for following his own instincts, deviating from regulations. He was one of the few Medics who dug a 6 x 6 foot hole in the ground at Shelby. Even during combat John took a leave on his own. When the 442 casualties mounted around Hill 140 in Italy he decided to take a rest leave. After a few days he reappeared on the front lines to resume evacuation of the wounded. Unlike the ordinary GI John sported a luxurious walrus moustache. Many others had to use eyebrow pencil to accentuate their moustaches for their portraits to send home.

Since we had no communication from him for some time, we had been wondering whether Albert Tsukayama had returned to the islands after retiring from his civilian U.S. Air Force position on Okinawa. A chance meeting with a fellow from Kealia, Kauai who has been working on Okinawa since 1954 gave us the answer. He told us that Albert has retired but is working at a golf course there.

Chiyo and Carl Miyabara went on another trip - this time to Egypt and Kenya, last Fall. Their African tour began in Cairo at the Egyptian Museum. They went by boat on the Nile to Aswan, Abu Simbel, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna, Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, and Deir el Bahari to view the wonders of ancient Egypt. Having been warned of syphilitic camels, polluted sands, and begging ragamuffin kids, the Miyabaras eluded them as much as possible. However, Carl could not elude a stomach disorder at the end of the Nile ride.

The Miyabaras flew to Nairobi, Kenya from Cairo. Then they rode a bus to Amboseli National Park in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro to see elephants, cheetahs, buffaloes, giraffes and other games. Next, they rode past the flame trees of Thika and pineapple fields to Samburu Game Reserve where they saw Grevy's zebras, giraffes, elephants, oryxes, crocodiles, leopards, and many kinds of

birds. Further on at Lake Nakuru they saw thousand of pink flamingos on the shore of the lake. The last stop was Masai Mara Game Preserve. Seen were lions, wildebeests, zebras, elephants, and rhinos. According to Chiyo's observations, not only the birds and beasts of Kenya were beautiful but so were the blacks they saw, who were mostly Kikuyu and Masai.

We continue the sketches on the mainland Medics who were present at the Kona reunion.

Joe Saito served as a Medic on a troop train from Mississippi to Virginia after the 442 left Camp Shelby. Fortunately no medical catastrophe occurred on the train for Joe to handle. After that trip he returned to the 171st in Shelby. In February of 1945 he was selected for medical administration training at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania and was commissioned a second lieutenant in July 1945. He was assigned to England Hospital in Atlantic City and later to Camp Crowder, Missouri. He was separated from service in September 1945. He remained in active reserve for six years then submitted his resignation. After active service he managed the family farm in Ontario, Oregon and retired in 1981.

Dr. Harry Abe completed his undergraduate studies at Oregon State. After receiving his medical degree from Marquette University he went to Seattle with hopes of settling there. But, because of the lingering prejudice there Harry went to New York and interned at St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn. He opened his private practice in Wantagh, Long Island. He classified his family practice as high middle class. He was also director of family practice at one of the Long Island hospitals. He said he has found no overt prejudice on Long Island. He is now retired. Last year he returned to the West Coast for a reunion of former Portland area AJAs.

Dr. Donald Nakashima spent two years at the University of Hawaii and another year at the University of South Dakota. He received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska in 1951. He was an Army doctor at Tripler Hospital in Honolulu and at Fort Lawton Hospital in Seattle. He did his residency at the VA hospital in Long Beach, California. In 1955 Donald began his own practice in Lodi, California. He retired in 1984. His patients were mostly white. He still does much medical volunteer work in Lodi.

It was back to the Queen Kapiolani Hotel's Japanese buffet for the Galician classmate and us for the thirteenth year. The mainlander cannot

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By Henry Chagami

The first Cannon Chapter meeting for 1991 was held at the Flamingo Chuckwagon Restaurant on February 8, 1991. In attendance were: Najo Yoshinaga, Margaret & George Tonaki, Andrew Kawamoto, Dykie Kunishige, Irene & Lincoln Maeda, May and Dr. Masaru Koike, Mary & John Mikasa, Bolo Mizukami, Mamo Morita, Ann & Takashi Muraoka, Charles Oda, Masami Ohara, Judy & Kazu Saiki, Norman Sato, Barbara & Tom Okino, Mabel & Kaoru Watanabe, Yukisada Oshiro and Henry Chagami. New Year's greetings were exchanged and cocktails were served before partaking in Flamingo's splendid buffet dinner.

As the newly installed president, John Mikasa called the meeting to order and introduced vice-president, Yukisada Oshiro, and secretary/treasurer, Lincoln Maeda. The meeting was turned over to Kazutaka Saiki, who gave an update on the Chapter's forthcoming reunion April 1-4 in Las Vegas. Kazu reported that about 50 mainlanders are expected to attend. Hawaii cannoners attending are: Natsuko & Henry Chagami, Mitsue & Kazuyuki Kudo, Irene & Lincoln Maeda, Mary & John Mikasa, Yukie & Tsuka Murakami, Ann & Takashi Muraoka, Akira Okamoto & friend Paul Shinagawa, Barbara & Tom Okino, Kazutaka & son, Leith Saiki, Rose & Tokio Shimizu, Mabel & Kaoru Watanabe, Mamo Morita, Bolo Mizukami, Norman Sato and Clara & Yoshio Terashima. Ethel & Dykie Kunishige are expected to be in Vegas a few days earlier. The Hawaii group will spend several days in Los Angeles before returning home. Travel is being arranged by European World Travel Service and Kazu Saiki is the coordinator for the Chapter.

Attending the 48th Anniversary Banquet of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team on March 23, 1991 at the Pacific Beach Hotel will be Mabel & Kaoru Watanabe, May & Dr. Masaru Koike, Reiko & Charles Oda, Andrew Kawamoto, Dykie Kunishige, Takashi Muraoka, Masami Ohara, Mamo Morita, Yukisada Oshiro, John Mikasa, Kazu Saiki, Bolo Mizukami and Henry Chagami.

Funeral services were held on February 8, 1991 for Mrs. Yayoi Takakuwa, mother of Reiko Oda, at the Nuuanu Memorial Park West Chapel. Mrs. Takakuwa was an elegant and very talented person. She instructed airline personnel in proper speech, demeanor and behavior in dealing with Japanese passengers. She was a gracious hostess to many groups, including Cannon Chapter in their mansion in Nuuanu. Mrs. Takakuwa lived a long and rewarding life. The private funeral service was attended by some cannoners and wives.

The following presentation is to compensate for the shortfall in news and to provide some information on our new officers. President John H. Mikasa, born in Lihue, Kauai, attended Kauai High School. After high school, worked a couple of years as a bookkeeper before entering the military service. He joined Cannon Company in September, 1944. Discharged in December 1946, he attended the University of Hawaii 1947-1951 and graduated as a civil engineer. While at the University, he joined the ROTC program and upon graduating received his commission. In September 1951 he was called to active duty and served in Korea, October 1952 to July 1953. He was discharged in August 1953. He served in the Army Reserves many years and retired as a Lt. Colonel. As a civilian he worked as an engineer for the Department of the Army for 30 years and retired in 1983. He then worked for the Transportation Department, State of Hawaii and expects to retire sometime this year. John's wife, Mary is a medical technologist and they have three children, Miles, Gail and Kay.

Vice-president Yukisada Oshiro, born in Lahaina, Maui, attended Lahainaluna High School. At age 19 years, joined the 442nd and was assigned to Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion before transferring to Cannon Company. He served in the 1st squad, 1st platoon under Sgt. Emoto and Lt. Gustafson. Upon discharge worked as an auto mechanic at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (1954-1963). He served in the Army Reserves at Fort DeRussy in 1963-1978. In 1968 he was called to active duty and served in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive as a Maintenance Officer. He returned in 1969 and served as Maintenance Officer for the 100th Battalion Reserves until his retirement. Yukisada's wife, Mary died in 1965. Their children are Diane and Cheri.

Secretary/treasurer Lincoln Maeda, born in Hana, Maui, moved to Lanai in 1934 and attended Lanai High School. Volunteered for the 442nd and was assigned to M Company before transfer to Cannon Company. Joined the gun crew in 3rd platoon under Sgt. Sugawara and Lt. Buirkle. Upon discharge, began auto mechanic apprenticeship program at Fort Shafter and continued at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard until completion. Worked at the Transportation Department in the Shipyard and later at the Navy Public Works Center until he retired in 1979. He was an active member of unit 1998, Federal Machinist Union and served as its secretary/treasurer. Lincoln's wife, Irene worked as a nurse at Hale Mohalu (Hansen disease hospital) and at the Waimano Hospital and Training School for retarded persons. She expects to retire soon. The Maedas have five children, Grace, Faith, Mary, Mark and Paul.

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RURAL CHAPTER NEWS By Kazuma Oyama

Rural Chapter's first meeting for 1991 was held at Dot's in Wahiawa on Friday, January 25, with the following members present: President Sam Kihara, Treasurer Yutaka Kajiura, Recording Secretary Futao Terashima, Corresponding Secretary Kenichi Sakumoto, Sam Imamoto, Edwin Imamura, Kazuma Oyama, Nobuo Takamori, Joe Usui, Raymond Kataoka and John Chinen. The above named officers and Vice President Gary Yamaguchi were all unanimously reelected to lead the club again. At the request of Dot's management we had to change our meetings from Fridays so the dinner meetings will be on the fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The Chapter held its annual Shinnen -enkaï on Friday, February 15, at the Pearl Country Club. Special guests were Rural 100th President Walter Iwasa and his wife Evelyn. The turnout was less than in previous years due to illnesses and other reasons. President Sam Kihara talked about the "ani-ki and otto-to" relationship between the 100th and 442nd and led in the karaoke singing of "Kita Kuni No Haru." Nobuo Takamori entertained with a couple of "magic" then joined Raymond Kataoka and Eddie Imamura in conducting the "kuchibiki" and bingo games.

War in the Persian Gulf. I hope it ends real soon because I have a step-grandson there in the army. And if the war stretches on and Congress reinstate the draft I have an 18 year old grandson who is already registered under the selective service law. I wonder if the army still requires memorizing the general orders - "I will walk my post, etc." If you've watched movies about the U.S. Calvary you'd realize that the general orders were meant for sentry duty in the fort and was of no practical value in combat. Rank and serial number will always be important for identification and pay purposes. Unlike in our days the army serial number is now the same as the person's social security number. This I learned from the Christmas card that came from our step-grandson. If you've been following the Gulf war you know that they now call the rations "MRE's" - meals ready to eat. Maybe it's nostalgia but I think "C", "K" and "D" rations sound better than MRE's and I still remember the delicious bacon that came with the "D" ration. I brought home a set of "K" rations in 1945. It now has some termite holes in it so maybe the cheese bar has turned into swiss cheese!

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS By Henry S. Kuniyuki

Chapter Secretary Takamori Miyagi's fine family is featured for this edition of the "Go-for-Broke" Bulletin. "Taka" has served many years as our permanent Chapter Secretary. A replacement member of "Charlie" Co., 442nd Regimental Combat Team, he extended his service for one year after cessation of hostilities in Italy. Prior to the Regimental Colors returning home to Hawaii, Taka was shipped to Schofield Barracks in February of 1946. After assignment to an AA outfit thereat he ended his World War II service by guarding prisoners of war at a POW camp located then in the vicinity of the current Kalihi Shopping Center.

After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army he settled down with Kikuye Kaneshiro in March 25, 1950. Their son, Michael Takeo, studied electrician's trade at Honolulu Community College. Michael served his apprenticeship with Wase Electric Company. As a journeyman electrician Michael worked for several electrical contractors before being employed by the City & County of Honolulu Building Department. Michael married Deborah Kwai-Yoon Lum in September, 1978. Debbie is employed as an executive secretary for the Campbell Estate. Michael's family consists of three children. Brandon Morio is eleven years old; sister, Jodie Mei Lin Mari is eight years old; and younger brother, Ryan Michael will be three years old in 1991. Both Brandon and Jodie attend school at Alva Scott Elementary. Brandon, who loves math, has been tested for possible enrollment at Iolani or Maryknoll.

Taka retired as a maintenance painter for the Sheraton Hotel Chain in Honolulu after working thereat for a period of twenty one years. His wife, Kikuye, was employed for twelve years as manager of the 33-unit Seaview Apartments owned at that time by Chapter member, Morio Omori. Since their retirement both Taka and Kikuye have been travelling extensively. Their latest trip taken last October covered the deep South.

Taka keeps himself healthy by walking briskly daily for nearly two hours. As grandparents both he and Kikuye babysit Ryan during week days. They also enjoy watching Brandon and Jodie participate in Little League soccer and baseball games. Chapter members sincerely appreciate Taka serving faithfully as our Chapter Secretary.

From a "potpourri" standpoint the Livorno Chapter has been meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at the Likelike Drive Inn. Invariably

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the dinner discussions seem to center on Chapter members health problems. This brings to mind an article which appeared in a church bulletin which read as follows: "You Know You're Growing Older When: Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work. You feel like the morning after, and you haven't been anywhere. Your little black book contains only names ending with M.D. You look forward to a dull evening. You join a health club and never go. You need your glasses to find your glasses. You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going. Your knees buckle but your belt won't. You have too much room in the house, and not enough in the medicine chest. YOU WONDER WHY MORE PEOPLE DON'T USE THIS SIZE PRINT".

Jerry Torao Yamamoto was interviewed as part of the Human Interest Program on KZOO. The broadcast, which was heard on December 17, 1990, was arranged by KZOO's General Manager Murakami. The interview conducted in Japanese centered on Yama's community services and his POW experience during World War II.

Tsugio "Butch" Sakai and his wife, Janet, had an extended visitation with their daughter, Lauren, at Misawa Air Force Base in Aomori Prefecture from March to June, 1990. Lauren's husband is the Deputy Engineer for the U.S. Air Force Base. Both Tsugio and Janet took advantage of the trip to visit various tourist sites in Nippon.

Several other Chapter members also travelled to the continental U.S. Jerry and Ethel Doi visited their daughter in Sacramento for an extended period. Raymond and Mimi had another fun trip to Las Vegas. Shizuo and Clara had plans to visit Las Vegas, San Francisco and Stockton starting at the end of March, 1991. Minoru Nagasako said that he may be again taking another business trip to Japan.

According to a news clipping received from Los Angeles there seem to be quite a controversy regarding a proposed monument to Japanese-American soldiers who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. The heading read: BATTLE ZONE --- Veterans' Groups Disagree About Who Should Be Listed on a Proposed Monument to Japanese-American Soldiers. One group wanted only the names of those killed in action to be listed on the monument to be erected in "Japan Town" in Los Angeles. The opposing group desired the monument to list the names of all veterans who served overseas during World War II. I understand the latter group won the issue by a slim margin. In order to ascertain the feelings of

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By Yori Inouye

Community Service

Some of our Chapter members showed their true Christmas spirit by delighting patients at Oahu Care Facility with lively entertainment on Tuesday, December 11, 1990. The group performed as the Hui Ohana Serenaders led by Ray Nosaka of Club 100 and joined by other members of the 442 Ukulele and Hula Club and Baker Chapter Ukulele Club of Club 100. The audience comprising mostly of wheelchair patients was a very appreciative group that really enjoyed the singing and dancing. And the performers all got a good feeling of satisfaction in bringing so much joy to the patients. Mike members in this group were Grace Yamashiro, Alice and Ralph Tomei, Jimmy Kanemori and David Umeda. Nice going!

Christmas Party

A good group, fifty two strong, turned out to exchange best wishes for the yuletide among members on Sunday, December 16, at the Club house. Present were: Norio and Mary Akutagawa, Tadao and Alice Beppu, Mamo and Edith Furuya, Hatsuko Gushiken, David and Kiyoko Gushiken, Barney and Esther Hajiro, Sidney and Nancy Hashimoto, Shige and Yori Inouye, Sueo Iwamoto, Ernest and Dorothy Kamisato, Jimmy and Frieda Kanemori, Tommy Kikuchi, Eiichi Matsuda, Yoshinobu Matsushima, Melvin and Mildred Kunishige, Haruko Obara, Frank and Nancy Nomura, Wally and Priscilla Nagao, Richard and Edith Nariyoshi, Walter Nishio, and Yoko Hirayama (guests of Nariyoshi's), Thomas Sakamoto, Ralph and Mitsue Shishido, Shigeo Sorakubo, Paul and Yuki Takiguchi, Ralph and Alice Tomei, Edward and Betty Tomikoshi, Toshio and Emi Tsuji, David and Janet Umeda, Jack and Hazel Yasuda, and Hiroshi and Grace Yamashiro.

The evening started off with a cordial cocktail hour followed by a sumptuous Chinese dinner (mm!).

Melvin Kunishige, President, opened up the business portion with announcements:

Paul Takiguchi is 3rd Vice President elect for 442 Club and will be installed at the annual banquet on March 23rd. Chapter members are encouraged to attend the banquet to show our support for Paul as he assumes this position.

Upon recommendation to the Board of Directors of the 442 Club to have our friend Jean Bianchetti of Vagney, France be recognized for contributions he made in honor of the "Samurai Yankees," the Board moved to forward a letter of appreciation to Jean. During Jean and Renee's

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visit here last July, Jean was honored by the Hawaii State House of Representatives with a Certificate expressing gratitude for his contributions. Upon their return to France, Jean forwarded a copy of this Certificate to us; he wished to share the honor he received with friends of Mike Chapter. The Certificate is quoted below following this article.

Officers for 1991: After a long and heated race for the office of President, Melvin Kunishige was reelected as President. Shigeo Inouye was reelected as Treasurer without opposition.

Edward and Betty Tomikoshi graciously provided use of their karaoke machine which enabled our talented folks like Emi Tsuji, Mitsue Shishido, Betty Tomikoshi, Mamo Furuya, and guest Walter Nishioka to render their favorite karaoke selections.

Santa had some extra special treats for a few of us who were really really good. To the tune of "Jolly Ole St. Nicholas" Santa, played by Ralph T, doled out all the goodies. Jimmy K. got a set of teeth; David U. got a head of hair; Yori got a negligee, one that's hot and sexy; Grace Y. got a Cadillac so she could trash her Ford; Janet U. got to be a blond so she could have more fun; and Alice T. had the shortest one (?).

It was fortunate bingo prizes were pretty well spread out among those present this year, unlike some years where only a few get too lucky and leaving the rest of us sucking fingers. Everybody went home with plenty of nice door prizes.

