



by ALLEN NAKAMURA

Honor Bound - A Personal Journey

It all started in spring of 1994 as far as we were concerned in our early contributions to the project, when GENRO KASHIWA called my attention to an ad in the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) newsletter to which he subscribes, that the ad is soliciting donations for the project, "Honor Bound." "L" Chapter sent \$300 and some individuals made their own contributions.

It was soon after, that we started to receive telephone calls from WENDY, MICHELLE RIDDLE, JOAN SAFFA, and MARIKO NOBORI for telephone interviews. Our communication network went to work as it was not certain at the time that WENDY and her crew will be at the mini-reunion at Las Vegas in September. When it was definite that they will be there, calls went out to the guys to bring all materials, photographs, their memories, etc. to the mini-reunion. The rest is history for an outstanding achievement by WENDY HANAMURA, executive producer, writer, and narrator of the documentary and her team of Director JOAN SAFFA, associate producer MARIKO NOBORI, coordinating producer MICHELLE RIDDLE, videographer DUANE POQUIS, editor TERRY KANE CHINN.

This broadcasters Gem is best told by a letter received from WENDY dated Dec. 14, 1994. Excerpts from the letter: "I was thinking back to last Christmas when our documentary, Honor Bound, was just a dream and a prayer. It seems like such a miracle that this holiday season we are on the verge of making the first edit in the opening sequence. It is thanks to all of you that we've gotten this far.

In October, our camera crew followed my father and some 800 veterans and their families back to the battlegrounds of Bruyeres and

Biffontaine, France. As the sound of "Taps" reverberated through the brilliant fall sun, I believe we all sensed the presence of the men who lost their lives in those dark forests. When the army band struck up the "Star Spangled Banner" I noticed the Nisei soldiers snapped to attention, standing a little taller, the years melting away. It was such a privilege to capture those images, those moments on tape.

Our crew spent days trekking through the dusty backroads of Italy in search of a way to the top of Mt. Folgorito, where the men of dad's unit, Company L, scaled a 3000-foot cliff in utter darkness to surprise the Germans entrenched on the Gothic Line. When we finally clambered up to the peak, the breathtaking coastal plain of Italy stretched beneath us. From the trench atop Mt. Folgorito, a sniper could sight anything that moved with 180-degrees between his crosshairs. In 1945, Company L captured the outpost. "Amazing," my father uttered again and again. "How could the platoon have climbed up that mountain?"

Now we have the hard task of whittling down the treasure trove of material we've collected into a sleek 51 minutes! But as an Oscar-award winning director once told me, when the cutting room floor is littered with gems, you know you're on to something of true value."

The impossible dream and prayers of WENDY are now fulfilled and secured for a place in history with her documentary masterpiece. Not only has she captured the heart of the veterans intimate stories never quite accomplished before, but she's also put together the sad episode of the U.S. government's internment of AJA'S in concentration camps, footage of Shelby days, actual front line scenes, the 522nd FA rescue of the Jewish prisoners at the infamous Dachau death camp, the return of the colors and the homely Alameda smalltown scenes. It's interesting to note that the U.S. Army had shot the footage of the 100/442 was considered an experimental unit whose actions and performance was being closely scrutinized. Yes, the real life stories of those interviewed mainly from the 1st platoon which was HOWE's platoon, JACOB,

GENRO, BENKITAGAWA, SAMIKARI, CASEY KASADATE, LAWRENCE FUJII, RICHARD FURUKAWA, HIDEO HIGA, ART KOURA, TAK HASHIMURA, medic FEB YOKOI, TOSHI NAKAHARA, 2nd pln & PAUL MATSUMOTO, Hqrs. really depict the valors of the men of the regiment.

Within the Bay Area, "Honor Bound" had a special premire screening by invitation only before the showing on KPIX Channel 5 Sunday, March 5. On Saturday, May 20 in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the National Museum of American History (NMAH) and Wider Audience Development Program presented a premire of "Honor Bound" at NMAH, 14th St. & Constitution Ave, NW Washington D.C.

