

the men were deserving to receive the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Since we were still engaged in the last Italian campaign, no action was taken, and the matter, put aside.

After the war, PERSHING returned, and with KIYO, settled in Elmhurst, a suburb of Chicago, and began his own business of marketing industrial diamonds used in drill heads. In time, they were blessed with the birth of their first and only child, a daughter, JOYCE, who in turn presented them with a grandchild.

Years later, while on active-duty in Washington D.C., in the historical section, he revived and pursued the matter of the C.I.B. but without much success. Then, as a last resort, we requested Senator DAN INOUE for his help. Despite his intervention, the Department remained firm with its negative stand. Thus PERSHING's long-enduring passion to get the recognition he felt his men deserved ended in disappointment, and the matter was closed for good. However, it seemed ironic that although the reason given by the Department for the denial of the C.I.B. - that the Engineers did not perform primary duties as infantry men, PERSHING was wounded while he and the Company were actually performing as infantry during the last campaign in Italy.

Prior to the '67 Hawaii reunion, PERSHING's presence was noticeably missing. Partly because he was busy with his fledgling industrial-diamond business and other personal reasons, he was not able to attend. Finally however, in response to our "petition-invitation," he and KIYO joined us for their first 442 Reunion, the '67 in Hawaii. They enjoyed themselves to the hilt, especially the warm camaraderie and the Hawaiian hospitality, and promised to attend the next one. They kept their promise and more, as they made every subsequent reunion.

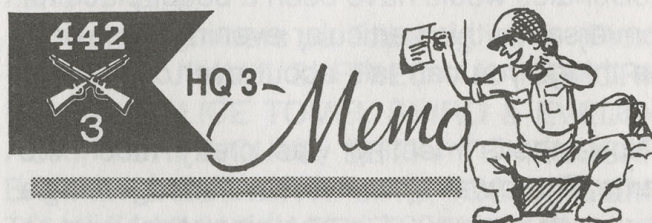
The milestone 50th Anniversary Reunion proved to be his "last hurrah." Looking fine and in good spirits, he participated in and enjoyed all of the scheduled events. He even marched in the truly memorable "old soldiers" parade, which turned out to be the Reunion highlight. On Chapter night, he and KIYO were honored with a

surprise, tear-jerking Golden Wedding Anniversary observance with the traditional cake et al, and a Hawaiian touch, the "Hawaiian Wedding Song" sung by a couple of the members - JOE SATO and KIYO KIMURA.

In his last letter to me, written shortly after returning home from the Reunion, to thank us all for the most memorable of all reunions, he ended by saying that he and KIYO will be looking forward to seeing us in Las Vegas in May, 1994, for our next Engineer reunion. Unfortunately and sad to say, this will not come to pass. We're going to miss him there and at all subsequent reunions.

We hope that by now, KIYO has recovered from the shock and pain and ordeal of the past month and has been able to adjust to her new life without PERSHING. Words are inadequate and hollow at a time like this but all Engineers, wives, and widows in Hawaii and all over the mainland join in extending our deepest sympathy and condolences to KIYO and daughter JOYCE on their great loss.

And to PERSHING, we wish him eternal peace and rest.



Meeting report for the months of August and September, all wrapped up in one. Why? The reason being the members had decided that a special meeting be held with an appreciation dinner for those who had helped at the 50th Reunion. I kinda liked the idea..saved some travel time...especially for SAM FURUYA. Members and guests gathered at Won Kee Restaurant at the Chinese Cultural Garden for this event. As it happened, none of the invited guests showed up since they were busy with other things. Sorry, invited guests, you missed an excellent dinner. And it was a rare treat on 3rd HQ too.

SAM FURUYA gave a meeting report, but

nothing of importance, so the evening was spent just enjoying the tantalizing food and talking over many subjects. Present at this dinner meeting were TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, ERNI & GRACIE UNO, SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, ROBERT & EDNA KUNIYUKI, DAVID KAIURA, JANET MATSUDA, HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA, TOMMY & ELAINE TAMASHIRO, SAM & MICHIE SASAI, BILL & YAEKO KUWATA, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, and CHARLIE & CLARA WATANABE.