Frank Nomura and David Umeda again deserve credit and our thanks for putting it all together for our pleasure. We also acknowledge the generous donations made by the following and express our thanks and appreciation for them: Three cases of Lipton products from Ann Nomura (daughter of Frank and Nancy Nomura); four cases of avocado and banana from Thomas Sakamoto; a case of beer from Wally Nagao; somen salad from Emi Tsuji; a Delite cake from Mildred Kunishige; two large cans of cookies from Betty Tomikoshi; a case of beer and three pots Poinsettia from Richard Nariyoshi; seven pots of blooming orchids from Jack Yasuda; tangerines from Alice Tomei; and nine 20 lbs. bags of Rice and large container of andagi and anpan from Barney and Esther Hajiro.

Certificate to Jean Bianchetti

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WHEREAS, the true essence of the "Aloha Spirit" is epitomized by those individuals who selflessly demonstrate their sense of honor, their determination, and their God-given talents to promote cultural identity, racial harmony, and peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, by exhibiting the utmost bravery in liberating France and Italy from the oppressive regimes of Hitler and Mussolini during World War II, the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, comprised of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from the Territory of Hawaii, has been designated as the most highly decorated unit in the history of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the tremendous sacrifice the soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team bestowed upon the citizens of France and Italy, JEAN BIANCHETTI has chosen to honor and immortalize these courageous "Samurai Yankees" by erecting monuments shaped by his own hand and paid for by his own funds at San Angelo, Theohdice, Italy, and Biffontaine, France; and

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The House of Representatives of the Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii hereby expresses its deepest gratitude to JEAN BIANCHETTI for reaching out to the surviving members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and touching the hearts of the People of Hawaii, and extends to him its warmest ALOHA and best regards for continued success in all future endeavors.

The 15th Legislature

Signed by: David J. Kihano, Speaker of the House
The Chief Clerk
Tom Okamura, Sponsoring Representative

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Condolences

We express sincere sympathy to the family of David S.K. "Geman" Morita of Kapaa, Kauai who passed away recently. Morita was retired from C. Brewer and Co. as a truck driver. He is survived by his wife, Hong Nang, two children and grandchildren.

Etcetera

"Better late than never!" Bill Okazaki of Norwalk, CA wrote as he sent belated season's greetings and thanks to all M Co. friends for the hospitality and friendship during the Kona Reunion. Bill also included a generous gift for our Chapter treasury. Thanks much! It was good to see Bill again in February when he was around on a short golf tour. With the nice suntan he had he was not only looking good, but good looking too!

David and Janet Umeda had a lovely surprise on Christmas day--they became grandparents for the second time when their daughter Audrey gave birth to a beautiful girl, named Elizabeth Michiko. And being a dutiful grandma, Janet immediately left for Oakland to assume her baby-sitting duties. She'll be in Oakland for about six months but expects to return now and then for R&R and also so that we don't forget what she looks like.

Have you watched Mamo Furuya getting friendly with the girls recently? Well, some of us were beginning to think he had the hots for us until we learned he had injured his left eye in a fall at work. And all that time we thought his left eye was winking at us. We're glad to know the eye is getting better, but we'll miss the winks; Mamo.

Emi Tsuji had recent cataract surgery but that didn't keep her from taking a stellar role in a skit, titled "Kibibatake Koi Mono Gataru," performed by her group at the Karaoke Matsuri held at Farrington High School Auditorium on March 3rd. Her group walked away with a nice trophy--well done, Emi!

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By Charles Watanabe

The first meeting of the year in January was held at...you guessed wrong...not at the club house, but at the residence of Sam and Michi Sasai, our new president for the year 1991 and until he's told to retire before he becomes a permanent fixture. We can endure, but can he?

Anyway it was very generous of Sam and Michi to donate their time and talent in gourmet expertise to make this a very "traditional" Shimen En Kai. I must say "traditional" because all the food you saw served at the table were usually prepared for New Year's feast. Same and Michi take a yearly trip to Japan in December to indulge in buying spree in preparing for New Year celebration. That is what the socially elite do for what they call "fun."

When arriving at the Sasai's residence and entering its tea house, one is greeted with a traditional "otoso." If you're not familiar with the word otoso, let me explain it to you.

"Otosu" is a drink flavored with spices and medicinal herbs, offered on New Year's morning to family, relatives, and friends. Spices to ward off evil spirits and Herbs for medicinal power, health, happiness, etc. Lots more to it but enough for now, so we don't feel too naive about it. "How come I know so much?" My information bureau is a well seasoned scholar who can tell you where Ewa plantation used to be. Yes, none other than Shigeru Goto. The entire evening was made possible through the generosity and compliments of the Sasai's, and also, whoever felt like donating to fatten the treasury for the 50th reunion in 1993 was welcomed to do so. No arm twisting or looking at each other. The evening was spent talking and a short meeting was held. Indeed, a memorable Hq 3rd 1991 Shimen En Kai.

We are now into the month of February and the meeting was held at the club house. Let me give you an idea of our club membership on meeting nights. Present were Sam Sasai (president), Emi Uno, Sam Furuya, Hajime Matsuura, Charlie Watanabe, Frank Ishikawa, Shigeru Goto, Bill Kuwata, and Takeshi Nakamura. Our usually ever-present David Kaiura was on a trip to Japan. Also missing was Harold Mikuni who suffered a broken arm; hope he's all right.

Discussions were held on the coming events. Sam laid out each month's event, and whatever needs to be done, socially or otherwise. Of course, month of March is the 48th Anniversary of the 442nd at the Pacific Beach Hotel-Grand Ballroom. May is Memorial Day, a SOP, ending with a relaxing potluck dinner at the Matsuura's.

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Another thing on the agenda (addendum) was a trip to Las Vegas in April, a Sam Sasai led affair. Interested, anyone?

I may have to go backwards in time and date. Not too far back, just to December 1990.

Hq 3rd had its annual Christmas party...this time at the DAV Kakesako Hall. It was an unusual affair because unlike previous years, the children and grandchildren were included. Of course, we still have grandmas and grandpas still changing diapers. What with all the kiddies running around, it's a good thing we had a clown with a magic show to keep them busy. Of course, our ever-reliable Santa Claus did make his appearance to top the event. Otherwise how are the children going to be fascinated and attracted to the next Christmas party.

That's it and little bit more about dis and dat...and like I said da kine.

Apologize to whoever told me earlier but forgot to make mention sooner that Ernest Teruji, who was residing somewhere on the mainland, had passed away. That's all the information I have. Nil.

Bill and Yaeko Kuwata are going on a trip to Las Vegas again. The investment must be very good over there. Like I said, this is pastime for the elites. David Kaiura is again away enjoying Japan.

Don't hear the four tycoons talking about another trip on the cruise ship...are they running out of places to visit? They have been on a Scandinavian, Mediterranean, and Caribbean cruise so far. Maybe a trip to South Pacific is in order.

Nothing more worth mentioning so guess I da kine pau for now. Regards to our kotonk friends: Shig Matsufuji, Kat Sato, Horse Tadakuma, to mention a few. How about Murphy in Kona...how about dat? "Happy New Year" to them all.

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By Larry Ishida

The time has come to change the regime from West to East within a very short year. 1990 led by HERBIE ISONAGA and his staff did an outstanding job which all of us enjoyed every scheduled event and particularly for those who participated in the Kona Reunion, they will forever cherish the comradeship and warmth of fellowship at this event. I should mention again that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all because of the generosity and excellent planning by BILL THOMPSON.

Xmas Party was celebrated on December 8, 1990 at the Clubhouse. Present were: Sakamotos, Sugais, Teraokas, Isonagas, Hisako Higuchi, Bill Thompson, Okemuras, Nishimuras, Joyce Masunaga, Tomasas, Watanabes, R. Nakamura, Hayamas, Yamamotos, Lippy Higuchi, Saruwataris, Aileen Yonemori, Frances Sato, and Ishidas. Special thanks to MORISO for the delicious food, SAKAMOTOS for the many gifts, LARRY & KAZU for providing the Music, and HERBIE's PEARL CITY gang for the Pupus.

The East regime of elected officers are: PRESIDENT, T. HAYAMA, VP, K. TOMASA, SECRETARY, L. ISHIDA, TREASURER, BOTCHAN OKEMURA. Installation Dinner was held at the Golden Inn on January 12; attending were: Hayamas, Hisako Higuchi, Lippy Higuchi, Isonagas, Okemuras, Nakamuras, Sakamotos, Teraokas, Saruwataris, Thomasas, Bill Thompson, Watanabes, Nishimuras, Frances Sato, Aileen Yonemori, Joyce Masunaga, Sugais, and Yoshi Sugi. Members were very happy to see YOSHI SUGI fully recovered from surgery to his back.

February meeting was hosted by R. NAKAMURA and QUANTO. Present were: Hayama, Quanto, Sugi, Sugai, Tomasas, Nishimura, Okemura, Sakamoto, Isonaga, Lippy, Scully, Shimizu, Teraoka, and Ishida.

Being this report is my first for 1991, I wasn't certain I could report but a mere half page. However, my concern was for naught for our PRESIDENT TOSHI HAYAMA came to my rescue and submitted the following:

I was asked to write about my first day experience in combat, but I will start from the day we left the continental U.S. and few other experiences I had while in service.

We left Camp Patrick Henry at Newport News, Virginia in May 1944 and were loaded on a Victory Ship built by Kaiser Shipyard. Many of us were seasick for several days, but poor Kinsei Uehara was sick right through the trip. After many many days of sailing due to the evasive route the convoy took, we finally entered the Mediterranean Sea and saw the famous Rock of Gibraltar as we

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passed by. Our ship went to Oran, Africa, but the rest of the convoy went to Italy.

We landed in Oran and were trucked somewhere out in the desert where the sun did not set till after midnight. This was my first such experience to be in a place where the day was so long. Many of the boys who went to the outdoor theater to see a movie did not come back till the wee hours of the morning since the show did not start till it was dark.

After several days, some of us were sent just outside of Oran and were assigned to the port guard duties. The natives who worked as stevedores were mean looking and wore layers of dirty clothes. We were afraid to search them as they passed through the gates. They easily could have hidden lot of things under their layers of clothing without any conspicuous bulges. Those soldiers who were doing guard duties on board the ship said they have seen many empty cigarette cases floating in the harbor.

I walked through the town of Oran with a bunch of boys one day. The streets were narrow, dirty, dark and even the Red Cross canteen was located in a dark unlighted room. They served only warm sodas. I felt very uncomfortable and sort of scared so this was my first and last trip to Oran town.

From Oran we boarded a British ship to Naples which took us couple of days. On board with us were some Arab or Moroccans whose sanitary habits were just awful. One thing I can't forget on this trip was the breakfast. They served us dried fish and tea. I don't remember what I ate for lunch or dinner.

From Naples we boarded a ship, I think, to Civitavecchia, to catch up with the rest of the combat team. From here we were moved to more forward assembly area.

On the first morning we were deployed into action, I was detailed by Sgt Larry Ishida to remain with the telephone switchboard operator since all the linesmen from the wire section were assigned to support the line companies, and the forward and rear command posts.

Harold (Titi) Yonemori, switchboard operator, and Tad Uehara, jeep driver, were previously informed how to catch up with the rest of the company. Soon after the companies moved out, Titi was instructed to close the switchboard and move forward. We loaded the switchboard on the jeep and started to rejoin our company. As we drove

by a small village, we were greeted by the cheering villagers as though we were liberators. Just as we passed the village, we came across a first German soldier. Fortunately he was dead. We saw more dead German soldiers along the way, but there were no sign of our troops. Titi said, "I think we took the wrong road" so Tad turned the jeep around and went back the same road through the village and drove till we came to a road junction. Here he made a left turn and finally found the rest of the company. Titi and I parted the company here and I rejoined the Message Center.

The rear Command Post was a big group. It consisted of Maj. Conley, Battalion Executive Officer, Company Commander, Capt. Ensminger, Battalion Operations Officer, Battalion Sgt. Major, Battalion Clerk, Operations Sgt., Company 1st Sgt Communication Platoon with part of the Wire Section, Radio Section, Message Center, two messengers from each of the companies in the battalion, Company Basics, part of Anti Tank and Ammunition/Pioneer Platoon. We all walked along the country road till we came to a small dry river. Here we stopped to have our lunch. We all sat on the shady side of the river bank having a grand time watching the Germans on hillside some distance away as we ate our lunch. (We forgot all about the tactics and training we had and were in full view of the enemy.) It seemed as though the Germans were trying to figure out how they can drive their jeeps and motorcycles through the olive groves. As we were enjoying our lunch and the scenery across us, the Germans must have realized that there were some sitting ducks along the river bank. They started their artillery. Maj. Conley said "Let's go up the river where the trees could give us some cover." The Germans must have sensed our plan and started to lay their artillery fire along the river from where we were to where we were heading. Some of us stopped at about 100 yards from the road while the others continued further up the stream. (Later someone reported that Capt. Ensminger and six enlisted men were killed when an artillery shell burst near them. I don't know how far upstream they were.) We started to dig in on the riverbed, but it was so hard with rocks that it was impossible. We all looked for a soft spot to dig our holes and were crouched in the streambed until dark. Then the Major told us to run across the open field and assemble on the road on the far end of the field. When we all made it across the field, we were regrouped and retreated in the dark. It was so dark, we couldn't see more than few feet away. After a long long walk, we finally found the rest of the battalion. It seemed like an eternity.

I found out later that if it wasn't for the brilliant maneuver by the 100th Battalion, we may be still retreating. Col. Pence committed the

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100th Battalion when the 2nd and 3rd Battalions were stalled and pinned down. The 100th Battalion drove between the two battalions and seized the high ground around Belvedere and assaulted the flanks and rear of the enemy and captured many prisoners and all their arms and equipments. For many days the boys in the 100th enjoyed the fruits of their hard work and rode around the captured jeeps and motorcycles. For this outstanding performance in defeating the enemy forces at Belvedere, the 100th Battalion was later awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

After serving in Italy and France, the Army started to send us home for discharge according to points. (time of service, awards, citations, purple hearts, etc.) Most of the members from Hawaii who did not receive any individual awards were in the last group except for those who have elected to remain for personal reasons. We boarded a ship in Naples, Italy to Newport News, Virginia in November 1945 and rode the train to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. While we were in Camp Kilmer waiting for orders to fly to California, someone found a hole in the fence so we all went through the hole, caught a taxi to the train station and went to New York City. We spent some time in New York City without an authorized pass.

Before I was scheduled for my flight to California, I requested a three-day pass to visit my friend in Cleveland, Ohio and was approved by a Captain. The very night I came back from the three-day pass, I was put on a flight to the West Coast. We flew from New Jersey to Tennessee, Texas and overnight stay at Palm Spring, California. Next morning we flew to Camp Beal, California. I didn't know that the original flight that I was scheduled to take had crashed into the mountain in Southern California and was listed missing. When I met my friends at Camp Beal they scolded me for not letting them know that I was fine and was in one piece. During my leave, I didn't have a chance to read the newspaper or listen to a radio so I was so surprised to hear about the accident, but was very happy and thankful that God had spared my life. Tokuo Kaneshige, the only other member from our company on this flight was injured and spent several months in the hospital before he was sent home for discharge. Tokuo told me later that a sailor from the State of Washington who took my place was among those killed in the crash.

We boarded a ship at Oakland, California for our final leg to Ft. Kanehameha, Oahu. All my service records were lost in the plane crash. Luckily I knew what was in my service record since I have previously helped the company clerk, Tom Hatsuano, update the service records for the members of our company. My record was almost identical with most of the boys in our company. The clerk who processed my discharge papers used Jitsumi Yamakawa's

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Up Front

By Stanley Kaneshiro

If this gets to you in time, the 442nd 48th Banquet will be held in Waikiki again and at the Pacific Beach Hotel on March 23rd. The annual memorial service, a short one this year, will be incorporated in the banquet program. Entertainment will be by the 442nd Ukulele/Hula Club and the 442nd Uta No Kai Club. The annual golf tournament will be held at the Hickam Air Force golf course on March 22nd.

Christmas Party

This brief on the Xmas party is for those who missed getting to Victoria Inn on the 14th of December. Turnout for this party was one of the largest. 71 members, spouses and widows took part in the bingo and logo games, door prizes and other entertainment. The \$100 and \$50 door prizes were won by the Nagaredas and Ishimotos respectively. Uekas won the METS T-shirt raffle, the shirt was donated by Judge Daniel Valk of New York. Much thanks again to those who gave time and effort and made generous donations as usual; Walter and Martha Inouye for the favors and many, many other contributions; Mits and Ellen Kunihiro for the flowers and other contributions; Don and Chiyo Shimazu for their logo games and prizes; Joe Obayashi for the Xmas and other music of our time; Don Yagami, Rocky Tanna, Roy Okubo and a few others for handling the bingo games, drawings and prizes; Blackeye Mekaru for bartending; Jane Ueoka, Kay Hirayama, Kunihiros, Ishidas, Fujiwaras and Kaneshiros for the songs and hula dances; Jerry Ishimoto for the jokes; Mihos for their annual prize and so forth. If I missed any of you, excuse please.

1991 Chapter President Profile - Donald Yagami

As reported in the last Bulletin issue, our new Chapter President was to be elected at our Xmas party. After a few refusals by others, Don Yagami accepted the Chapter reins for 1991 when his name was called. Much mahalo Don and congratulations.

Profiling, in brief, some of our members had always been in my mind but when I started this with Don and queried him about his past, I found his life history must more interesting than envisioned and wondered how many others in our midst had just as much to reveal.