WENDY plans to submit "Honor Bound" for showing at this years Hawaii International Film Festival but it must first be transferred to a film, a costly procedure for which she must raise extra monies. She is also looking for a national distributor for the documentary so that it can be shown nationwide. She hopes to get it into the Public Broadcasting Station programming lineup, nationwide.

I was appointed by Pres. Elect PAUL TAKIGUCHI as the '96 442 banquet chairman. Besides PAUL (M), the committee of GENRO KASHIWA, JACOB JICHAKU, "MUN" SAITO (K), "CHAMP" SUZUKI (1), RALPH TOMEI (M), SHIGERU GOTO (3HQ), ALAN KUBOTA (S&D), and JENNIFER BAKER (Exec. Sec. 442) at a meeting on May 25, unanimously approved to invite WENDY as a guest and be a part of the evening's banquet program. At the time of this report, I am not yet able to reach WENDY on the phone at KPIX. Perhaps many of our friends on the mainland may be interested in joining her for the banquet, Saturday, March 30, 1996, Pacific Beach Hotel Ballroom?

52 Anniversary Banquet

We had a decent turnout for this annual affair with the following: FUMIO/MICHIKO OHASHI, BILL/LILY OSHIRO, HIDE/MARY HIGA, WALLY/MABEL KAWAMURA, ROBERT/LILY

SASAKI at one table. GENRO (MURIEL had to cancel out last minute) ALLEN, HIDE NAKAYAMA, YOSHITO/PAULINE TOME, ISA/HILDA TAKIYAMA, JOE/NANCY OSHIRO, VICTOR/TIMMY YAMASHITA at another table. KOBE/CHIZ SHOJI, PAUL/GENNY MATSUMOTO, & TOM/TOYO MIZUNO sharing a table with Easy chapter members. TOM & TOYO from Hilo happened to be here visiting their daughter's family and were able to attend when FRECKLES/GLORIA OSHIRO had to cancel out for funeral obligations.

There was a drawing for prizes at the banquet with YOSHITO TOME's name being the first called. JOE OSHIRO was the lucky one as his name was pulled twice. Like a nice guy that he is, he declined the second prize.

Memorial Service

Services for ELBERT IZUMI 2nd platoon of Chicago were held on April 21, 1995 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, 10 AM. Complete military services were held for ELBERT as SACHI fulfilled his wishes for wanting his final resting place to be at Punchbowl. YOSHIJI AOKI conducted the services as SACHI wanted it to be. JACOB gave the eulogy. The 442nd song and Rock of Ages were sung, which completed the services arranged by VICTOR YAMASHITA.

Besides ELBERT's family & relatives, ALBERT NAKAMA, YOSHITO OSHITA (mail clerk), "DOC" MIYAMOTO, TOSHI/BETTY NAKAHARA, MICKEY/TATSUE KUROKAWA, BILL OSHIRO, KAZUMA OGATA, JOE/NANCY OSHIRO, YOSHITO/PAULINE TOME, ISA/HILDA TAKIYAMA, LAWRENCE. CHIYOKO FUJII, "COWBOY"/MARIAN MATSUMURA, M BETTY AOKI, TIMMY YAMASHITA, & ALLEN NAKAMURA attended the services. "Gomen" if I missed anyone. SACHI hosted the attendees to lunch at China House after the services. I begged off lunch as I had kinda woozy feeling, having just got over being dehydrated. Gotta drink lotts water guys!

Obituaries

Our sympathy and condolences to TOSHI & BETTY NAKAHARA on the death of his brother KENICHI "KEN" NAKAHARA Feb. 17, 1995. Memorial services were held at Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary on Feb. 23, 1995.

Donation

A donation of \$250 was received from GEORGE HATA of Seattle again. GEORGE who comes to Hawaii annually it seems, but we never get to meet him as he's always gone pronto. Thank you GEORGE for the donations to the chapter. We appreciate it very much!

Apology

It seems there was a grave oversight in not recognizing the \$25 donation made to the fundraiser last year by FUMIO & MICHIO OHASHI in the last article. It was inadvertant miscue on my part as it was listed on JACOB's computer list. Sorry for the error.