Nothing much to report for the past couple of months as many members were on the travel list. Like the month of October, there were only four members at the clubhouse for the usual Friday night meeting. On the other hand, that's pretty good considering that there are usually eight members present at the most. The four members were SAM FURUYA, DAVID KAIURA, BILL KUWATA, and SHIGERU GOTO. What did they talk about? I have no idea. However, information received is that 3rd HQ kotonks are planning a reunion on the mainland. It's too early to report on the specifics, but will keep you posted. You know something, McDonalds would have been a better place for conversation this particular evening. Amazing, the things you can talk about over coffee and fries.

November's meeting was pretty much the same. There was a short discussion regarding a European trip in 1994, but nothing conclusive so far. The highlight of the evening was that SAM FURUYA will again serve as Hq3rd president for 1994. It took a friendly persuasion and a little pep talk by SAM SASAI (like an auto salesman and without arm twisting). SAM FURUYA said "YES" like the First Hawaiian Bank commercial. Of course you know that SAM SASAI is a retiree of Bank of Hawaii.

On to da kine news....

I spent some time in Florida, Washington D.C., and Baltimore, just playing tourist. Visited a few shopping centers and outlet malls. Shopping at the "Potomoc Mills," offered quite an experience. Located 30 minutes South of Washington

D.C., it is one of the world's largest outlet malls...a must-stop point when visiting D.C.

Once back in Florida, it was fishing, fishing, and more fishing. The waters along the Indian River, Sebsatian Islet, and the Atlantic seashore offer many opportunities. Caught a couple of trout (delicious prepared steamed Chinese style); a spottail drum (even more delicious than trout); and mullets galore. But, mullets are usually bait fish in Florida. Fishing along the Atlantic coastline is just fabulous, an endless stretch of sand beach, all yours to enjoy. Not like Hawaii where fishing for my pleasure has become almost a difficult undertaking.

If members have any traveling experiences or other news to share, would appreciate hearing from you.

This is the last report for the year 1993. Hq3rd, hopefully will be ending the year on a positive note. With this I bid you folks "Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!" All pau for this year.



Las Vegas Reunion

The winners, and losers too, all gave this reunion a two-thumbs up. The tour to Las Vegas arranged by JIMMY KANEMORE started in Honolulu the night of October 16th. While waiting for our flight at the airport, the local gang was having too much fun already that EMI TSUJI asked "When are we going on our next reunion?" She had to be reminded that we hadn't even started on this one yet.

The Gold Coast Hotel and Casino provided an excellent headquarters for our group where we were able to remain together and enjoy the group companionship more, unlike the downtown area where everybody got out of sight most of the time. Much to our surprise there was plenty to do right in the hotel. In addition to the spacious casino, they have a 72-lane bowling center, heated swimming pool, two show

lounges, a large dance hall, twin movie theaters, five great restaurants, and more. Food was excellent and plentiful - the ham served at breakfast was so humungous BILL OKAZAKI and DICK TOCHIHARA were smart enough to take along the leftovers to the golf course to make sandwiches for their lunch. The Monday night banquet went well, beginning with a cordial cocktail hour Drinks were so cheap we were all encouraged to have more than our share of beverage to meet the minimum assessment contracted with the hotel. Good thing there were no designated drivers in the crowd. Invocation was inspired by GRACE YAMASHIRO and followed by a moment of silence to remember our departed members. Then it was time to dig into the fine spread at the buffet table - excellent cuisine, but to those of us who did our duty to consume more than our share of beverages, anything tasted good - ask SUMI or YORI or SHIRO.

Before we for chance to fall asleep on our big opu's MC and Program Chairman RALPH TOMEI opened the program with introduction of Mike Chapter president, SHIRO AOKI, to render the welcoming address. DAV Commander and 442 VP PAUL TAKIGUCHI surprised the audience with the delivery of his short remarks, which turned out to be the shortest ever in our recent history - way to go PAUL! RALPH then thanked JIMMY KANEMORI, on behalf of all participants, for his tireless efforts in arranging the whole Vegas trip and the banquet. Among the guests introduced were: MABEL YAMADA from Honolulu (guest of BARNEY & ESTHER HAJIRO), YO HANAOKA, SAM & MICHU MORI, SUSUMU & KUMIKO MORI, and BERT & KEIKO MORI from Washington (all guests of TOSH and YOSH MAYEDA), and TED KUNITSUGU from California (guest of BILL and MITZI KUNITSUGU.) Thank you all for joining us; we enjoyed having you. We were also fortunate to have from Club 100 RAY and AKI NOSAKA, and their son JOHNATHAN with their guitars and ukulele, assisting our musicians, RALPH and JIMMY. We also appreciate their help in providing the use of their karaoke machine at our

program. Many thanks!