Don was one of two boys in a family of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Toraichi Yagami who lived in Lahaina, Maui and worked as a painter

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for the Lahainaluna Sugar Plantation. Don himself started working in the sugar cane fields, 'hoe hana', as soon as he reached the age of twelve, the acceptable or legal age then to work for the plantations. Every Saturday and all summer vacations were workdays for him, hoe hana, hapai ko, cutting cane and planting pula pula until his graduation from Lahainaluna High School in 1941. Restless and daring, as evidenced later many times, he traveled to Honolulu alone after graduation and stayed at the Honolulu YMCA while attending the Honolulu Vocational School learning to become an electrician. Without sufficient funds, however, he quit school after a couple months and went to work for American Can Co. While there and with the outbreak of the war, he tried to apply for a job with Hawaiian Electric but was informed by American Can that he couldn't leave his job there because it was classified as war essential. When the call for volunteers came out, for the 442nd, he was one of the first in line at the Washington Intermediate School reception center. After his arrival at Camp Shelby, Miss., he was assigned to the 522nd Hdqs. Battery and although he requested to be detailed to the survey crew, he was ordered to drive the command post (CP) truck. There, Don the restless and daring locked horns with Sgt Ishii but it wasn't until the Battalion reached Germany that they had him finally transferred to A Battery. Upon his return to Hawaii after the war and discharge from the Army, he started to work at Pearl Harbor as an apprentice electrician under the GI Bill. Listening to his card playing friends then about the adventures and opportunities with the occupation troops in Japan, restless again, he reenlisted in the Army to get to Japan. His visions of Japan, however was quickly sidetracked when he was offered a job at Fort Shafter bowling alley as a military man, most times in civilian clothes, and there was also Eileen Ige around who finally got him tied down in 1947. From 1946 to 1949 he perfected his bowling skills and became one of the better known bowlers in Honolulu, notably winning the all Army doubles championship on the mainland in 1949. His bowling glory and fun-filled days however ended abruptly in 1950, while on leave on Maui, when he was ordered to report directly to Schofield Barracks. There he was assigned to an artillery battalion preparing to ship out to Korea and was given little time to clear his office at Fort Shafter and his personal affairs at home. In Korea, he was in many of the horror stories that came out from that war; he was in Bloody Gulch, his artillery Battalion was wiped out, his battery lost all four guns to the enemy, he was in rescues and evacuations of wounded under fire, he drove trucks through rock-filled river beds under fire and so on. At

times, he thought of the 522nd, an incomparable and superior artillery battalion with men of trust and courage, maybe the 522nd wouldn't have been pulverized as they did in Korea. With the end of the Korean war, he was back at Fort Shafter, also spending one of those years with the troops defending South Korea. He then took his family to Germany in 1959 for three years where he served as an artillery instructor. On his return to Hawaii in 1962, he was assigned a plush KMC (Big Island) Camp tour and recreation supervisors job. With the emergence of the war in Viet Nam, he decided in 1967 not to stretch his luck, that two wars was more than enough, and retired as a Sgt First Class with 24 years of service. This however didn't end his working career as he spent another 17 years with Hawaiian Telephone Co., beginning as a repairman and retiring in 1985 as an office computer specialist. With his final retirement, he now plays golf five days a week, privileged at Army golf courses, and indulges in woodworking of all sorts with an estimated \$10 K in woodworking equipment and tools. Don and Eileen live on Rooke Avenue, upper Puunui, next to one of the Oahu Country Club fairways and in a three bedroom house they purchased in 1950 and to which they have added another two bedroom unit. They have two married daughters, one son and four grandchildren. Don also spends much time and effort for the B Chapter Golf Club, maintaining rosters, schedules scores, handicaps, funds, etc. for which we golfers are most appreciative.

Chapter Golf (by Rocky Tanna)

December 17th at HCC. Twenty members participated in this Xmas shoot-out. The weather was on the not side with lots of water puddles, fairway ponds and bunkers like fish ponds, and many balls were lost in them.

Despite the miserable conditions, and playing winter rules, Milton Uchigaki shot 88-21= 67 and won overall. He also won the first monthly ace for the fiscal year December 1990 to November 1991.

Following winners were awarded cash prizes: Milton (67), George M. (70), Rocky (70), Kats (71), Don Y. (72), Walter (73) and Tom M. (73). Par three winners were: Teiji, Kaneth, Flint and Kats.

January rained out

February 11th, Kalakaua. Sixteen members turned out in rainy weather that cleared at time of tee-off. Kats Miho came out to golf but decided not to play in the rain. Once again, Milton Uchigaki won overall and the February ace with a 90-20 net 70. Joe Obayashi took the front nine with a net 32½ and Akabo Takasaki the back with net 34½. Par three winners were Don

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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS

By Alexander J. Oka

The March 9th chapter meeting at the home of Ralph and Grace Chinaka was like a mini-reunion with 19 members in attendance. President Masaji Kurozumi, Vice President Sam Yamada, Secretary James Miyake and Treasurer Ralph Chinaka and Ichiro Hasegawa, Mike Inouye, Takao Ito, Takemi Kajikawa, Yutaka Kajiwara, Allan Masuda, Toshio Nakanishi, Alex Oka, Robert Otani, Tom Tanai, Masami Tanabe, Tom Tanaka, Noboru Tanoue, Bill Toma and Yoshio Yatagai. Unable to attend the March 9th meeting but those who were at the February 9th meeting were Takuo Furuto, Edwin Imamura, and Terry Itaki.

Allan Masuda comes all the way from Waianae to attend the monthly meeting. At the February 9th meeting he treated the gang with a delicious butter chiffon cake baked by his wife. Edwin Imamura and Yutaka Kajiwara travel from Wahiawa for the meetings. They too, come to the meeting loaded with delicious Wahiawa pastries. Masami Tanabe also drives in from Mililani loaded with fruits from his backyard.

The names of Masami and Margaret Tanabe were left out of the previous bulletin on the camping at Mokuleia. This omission was embarrassing for the reporter because Tanabe is the person responsible for acquiring the beachhouse for the chapter. Good thing "Sashbrush" is an understanding person who forgave me for the blunder. Tanabe announced that reservation for the beachhouse has been confirmed for September 27, 28 & 29th. Plans are already being made for some special ono kaukau at the camp.

This writer is indeed fortunate that the Chapter President did not fire me from this reporters job for poor reporting. I sure hate to lose this job. Although the pay is not all that good, the fringe benefits are the tops.

Plans for a Mini-reunion in Las Vegas is still alive. Takao Ito will prepare a flier for the mini during the latter part of October. Fliers with more information will be mailed to all members. Plans for the Southwest National Park tour was postponed indefinitely due to the lack of time to make proper arrangements.

Herbert Sasaki of Hattiesburg called in response to the 36th Division Reunion group that will be visiting Camp Shelby on April 17th. He mentioned that the Colonel in charge of the Camp is pleased that members of 442nd will be visiting the camp. The old shacks in the 442 area are no longer there. That section is now an airport runways. In September the Camp was federalized

and was buzzing with activities. It seems that the mobile hospital units trained at the camp. In January they all moved out to the gulf war and the camp and Hattiesburg are back to normal.

According to Herbert Sasaki, the 100/442 Club of Los Angeles and the National Japanese American Historical Society are launching a drive to establish a monument and museum at Camp Shelby. Our comrades on the mainland realize the importance of such a monument and museum. They suffered from the interment during WWII and are determined that something like that will not happen again. They are doing everything possible to publicize the AJA participation in the war as Americans. All of us will benefit from their long range plans and their hard work.

Takemi Kajikawa has contributed photo copies of news articles on the C-47 plane crash in November, 1945. Three Service Company men were in that plane - T/5 Yutaka Kajiwara, T/5 Takemi Kajikawa and Cpl Isamu Kanekuni. One of the picture shows Kajikawa in bed looking at a newspaper held by Hideo Nakagawa.

Service Chapter is really fortunate in having many good members. One of them is Richard Chagami of Aiea. Richard, due to his health, cannot participate in chapter activities but has always remembered the "boys". Thanks Richard for your generous annual contribution of \$100. Take care of your health so that we can celebrate the 50th anniversary in 1993.

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service record with a notation that my service records were incomplete and information was supplied by me. I was discharged on the 24th of December 1945 after serving in the Army for 2 years, 9 months and 2 days. This was my best Christmas gift.

I'll never forget this experience in the Army and will cherish it forever.

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FUNDRAISER

By Allen Nakamura

It was a feeling of exhilaration to say the least, and very heartwarming to have so many of our members, families and friends that continue to take part in this, our 4th annual Xmas Fund Raiser for the Emiko Nakamura Scholarship fund and for "L" Chapter and LIKM Chapter 11. The fund raiser was held on Sunday, Dec. 9 at the DAV Memorial Hall. The generous donations received each year have made it a huge, huge success. When it was first started, the goal was to reach \$1,000. We have exceeded this figure each year by a substantial margin that the total received this year was \$2,500 plus! This meant that Emiko's Fund received \$1,496 and both chapters rec'd in excess of \$500 each. FANTASTIC!!

The first recipient for Emiko's \$1,000 scholarship, Ms. Lorraine Mito from Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Beta State Hawaii received her doctorate in education from Univ of San Francisco (USF) this past year. Lorraine is with the DOE Honolulu District Office and one of her duties is to supervise probationary teachers in the classroom. Her pursuit in furthering her education will certainly benefit the young teachers and ultimately the children of Hawaii.

We had the opportunity to meet Lorraine at our fund raiser, whereupon she impressed everyone on her experience while attending USF and her expression of appreciation for the scholarship. We also had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Dorothea Lennon, an appointee of Emiko as the Financial Chairperson for Beta Beta State and who vowed to carry on in this capacity till Emiko's dream of recruitment grants and scholarships, etc., are fulfilled from the Emiko Nakamura Fund.

To have a better understanding of our donations as Dorothea had explained at the previous fund raiser, this is a good opportunity to follow up on it. The Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Beta State Hawaii is a professional organization of educators of which Emiko was the state president for the biennium 85'-86' years when she took ill and passed away in 86'. The executive board of Beta Beta State established the Emiko Nakamura Fund from my initial donation of \$250. In the following years, we have donated \$500 to this fund with \$500 kept in reserve for future years. The donations was changed last year from the Emiko Nakamura Fund to the Emiko Nakamura Scholarship to be awarded annually to qualified candidates for masters, doctorates, etc. The amount

was also changed to \$1,000 scholarship. Emiko's fund also received \$500 from reserves previously held for this fund.

Kazuo Fink, the originator for the fund raisers deserves every bit of the accolades that has come his way, altho' he so many times said this is not a one man operation but it nearly comes close to that when you take into account the many things he does to prepare for the fund raiser. This guy, belittling father time makes contacts for donations at the start of the year soon after one fund raiser is over, many times at expense to him in reciprocating for the donations. Sometimes you wonder where he gets all the energy to keep it up for 12 months. Thank you Kazuo, our chapters owe you loads of thanks for helping to keep our treasuries in great shape. My thanks to you needless to say, is with affection for your dedication to Emiko's Scholarship Fund.

As Kazuo professed that this is not a one man operation, we are blessed with wonderful generous members, families and friends in the spirit of camaraderieship and much aloha and caring for the welfare of our chapters and the scholarship fund. Without your continued participation in attendance, time, money and donations, this project would not have succeeded. Our sincere thanks for all who have participated and my personal thanks for the warm remembrance of Emiko in support of the Emiko Nakamura Scholarship.

As though fracturing my ankle and a 2nd degree burn on my hand wasn't enough, I came down with a stomach flu (so the doctor had it diagnosed) and light headedness which made it difficult to get up and a relapse of this ailment of all day on Dec. 9, the day of the fund raiser. This certainly wasn't what I had in mind for 1990. Hopefully all this is in the past. Because of my condition that morning, I wasn't able to help in decorating the hall but I was able to be there in the afternoon having felt much better. The information I got was that the usual kitchen crew worked awfully hard preparing the oishi chicken hekkas as the main dish for the nights event. (Kuro Tomasa, Kila Haraguchi, Joe/Nancy Oshiro, Betty Nakahara, Paul/Yuki Takiguchi). Boochy Leong made the center piece; Victor/Timmy Yamashita strung the colorful paper rings; Jacob/Terry Jichaku, Hide Nakayama, Wilfred Leong all around helpers; Yoshiji/Betty Aoki brought the Manoa red gingers and Kazuo Fink set up the auction items. Casey Kasadate altho' not able to be present for the dinner, brought the beer early in the morning to be chilled in the ice purchased by Victor.

Terry Jichaku who tirelessly contact the members each year for the dinner count, again was

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very helpful to me in listing the donors of desserts. Otherwise, it'll be one helluva' mis-information of who brought what. Thanks Terry! It's a compliment to all the ladies who took much time to prepare their favorite dessert, by the lineup waiting patiently for their turn at the dessert table. This becomes especially so when you see the makeup of the lineup--calories becomes secondary, temptations hard to control with the delicious, oishi display of desserts, better than KYO IGHI RIN! (Flower of Kyoto). Oh well, we can all eat less the following day. Ha!

These are the ladies responsible for the watering desserts: DORIS ISHIDA, Baklava; Peanut Butter Cookies. GRACE UNO, Pumpkin Pie; Pecan Pie. LANI MATSUURA, Jaboticaba Jelly. BETTY AOKI, Surinam Jelly. NANCY OSHIRO, Fruit Cake. GENNY MATSUMOTO, Mochi. BETTY NAKAHARA, Fruit Cake. TERRY JICHAKU, Apricot Cake. MITSUE SHISHIDO, Fruit Bars. YUKI TAKIGUCHI, Chocolate Fruit Cake; Tsukemono. HILDA TAKIYAMA, Jello. MARIAN MATSUMURA, Tsukemono. BOOTHIE LEONG, Mochi. Thank you ladies, you are all a gem that we all love you!

We are so fortunate to have members and friends who are able and willing to generously donate various quality items each year for the auction. Members such as Tommy Kakesako, Lawrence Fujii, Isa Takiyama, Hide Nakayama, Kazuo Fink, John Fink (son of Kazuo) and this year we had Betty Aoki donating ladies bags, sport watch and picture frames.

Tommy besides a variety of novelties had Seiko Ladies Watch, Crystal Necklaces, Silver Bracelets, etc. Kazuo had all kinds of items from his contacts as: Rainbird Oscillating Sprinkler; Banana phone; AM/FM Digital Clock Radio; Talking Alarm Clock; Bulova Wall Clock; Casio Alarm Watch; G.F. Bracelets, etc. Hide, this year besides his beautiful Cattleya orchids had a display of knives that went very well in the auction. Isa, had a beautiful framed picture from Pacific Gallery. John, who was promoted to general sales manager at KHN-13 had dinner certificates from New Tokyo Restaurant (\$30-\$35); Tony Romas (\$30); A & A Diamond Jewelry Bros. (\$100); Pacific Beach Pagoda (\$50); Liquor Collection (\$25). Kazuo also had a \$500 ring from House of Adler. My daughter Cindy had a dinner certificate for 2 at the Halekulani Orchid Room. Lawrence again had plants just to name a few as Wax Ceiling Palm; Boston Fern; Aglaonema; Miles Lemmon; Ixora; Fish Tail; Red Leea; Pony Tail; A plant with the vase valued at \$50. All of the donated items are just a few mentioned in this article.

We have a separate table set up for anyone who wants to donate besides taking part in the evenings auction. With Jacob's computer listing now available, the amount spent in auction dollars by many individuals are staggering and many of these same individuals have made separate donations. Listing of the cash donors: Those with asterick were not able to be present but nevertheless sent in their donations. *TAD SAKAI, \$100; *KOBE/CHIZ SHOJI, \$150; *BILL/HARUMI HAGIO, \$50; YOSHII/BETTY AOKI, \$20; JOE/NANCY OSHIRO, \$30; PAUL/YUKI TAKIGUCHI, \$50; VICTOR/TIMMY YAMASHITA, \$75; HENRY/DORIS ISHIDA, \$25; *ART FORCIER (ROYAL VENTURES), \$25; *HIROSHI NAKAMOTO, \$50; ISA/HILDA TAKIYAMA, \$25; TOMMY/KAY KAKESAKO, \$64; KAZUMA/TAMA OGATA, \$50; MRS. E. NEWMAN (KAZUKO FINK'S mother from N.Y.), \$10; KURO TOMASA, \$20.

Direct donations to Emiko's Scholarship as follows: *BILL/LILLY OSHIRO, \$25; *GEORGE MATSUMOTO, \$25; *HAPA/MABEL FUJIMOTO, \$25; *GENRO/MURIEL KASHIWA, \$200; *YOSHITO/PAULINE TOME, \$50; JACOB/TERRY JICHAKU, \$25; ALLEN NAKAMURA, \$50; COWBOY/MARIAN MATSUMURA, \$25; TOSHI/BETTY NAKAHARA, \$20.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Tad Sakai who have his good and bad days from chemotherapy treatment, we continue to pray for your health. George Matsumoto whom the doctors thought it was an appendicitis at first was diagnosed later as a badly infected large intestine. A major surgery was done removing a great portion of the large intestine. He was assured by the doctors that he can live a normal life. George was confined at Tripler for 36 days for reasons that there were no one to care for him at home. I visited George on the day he was discharged from Tripler and he really looked fine. Hope to see you at our meetings soon.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Jenny Oka and her family in the recent loss of Clarence Heichi "Hekka" Oka, age 75 of Kahului, Maui, who died on Feb. 28, 1991. Many knew of his heart condition, but we learned of his death only from the obituary column. "Hekka" or "Oyabun" as he was affectionately called by some, was a courageous leader of the Maui group. He will always be remembered as a colorful person for the many times that he joined us in past reunions in Honolulu, getting right in the groove in our program. We will all miss him. May you rest in peace, "Hekka".

Condolences also to Nancy Oshiro who lost her mother, age 92. The obituary list besides her immediate family, 34 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was quite a matriarch of the Oshiro clan.

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Chiz Shoji who also lost her brother on the mainland just about the time of the fund raiser, which accounted for their absence at the event. Our condolence to you and your family also.

Our condolences to Hide Nakayama also, who lost his brother Mitsutada Nakayama which kept him from presiding over our January meeting.

WEDDING

It was a joyous, happy and proud day for P.K. & Genny Matsumoto when their youngest son, John was married to Dawn Fujita on Saturday, 5th of January. The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church on Kalaniana'ole Highway. The reception was held at the Hale Koa Hotel, DeRussy Hall. P. K. & Genny who have 6 children is counting their blessings that Robert & Joan, their remaining unmarried children will be married soon. It'll be quite a family reunion they can look forward to.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Received a \$50 check from Art & Flo Koura of Bainbridge Island, Washington for our treasury. Thank you very much Art & Flo for your generosity, we appreciate it very much. Thanks also to Jun & Bev Yamamoto of L.A., for the \$75 check towards our Shinen en kai expense. We also appreciate your gift very much.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community cultivates a new Manoa garden read the headline under Lois Taylor's EVERGREEN column in the morning Advertiser. Yoshiji Aoki, president of the Manoa Comm. Garden, took a final tour of the old .9 acre plot adjoining Manoa School where a senior citizens housing project will be built. The new gardens will be replanted about a 100 yards away.

"Early mornings and late afternoons are the busiest as they're of an age that they avoid the heat of the day", says Yoshiji. The city pays the water bill and that they are saving a plot for the Manoa school's Hawaiian project for them to grow native Hawaiian plants. First dibs are given to people who live in apts but considerations are given to older people for the recreational value of the gardens. Well, this accounts for Yoshiji being there. Ha! We at least know now that his retirement time are being spent in productivity.