No. Calif News

News, courtesy of SHIG YOKOTE of Loomis, CA. 1995 Officers for No. Calif. "L" Co. TAYNOBORI, Pres., FEB YOKOI, V/Pres., SHIG YOKOTE, Sec., HIDE KIYOMURA, Treas., TOM TERAMOTO, Historian. HOWE/MARY HANAMURA and SHIG/ROSE YOKOTE attended the 50th anniversary at Biffontaine and Bruyeres.

PIERRE MOULIN and PHILIPPE FORNEY had dinner with members of "K," "L," & Cannon Chapters at Jonnis Nipon Restaurant in San Francisco on Feb. 2.

TOM TERAMOTO, MEL TOMINAGA & SHIG attended the VFW Nisei Post of Calif. reunion at West Los Angeles. Next reunion in Monterey in 1996.

The following "L" members attended the premire showing of "Honor Bound" at the Kabuki Theater in S.F. on Feb. 23: HOWE, HIDE K., SHIGERU KIZUKA, KEN NIHEI, TAY N., LARRY TAKAI, MEL T., BILL TOMURA, & SHIG Y.

Pres. TAY NOBORI presided at the "L" Co. semi-annual meeting at the Nisei War Memorial

Hall in Sacramento. Lunch was provided by Kampai Sushi Bar. Two motions will be held in the Bay Area on September 11, 1995.

There will be a celebration on August 4, 1995 at Stockton, CA in dedication of naming a portion, 67 miles between Manteca-Salida, CA, the "442nd Memorial Highway."

EMIKO's Scholarship

My daughter CYNTHIA and I attended the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Beta Beta State Hawaii luncheon at their annual convention on April 18. I had the privilege of presenting EMIKO's \$1000 scholarship award to this year's recipient, GAYLE TOPOLINSKI of Maui.

Shinenenkai

The attendance at this annual chapter affair is just GREAT! In fact we are receiving greater support than ever. There were over 125 for this year's shinenenkia. Chairman VICTOR YAMASHITA again put on a helluva show. Sez' he, "wait till next year, it'll get mo bettah!" I believe him as he's a remarkable person, never one to go back on his word.

TERRY/JACOB JICHAKU the old masters of the lucky number drawings had things really under control, which helped me as the M.C. to end the evening at 7PM shard to get the kids home in time for next day's school. The event was held on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1995 at the H&J WEINBURG Memorial Hall.

After the welcome remarks by President HIDE NAKAYAMA (L) & Commander ISA TAKIYAMA (LIK) chapters, as this is a joint affair. MC ALLEN then recognized YOSHIJI AOKI & JIRO WATANABE back in circulation altho' we have not seen them at the chapter meetings yet. Another long lost soul, ROBERT YUKITOMO was also recognized.

This year for the first time ever, we thought of doing something different which was long overdue. All the donors, people serving on committees and generally getting involved to make this event a success were recognized with a lei and a BIG THANKYOU!! The following received leis: TOMMY KAKESAKO, LAWRENCE FUJII,

KAZUO FINK, JOHN FINK (KHVE Home Team 5 TV), ISA TAKIYAMA, HIDE NAKAYAMA, ALLENN., TOMFUKUNAGA (Sashimi), BETTY NAKAHARA, NANCY/JOE OSHIRO, TERRY/JACOB, MARIAN/COWBOY, RALPH SHISHIDO, JIRO, YOSHITO TOME, PAUL (P.K.), YOSHIJI, BERTHA LEONG & VICTOR. EMILY NEWMAN of New York, age 91, mother of KAZUO FINK were recognized with a lei also.

TOMMY had an assortment of items from Kakesako Jewelers - 1 \$120.00 ladies watch, 12 only ass't watches @ \$20 ea. for a total of \$360 in prizes.

LAWRENCE gave ass't plants. 1-rumohra Adiantiformis "Leather Leaf Fern;" 2-Zamia; 3-Nephrolepis Exaltata Bostoniensis "Boston Fern;" 4-Davallia Trichomanoides "Rabbit Foot's Fern;" 5-Philodendron Xanadu; 6-Philodendron Monstera Deliciosa.