The entertainment portion of the evening opened with the Chicken Dance with everyone participating like real sports. The Mike Chapter Hula Maidens, consisting of GRACE YAMASHIRO, ALICE TOMEI, and YORI INOUE got their shakes with three hula numbers, Pua Mana, Pua, Hone, and Ahulili. Not to be outdone by the girls, PAUL TAKIGUCHI and RAY NOSAKA got their okole workout with Ulupalakua. The karaoke borots had to get in the act too. Singing their favorite selections were BETTY TOMIKOSHI, BILL KUNITSUGU, YORI INOUE, and EMI TSUJI. EMI also cracked us up with her impersonation of a musical story (the naught kine only she can deliver). And how about GRACE YAMASHIRO's favorite Aunty MALIA who happened to drop in on us that evening - boy was she stacked! Don't deny it, all you guys - we saw you ogling all over her, top to bottom, while she gyrated through her Ala Moana Annie. Sorry, you guys didn't make it, that was her final appearance; Aunty MALIA just retired, according to GRACE. The banquet ended with Hawaii Aloha and Aloha Oe, sung by all standing hand in hand.

Chapter members participating were: (From Honolulu) JIMMY & FRIEDA KANEMORI, RALPH & ALICE TOMEI, SHIRO & EVELYN AOKI, YORI INOUE, BETTY TOMEKOSHI, BARNEY & ESTHER HAJIRO, TOSHIO & EMI TSUJI, TOMMY & HARRIET KIKUCHI, PAUL & YUKI TAKIGUCHI, and ISAMU & KAY TAKAYESU. From Illinois: YAHACHI & MINNIE SAGAMI. From Oregon: SAM & ITSIE FUJISHIN. From Washington: BILL & MITZIE KUNITSUGU, KAUN & SUMI ONODERA, TOSH & YOSHIE MAYEDA, and HARRY and MISAYO KUMAKURA. From California DICK and SUMI TOCHIHARA, BILL OKAZAKI, BOB YURUKI, JOE & FLORENCE ENOMOTO, YOSHIO & GRACE NAKAMURA, HIROSHI & GRACE YAMASHIRO, and SEIKI & ALICE YOSHIMURA. From Nebraska, SAM & SAI USHIO.

We acknowledge with much appreciation the following donations: pistachio nuts from BILL

OKAZAKI, DICK & SUMI TOCHIHARA, and HIROSHI & GRACE YAMASHIRO; a case of raisins from SEIKI & ALICE YOSHIMURA; smoked salmon from TOSH & YOSHIE MAYEDA, and KAUN & SUMI ONODERA; sliced persimmons and persimmon bread from YOSHIO & GRACE NAKAMURA; and a cash donation from BARNEY & ESTHER HAJIRO to cover balance of bar tab for banquet. While we're on the subject of donations, we wish to extend belated thanks to ROSE KINAGA, SUMI TOCHIHARA, and GRACE YAMASHIRO from LA for the smart pouch specially designed for the 50th Anniversary Reunion which the local members received back in June. These three ladies spent many hours working on them, so we can now remember them every time we dine out and bring home the doggie bag.

It was indeed a big thrill welcoming SAM & ITSIE FUJISHIN from Oregon for the first time in 50 years. SAM reported they have been committed to their vegetable farming and the June reunion month happens to be the busiest time for them. But he promised not to wait another 50 years for the next one, and he's bringing us some onions, too.

Win or lose, most of us enjoyed the casino games. Everytime we bumped into ESTHER HAJIRO, she reported the slots were paying off, and BARNEY must have been winning handily because he even had time to doze off at the crap table. SHIRO AOKI was RALPH TOMEI's shadow for four days trying to learn RALPH's fine technique at crap but found one trip was not quite enough. Some of us found ourselves going fast on the minus side and took time out to watch Joy Luck Club showing at the theater. SAM USHIO must have been losing money too; we spotted him in the dark with his two girlfriends.

The whole trip was wonderful, SO WHEN ARE WE GOING ON OUR NEXT REUNION?