SHINEN EN KAI

All roads once again led to the DAV Memorial Hall on Sunday, Feb. 24, 91' for our annual shinen en kai. The start of the day didn't look good with

dark clouds suspended above and a heavy shower in the morning. Yee god we thought. It can't surely happen second year in a row! I guess some of us must have lived right, for the afternoon was full of sunshine. Thus we were able to exercise and stretch our limbs outdoors in a friendly sandlot basketball shooting contest and kite flying contest for the children, which was cancelled last year because of bad weather.

Not everyone took to the game of basketball only some of the early arrivals and young-at-heart, including the ladies. You can hear the grunts and oomph, "gee the ball no reach the basket" quite often. The game ones on the court were: Joe, Allen, Yoshiji, Hide, Victor, Yoshito, Kobe, Paul T. and the young ones, Duane, Kelvin, Boyden, Byrnes. Ladies seen on the court were: Nancy, Timmy, Yuki and from the athletic Shoji family's, Chiz, who had a standoff on one-on-one with me. Ha! The young families of Yamashita's, Medeiros & Shoji had a grand time flying kites.

All these outdoor activities were the brainchild of Victor Yamashita, the chairman for this event with contribution of ideas from wife, Timmy. Much credit go to Victor for bringing this social back to family gathering with innovative ideas including mailings of the program. The large gathering revelling in the festivities is an attestation to his chairmanship. The happy makeup of attendance: Yoshiji/Betty Aoki & families; Roger/Alisa Au & children, Trisha and Kristine; Terence/Janice Kong & children, Rayson and Mares; Kazuko/Kazuo Fink; Happa/Mabel Fujimoto & family; Rudy/Landa San Diego & children, Sherry and Tiffany (great granddaughter); Kila/Jane Haraguchi; Henry/Doris Ishida; Jacob/Terry Jichaku; Edna Kuramoto, sister Judy Murata & friend, Alice Horie; Dyma Matsuda; P.K./Genny Matsumoto; Hajime/Lani Matsumura & grandchildren, Dawn and Keoni.

Toshi/Betty Nakahara; Allen Nakamura & families, Randal/Ann Nakamura & baby, Lauren; Duane/Cyndi Medeiros & children, Kanani and Kiaaina; Hide Nakayama & family, Rodney/Jill Nakayama; Kazuma Ogata; Fujio/Michiko Ohashi & family; Andrew/Tracey & children, Irene/Ryan; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Freckles/Gloria Oshiro; Whitey Saito; Kobe/Chiz Shoji & families, Dave's wife Mary & children, Eric and Kawika; Kelvin/Lynn Shoji & children, Keli/Casey; Paul/Yuki Takiguchi; Isa/Hilda Takiyama; Kuro Tomasa; Yoshito/Pauline Tome; Ernie/Grace Uno; Jiro/Flora Watanabe; Victor/Timmy Yamashita & families, Byrnes/Florence Yamashita & children, Dylan, Evan, Colin and Dr. Boyden/Angel Yamashita & children, Kellie, Koa, and Kai. GUESTS: Tom/Dorothy Fukunaga;

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Jimmy/Shirley Yamashiro; Dr. Bob/Pat Protzman. Entertainers: Amy/Janet Oshiro; Larry Ishida. Mr. & Mrs. S. Nagamine, our annual visitors to this affair were also there.

This year the committee formed by chmn Victor opted to treat the participants to a savory dinner of, Chicken, ribs, fish w/somen, kamaboko, sashimi, vegetable/chicken salad, crabs w/black beans sauce, rice and kim chee. All of these was besides the yummy, toothsome desserts again displayed by the ladies. Terry again came to my rescue with the listings of the wives who took the time to prepare the desserts: FLORENCE YAMASHITA, Cookies; TIMMY YAMASHITA, Fresh Mango Cake; BETTY AOKI, Kanten; TERRY JICHAKU, Lemon squares; PAULINE TOME, Jello Cake; MICHIO OHASHI, Avocado Kanten; LANI MATSUURA, Mango Bread; GENNY MATSUMOTO, Mochi; PAT PROTZMAN, Cherry Dump Cake; DORIS ISHIDA, Baklava; KAZUKO FINK, Coconut Cake; GRACE UNO, Mochi; CHIYOKO FUJII, Rice w/nori and Kanten; GLORIA OSHIRO, Andagi. Thank you ladies, we all appreciate your contributions.

We wouldn't have had the savory dinner if not for the following hardworkers who labored from early morn' in the kitchen with head cook Kuro Tomasa. Labored meant not only cooking but cleaning up as well and these dedicated members did it all: Paul/Yuki Takiguchi; Betty Nakahara; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Edna Kuramoto & sister Judy Murata & friend Alice Horie; Dyna Matsuda; Kila Haraguchi; Yoshiji Aoki, Hide Nakayama. Conspicuously absent were the Leongs, Bootchie/Wilfred who consistently offer their services, as they had a family reunion of sorts with the arrival of their daughter's family from the mainland. Thank you all for your continued dedication and hard work!

With the opening ceremony by M.C. Allen promptly at 4 P.M., a very short-short remarks and welcome speech were given by chmn Victor and "L" chapter president, Hide Nakayama and LIKM Commander, Paul Takiguchi. Awards for kite flying and basketball shooting contest prizes were given by Yoshiji & Paul T., K/contest and Victor & Yoshito for BB/contest. All the kite flying children received prizes while Duane Medeiros & Chiz Shoji (who else, ha!) were the BB winners. Hard to win when the young-at-heart are placed in the same grouping with the youngsters. Ha! Lucky number drawings were again expertly handled by Jacob & Terry who seemed to have mastered this assignment.

Prior to the invocation and dinner, Yoshiji our very patriotic chaplain came up with a timely suggestion in view of the Desert Storm,

that we all sing the song, "Let There Be Peace". With his three grandchildren, each waving separate ribbons with symbols of Red (danger); Yellow (support); White (peace); the audience in a solemn togetherness joined in the singing.

P.K. Matsumoto & Yoshito Tome in charge of the entertainment were much relieved to have Jiro Watanabe, who was not expected to be present showed up with all his musical instruments and singers, Larry Ishida, Amy & Janet Oshiro to provide professional musical numbers to the enjoyment of all. P.K. & Freckles Oshiro also performed with the group.

Bill Oshiro who made arrangements for the beer purchases and donations and Cowboy & Marian Matsumura who never fails to have some kind of delicacies at our events, were other familiar faces that were not present. Bill & Lily were on Maui while the Matsumura's had a family memorial services.

Because these days, there are equal number of soda drinkers from the past beer drinkers, there's more soda than beer donations. Hiroshi Nakamoto donated 5 cases of soda! Victor, Yoshito & Allen, cases each. Hapa Fujimoto donated Crown Royal. Tom/Dorothy Fukunaga donated all the sashimi & small fishes for somen, etc.

For door prizes, Jiro donated 3 cans of Yuban coffee & dried fish for pupus. Hide Nakayama deserve a commendation medal for accepting without complaint the tedious task of purchasing items for awards and door prizes such as: Magic Pen Printing; Paint Texture Touch; 20# Rice bags; Toilet papers; Sugar; Coffee, etc. He also donated his beautiful cattleya orchids.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Nagamine retired owners of Flamingo restaurant donated \$25. Tom Fukunaga donated the very tasty Ahi and Taape, Moana for the somen. Some of the fishes were deep fried for pupu's terrific combination for drinking beer. Tommy Kakesako, the generous one, Mr. Goofy & Mickey Mouse watches valued around \$30 for the children and Locket Pendant valued at \$85 plus pocket knife combo.

The savior of the day was Lawrence Fujii with his full load of plants in the van driven by his son, Burt plus the backseat of his luxury Lincoln. Terry who coordinates the door prizes found that we were short of prizes because of the tremendous turnout. But this shortage was short lived, as the plants from Lawrence came just in the nick of time. You can imagine how relieved we all were! No more worries. With his arrival, the program was started in a happy mood. It's no secret that we all look forward to the many plants Lawrence bring. It will be appreciated more I'm sure, to learn that all of

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442nd Veterans Club Federal Credit Union

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1990 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, 442ND VETERANS CLUB FCU

Nineteen ninety continued to be another profitable year--even though our net earnings before dividend payout declined considerably. This tendency is generally attributable to (a) gross income declined by \$11,700+ and (b) expenses were up by about \$9,500+. Nevertheless our general reserves and undivided profits total some \$335,903--giving us a reserve to gross asset ratio of 13.4% which is materially more than double of the required ratio.

The declining earnings are due to (a) interest earnings on our savings accounts/time deposits with financial institutions have drastically dropped because rates have gone down; and (b) our interest rates on loans to members were sharply reduced as of our 1990 annual meeting; and (c) our new loans granted also declined so that our loan outstanding balance is at the lowest level in several years.

Although the financial reports do not reflect loan delinquency, we did have two loans on non-accrual. We are confident that these delinquent loans will be brought up to date soon. We are protected in the sense that these are new automobile loans and the blue book values are adequate. More importantly these two members have recently made payments and we will arrange for some type of workout schedule.

Our savings continue to grow from \$2,046,727 in 1989 to the current \$2,174,867. Your confidence in our credit union is appreciated.

Our one major weakness is our loan program--even though our interest rates since January 1990 have been among all financial institutions in the entire country the lowest at 8% - 9% and 10%. Part of the explanation probably lies in the fact that our membership is aging--the average age being 54½ years. Additionally 60% of our savings members are over 60 years of age (holding 73% of all savings but only 48% of the outstanding loans). It is quite apparent that a high percentage of our members do not require loans; they hold more than enough savings to maintain their lifestyle.

You probably would be interested to know that last year we filed 11 death claims under our Life Savings and Loan Protection insurance programs with CUNA Mutual Ins. The surviving spouses or estates were credited with \$9,122 under the savings program and with \$17,766 under the loan protection program for a total of \$26,888. The premiums we paid for these programs in 1990 were \$7,531.

Any ideas you may have in helping us provide services you want will be very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Clarence T. Taba

Clarence T. Taba, Manager-Treasurer

DIRECTORS: Katsugo Miho, Tadao Beppu, Shigeru Goto, Wallace Kawamura, Togo Nakagawa, Minoru Suzumoto, and Clarence Taba

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COMPARATIVE 'BALANCE SHEET FOR VARIOUS YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31

ACCOUNT TITLE	1987	1988	1989	1990
ASSETS OF CREDIT UNION MEMBERS:				
Loans to Members.....	799,435	759,952	844,998	841,177
Cash in Bank Interest-Bearing Account.....	54,662	193,386	28,943	164,983
Svgs/Time Deposits in Banks, S&Ls, Thrifts...	1,244,421	1,016,796	821,591	724,698
Government/Federal Agency Securities.....	169,594	332,446	587,756	739,195
Furniture & Equipment, Depreciated.....	178	100	4,157	2,717
Other Receivables/Other Assets.....	86,052	75,032	84,953	41,892
TOTAL ASSETS OF CU MEMBERS.....	2,354,342	2,377,712	2,372,398	2,514,662
OBLIGATIONS & EQUITY OF CU MEMBERS:				
Accounts Payable & Deferred Credits.....	2,862	7,296	12,339	3,892
Savings Accounts of Members.....	2,105,899	2,099,273	2,046,727	2,174,867
General Reserves.....	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Undivided Profits and Earnings.....	145,581	171,143	213,332	235,903
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS & EQUITY OF MEMBERS.....	2,354,342	2,377,712	2,372,398	2,514,662

COMPARATIVE PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENTS FOR VARIOUS YEARS ENDING 12/31

ACCOUNT TITLE	1987	1988	1989	1990
OPERATING INCOME FOR YEAR:				
Interest on Loans to Members.....	77,212	73,224	70,971	76,660
Interest Earned on Savings/Time Deposits.....	97,762	99,969	102,309	67,774
Earnings on Investment Securities.....	10,168	20,105	38,455	54,963
Other Income.....	8	11	55	673
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR.....	185,150	193,309	211,790	200,070
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR:				
Borrowers' & Savers' Life Insurance Premiums.....	8,404	7,700	10,388	7,531
NCUA Supervision & Operating Fees.....	1,129	1,321	1,496	1,621
Ofc's/Directors Fidelity Bond Premiums.....	2,215	3,351	2,502	2,830
Staff Comp/Taxes/Ins; Cmte/Director Expenses.....	10,348	11,049	15,125	23,454
Data Processing Costs/Professional Services.....	3,097	3,640	3,303	6,548
Conference-Workshops: Officers/Directors.....	1,301	527	884	-
Office Expenses.....	6,213	6,675	6,319	8,461
Other Miscellaneous Expenses.....	6,113	7,280	5,807	4,937
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.....	38,820	41,543	45,824	55,382
Other Non-Operating Gains/(Losses).....		(1,979)	500	5
NET EARNINGS BEFORE DIVIDENDS.....	146,330	149,787	166,466	144,693
Dividends Paid to Members.....	113,691	124,224	124,277	122,122
Dvds Paid Ratio to Net Earnings.....	77.7%	82.9%	74.7%	84.4%

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CLARENCE T. TABA, MGR-TREASURER
ROBERT M. SASAKI, ASST MANAGER

January 21, 1991



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LENDING RATES/ POLICIES

Security Offered	1989 Rate	1990 Rate	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Amount
Savings Accounts in Our FCU....	9.0	8.0	5 Yrs	\$1,000 and over
	10.0	9.0	2 Yrs	Less than \$1,000
New Vehicles.....	9.0	8.0	5 Yrs	*90% of invoice price or \$15,000
Used Vehicles.....	10.0	9.0	3 Yrs	Low blue book value
Personal - Unsecured.....	12.0	11.0	2 Yrs	Up to \$1,000
	11.0	10.0	5 Yrs	\$1,200 to \$5,000
	10.0	9.0	5 Yrs	\$1,200 to \$5,000 if 20% svgs pledged
Co-Maker, if family member.....	10.0	9.0	5 Yrs	Up to \$5,000 subject to credit check
New Household Furniture.....	9.0	8.0	5 Yrs	*90% of invoice price
New Household Appliance/Eqpt...	9.0	8.0	3 Yrs	*90% of invoice price
New Boat/Motorcycle.....	10.0	9.0	3 Yrs	80% of invoice price
Used Boat/Motorcycle.....	12.0	11.0	3 Yrs	75% of fair market value
Vacation/Travel, Sponsored or Endorsed by 442nd VC FCU.....	9.0	8.0	3 Yrs	\$3,000 maximum (see note #1)
Vacation/Travel, Others.....	10.0	9.0	3 Yrs	\$3,000 maximum (see note #2)
Insured/Gtd Student Loans.....				(as set by insuring/guaranteeing agency)
Home Mortgages.....				(as set by servicing institution)

Loans not offered: jewelry, stocks, life insurance CSV, home equity or FHA-1

* = 90% or \$15,000 whichever is higher; manager is authorized to decrease down payment requirement, depending on competitive factors and on credit of applicant.

(1) Manager is authorized to increase the maximum depending upon the total cost of the sponsored/endorsed package deal.

(2) Proof of travel is required.

REFINANCING OF EXISTING LOAN IS AT ONE FULL POINT ABOVE THE NEWLY QUOTED RATE

(Adopted by Board of Directors on 1/29/90)

(Rates are effective January 30, 1990)



By Joe Shimamura

AKEMASHITE

Benkei was the setting for the first one for this the year of the sheep as we corralled 50 strong to greet this new year on January 16th. Helping to make this a record breaking turnout was the following: BETTY AMINE, MARY KOSASA, HELEN MAEDA, WALT & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, YOSHI & IRENE HIGA, TOMMY & MRS. HORIKAMI, AKIRA & MRS. DOI, KATS & NORA IBARA, CHARLIE & KAY IGARASHI, KENT KAJIWARA, FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, TED NAKATA, CURTIS NOBORIKAWA, RICHARD & PAULINE ODA, EDDIE & PAT OGATA, MASA & MICHIO OKASAKO, EICHI & NOBUKO OKI, JAMES & CHARLOTTE OURA, SEICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, KENNY & STELLA SHIMABUKURO, FUMIO & MARY TAKESHITA, KENSHI & JANE TOMOMITSU, CLARENCE TAMAYORI, BETTY YAGI, JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA, HERBERT YANAMURA and our lone guest of the SAKAIDA's, RICHARD TAKARA all the way from Wahiawa. Our thanks to W. HEIRAKUJI for setting up this Japanese kau-kau affair and special thanks to the generosity of RICHARD TAKARA who made this a most happy occasion, especially for the ladies as many were the lucky winners of beacoup pots of lovely orchid plants. Escorted by SEICHI & SALLY sometime ago, was fortunate indeed having had the pleasure of visiting R. TAKARA's orchid nursery and seeing this orchid connoisseur in action. Aside from a few announcements, this evening talk story time was turned over to MARY "ROYAL ADVENTURE" KOSASA who gave some initial details of the forthcoming "RENO IN OCTOBER" affair which got off the ground with 41 all itching to go signing up with the target date set for October 24, 25, 26 and 27th, 1991. This no host affair will most probably be quartered at the EL DORADO Hotel-Casino as this is where we expect all the action will take place. Led by Prexy J. OURA, the following high rollers have signed up to make this trip: R. NAGATA's, F. TAKESHITA's, S. HASHIMOTO's, R. ODA's, C. IGARASHI's, K. IBARA's, W. HEIRAKUJI's, F. MIYAMOTO's, E. OKI's, E. OGATA's, S. SAKAIDA's, C. NOBORIKAWA's, K. TOMOMITSU's, G. YOSHINO's, J. YANAGIDA's, T. HORIKAMI's, Y. HIGA's, and the solos of HELEN MAEDA, KENT KAJIWARA, HIROSHI SUYEOKA, MARY KOSASA and RICHARD TAKARA. From all indications of this initial nite respond, it's all GO for this Reno affair with the outside islanders expected to join in and swell this enthusiastic crowd.

The stateside attendees will be led by RUDY TOKIWA, the Bay area hanchon and many were the holiday greeting that indicated that we can expect a well rounded turnout for this affair. For sure, that high roller from Minnesota will be there in the way of NOBUO KIMURA accompanied by his treasurer, MINNIE. Another sure shot expected to be there is that southern cal high roller, GEORGE ABE and wife, Kay. Pretty hard

to keep 'em home when those crackling of those red squares get into your system. Never failed yet, it should be a good one when the K-men get together once again. Further details forthcoming so be there at the meeting to get all the progressive news of this event.