From JOHN - Hanes shirt; Hot Hawaiian Nights cassette, NFL on FOX cap; women's 14kt. Cross pen; Magnetic Creations.

ISA TAKIYAMA, painting from Pacific Gallery.

MABEL FUJIMOTO & daughter LINDA KALUA beside case ea. of beer & soda, had quilted baby blanket & Khong Guan Cookies. FLORA WATANABE had 4 cans of ass't Biscuits. YOSHIJI/BETTY a foliage of red ginger plants.

HIDE N. & VICTOR purchased \$400 worth of prizes from the chapters. This is hard work. Glad we have guys that are dedicated and volunteer to make the purchases. Thanks fellows! Purchases were made of can cookies, plastic bag cookies, popcorn, arare, instant coffee kleenex, wesson oil, paper towels, saimin, rice, fruit juices, etc.

Donations were received from: YOSHITO, ALLEN, HAJIME MATSUURA - sodas, 2 cs. each; PAUL TAKIGUCHI - 1 cs; RALPH, NIPPY LEONG, ISA, VICTOR, BILL OSHIRO - beer, 1 cs. each. BETTY NAKAHARA made all arrangements for paper goods, coffee makers, coffee, sugar, etc.

Donations received from TOM/TOYO MIZUNO of Hilo, \$25; "PLUTO"/PAULETTE ARAKAKI, \$50; ALFRED/PATRICIA ARAKAKI, \$10; KUNIO/MORANN FUJIMOTO, \$20.

The dessert table this year was recognizable with a large Dessert Table sign and a sign-in sheet which simplified my chores. I will need to make a Chinese auction sign with a sign-in sheet also. Somehow, I don't seem to have the Chinese Auction list of donor names. I must apologize for misplacing this important list. Please no huhu!

We can open a bakery shop with all the mouth watering desserts as follows: HILDA TAKIYAMA, 7-Up Chocolate Cake; BUTCHIE LEONG, Butter Mochi; NIPPY LEONG, Lemon Drop; MICHIKO OHASHI, Caffeine free coffee and diet coke Kantan; PAULINE TOME, Jello cake; DORIS ISHIDA, Baklava, TATSUU KUROKAWA, Baked Mochi; KAZUKO FINK, Ruggah A; GLADYS KIMURA, Cookies; ANN NAKAMURA, Mud pie (Ice cream pie); MARIAN, Yaki Manju; R. OSHIRO, Pumpkin Cheesecake; LILY OSHIRO, fresh fruit flan; ASAKO WATANABE, cheesecake. PAT PROTXMAN, Brownies, PAULETTE ARAKAKI, Chicken Dango; CAROLINE DANG, Chocolate Cheesecake; MICHIE SHISHIDO, Apple pie; CHIZ SHOJI, Chocolate Trifle cake; BETTY AOKI, Fish & Somen & Lite Beer Sprite Cake; YUKI TAKIGUCHI, Pickled Akule; BETTY NAKAHARA, Takuwan & Nasubi Tsukemono; EDNA KURAMOTO, tsukemono.

So ended this wonderful family affair with a large number of sons & daughters besides the grandchildren in attendance, which in essence is the whole reason for this annual affair.

Mini-Reunion

Four Queens Hotel & Casino will be the site again for the mini-reunion, Oct. 12 - 16, 1995. Following the now-honored, outstanding filming of the documentary, "Honor Bound," the participants will not be lacking for an interesting reunion.

From HONOLULU; YOSHIJI & BETTY AOKI, DAVID & LOUISE ASAEDA, MABEL FUJIMOTO & LINDA KALUA, BILL & HARUMI HAGIO, HIDE & MARY HIGA, GENRO & MURIAL KASHIWA, WALLY & MABEL KAWAMURA, ROBERT, LILY, DORIS & AGNES SASAKI &

DOREEN MATSUDA, PAUL & GENNY MATSUMOTO, COWBOY & MARIAN MATSUMURA, TOSHI & BETTY NAKAHARA, HIDEO NAKAYAMA, FUMIO & MICHIKO OHASHI, JOE & NANCY OSHIRO, BILL & LILY OSHIRO, YOSHITO & PAULINE TOME, MASAKO YUKIMURA, RICHARD/CHIZUKO FURUKAWA, LAWRENCE & CHIYOKO FUJII, JIRO & FLORA WATANABE.