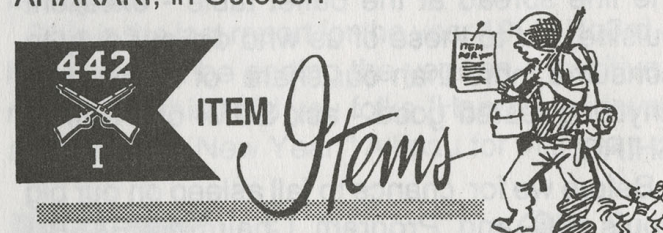
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MAMO FURUYA experience a good scare recently while working on some machinery and got part of his left thumb ground off. But he was able to sing away the blues right through the

healing process. Tough guy, this!

As if ALICE BEPPU didn't have enough coping to do recently, she managed to get herself all buss us falling down a flight of stairs while visiting her daughter in Washington. She's recovering from a fractured wrist, hand, knee, nose, cheekbone, you name it. This girl, she's tough too - she can even talk and laugh over the whole thing. If you haven't hear from her, it's because her writing paw has not been operational. ALICE expressed sincere thanks to all Mike Chapter folks for all the support and gifts make in TADAO's memory to the DAV. See you soon, ALICE.

Our condolences to SEIKI and DAISY ARAKAKI on the passing of their mother, TSURU ARAKAKI, in October.



A substantial sum was received from the TONI SAKAMOTOS of Pasadena, California via Chapter Prexy TERRY ARATANI. Granted, it arrived a wee bit too late to be classified in the prior Bulletin, but that didn't diminish our appreciation one iota! The ex-local boy turned kotonk says it was in reciprocation for all that so-gawd-darn-nice time they had during the 442 50th Anniversary Reunion, earlier in the year. Mahalo! to both BETTIE and TONI!

Bumped into Col. YASO ABE (ret.) and Mrs. ABE at the 442 Clubhouse one a.m., in late September, was it? The former was here to purchase a reunion shirt with the 442 logo on it. Says he had been invited to participate in a parade out Wahiawa (Schofield) way and needed something appropriate. Also, he lacked a garrison cap. Figuring the one I had wasn't going to fit him, I had KAZU TAKEKAWA to accommodate the man. And I guessed right. The latter not only had the correct size, but since wife WINIFRED was from Wahiawa, the couple made frequent trips that-a-way. The stage in time changes and now its late November. The dead-

line for the Bulletin is here. Yours truly received some newspaper clippings from the Schofield Barracks paper from KAZUMA OYAMA. In it, he had enclosed a clear, brilliant, sun-drenched shot of YASO as the "Grand Marshall" of the Schofield Veterans Day parade! I almost fell off my chair! The shirt, the cap now with a (light) colonel emblem very much in place. Wow! Congratulations, Colonel! And thank you, KAZUMA.

Which brings to mind the remark attributed to a certain retired general, residing here, commenting in response to GOV. JOHN WAIHEE's crediting the 442 unit for taking part in the Dachau Holocaust tragedy in World War II. Wasn't he supposed to have said, "they weren't anywhere near that region!"? Was there any retraction, any apology made since? If not, why not?

The hottest point in any fire is at the tip of the flame. Any high school chemistry student can tell you that!

When former local Itemite HARRY KUWAHARA died in Los Angeles, in late Sept. (24th), word of his demise reached us almost instantly. Merely by chance TOMMY HARIMOTO had run into TOMO UYEDA (Co. E) who happened to be a relative of the KUWAHARA clan. (His obituary appeared in the local daily 2 months later on Nov. 23). May we take this means and time to extend our deepest condolence to wife EDNA and the remaining next of kins. HARRY was 79. May his soul rest in peace.

Add MAMO SHIROTA's name to your list of Itemites who strives to make attending our meetings a pleasure. That extra large brown bag filled with avocados in October was all his doing.

Those ice-cubes that you took for granted, cooling your beer during our meeting was a gift from C.B. SAKAMOTO. I had to purchase them each time until he bought an ice cube making machine at home approximately 3 years ago. Just thought you should know!

What has SETS TANDO, Chicago, IL; RONALD & RUTH MINAMI, Wauwatosa, WI; LOU & SHIRO KASHINO, Seattle, WA; YOSHIO & MARY ITO, Hackensack, NJ; MARGA MAKABE, Reno, NV; and VIC & MICHU IZUI,

Northfield, IL; have in common? Seems like a local school assigned a 3rd grade class a geography project. Part of it called for receiving post cards from various mainland areas. A certain 3rd grader name IAN (that's all the clue I'm releasing) got 14 cards in a hurry, to his credit. Only trouble, every one of them were from within the state of California! His mother, a co-worker with my daughter LAURA, poured out the dilemma. And you can guess what took place next. With the cards coming from all over, that was one happy 3rd grader, I hear tell. And naturally I'm grateful to my kotonk friends. They came through in grand style. Every one of them!