LEIS

For we here on this tropical isle who was brought up on the beautiful traditions of flowers in the air, we do not give much thought to this aloha custom of flower leis but to the outsiders, this can be an unforgettable item that is deeply cherished never to be forgotten. A good example of this aloha gesture can best be explained by this letter sent by YURI KOGA who attended the Kona reunion and was fortunate enough to make the aftermath get together held at the Pagoda in Honolulu. Not being able to make the Kona affair due to expected relatives visiting from the ancestral land, this letter got me wondering if this traditional aloha was extended to the guest at the big island affair?? With the permission of the M. KOGA's we would like to give you an idea of the appreciative masterpiece, word for word: Dear Mildred, This is a belated thank you for the beautiful leis bestowed on us mainlanders during the K-Co reunion in Honolulu. When I asked for the names of the women who made the leis, your name was given to me. Though I don't recall having met you, I still want to thank you for the leis. It's unfortunate that the crowded restaurant made mingling difficult. Since many of you were not in Kona, we didn't have the opportunity to get to know you. I hope to meet you in the Oct. 1991 reunion in Reno. In 1977 we visited Hawaii on our 25th anniversary. At that time whenever I saw anyone with a lei, I was very envious. So you can imagine my delight when I received a beautiful and fragrant plumeria lei as well as the Denbrobium orchid lei, roped off with a beautiful Vanda orchid corsage. MAX's handsome Ti-leaf lei along with the colorful yellow yarn leis were also appreciated. Again, many, many thanks to you. Cordially, MAX and YURI KOGA. Unquote, so she came over the holidays all the way from Troy, Michigan.

In bringing to a close the first one for this new year, we would like to wish the very best for a most speedy recovery to ROY HIRAKO all the way here from Kukihele, the big island undergoing some medical treatment at the Queens hospital being well taken care of by wife, YUKI. Cheerio as we go to press with this initial 21st day of January as to "What's cooking with the K-men".

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OUR BAPTISM OF FIRE - THE FIRST 48 HOURS

By Isaac Ikehara

June 26, 1944, and the Allied storming of the Normandy beaches of France was now D+20 days old and the breakthrough of the stalemate at the Anzio Beachhead in the Italian front was now D+32 days. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team with the 100th Battalion attached as the 1st Battalion was first committed to action north of the port city of Civitavecchia. King Company, as part of the 3rd Battalion, relieved elements of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment before daybreak on June 26, 1944 in a hilly area north of Grosseto. Temporarily attached to the 36th Texas Division, our objective was to take the hilltop towns of Suvereto and Sassetta.

Upon relieving the paratrooper whose slit trench I took over during the early morning hours, he appeared tired, tense and haggard and I felt empathy for him and to cheer him up a bit, I offered him my freshly made bread and jelly sandwich which had been passed out to us by our company cooks in the rear echelon that morning. He devoured the sandwich as if it was a filet mignon! After a month of K or C rations, I, too, would have appreciated a civilized jelly sandwich too.

We moved out at about 1700 hours with the first squad of the first platoon K Company taking the point. Scouts Kashiwagi and Bill Kochiyama started toward the outskirts of Suvereto, the small hilltop town of an olive growing community. About 50 yards from our point of departure, we passed a dead German officer sprawled out on the ground face down. As we passed him, the sour smell of spilled blood permeated our nostrils and lingered for a while. The Germany officer still gripped a Luger pistol in his right hand in a death grip. Although our first urge was to strip him of his pistol and holster, I warned the squad not to touch him for we had been warned that the Jerries occasionally booby-trapped their dead with grenades. I have often wondered whether someone in K Company further down the line had picked up a nice souvenir on that first day?

As we reached the outskirts of Suvereto, a light tank assigned to support us rumbled up and the tank commander asked platoon leader Lt. Leonard if he needed the tank support to take the town. We had not yet been fired on, and as we looked up the narrow cobbled stone road leading upwards on the left edge of the town, the use of the tank was turned down for the plan was to work our way up into the village via the right side where the olive groves started. We decided to avoid the main road and a possible encounter with a German tiger tank and its deadly 88mm gun. We were told that at short range the velocity of the 88's were so great that all you would hear would be a "swoosh-bang"

and the explosion with practically no time to react and take cover.

We reached the top of the hill on the right flank of Suvereto and among some old olive trees without incident. We could see a shallow gully separating us from the next and higher hill also covered with fully grown olive trees, at an estimated distance of approximately 400 yards to the next hill. The platoon had been halted behind a block-like concrete building to take a short break, which gave me time to reconnoiter the next hill. I thought I saw some movement and a helmet halfway up the next slope and like a raw rookie moved ahead to the forward slope of the hill in full open view with no cover. Platoon Sgt Sakamoto and platoon leader 1st Lt Leonard joined me soon thereafter.

As I sat on the ground on this sunny Italian summer day with my elbows resting on my knees scanning through the binoculars and fully exposed, we heard a "crack!" of a rifle and suddenly my right foot involuntarily kicked upward in the air from the impact of a bullet landing about an inch under my boot. The three of us scrambled for cover behind an olive tree and I called for BAR man Bolo Moriyama to set up his automatic rifle to give us some support fire so that we could get back to the cover of the concrete building. After a brief exchange of fire, we scrambled back and recalled Moriyama also.

While we were deciding on our next course of action, the Jerries on the forward slope of the next hill began to withdraw up the hill and we decided to give chase. We made our way down the gully and up the slope of the hill that the Jerries had been holding. Taking this hill would put us nearly directly behind and overlooking Suvereto. As we reached the crest of the hill, we moved to the left flank which threatened to cutoff what appeared to be another avenue of retreat for any of the Jerries remaining in the town of Suvereto. At a distance of about 300 yards, a squad of Jerries were scrambling up a slight slope and while on the run began spraying us with machine pistol or machine gun fire which made crackling sounds as the bullets hit the olive tree branches over our heads. We held our fire instead of wasting our ammo on such a fast moving target and within a few minutes the Jerries were over the hill and gone. It was nearly mid-afternoon and K Company had cleared Suvereto and had gained our first objective and to the best of my knowledge without casualties and without much shooting.

We did not know at this time that the experienced 100th Battalion who were on regimental reserve had slipped through between us and the 2nd Battalion further to our right flank and had cut off the main road leading north out of Suvereto and on to Sassetta. By mid-afternoon

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the 100th had captured or killed a battalion of the elite German SS troopers which also included the artillery unit which had been shelling and harassing the 2nd Battalion. (For this action, the 100th Battalion was later awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.)

By evening we were on an all night pressing the enemy all the way to the next hilltop town of Sassetta, our 2nd objective. We "dined" on our cold K rations during the breaks and although groggy and tired, by early morning we finally were digging in the forward slope overlooking Sassetta. This night march reminded me of a similar march that the 3rd Battalion made led by Lt. Col. Dixon during our Mississippi maneuvers.

We catnapped for several hours in our newly dug slit trench overlooking the left edge of Sassetta and before daybreak we were once more on the move. The 3rd Battalion was assigned to seize and occupy the high ground north of Sassetta and overlooking the town while the 100th Battalion was assigned the task of assaulting the town. By cutting across the left edge of the town, the 3rd Battalion column cut across the road leading into town and began moving up the hill behind the protection of a small ridge. As we, the 1st platoon, crossed the road, the column ahead of us came to a halt and we were beginning to "pile up" and very soon all forward movement ceased.

The left side of Sassetta was bowl-shaped and there was a "U" shaped bend in the road leading into town. Since the column halted behind the crest of the ridge, we were out of view of the Jerries and protected from taking direct hits from any 88mm guns that might be in the town. While we were awaiting further orders for our next move, Capt. Lesinski, our Company Commander accompanied by Major O'Connor, our Battalion Executive Officer, moved up the column and the hill to check and reconnoiter the area up ahead. As the officers moved up, we heard what sounded like 88mm guns being fired and the shells exploding against the side of the bowl-shaped ridge toward the bottom of the "U" shaped curve in the road on our left flank. The cry for "Medics" was soon heard and we later learned that the K Company Command Post had taken a direct hit and that our 1st Sgt. Tami Takemoto, Executive Officer 1st Lt. Burt and a platoon runner whose name I cannot recall, had been all killed instantly.

Capt. Lesinski whom we all respected as being a tough Regular Army man who had come up from the ranks and had been stationed at Schofield Barracks in pre-World War II Hawaii, was informed that his C.P. had taken a direct hit. He had insisted on going back to check out how badly his staff was hit. Apparently

he found his old companions very badly mangled and we soon saw a medic leading our Captain toward the rear and when he went through our line, he had a dazed look on his face. It was a shock to me to see a tough old Army man with the vacant look on his face.

In my opinion, he should not have gone back to view the grisly damage that was inflicted on his close friends; maybe he could have taken such a damage and loss after being further hardened and tempered by being subjected to more "fire and heat" with more experience on the "line". The devastation and damage that can be caused by weapons of war such as a direct hit by an 88mm shell explosion is gut wrenching and more so during the first 24-hours of your "baptism" of fire. I do not think one gets used to such a sight but eventually one becomes numb and hardened by experience and time.

Capt. Lesinski we knew as being tough for during our basic training in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, one day was demonstrating a bayonet thrust on a simulated enemy in a slit trench and when his left foot slipped on the edge of the trench, ran the bayonet clear through his boot and foot and cut the sole of the bottom of the boot. He yanked the bayonet out of his foot and boot, walked over to a pine tree, sat down and while waiting for an ambulance, continued to watch and supervise our bayonet drills without a flinch.

We in the line platoons never did see our old C.O. again and our platoon leader 1st Lt. Leonard took over as the Commanding Officer of K Company.

As the light of the day faded away, led by Major O'Connor, the column moved up the bull-cart like road and toward the crest of the hill. Movement was slow and sporadic and by 2100-2200 hours we reached an area that leveled off and the column came to a halt and we received orders to dig in for the night. Before digging in, I checked on the 1st squad to make sure all were there and to assign them their defense position for the night. I discovered that I had only half a squad, for somewhere probably within the last hour, contact was broken and the rear portion was left in the dark back along the trail. I asked platoon Sgt. Sakamoto for permission to double back with a couple of volunteers to either bring them back to where we were digging in or determine how far the gap in the line had opened up. A couple of men from the platoon (PFCs Shiyoyi Yunoki and Ichigi Kashiwagi) volunteered to join me to go looking for the rest of the squad and Company.

It was a dark night up in the hills and we slowly worked our way back down the trail

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By Ron Oba

We have amnesia
Wool pulled over desert sand
The year of the sheep

Baa baa black sheep have you any oil? -- Lanolin, that is. Time was when our newsletter was current enough to report on recent happenings. Now it's like getting married after 6 months hapai. Although our Qumundgeon states that QNN has come through with flying colors, it seems incongruous to celebrate the year of the sheep when the year is a third gone and our heroes will all have come home and sitting in their chairs reading about the demise of Saddam. No matter, Mabel our efficient secretary will be off to Japan and will have the Bulletin printed before going.

However we haven't forgotten. Warren Iwanaga called just before the war ended that his daughter, Paula, a Sr. Master Sergeant in a Saudi Arabian Hospital is doing her part. He would appreciate your support by tying a yellow ribbon on your car or your mail box. She'll probably be there for many more months. As for his health, he says that he still cannot see but shadows and is, "Hanging in there trying to get better. Hope to see everyone real soon."

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Breakfast meetings are here to stay. Of all places the venue was the Olomana Golf Course restaurant on November 29, hopefully to accommodate the windward members and to get us tee times for after breakfast play. Shige said, "I lost my honorary privilege for tee times." You'll need a lot of sheep for that. Nevertheless everyone enjoyed a leisurely breakfast meeting which was repeated at the Wisteria restaurant on January 18th.

Those attending one or more of these breakfast meetings were: Uichi Ushijima, Paul and Clara Yamashita, Bill and Audrey Tanaka, Tommy Tanagawa, Mich Takata, Yoshio Shibuya, Ron and Michi Oba, George Nakasato, Richard Murashige, Mary Muranaka, Dr. James Mimura, Barney and Phyllis Miyaji, Roy Kubo, Kimi Gusukuma, and Shige Higa.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY at the club house seemed to be a Deja Vu of previous Christmas parties - the Santa Claus was the same including the excellent clones of fresh sashimi, catered food, grab bags for everyone, door prizes and potted plants for everyone, bingo games and student invitees

arranged by Kats Miho. The only difference was the dearth of hard drinkers and heavy eaters. The students who are the Emperor Akihito's scholarship students were: Katsuro Anazawa from Chiba prefecture studying volcanic chemistry and Madoka Tomita of Tokyo studying language history. She came to the right place for Japanese in Hawaii is often spoken in historic or archaic Japanese.

We would like to thank the following for donations and prizes: cheese dips made by the women, Ginger bread houses and the upside down crab net Christmas tree designed by Clara Shibuya. Sashimi donated by Fred Okada, potted poinsettias and Kalanchoes donated by Glenn's Flower and Plant Farm. Other delicacies were donated by George Nakasato, Grace Nakamura, Sharon Tanaka, Ron Oba, Mary Muranaka and other generous donors.

Bill Tanaka invited a friend, Mne. Miriam Ellacott of Vaitapa, Bora Bora. Bill became friends with the Ellacotts when he made frequent trips to Bora Bora in his capacity with the Fish and Wildlife Agency. Grandchildren enjoying grab bags from grandparents were: Jacob and Tanya Kageno, Linsey and Ashley Segawa, Tara Shibuya and Kyla Teramoto.

Members attending: Kimi Gusukuma, Shige and Rose Higa, Dr. Roy Iritani, Robert Katayama, Roy Kubo, Barney and Phyllis Miyaji, Mary Muranaka, Richard Murashige, Kats and Grace Nakamura, George "Santa" and Myrtle Nakasato, Ron and Michi Oba, Jean Okamoto, Yoshio and Clara Shibuya, Chikako Shimada, Mich and Shinako Takata, Tommy and May Tanagawa, Joe and Sharon Tanaka, Bill and Cupie Tanaka and Paul and Clara Yamashita.

MAUI REUNION, ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Robert Matsushita reports that the Maui members are working hard to plan and execute the reunion on July 24, 25, and 26, 1991. The Oahu post reunion will be on July 29, Monday, for golf and Tea House party. Registration forms will be out shortly.

THE 442ND ANNIVERSARY GOLF AND BANQUET will be held on March 22 and 23rd. The Memorial service will be held in conjunction with and prior to the banquet that same night at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Golf will be played at the Hickam (Malama Bay) Golf Course on Friday.

WEDDING BELLS - The bells at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in San Jose tolled a long time ago, 9-22-90, but we did learn of the happy occasion. Wendolyn T. Lee and Stuart Iritani, son of Dr. Roy Iritani, tied their knots then. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Robert Q. Lee. The couple reside in Fremont, California. So it's one down and two to go, Doc.

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SHINEN EN KAI

Thirty three members and wives celebrated the New Years with a Tea House party at the Nuuanu Onsen. The upstairs Zashiki gave us an uninhibited panoramic view of residential backyards. It used to be that you could go dip yourselves in the Onsen with your wives and have a leisurely dinner. Guess, the wives don't find hot tubs very interesting. Actually management says that it's too costly to fill up the Onsen and customers are too shy to take a hot soak -- but they came nicely dressed and smelling like roses. With no-stick antiperspirants and deodorants, even the intransigents can survive in the Saudi desert without taking a shower for a month.

Everyone left with a nice feeling of getting together again and bought tickets for the 48th anniversary banquet. Strangely the boys didn't talk so much about golf--must have left their balls elsewhere.

Those attending were: Kimi Gusukuma, Shige and Rose Higa, Mineo Inuzuka who still hasn't had a sheep warming for his Cutter, Dr. Roy Iritani, Bob Katayama, Roy Kubo, Toshi and Trudy Mimura with guest, Marge Graham, Barney and Phyllis Miyaji, Mary Muranaka, George and Myrtle Nakasato, Ron and Michi Oba, Yoshio and Clara Shibuya, Chikako Shimada, Goichi Suehiro, Mich and Shinako Takata, Tommy and May Tamagawa, Joe and Sharon Tanaka, Bill and Cuple Tanaka, Toshio Tsukayama, and Paul and Clara Yamashita.

IN MEMORIAM

Lt Harold Brown, who loved reunions and the Fox members, reminisced the good old days with them at the Kona reunion, not once complaining or depressed about his health. He went home and spent some time in a Hospice but succumbed at home according to Catherine, his wife. It was a well kept secret - he didn't want anyone agonizing over him. Catherine wrote that the end came on Nov. 27, 1990. Fox members not knowing how seriously ill the smiling Lt. Brown was, sent a get-well card with everyone writing a note on the card. At the Pagoda Hospitality room, Brown was enjoying every minute of the reunion - true grit!

James Okamoto, became an associate member of the Fox Chapter in place of his brother, Ralph who was killed in action. Fox members adopted Jimmy and wife Jean as one of them. The Okamotos participated in chapter activities until eight years ago when Jimmy had a stroke and continued to enjoy the chapter functions as Jean did everything to help rehabilitate him. Jimmy passed away on Oct. 18, 1990.

Fox members express their deep condolences to the families of Lt. Harold Brown and Jimmy Okamoto.

Kauai News - First a Medical Update

By Yuri Tsakata

My apologies to George Teraoka for not acknowledging his ailment along with those of other F Company guys on Kauai. Masa Agina overdid himself cutting logs in his backyard and his muscles wanted to quit working, but they renewed their energy and Masa is as good as new. Saw Kensei Higa at the Kauai Medical Clinic; so he must have been ailing, too. A call and a conversation with him proved that the doctor is taking good care of him. Sandy Yoshimori is enjoying going fishing on the weekends with his son-in-law. Our tough foxes are responding well to the tender loving care of the nurses in the hospital and the clinics and coming along well. We thank God for his healing grace and tender care. The guys, of course, should also thank the built-in unlicensed practical nurses, otherwise known as "wife"

HIRAOKA STREET IN LIHUE CAMP A

Like most of the counties, Kauai county's roads and streets have Hawaiian names. Then there are some roads and streets with unusual names like Polarisroad, Bullpup Drive, Eggerking Road, Gay Road, No. Sparrow Drive, Oxford Street Poinciana Street, Queens Loop, Regulus Drive, Rookie Circle, So. Sparrow Drive, Talos Drive, and Tartar Drive.

Palapala Aina O Kauai--A complete road map of the Island of Kauai--reveals that there are 12 streets which have Japanese names. The Lihue and Nawiliwili District has Fujii, Hiraoka, Inouye, and Nakamura Streets, and Kuboyama Road. Konishi, Oyama, New Horita Roads are in Lawai with Yamada Road in Koloa. Oki Road is in Kilauea and Kapaa has Sadoyama, Sokei, and Yamanoha Roads.

The streets in Lihue; namely, Fujii, Hiraoka, Inouye, Nakamura, along with Jerves Street were named after World War II veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. Hiraoka Street was named after Satoru Hiraoka who was a bazooka man with "F" (Fox) Company. All of these men had been employed by Lihue Plantation before they volunteered to serve in the Army. Lihue Plantation submitted their names along with the names of Two Cross Streets Oxford and Poinciana--to the county engineer who gave his stamp of approval. Resolution 17 naming the seven Streets, was adopted unanimously on June 5, 1958 by the Kauai County Board of Supervisors.

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Let us proudly remember "Bottle" when we pass through Lihue Town on Kuhio Highway along "Camp A" behind Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Maui News

By Bob Matsushita

SHINEN OMEDETO GOZAI MASU, SAKUNEN WA IRO IRO TO OSEMA NI NARIMASHITA, KONNEN MO AIKAWA RAZU ONEGAI ITASHIMASU - these are words of greetings from our MAUI "F" CHAPTER members in Hawaii to the mainland and wherever they may be.

Maui 442nd Vets Club held their installation banquet in February 22, 1991 at the Maui Beach Hotel Pool Terrace chaired by "Love" Chapter. Installed as its President for 1991 is Toshio "Nancy" Endo - "F" Chapter; Vice-President Charles Arakaki - "E" Chapter; Recording Secretary Earl Tanaka - Field Artillery; Corresponding Secretary George Kitagawa "L" Chapter; and Treasurer - Masanao Hasegawa "E" Chapter. Outgoing President - Yoshito Kinoshita "M" Chapter. As guest speaker for the evening, we had the opportunity to hear Ms. Rae Shikuma - Director of Maui County Water Department. She appealed to all - we must voluntarily conserve water to help preserve our dwindling water supply.

We are deeply sorry to hear of our "old timer" and Leader of Maui 442nd Club, Clarence "Hekka" Oka, who expired on February 28, 1991 and service was held at the Kahului Hongwanji Mission on Monday, March 4, 1991. We wish to express our thoughts of sympathy to Jenny and children.

The Maui Reunion "F" Chapter program and events were finalized and it has been mailed to various island "F" Chapter's responsible person. Mainland members were mailed individually. At this time for the press release we are having response from all over plus regrets. Regrets are: In good humor - Dr. Munro Shintani says - I'm not sure what kind of operation he want to have on Maui - since having gall bladder removed in Kona's last reunion. They are planning to come for the 50th in 1993. Mary and Aki Sasaki wrote - We regret missing all of you - we always have such a good time when we get together - they shall be thinking of us. Kiyo Morimoto responded - He will be teaching in ALASKA - extends his best regards to his buddies and asked to stay well.

We still have much to do here before we greet you all.

It was nice to see Mich Takata on TV relating 442nd Regiment coming home from the front line after VE DAY. This was in line with "DESERT STORM" of our boys returning to HAWAII.

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Annual Shinen En Kai

By Harold Fukunaga

Our annual get-together was held on Jan. 26th at the 442 Clubhouse. The attendance was excellent, with nearly all of the members and their spouses present.

Taketo Kawabata, with assistance from Al Amii, set up the arrangements, including the food, drinks and pupus. They made it, so that the wives were asked not to bring any desserts or pupus, as was customarily done in the previous years. Instead all of the food was purchased by the chapter's treasury. I guess the wives were happy and needed only to attend the party, without worrying about baking cakes or cookies or making pupus. The food was the customary Japanese buffet food from Suehiro's. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food, judging from the heaps of delicious food piled on the plates.

As usual, Harold "Guy" Tokeshi took care of the bar, making sure everyone's thirst was taken care of. It seems like our members' liquor consumption is slowing down, because they were drinking less beer than in previous years. On the other hand, more soft drinks were being drunk. I guess, it must be due to the age or is it the fear of being arrested for DUI that's causing this slowdown. At any rate, it's healthier.

"Whitey" Nakayama, our 1991 President, gave a short welcome speech in an abbreviated program. Much of the time, after the meal, was spent talking by the members and by the wives. The usual Bingo games, handled by Eddie Ochiai and Speed Tanna, made some of the people happy when they were able to win. Our Treasury provided more funds, so the winnings were much higher this year, as compared to prior years. In fact, the last game winner collected \$23.00 as his prize.

All in all, the Shinen En Kai was enjoyed by all who attended. We should give those who worked hard to set it up and run it, a big hand.

Those attending were: Al and Helen Amii, Harold and Jane Fukunaga, Satoru Gota, Ray and Pat Handa, Shigemi and Betty Ishizaki, Bobby and Yoshiko Ito, Toshimasa Kanai, Taketo and Judy Kawabata, John and Clara Kikuyama, Whitey Nakayama, Eddie and Grace Ochiai, Takeshi Onuma, Lillian Shiraishi (Mike was in Vegas), Hiromi and Gloria Suehiro, Eddie and Emily Tamahana, Speed and Edna Tanna, Harold Tokeshi, Bill Yokochi (Margaret was on the Mainland), Yoshi

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and Carol Yoshiwa, Grace Ishii and Judy Komo. Fred and Dolores Ida were unable to attend, because of a conflict with another party.

Biographical Sketch

Sekiji Nakayama, also known as "Whitey" among the G Co. guys, is our George Chapter President for 1991. He was born in Lahaina, Maui, in 1924 and attended schools there. He graduated from Lahainaluna High in 1942. Subsequently, he worked in the Baldwin Packers pineapple cannery until he volunteered for the 442 in March 1943. He spent all of his training and combat days with G Company. He was assigned to company headquarters. He was wounded by shrapnel on Hill 140 in Italy and was hospitalized for about 3 weeks and rejoined the Company in Florence. He was with the Co. until he received a bullet wound near the end of the war in Italy. He was hospitalized in Italy and the Mainland (Indiana and Texas) before returning to Hawaii just before Thanksgiving in 1945. He was discharged from the Army just prior to Christmas of 1945.

After his discharge, he attended the Progressive School of Commerce for 3 years. After graduation, he helped his father operate a small store in Honolulu. After a few years, he worked for Gilbert Kobatake Contracting Co. as a clerk. Subsequently, he worked for J. A. Thompson as a purchasing agent and RAMCO Inc., also as a purchasing agent. He retired from that job in 1986.

He manages to keep himself busy by walking a lot. He walks a few miles after every meal, for health purposes. He also goes fishing whenever he finds time. If he catches any fish, more power to him; because fishing on Oahu is a frustrating experience, with the lack of fish, especially the shoreline fishing.

The exciting lure of Las Vegas beckons him about 4 times per year. He says he makes money sometimes and loses at other times. Well, we wish him good luck all of the time.

Whitey lives in Alewa Heights. He is single, so he is free to travel to different places. Las Vegas is his destination more often than other cities or countries.

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By Hiichi Matsumoto

Christmas Party - 1990

President Elect (for 1991) Eddie Kanava was the General Chairman for the last social (Christmas party) of the year. Eh, stop and think setara, could have been our first, last and only social of the year. How time flies. Taking charge of the Christmas party is our Vice President's main duty, outside of pinch hitting for the president in his absence. Was duck soup for Eddie the past year with Joe Sato the headman, so efficient, he no miss anything.

Eddie could be the first one in a very long while that thought about decorating the hall to give 'em da pololoi kind atmosphere. All the past General Chairmen did terrific job but either never care of kiga tsukan datta of kazaru-up the place it seems. Their thinking could be something like if the management decorated the hall, well and good. If not, arede sumasu. When we got wind of what the party chairman intentions were to paliki-up the place and make 'em lilibit hokano, odo tachi everything hottara kasete went to tegosuru, leaving home way before the usual time. Even with that minimal kazari, sure helped brighten up the hall. Well worth the time spent. Hope people noticed. Eddie's an excellent G.C., so cool, well organized and leads by example. He no go running around the place like a chicken with a chopped off head.

The place (Victoria Inn) they right on, for "our" convenience, waza waza installed an elevator. For the never take notice ake mekuras, all the goodies katsuide went walk up. Now second or third floor the party, how much nimotsu attemo, no sweat, agaru nimo sagaru nimo, just poosh da button. The management must have noticed that imagoro da boys makule natte, yooyatto and era sohni struggling up the stairs. After all, we (232nd) have been going there continuously for so long and need we mention good customers too. Otakaiyo, da management no.

Doc Kawamoto, still yet the popular mentama no oishasan, was the M.C. for the evening and iigawai ni yatta. No, we didn't say he is the best but hard to beat. The part he "shine up" most is the way he throws his hands around, hidari temo, migi temo, ryoho tomo enryo nashi furi mawasu, just like one windmill. You stay too close to him, atama don nagurareru. You go tie his hands, he get instant lockjaw. No, Kiyo Kimura never "retired" but wife, Blanche tsurote went hele-on to the mainland to spend the holidays with his four other kids. Only two of them live in Hawaii.

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Not old but reliable Eddie Kawamoto was slated to the collector for the evening and relieve people of some cash but due to an unfortunate mishap earlier in the day, couldn't perform his assigned duty, but never created any kind of humbug because Lily (Monte) Okamoto, an early arrival kiwo kikasete took it upon herself to help pick up the slack until regular Barney Zenigami ga kuru made. Club spirit and team spirit is our byword. By the way, next year's party all set. The down payment already haro toru and the all important date too. Now, when was it, got to find out to make sure and note 'em on the calendar. Imagoro nandemo kandemo yoh wasure ruke.

Dohmo mahalo to the widows that attended, again like last year made generous monetary contribution to the chapter's general fund. Saisai morote, the chapter members feel kinodokuna, nannimo sendemo ii noni. Anta tachi no kokoro kara, that's why thank you yute morotoko.

Walter Matsumoto--you can add, chapter historian to the many other duties, recounted the past year's hi-lites. Wasn't too good a year, especially losing the likes of Tommy Kiyosaki and Richard Murakami, to the core members. They'll be missed. But a pleasant surprise was Hitoshi "Blackie" Inouye attending the chapter Christmas party for the very first time. Having broken the "ice" should be easy for him from now on.

Doc Kawamoto, besides being the evening's M.C. brought along his shobai dohgu (karaoke machine) and like always wife, Mary was the "prop man" lug-ging the equipment, him no ato tsuite, so had Japanese (imagoro yoh hayaru) enka songs as well as the traditional Christmas carols. Being a fun night, no need to make any kind enryo, you invite yourself to go up on center stage and be a lead singer like all the other volunteers.

The evening's "Go-may" dinner was Victoria Inn's special. If you've been there in the past, you know just what we are talking about. But the real "Go-may" dinner was the Nishshodo (Tommy Hirao-owner, manager, chief cook, cashier, custodian, toilet orderly and everything else) go hibatta sekihan no omiyage was by far the winner and minna areta. Other kind stuff get nokoris but aredake no more and nambo attemo tariyasen.

During some idle chatter, Bull Namba suggested "How about getting the grandchildren out next year." Good thinking and a splendid idea. Which means the fat man (Santa Claus) must make a comeback. No problem with Yuso Iwane and Calvin Yasuhara round. As of this writing they are dokkoi dokkoi. The two guys get dakine Santa Claus

no need pillow kind opu but where Yuso get the edge is he already stay raise one busy kind mustache. All he need is a beard.

This enjoyable evening would have been so much better were Helen (Mervyn) Takano there in person to receive an appreciation shirushi kind gift from the 232nd Engr/Band Chapter for all she's done down through the years, and that's going back a long way. Enryo nashi she geev'em, time as well as material things. Party ga attara, the saying is, Helen going bring something and never disappoint once. Nothing fancy (the gift) but from da kokoro kind. Frightening, they way she moves about. She too, stay in the taken for granted group. That's how it goes it seems that whenever you wanna honor a special person, nantoka shiran but they are a no show.

The Refreshment Team of Gary Kawate and Jimmy Nakamura was stationed at usual post, suguneki to the bar, taking care of the boy's needs. The hefty Calvin Yasuhara, the prizes galore man, saw to it that everybody that came went home happily nanika teni sagete, if not sabishii, eh, Christmas noni. All of 'em mainen yattoru that's why no need tell 'em anything, good as done. You no miss them until they no show up and then, aiyah shimota, we stay in one big quandary.

For us furui guys, now days midnight is around ten o'clock so the management no need throw hint like go pio shut, pio shut the light to vacate the premise. Lilibit haji but way before, oidasareru maeni, Merry Christmas to all yute btsu btsu on our way.

The Tom Masamoris of Denver, Colorado, a regular at Christmas parties as of late was a noticeable absentee. Heard that he was seen taking pictures (what else) at the K200 Karaoke show at now, where was it, in October or November.

Howard Hirono's tangerine/tangelo was a perfect after dinner pupu. Being that time of the year, the ladies attended for free. No, their thoughtful spouses never pay for them but voted at the last meeting, the Chapter pick up the cost.

Chapter Officers - 1991

President - Eddie Kanava

"Easy Ed" is one of the four very active members on the Band side of the club. The others are Tommy Hirao, Bull Namba and Calvin Yasuhara. Henry Nakama hasn't been coming out for sometime now due to the illness of his wife that needs constant looking after. What the Band boys lack in quantity, more than makes it up with quality work. Eddie's been retired now as a semmon music teacher from the DOE for a good many years but not exactly

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a full time inkyosan and living on the easy like almost all of the boys. No fool around, boo-coo wives are taking it easy and collecting their social security checks. The many students under his tutelage taking private music lessons won't let him, not just yet anyway. That's the price one pays for being a caring and conscientious instructor and being looked up to, respected, idolized and loved by the seito.

Vice President - Doc Kawamoto

About him no hanashi kikononi, he's been retired and unretired (from work) so many times, wake wakaran. At present, mada genkina de, still looking into people no mentama. A good one on him is, some years back while golfing with the boys, him of all guys go hit somebody else's ball (2 strokes penalty). Naturally, he's still hearing it from the boys. They kidding him, "Eh, you sure you one dakine eye doctor or what." Today, he is very much into karaoke-ing and enjoying to damax. Not only singing but buying up just about everything (equipment) in the karaoke line. Any new kind stuff miseni deta to omotara, he stay get'em already. That is one of his dohraku. Some he use'em for singing accompaniment and some for kazari mon? Good friend Kiyo Kimura ga yuhononi, you go his house, you think you stay in "Tomas." Ahem, for you people not too much into karaoke, Toma a very popular karaoke place where you can sing with laser disc.

Secretary - Masao Yamasaki

Treasurer - Monte Okamoto

The M&M boys, Masao and Monte, again and again and Guys come and guys go but kono futari dakewa, they like old man river, they just keep rolling along. Hard to find, in fact no can find two more dedicated members like them and the only thing they receive from the chapter in return is "thanks" and a pat on the back, aredake. It all comes down to nothing else but team spirit and kurabu no came. They are jewels--the rarest kind. With them, it's not what the club can do for them, but what they can do for the club. Lucky we have them? You darn right we are. For all they been doing for so long, dunno when but bambai iikoto ga aruke, mitemi.

Deko Ageta

Eddie Kawamoto is the 442 Uki'le/Hula Club's new Secretary/Treasurer. Mary Kawamoto is 442 Uta No Kai's secretary. Bull Namba is 442 Retiree Golf Club's Selection Committee Chairman for new incoming members.

All good people holding key positions.

Jr. Engineers

A good size photograph, a promotional advertisement for St. Louis High School to recruit new students appeared several times in the morning Honolulu Advertiser and the evening Honolulu Star Bulletin, two leading dailies in the State. Of the picture, he is da bidansi one on the extreme right, the standout one that meni sugu tsuku one. He is an 11th grader at that school, son of Bruce and Ruby, and grandson of Walter and Hazel. Kiddled him, "you went buy 'em (newspaper) all up or what."

Sick Call

Kosuke Imori was to put in an aloha appearance at the chapter's Christmas party at Victoria Inn to receive a lei, sort of a wakare gift from the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter but was a no show. Lately, he hasn't been in the best of health. Recovering from a recent stroke, he is now confined to a wheelchair. For many years after going into retirement, he was a half time resident here (Hawaii) and the other half there (Seattle). He was scheduled to leave for Seattle the latter part of January to make his permanent home with one of his daughters. We all wish him the very best and yohjinsete.

Eddie Kawamoto, hard luck bugga dat. He was involved in not one but several cars accident at Ala Moana's Sears parking lot all by his lone self. Luckily nobody else, only him and da parked setoru cars, on the morning of our chapter's Christmas party. Him of all people--not meaning the other guys lousy. He no smoke, he no drink (liquor that is), he no more any kind of vice. He's our Mr. Clean. He was banged up pretty bad physically but more so his pride. His feet, car no accelerator ni hikka katta gena. Most noticeable was he spotted a pretty good bug-eye and da face more than lilibit hare-totta for several days. He feels arigatai nobody else was involved. Was his daughter no car so was lilibit unfamiliar.

Upon learning of Masami Tsue's hospitalization (again) at Tripler General Hospital, a group of boys (Ed Ezuka, Hiichi & Walter Matsumoto & Joe Sato) formed a car pool and visited him kono aida. A recurrence of his aching back. Gilbert Kobatake, his platoon leader in camp and combat days went to pay him a visit also. He had this problem longer than he cares to remember. Tsue (he was another one of the boys that was called by their myoji) was in the 2nd platoon, 2nd squad and Ezuka was his sergeant and squad leader. Joe was in the same platoon but was in the 1st squad. Was sort of an impromptu 2nd platoon mini-reunion. Gary Kawate, same squad with Tsue was supposed to go too but

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something hyokutto came up. Walter was the 1st platoon leader. This here was only my third meeting up with him since the good old army days. The first was some years back at this same Tripler Hospital during one of his earlier hospitalization (he's been in and out several times). The other time was at a funeral service. All under not too pleasant circumstances but aredake shikata ga naino. A Hilo native all his life--born, raised and still calls it home. By the way, we are calabash through marriage. Lucky or unlucky for whom. Anyway, it goes something like this. Tsue's kid brother's wife's brother's wife is uchino nyobo no otombo sister. Wakatta? No? The same thing but kochi kara yutara, da good wife no kid sister's husband's kid sister's husband was Tsue's kid brother. Still clear as mud? Tsue's kid brother and the wife passed away several years ago. Tsue looking yowattoru from the years of constant and languishing pain that never seems to let up even for chotto demo. Goes for therapy daily and at times iku dake because the pain so intense he no more the fight to do anything. His mode of moving around in the hospital is the wheelchair. Here's hoping his luck (all rotten so far) changes for the better and quick. Ernie Uno (3Hq) no okage samade we found out that Tsue was a patient there at Tripler. A good churchman, Ernie goes to the hospital quite regularly, not to preach but tegosuru the patients anyway he can.