Have you ever wondered who, between your 2 offspring was brighter during their growing stages? Your boy or girl? Well, here's a true story and you make the decision. It was in November, 30 years ago. He was 12 and she 13. And like small fry all over, his life was dedicated to making life as miserable as possible for big sister." I'm a sergeant and you better listen to what I've got to say!" he demanded. "Daddy!" she pleaded for assistance. "Tell him you're a general!" I offered. "I'm the President of the United States and as its Commander-in-Chief, I outrank any officer!" he quickly countered. Thoroughly exasperated, but without a moment's hesitation, sister tells him in an icy tone, "Well I'm the President's mother and I'm telling you to SHUT UP!" No more argument. Less than a week after that incident, just at the start of the working day, approximately at 8 a.m., I heard J. AKU PUPULE announce over KGU that a ham radio operator from the Kahuku area had just called him to say Pres. KENNEDY had been shot in Dallas, Texas. The fateful day that was Nov. 22, 1993! And there went my Reader's Digest story that I was preparing for submission.

BRUCE YAMASHITA's bout with the Marine Corps continues to be featured in the local dailies every now and then. His latest exposure was in the nationally syndicated "60 Minutes" TV program. Our interest in him is perked because of the DANNY YAMASHITA connection, who happens to be his uncle. But then, you've been told that before. The bottom line here says, "Ne,

the members of Co. I, 442 wishes you all the success, BRUCE!"

From here on in, HIRAM DOI's new address will be" 45-791 Nanilani Way / Kaneohe / 96744. Phone: (808) 235-6738. Please note.

Our Co. I 1993 Christmas Party will be all pau by the time this gets into your hands, sometime in January or February, will be more likely. The time element being what it is, let me release the names of those already committed one week before the Dec. 5 event. The end of Nov. news deadline too, has a lot to do for me to make this decision. Here goes, alphabetically: TERRY ARATANI (2); HIRAM DOI (4); WALTER FURUKAWA (2); BILL GONZALES (1); TOMMY HARIMOTO (2); LARRY ISHIKAWA (2); DAVID ITO (2); DON KAMEDA (2) ; (If you haven't guessed by now, its the "body count" that's in brackets); MARY KAWAWAKI (2); MICHIO KATO (1); GUY KOGA (4); TONY MIYAMOTO (1); BOB MIYAJI (1); VIOLET MATSUMOTO (6); BILL NAGANUMA (2); TOGO NAKAGAWA (4); MASA NAKAMURA (2); LIZ NISHIOKA (4); EVELYN OISHI (1); KENNETH OKUMA (4); MITS OSHIRO (2); RICHARD OSHIRO (2); GEORGE OSHITA (7); DALE PECK (2) ; C.B. SAKAMOTO (2); MAMO SHIROTA (2);

FRANCIS SUGAI (1); CHAMP SUZUKI (2); MINO SUZUMOTO (4); CLARENCE TABA (2); TOMMY UMEDA (2); HAROLD WATASE (8); MITS YAKUMA (2); BRUNO YAMADA (2); BETSY YAMAMOTO (1); STAN YAMAMOTO (2); ANDY YAMASHIRO (2). For the first time ever, we're anticipating over a 100 participants at our gala year-end festivities. "Merry Christmas and an old-fashioned Happy New Year!" to Itemites and Itemites at heart everywhere!" That you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving I have no doubt!

The OSHIRO due (no relation) of RICHARD and MITS continues to be generous to a fault, with the pupus and the like and we thank them both. BRUNO, MASA, KAZU, MAMO, TOMMY UMEDA, KENNETH, even BILL have contributed something in the past. "Beyond the call" it should be known as. It's all in the red book.

Our meetings will continue to be held during the daytime hours in 1994. Your Prexy TERRY ARATANI will have the annual schedule ready probably by, or at the Sunday, December 5 celebration. Have an outstanding 1994, y'all! And keep in mind the Co. I. mini-reunion in Las Vegas in late September, let alone the annual 442 March Banquet. Stay healthy, everyone.