Chapter Meeting - January

With a brand new year, a brand new regime takes over with a brand new president (Eddie Kanaya). The transition from the old to the new was smooth. With Doc Kawamoto (new VP) staying over from weekly Uta No Kai session that quits at 7 PM, all the 1991 chapter officers were in attendance because the secretary (Masa Yamasaki) and Treasurer (Monte Okamoto) are almost always present.

A splendid turnout of 26 members attended. Of the excellent showing up, somebody wise-cracked, "you know why, they come pay their dues." Get all the bills out of the way--some people say good luck. Kept Monte busy for most of the evening. A pleasant surprise was Kosuke Imori showing up. Looks like attending his last meeting for awhile. He was in a wheelchair being assisted by his son-in-law, Kim, a hontoni oyakoko happa-haole young man. And him father-in-law ni yoh sete yaru. Former Battalion Fire Chief Charley Ijima, retired setemo still yet get a private chauffeur at his command. He's got the best, wife Margie, his biggest booster. Him mega warui or what dohka shiran but her ga kuruma drive sete kite, meeting aru aida matte and pau natta ato drive home seta.

The year's first meeting went pau rather late for now days--about 9:30 p.m. Conservatively speaking that's an hour too long. Looked as though 75% of the business meeting time was spent on discussing whether our future chapter meetings going to be continued like the present or make a drastic change to day time. A strong monku for the change was guys no like drive at night. Plenty monku, which is a good sign, they not sleeping but wide awake(?) and paying attention to what's going on.

Walter Matsumoto, our communique man, filled in on the latest of our away friends--outside islands and the mainland. He no can help but get the job because all the people "target" and write to him. A very shinyo dekiru person. Yeah, Gary Kawate and Jimmy Nakamura as always were at their usual post. Just thinking what would happen if arera play a mean trick and play hooky now and then. Taiherna, boy. Eh, you guys, dunno if you do but at least thank them every now and then.

Chapter Meeting - February

Went play hooky and went to get some (anything) of our past maketa money back from you know where, eh. What transpired at the meeting, no worry. Just pay attention and listen to the secretary reading of the minutes at the next chapter meeting. In fact, this way no bettah than being actually at the meeting. No interference, no static, no nothing. Pilute Miyashiro and his wife went too with us in the same group.

Welcome Aboard

Good buddies Harry Fujii and Gary Kawate spotted Hitoshi "Blackie" Inouye at the late Tommy Kiyosaki's funeral service and went sasou him to come out (chapter meetings/events), the boys like see/meet you. That was all the persuasion/encouragement needed, no need to go twist his arm or anything like that. Could be just what the doctor ordered. Wasting no time he attended the November chapter meeting and the Christmas party. Oh yes, he's already paid up (dues) for 1991--he could be the first. Better late joining up than never. You guys still yet sitting on the fence, no procrastinate, have the gumption to come out, the sooner the better. No need think, you no go wrong. Of da kine guys, the old folks would say, "Enryo setara jibun dake ga son." Talki g with the boys, to his surprise learned that so many of the active yoh dete kuru and him ga yoh shittoru guys aren't with us anymore. It's much much later than people think. "Blackie" sukoshi koete stay on da pleasantly plump side and still yet mada marry setoran. Him too, akamai bugga, instead of getting hooked and make one woman's life miserable, stays single and make all the single

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women happy--including himself. Welcome aboard, the door's always open. He is best remembered by the boys during the service days as a kolohe bugga, yeah, but not pilau kine but da rascal kine. At first glimpse him mitara, mita kotoga nai total stranger. But as you go geev'em da eye and size'em up, soro soro and shizen ni nite kuru. After all he's the same person, only some 46/47 years later. Eh, you (funeral dake ni kuru people) guys, you no think better to see your buddies ikitoru aida than after they ma-ke.

A story of the twenty-six people who went on a cruise in the Caribbean that was planned by Tommy Kiyosaki before his passing.

By: Mits and Millie Honda

Wow! We all thought. What are we going to do now? Our leader is gone!

After several days of discussion, off and on, among some of the inner group who had asked T.K. to start planning this trip, it was decided to start checking with the tour company after T.K. had been put to rest with his beloved Sue at Punchbowl.

After many telephone calls to Sunland Tours and with the help of Ken and Nori, T.K.'s son and daughter, it was decided that someone from the group would have to take over the leadership and guide us through this cruise of the Caribbean. Lily Okamoto (232) and Esther Sato (Sue's sister) bravely volunteered to take over what T.K. had planned and there were also many offers of help from group members which were graciously acknowledged by the two ladies.

Early in October, a month before the November 15 starting date of the trip, Sunland called a dinner meeting at the Pacific Beach Hotel (T.K.'s favorite place) for orientation and dealing out of facts and figures that needed to be known for the trip. Everybody was upbeat and happy about the cruise and I felt T.K. was up there watching and approving.

Lily O. found out that the meticulous T.K. had everything planned and printed with copies for everyone of the group of 26 down to the amount of tip to baggage handlers; how many riders to each taxi and the dollar amount it was to cost; how we were to sit at the dinner table in a round robin system so everyone had a chance to get acquainted, etc. All we had to do was follow instructions and we wouldn't have any trouble.

I keep saying T.K. instead of Tommy because that's the way he wanted it for the trip. He had a glossary of acronyms of much used words or names in the heading of the instruction sheet

that he had so painstakingly written. Like K.C.C. was for Kiyosaki Caribbean Cruise; T.K. - Tommy Kiyosaki; TBA - to be announced; DA - designated area; and OYO - on your own. Of all those, OYO was an immediate hit and we kept using OYO throughout the trip. If there was a humbug question posed and nobody knew the answer, it was always, "That's OYO ang?". Another phrase we picked up and used extensively was "no problem". I've heard it used in Hawaii before but in Miami and the Caribbean area everybody used it all the time; store clerks, waiters, taxi drivers, tour guides, everybody! The only guys who didn't say "no problem" were the chop suey house Pakes in Miami. They were so overwhelmed by our group of 26 walking in that they reverted to speaking Chinese in their excitement.

The trip ended almost three weeks ago, this being the 15th of December, and my memory is beginning to fade. I remember bits and pieces of the trip, not in any regular sequence of the days as the cruise progressed, but mostly of the people involved, what they did, how they reacted to events and happenings, how we laughed and made fun of each other, laughed together and separately, enjoyed ourselves a whole lot and ended the trip solid friends with people we had only been acquainted with before the trip. It's hard to remember everything in detail because every night was a banquet, with lots of beer and wine, and things do get blurred after wining and dining every night with a few beers thrown in during the day. My wine and beer besotted brain has a hard time remembering things and I have to keep asking Millie about specific details of happenings.

The group consisted of Fred and Midori Fujimoto (232) from Kona, myself and Millie, Barbara Haruki (232), Lily Okamoto (232 & Monte's Best), Eleanor Ando (232), Jane Yamao (522), Masa and Yvonne Yamasaki (232), Yoshio and Clara Shibuya (F Co.), Paul and Yukie Takiguchi (M Co.), Dr. Tetsui and Alice Watanabe (Sato's Pals), Dr. Yoshio and Esther Sato (T.K.'s sister-in-law), Chiyo Ishigaki (232 S.F.), Margie Ijima (232), Kaz and Mae Fuji (232 Oregon), Tom and Mary Hiraki (232 Seattle) and Harry and Mabel Kobayashi (MIS Maui). Harry and Mabel were last minute entries accommodated by T.K. as dear friends from way back.

So here we go with the musings and remembrances of a B.B.B. (beer besotted brain) of the K.C.C. planned by T.K. Before we go any further, I have to tell the people mentioned in this article, as the resident poetess of the 442nd, Clara S. said in verse of a certain trip to Vegas, that everything said here is not meant to belittle or denigrate but just for fun and the telling of a story.

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Departure day was the 15th of November and flight time was still 2½ hours away at 8 p.m. Everybody got there early so we checked in as a group and started walking to the boarding gate. It was still about 2 hours to flight time. On the way to the gate, which was quite a distance away, a strange thing happened. The two guys in the lead, Harry and Fred, disappeared. I told Millie, gee, they must have gone the wrong way, although Midori and Mabel were still visible. After a Minute or so, as we approached the area of their disappearance, we found out what had happened. Those two guys couldn't pass up the first bar we were going by. Akut, that's Paul's nickname from 55 years ago, said, "they went in here. I am going to check on them". I told Millie it was too early for me so we went along with the rest of the group. After five minutes of sitting at the gate, I told Millie I better check on them too. It was still about an hour and a half to flight time. I got a big surprise when I found them because Akut was drinking with them. Now this guy had told me at many borot nites and Christmas parties that he didn't drink anything but cola. Well, I caught up with them in no time and the beers kept coming because Harry was ordering another round as soon as the waitress came back with the change. We were having a great time already and we weren't even on the plane. I kept giving Akut a bad time for lying about not drinking beer all this time I had known him. We must have overstayed our time because Mabel came first, then Midori and Millie to tell us it was boarding time. Yuki-chan was the only one who stood her ground and stayed put at the gate. Those three guys became famous for making the plane in the nick of time. That story will come later.

This was sort of a mini-reunion of Maui people. There was Akut, Shibuya, Harry, Esther and Jane from different parts of Maui. And of course, T.K. would have been another one. In fact it turned out that T.K., Harry, Roscoe and Akut were buddies during Atherton House days at the U.H. Shibuya was too young for the group I guess or maybe he was too busy swimming the freestyle for Coach Sakamoto.

This guy Harry is a nice guy who was real good friends of Roscoe, T.K. and Akut. I met him at the L.A. reunion in '82 or '83 when we shared a banquet table together with the Harukis, Larry Inagakis and the Kobayashis. That was the night Roscoe asked me what I wanted to drink and I answered, "whatever". Well, he and Harry decided to get some wine and when the Mafia type guy brought a bottle and gave Harry a sample, Harry said, "bring two". I don't know how many bottles of wine came after the first two (Harry wouldn't let us pay) but I don't remember the bus ride back to our hotel or what the food was like.

Back to the flight to Miami. After about an hour layover at Dallas, we boarded again and arrived in Miami around 1 p.m. Yeah, it's a long flight. Total travel time, 13 hours, including waiting around at the Honolulu airport for the group to assemble. Our hotel rooms weren't ready yet. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on one's viewpoint, there was a wine tasting in the Hotel lobby. Shibuyas, Hondas and Eleanor tore ourselves away after one tasting, large glass, and went to look for lunch, for the hotel restaurant prices were out of sight. One cup of coffee cost me \$2.75 one morning. Some others ate at the hotel restaurant, while the core group which included Harry and Fred, opted to stay at the wine tasting. Somehow, Yuki chan took Akut away to go on a bus ride and lunch. Yamasakis, Satos, Watanabes, Jane and the two guys stayed and cleaned up the supply of wine. When the lunch hunters returned to the hotel, the rooms were ready and the wine was all gone. Later on that evening we all decided to face the out-a-sight prices at the hotel restaurant. Except Chiyo and Margie, that is. They took a ten minute walk to the Bayside shopping area and bought four dollar lunches. The Bayside is like the International Market Place, only more so. There's a lot of kaukau places, too, where the beer is one dollar if purchased with a lunch or dinner special. The hotel charged \$3.75 or so for beer. Fred bought the round. Thank you, Fred.

The mainland guys, Hirakis and Fujis, weren't there while the above mentioned things were happening. After dinner, around 10:30 p.m., still no Kotonks. Lily O. said they're delayed. It always happens, the people living closest are always the last to arrive. The Hirakis finally made it in, but the Fujis were still missing around 11 p.m. Lily decided to go to bed hoping that they would come in during the nite. The next morning the Fujis said they were delayed all afternoon in St. Louis so came in after midnight. The Hirakis had been delayed somewhere up North too.

Early the next afternoon was boarding time and we all got into taxis, four at a time as T.K. had planned, paid our 12 or 13 bucks plus tip as T.K. had said, and got into line for boarding the good Ship Holiday which was to be our home for the next seven days. The Watanabes and Satos had gone ahead and were there and able to help us in completing our paper work for the actual boarding. More than twelve hundred people were sailing so it was a hassle; but it was easier than expected and we were safely in our cabins by 3 p.m.

The sailing was delayed a little bit, but we got going by 4:30 p.m. We were enjoying ourselves checking out the various bars, restaurants

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walking areas and exercise room, although things seemed a bit hectic with 1200 people on board. And, oh yes, we checked out the casino which opens immediately upon leaving the harbor and closes as we enter a harbor. Its a nice layout with 2 crap tables, a couple of roulette tables, several blackjack tables and two poker tables. There were several dozen assorted slot and poker machines in quarters and dollars.

As I said, we were running around checking out the various areas when all of a sudden the fire drill alarm went off. We all scrambled back to our cabins to get our lifejackets, at least I thought everyone did, but in our group, Midori kept saying "I wonder where Fred is?" After about 15 minutes the fire drill was over and still no Fred. Well, I found out later that Harry and Akut were also missing from their muster stations. If this was the Navy they would have ended up in the brig. Afterwards, Fred confessed that they kept on drinking in the bar as if nothing was happening and the waiters seemed happy that at least these guys were willing to go down with the ship just like the waiters.

Dinner was at 6:00 p.m., lunch at 12 noon and breakfast was at eight. Those were the official kau-kau times for our group and we were assigned 4 tables exclusively for our use. We used the round robin system T.K. had planned and we had a lot of fun eating out with different people every nite. Each table had an anchor couple who never moved, while the others hopped around to different tables. Millie and I were anchors, Yamasakis were another, Fred and Midori at another and Barbara, Chiyo and Margie anchored the big 8 man table. I mention the system only to point out a fact Millie and I found out the first nite. Our waiter, a Honduran named Juan David, was the slowest man in the restaurant business. Talk about being slow as molasses, he was it. No matter how quickly we ordered, Juan David was the last to come back from the kitchen with his orders. Our table always finished last. It became a game to see if we could beat the other tables. We always lost. The other tables would come in 5 minutes after us but would finish 10 minutes before us. The first nite he announced that he was a bus boy until the last cruise and this was first meal since being promoted to waiter. It really showed. Although he was slow we couldn't get mad at him because he was unflappable, always upbeat, always happy and accommodating. In other words, he had all the good points a waiter needed but he was slow. Millie and I have a new joke in the family. Whenever somebody is slow in doing anything we say, "Juan David is here!"

The food was really plentiful and good. If one missed the regular scheduled meals, he could

always go to the snack bars and also catch the two late after midnight buffets. All the food you can eat was free, so we all ate a lot. I'm happy to report that I didn't gain an ounce with all that eating, but a funny thing happened and I've been gaining since coming home.

The reason I didn't gain weight during the cruise was because of the jogging track and exercise room. I used to do double what I normally do at home. There were other people walking and running around besides myself. Clara looked really good in the aerobic classes. Yuki chan was always with her. And I saw Clara, Esther, Yuki, Jane and Millie go into the sauna area at various times. Dr. Tetsui also walked every morning. The course was eleven laps to the mile. Another guy who went early in the morning to the jogging track was Akut, but I always found him trying to stay right behind two haole type young girls in those super tight, super brief, what you call 'ems.

That K.C.C. was a lot of fun. I recommend it to everyone who wants a lot of fun and a lot of quality relaxing time with people you enjoy more and more as the days go by. As I said before, the first half a day and nite seemed to be a hassle and it does take that much time to get acclimated, I guess. At least it seemed so in our case, Millie and I. But on the first full day at sea, you start to feel better and better, hour by hour until by late afternoon you're in complete tune with your new environment, plenty of good service, most anything you want close at hand, a whole bunch of good friends and the beautiful open sea.

Talk about the open sea. It brought back memories of the long trip to Napoli without the 800 side to side rolling of a Liberty ship. And we were going faster, this Holiday ship, about 20 knots on the average as compared to what? Five or six knots? We forget how big the ocean is in this day of jetting to L.A. in five hours or so. We sailed (diesel engines, of course) all nite and all day and another nite to get to the Yucatan coast of Mexico. That's going from Miami, skirting Cuba into the gulf of Mexico and on into the Caribbean sea to reach the eastern coast of the Yucatan peninsula. You look at the map, its such a small area but get on a boat and travel 36 hours non stop and you start to feel real small.

The open sea. Its a big beautiful sight. You'd feel all alone if it weren't for the 1900 other people on board. That's counting the crew and other service personnel and the vacationers. The thing to do is go aft and watch the wake of the ship around midnite when everyone else is drinking, dancing or gambling. I went back there

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several times during the trip when playing cards became tiresome. Just me and two or three lover couples. They never noticed me, they were so absorbed in each other and it didn't bother me because that kind of thing was new a long time ago for me. Its beautiful back there late at night or real early in the morning.

Back to the cruise. There's all kinds of activities going on all the time. You can go to gambling lessons, dance classes, piano sing-a-long horse races, movies, Las Vegas type shows, a masquerade party and bingo games. Ah, yes, the bingo games. We did a lot of that in between sessions at the casino. Several people in our group won. Midori won hundred dollars twice and the Shibuyas. Clara won a blackout for \$800.00 and Yosh won \$100.00 on the same nite. I think the Hirakis won something too.

Our first stop was on the Yucatan coast at a place called Playa Del Carmen. The Satos, Watanabes, Chiyo and Margie left by tender for the docks at Playa Del Carmen. It seemed like a five minute ride. The rest of us stayed on board and went to the island of Cozumel, a short distance off the Yucatan coast. The Del Carmen bunch went to see Mayan ruins and the rest of us opted for Cozumel, the island of fertility. The Indians used to go to Cozumel to pray for babies and if you did it right there on the island, it was guaranteed, so they say. Well, we weren't interested in making babies, but we did tour the island and went shopping.

Cozumel was the place we found out Akut had a great talent for bargaining.

Dockside was a jungle of taxicabs and touring vans with all the drivers fighting for your business. The going price for touring the island was \$35.00 and to go shopping was about \$20.00. After several minutes of haggling, Akut and Shibuya came back and said we got the whole bit for \$16.00. The waters around Cozumel are beautiful, just like Haleiwa beach or Waimea Bay was sixty years ago. Akut and Shibuya went swimming while the rest of us roamed around the beach. I'm glad I didn't go swimming because they went out with fins and scuba equipment and didn't come back for half an hour. I would've drowned. The shopping seemed pretty good. The ladies always enjoy.

The bunch that went to Playa Del Carmen had a very good time too. A few of us who didn't go on that tour had seen some ruins on a previous trip through Mexico several years earlier with I.K. The most outstanding part of their trip seemed to be the ride from and to the ship on the launch or tender. Its a smallish boat, smaller than a lifeboat, about 22 feet long. As I said, the ride out seemed to be about five minutes but,

the ride back from Playa Del Carmen to Cozumel took about forty-five minutes. Some people got sick but none from our group.

Our second stop was at the Grand Cayman Islands, a British Crown Colony. That place was like the pictures you see of the Caribbean. Its like the Virgin Islands with beautiful well kept buildings and nice golf courses. In fact, this is the most prosperous place in the whole Caribbean area. It is the financial center of the Caribbean. There are about five hundred banks and if you got good credit, its possible to get a couple thousand in a few minutes, which Harry did. He probably wanted to buy Mabel something nice.

The final stop was at Jamaica. This was a fun place with lots of shopping for the ladies and plenty of fun bargaining with the taxi drivers. Its a poor country, third world type, and the people look very poor. The store buildings were old style except for one new shopping mall. In fact, this was the first time I saw a shopping area about two blocks long on the main drag where the buildings were all rusty old 'totan' shacks. Ask Hichi, he'll tell you that's old rusty corrugated iron roof.

Talk about taxis. When we went out on the road, taxis of all sizes and shapes were parked every which way on the road shoulders for a mile down the road. We were immediately rushed by about a dozen drivers. I pushed Akut in front and told him to "go get 'em". They wanted three dollars per person to drop us off at the farthest end of the shopping area, about three miles away. Well, that Akut got us out there for a dollar a piece, ten of us. In Jamaica, it seems that everyone who's not working, and there are lots of them, takes the family car out to become taxi drivers.

Going out was relatively easy for a dollar a piece, but coming back, these guys wanted 3 dollars again and there weren't many taxis around. In fact there was only one that was unoccupied. He insisted on 3 dollars and we went up to two dollars. This was when Akut turned away and said he was calling another cab. This took nerve, because did you ever try to call a cab in a foreign country on the spur of the moment? Akut went into a store with Shibuya following when the guy gave up and agreed to one dollar. We never found out if they had public phones in Jamaica.

The ladies had a ball shopping in Jamaica but Shibuya had a hard time. He had to carry the packages and the stores were very crowded, you know, and everytime he finally caught up to Clara, she would tell him, "Where were you? I was waiting to tell you I'm going across the street".

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I have to tell you about the music in Jamaica. As you near a store you are blasted by the loudest Reggae music you ever heard. Its deafening inside the store. I tried to dance my way in and out, but I'm too stiff for that kind of dancing. Never got the hang of it.

Drugs are legal in Jamaica. The shipboard tour director warned us about all the dealers out there, but we never met any. The ladies got a big thrill seeing a man taking a bath in the shallow river. He was in the process of washing his private parts and was rinsing his long banana just then. We also passed a roadside shack with several ladies around waiting for johns. That shack looked like it was overflowing with aids virus.

Back to the casino and bingo. Some of the people were lucky at the slot machines, some playing cards, some in bingo, and others whipped the crap games. Like the Yamasakis were an interesting study in slot machine technique. They worked as a team. One played while the other watched. Usually, Masa watched because she's the lucky one. Whenever she wanted to go shishi, he would take over and she goes often because of the water pills. She made two hundred dollars the first nite. This trip Masa beat her, though. On the last nite, he kept playing this same machine all the time. Never moved. Around 11:30 p.m., just before midnight buffet, we were both washing hands and he said, "Well that's it for this trip. I just hit the jackpot - \$500.00".

The poker games were a lot of fun. They call it Caribbean Poker, a variation of 5 card draw. Yuki, Eleanor, Harry, Akut, Yosh, Kontonk Fuji and I were regulars at it. The black jack players were the guys I just mentioned plus Margie and Chiyo. The rest played slots, poker machines or just stood around talking.

The crap games were fun too. In fact, I had the most fun there. Shibuya was learning the fine points from Akut, sort of master and protegee. Shibuya learned pretty good, he threw 4 passes several times. Only thing, I told Akut, he (Yosh) should cut down on his delivery motion. He threw side arm with a velocity to rival Nolan Ryan. When I cautioned him about it, he says, "They tell me hit the backboard!!". I found out he likes to hit the backboard hard and have the dice bounce back to right in front of him. He doesn't trust the stickman to call out his points

Eleanor likes the card games. In fact she's the most tenacious player I've seen. She doesn't give up and she plays real serious. Kotonk Fuji plays like her. Its hard to tell if they got good cards or not. Their expression remains the

same. Kotonk made several hundred dollars at poker one nite and the only time he smiled was when he quit. Yuki-chan is also a good player. She plays everything; cards, dice, slots and is all over the place like the Tasmanian devil.

We went to the horse races in Miami. Akut took us - Me, Millie, Yuki, Eleanor and Shibuya. It was a fine bus ride to the track. Passed through the poor sections of Miami. We passed by the Miami-Dade Junior College where a couple of U.S. basketball players came from. The bus transfer place was in front of an abandoned Burger King. That building was almost completely broken down by vandals. The trash was knee deep in and around the building. That horse racing is a lot of fun and very exciting. I can see why some people get hooked on it and give up a job and family to follow the horses. It would take too long to write about it so just ask Shibuya how he just missed making \$3000.00 on one of those complicated betting schemes wherein you bet on five races and fifteen horses. Yuki-chan wanted to bet on a horse that had odds of 99-1 to win but Akut was too embarrassed to go up to the window and bet on it so he settled on a 6-1 horse which won for her. Men always know best. Actually, Yuki's horse started at about 15-1 and then ended up at 99-1. The horse probably had a bum knee and word gets around pretty fast at a race track or maybe the jockey was drunk.

Now that I got started, I keep remembering all kinds of events and situations that happened during our trip, but to keep things short, I'll just mention things in different categories.

The luckiest bingo players: The Shibuya family. Midori won \$100.00 twice but came in second to the Shibuya family.

The most generous winner: Clara. After making the blackout and winning \$800.00, she passed out gifts of cash to players who were lucky enough to be near her. That's the only time the Honda family made money on the trip.

The fastest walker: Yuki. This woman walks fast. Nobody could keep up with her. When they go walking at home in Salt Lake, Paul falls back about half a mile in forty minutes.

Most business like slot players: Yamasaki family. I've already written about their system.

Three guys most likely to miss a plane: Fred, Akut and Harry. Especially if they travel together. On one layover, they went into the bar and just came through the door as a stewardess was trying to close it. I couldn't see what kind of reception they got from their seat mates

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Most resourceful travellers: Chiyo and Margie. They went all over the place on their own on stopovers.

Heaviest smoker: Kotonk Fuji. You try playing poker next to him. Its just like being in a burning building. And he makes money.

Most prudent eaters. Watanabes and Satos. You look at their shapes and you know the wives are very good at calorie counting. The men show it.

The most eye-catching luggage: Jane. Her bag is red. A designer would call it vermilion or scarlet, but its red. When we got off the boat in Miami and went down to the customs warehouse, there were two thousand bags but I spotted it immediately.

Happiest traveller: Tom Hiraki. He was always cheerful and ready with a kind word for everyone. He could qualify for most talkative if I had that category.

Most enthusiastic craps shooter: Tie - Harry and Akut. This doesn't mean they're good at it or made a bundle, but that they were always willing to give it a try.

Most enthusiastic machine player: Millie. One nite she came in at 2:30 a.m. She put it all back in, but played all night on \$10.00 she bragged.

Best tour leader: Lily O. I would need ten pages to really describe her style. Thanks a mill, Lil.

This ends the story of the group of 26 who went on the KCC that TK had planned so well. I think all of us consider ourselves fortunate to have gone on this last trip that he had planned, and will sorely miss the big guy. Its sad to think that we'll never see him again, but we will always remember all the good and happy times we shared with him.

R.I.P., T.K.
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442ND 'RETIRES' GOLF CLUB By Eddie Tamanaha

Retirees Golf Club

On December 6, 1990, 22 members assembled at the Ft. Shafter golf course. Tom Mayeda and Milton Uchigaki were hot on their game. They both shot net 63s and with our tie breaker system Tom was declared first place winner and Milton second. Neka Matoi and Tadashi Kunishige came in at net 65s and again by our tie breaker, Neka was third, Tadashi fourth. One stroke back with a 66, John Bull Kikuyama cinched fifth. Front 9 was tied with 31st by Kats Ibara and Stan Yamamoto. Masami Doi won the back 9 with the same net 31. Closest to the hole were won by Steve Hirotsu #5 and Lefty Sugihara #17. The 19th hole was enjoyed by all at the golf course 19th Puka Snack Shop.

December 20, 1990, our last scheduled tournament for 1990 at Makalena Golf Course was canceled due to the closing of the course because of heavy rains. This has been one of the few times our tournaments at Makalena was canceled due to rains. Usually it's at the Pali Golf Course.

January 3, 1991, 20 members gathered at the Pali Golf Course. Maui Okamura was the best this day as he turned in a net 69. One stroke back with a 70 was Herb Yamamura for second. Tadashi Kunishige was third with a 72. Tom Mayeda and Bobby Hirayama came in with 74s. Tom was fourth and Bobby fifth after applying the tie breaker. Front 9 was won by Sho Miota and the back 9 by Neka Matoi. Closest to the hole were Maui Okamura and Tom Mayeda.

January 17, 1991 at the Shafter Golf Course, 30 members showed up. After all the score cards were turned in, Herb Isonaga was first with a net 63. Teruhisa Nishiyama was one shot back with a 64 for second. Bobby Hirayama and Masami Doi turned in 65s for third and fourth after the tie breaker. Fifth was Milton Uchigaki with a 67. Front 9 was won by Hichi Matsumoto with a net 31. Back 9 winner was Stan Yamamoto with 34½. Closest to the hole winners on the par 3s were Bobby Hirayama and Yoshi Higa.

January 31, 1991, 28 members assembled at the Makalena Golf Course. Left Sugihara turned in the best score to take top honors. Four golfers turned in 69s and the tie breaker declared the following: second Smitty Koga; third Bobby Hirayama; fourth Harry Tokushige; and fifth Maui Okamura. Teiji Chinn took the front 9 with a net 33 and Hichi Matsumoto the back 9 with 32. Par 3 closest to the pin were Sho Miota and Minoru Tamashiro.

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On February 14, 1991, a rainy and cloudy day, 31 members and 1 brave guest tried to play golf at the Pali Golf Course. After 8 holes, tournament chairman Hichi Matsumoto called the tournament off. After we got into the club house (upstairs) a really heavy downpour started. The guest, Kash Kashino stated "this is like Seattle". Everybody was a winner this day as the 19th hole was started early, pupus furnished by the Club and also by non-drinkers Neka Matoi and Masami Doi.

February 28, 1991 at the Shafter Golf Course 27 members gathered to try for the top honor. Smitty Koga was hot this day as he led the pack by 3 shots with a net 66. Second was Hichi Matsumoto with a 69. Three players turned in 70s with our tie breaker furnishing these results: third Minoru Tamashiro; fourth Stan Yamamoto; and fifth Milton Uchigaki. Best front 9 was Yoshi Higa 36½ and back 9 George Ikinaga 32. Closest to the pin were Dick Uemura #5 hole and Minoru Tamashiro #17 par 3 holes.

March 7, 1991, 26 members showed up at the Makalena Golf Course. Because the day was cloudy and rained pretty hard in Honolulu and elsewhere, some golf clubs must have canceled. We were able to tee off about half hour ahead of our scheduled tee time. Anyway, the day turned out to be a nice day. Masami Doi and Rocky Tanna turned in 65s but Masami was the winner according to our tie breaker, Rocky second. Third was Maui Okamura, one stroke back with a 66. Kats Ibara and Hichi Matsumoto both turned in 68s, but Kats was fourth and Hichi fifth as per our system. Best 9s were won by Stan Yamamoto, front; and Dick Uemura, the back. Par 3 closest to the hole were Teru Nishiyama and Maui Okamura.

The 19th hole is still being enjoyed by all. There seems to be a lot of stories going on all at the same time, a lot of teasing and laughter.

Our next seven tournaments are: March 28, Pali, 11:00; April 11, Shafter, 8:17; April 22, HCC, 9:30; May 9, Pali, 11:00; May 23, Shafter, 8:17; June 3, HCC, 9:30; and June 20, Pali, 11:00.

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the plants does not come from his backyard. More often than not, he had to travel to the windward side nurseries to bring these plants to us. Thanks Lawrence!

So ended the satisfying day at 7 P.M., as the next day is a school day for the many grandchildren in attendance. Thanks to everyone, workers, donors, participants and to chairman, Victor Yamashita for this family gathering.

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Jetting in to our sunny shores too, were SHIRO & LOU KASHINO, here, for a quick "relaxer," before it was back to Seattle in preparation for a special opening ceremony for their "NVC-KIA Exhibit" and an installation dinner, being held on March 23 (the same night as our 442 banquet). Their keynote speaker, LOU tells me, will be my former boss (before I retired) U.S. Senator DAN K. INOUE.

Dinner with the Kashino's was held at the Inn of 6th Happiness. Here again some hurried calls had to be made. Then by some stretch of good fortune over 50 Itemites & Itemites at heart responded practically overnight. Since it was Chinese New Year week, every kau kau house imaginable was booked solid. But, by a stroke of good luck BRINO was able to convince FRANCIS TSUZUKI (522-FA), boss of the Kalihl establishment that he should accommodate us. The rest, they say, is history. And "Kung Hee Fat Choy!" to you, too.

Have you noticed that "old timer" WALTER 'Joe' OKIMOTO is gradually easing himself in to our monthly meetings, on a much more regular basis than usual?

Doctors McPheeters, Chirn, Lederer and their kind, have assured me that whatever I'm afflicted with (like HIDE, FRED MATSUMURA and Co.) is non hereditary and not contagious. Just thought I'd let you guys know.

Incidentally, our 2 big door prize winners at our Christmas Party were DIANNE OGATA, 2 Aloha Airlines round trip tickets to any island of your choice, courtesy of NEAL TAKEKAWA, making it 2 years in a row, for him. NEAL, of course is KAZU's son. The Polaroid camera, donated by STEVEN TAKEKAWA (no. 1 son) was won by ELSIE ARATANI. "Congratulations!" to the lucky winners! And a Happy New Year to all of you!

Our Christmas Party for 1991 will be held on Sun., Dec 8, Same place. The 2nd Sunday in December, remember? See you there!

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and after approximately 20 minutes we bumped into the break in the line and the remainder of the platoon and Company digging in for the night. I stayed with the rest of the squad and sent the other 2 men back to T/Sgt Sakamoto with the message that at day break I would be bringing up the rest of the platoon.

At day break, we joined up with the rest of the platoon and the Company. With Maj. O'Connor and Acting C.O. Leonard leading the first platoon and the 1st squad designated to take the point, we made our way down the hill following a cart trail. As we neared the bottom of the hill, we expected any minute to run into Jerries and had hopes of cutting off their withdrawal from Sassetta. We heard a strange creaking noise and someone whistling. As we arrived at the junction where our bull cart trail met the road leading down out and away from Sassetta, much to our surprise and relief, there in the middle of the road riding a rickety bicycle that appeared to be almost falling apart was a "buddhahead" G.I. enjoying a bicycle ride and whistling a non-descript tune. We soon found out that he was a member of the 100th Battalion and that the battalion had cleared and secured Sassetta that night. The Jerries had already made their withdrawal to their next point of resistance.

So ended our first 48 hours - losing our Company C.O. Executive Officer, 1st Sgt, and one platoon runner

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Y. (2), Joe D., with no one on the 8th hole. Larry Shimabukuro, A Battery, will rejoin the Club, has been ill for quite some time. He donated 15 balls to the Club, thanks Larry and happy to see you again.

Bits and Pieces

Rocky Tanna on visit to California during the holidays was questioned by Gashouse on our 50th reunion plans and with only 24 months till then, mainlanders are getting concerned. Dorothy Matsuo interviewed a number of B Chapter members after the last January meeting. Hideo Nakamine has already signed up sixteen people for the 36th Division San Antonio Chapter Reunion with a side trip to Camp Shelby and others interested should call him. Judge Daniel Valk has donated another \$25 to the Chapter.

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Livorno Chapter members regarding this issue, I took an informal poll with a surprising result with the overwhelming majority favoring the decision to list all AJAs who served overseas. The Rafu Shimpō, the largest Japanese Language newspaper in Los Angeles with a circulation of 23,000, quoted a Nisei veteran of World War II who said: "The successful fighting record of the troops had a lot to do with how people perceived us after the war. These are people who made a difference."

Chapter Reporter request input from Livornites in order to prepare items of interest for each quarterly issue. ARRIVADEC!

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get enough sashimi, tako, suchi, and other Japanese fare. So every January he comes from Connecticut's cold to enjoy the local food and mild weather. But, to us Queen Kapiolani's significance goes back to a national 442 reunion. It was the scene of Dick Nomura's famous "J'Accuse" denunciation of the Medics' unpopular officer. Dick charged "You were a son of a bitch!" We bystanders waited an interminable period for a reply. Then the answer finally came softly "I guess I was." But the momentous encounter did not deter the ex-officer from returning to Hawaii again and again. Fortunately for him there were no characters here to avenge old scores like the 47 ronin of Ako. There were some people here who made his Hawaii stay pleasurable.

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a couple of nights in Honolulu, one of which was as guests at a dinner meeting of EASY CHAPTER at the Flamingo Chuck Wagon at which time MACK gave the gathering the latest on the Reunion. As usual attendance at the dinner meeting was excellent which goes to show that it doesn't take much to get a good attendance at meetings as long as wives are included. EASY HONOLULU has the ANSAI affair on the back burner awaiting word from Maui's CHARLEY ARAKAKI for the next move.

With Taxes due shortly and Desert Storm due to blow up at any time, these are not normal times. Our distance from that awful conflict has helped insulate us, to a certain extent, from the horrors of war but as veterans we know that war is terrible, terrible. Let us hope that peace comes without the need to have a ground war. Thank you. T.I

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