Prexy WALLY KAGAWA and his gracious wife, YORI presented lovely Christmas leis as each person arrived at the elegantly decorated Waialae Country Club on Dec. 5, 1993, Sunday at 6:00 p.m. This annual event has been made possible through the generosity of MASATO

DOI. Red poinsettias surrounded the festivities. OSCAR OMINE dropped in to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. He had unexpected guests to he didn't stay.

WALLY was so pleased with the turnout. He gave a marvelous, welcoming speech and a beautiful invocation. MASATO led everyone to a bountiful Christmas buffet! CAMEL YOSHIMASU kept saying, "This food is very good!" Later, after several helpings, he sent JACK KAGUNI to get some more shrimps with mushrooms. Everyone enjoyed the lavish feast!

Pictures and photographs were taken at every turn by none other than our favorite photographers, CHILLY SASAKI. He really is terrific!

HARRY TKOASHIKI played his harmonica and sang some World War II songs. Oh, memories! CHILLY's talented wife IRENE and sweet MARGARET, JACK's wife, started everyone on a "thinking quickly" games! Nearly everyone won prizes. At the end,, MARY led the group in a "Santa's body" game. It ended with much merriment!

Festive parties included JERRY & ALICE AYABE, MASATO DOI, KO & JANET HATA, HALO & KIYOMI HIROSE, President WALLY & YORI KAGAWA, JACK & MARGARET KAGUNI, HOTSauce & THELMAMIZUSAWA with guest MYRNA YAMANAKA, YUKI & NORA NAKAHIRA, MARY SAKAI, CHILLY & IRENE SASAKI, HARRY & JANET TOKASHIKI, WHITEY & AMY YAMAMOTO, KENNETH & HELE YOKOYAMA, and CAMEL YOSHIMASU.

LIZO & YVONNE HONMA are still planning to go to Europe. They have been having many visitors from France. I believe the State should hire them as our Hawaii's Ambassadors to the French people. They do so much "alohaing" on their own for the visitors from overseas and for the local people.

KATHERINE and RUGGED are on a trip! Where? They'll tell us after they get back!

Grandfather HALO gave this reporter the nicest news ever! SONO HIROSE HULDERT and DUDLEY HULDERT had twin girls! Six and a half months ago, CHAUNCEY SHINA at 7 lbs and BRAILEY ISONO weighing in at 6 lbs, 13 1/

2 oz, arrived to a smiling mommy and daddy and grandfather HALO and grandmother KIYOMI. Now it's KIYOMI who goes out all day and helps SONO. HALO stays home and does homework.

MIKE FUJIKI is a busy lady "babysitting" and party, party, parties! Mike is thinking of retiring sometime next year. Our welcome mat is out for you - anytime!

KO and JANET HATA expected the GOROs from Kona for a surprise visit however they had to babysit.

MARGARET KAGUNI says, "I have no news because my life is so ho hum!"

Grandfather CHILLY and grandson CHRIS SASAKI went to Mountain View, California. DENNIS and CONNIE let 11-year old CHRIS stay 3 weeks with granddad and grandmom IRENE as they toured the Arizona Memorial Academy of Arts and other places of interest for a young boy. 8-year old SHAUN go his grandfather for about a week at home.

Las Vegas is a great place to be seen and so we think KAZUO might be there. Are you making deposits or withdrawing this time?

JERRY and ALICE AYABE enjoyed a full week of fun, fun, fun, at the casino shows and one-arm bandit. "Weather was so nice and beautiful. We didn't make money but didn't lose money." "That's a winner," quoted HELEN YOKOYAMA.

MASATO DOI was on a "golfing spree" to the mainland. All headaches disappeared. Hope you are on top of things again!

YUKI & NORA NAKAHIRA went to South Kyushu, Japan. NORA mentioned going to Osaka, Hiroshima, and other beautiful cities. Weather was so nice and they did not have to use heavy clothing. However, Yokohama was a bit cold but they still did not use their heavy clothes. *Onsen* was the highlight. YUKI especially enjoyed his "sandbath." NORA loves Hataka dolls. She truly had a great time seeing and shopping 'til her heart's content.

ITSUO AKIYAMA wrote, "We just came back from Honolulu where we spent a week with our children and 4 grandchildren, our pride and joy. We saw Iolani vs. St. Louis high school football