Maui: KIYOSHI & BETTY KISHIMOTO, EDDIE OGAWA.

Las Vegas: TOM & YO MORI, SHIGERU MURATA, FRANK & FRANCES NOMURA.

Michigan: PAUL JOICHI.

Illinois: KENJI & LOUSIE TANI, SACHI IZUMI, JOSEPHINE TOMITA, BYRON & PAT YOSHINO.

Northwest: KEN & AKI HIGASHI, KOZO HIROMURA, ART & AMY KAISAKI, ART & FLO KOURA, TOM SAKAI.

So. California: GEORGE & FAY DOI, TAK & RUTH HASHIMURA, SAM & YO IKARI, SEIJI & HAZEL IMAMURA, MINO KAMINISHI, BEN & FUDGE KITAGAWA, MARGARET KLEEGER, CHICKIE SUMIDA, GEORGE KOMATSU, RICHARD KOTO, HIRO NISHIKUBO, BETTY WAKAMATSU, DON & SUMI SEKI, KEO TAKABAYASHI, STANELY TAKEMOTO, JUN & BEVERLY YAMAMOTO.

No. California: LARRY & LOUISE DAVATZ, HOWE & MARY HANAMURA, PAUL HIGUCHI, ERNI HIRATSUKA, JOEY ISHIHARA, SUZANNE ISHII, HIDE KIYOMURA, SHIG & RUBY KIZUKA, JIMMY & PAULETTE KAI, AMY & HENRY MATSUNAGA, TAY NOBORI, ANN NAKAMOTO, KEN & MASI NIHEI, KEN NISHIMURA, MAS & MASA OKUMURA, TOM SHIMIZU, LARRY & BARBARA TAKAI, TOM & SUKI TERAMOTO, BILL & MIYO TOMURA, FRAN & KATHERINE UDA, GEORGE, CHIEKO, FRANK, LILLIAN, THOMAS, & SHIRLEY YAGI, ISAMU & ELLEN YAMADA, FEB, AMY, AUDREY, RICHARD & SCOTT YOKOI, and SHIG & ROSE YOKOTE.



MEDICS

Reports



by **HERBERT AKAMINE**

The Medics were represented very well at the 442nd anniversary celebration at the Pacific Beach Hotel in March. Among the couples present were the WILFRED TAIRAS, CARL MIYABARAS, SHIGEMI NAKAMURAS, ROY SAKATAS, TED MATSUOS and their daughter and son-in-law BRAD MOSSMAN, ED ONAKAS and their guests SUZUO & JEANETTE YAMADA, TAKASHI NAKAMURAS, SUEO FUJIIIS, HOWARD KOZUMAS, TOSHIAKI TANAKAS, and NOBORU OGAMIS. Obstetrician OGAMI is probably the last of the 442 veterans still active in the medical profession.

MICHELLE MATSUO was the winner of the 1995 "Guess the Cherry Blossom Queen" contest. She predicted correctly that LAURIE TOMA would be the queen and LISA TOBARA would be chosen first Princess. She was able to name two of the court attendants. She won two Korean Airlines round trip tickets to Tokyo which she gave to her parents, DOROTHY & TED MATSUO.

DON NAKASHIMA, despite impaired mobility, manages to move around. He wrote, "Have been somewhat busy since returning from the 50th anniversary trip to Biffontaine and Bruyeres. It was an interesting trip but could have been better if we had a tour director. We wasted so much time in Florence and Rome trying to find our way around. JOAN had to direct the bus driver sometimes because we had been to Florence and Rome before.

We spent two weeks in Tucson over the Thanksgiving holiday visiting our daughter and her family. Had a great time playing with my grandson GREGORY. How he has grown!

After celebrating the Christmas holidays in Lodi, we spent some time at the condo on Molokai. My Tucson family joined us there and

we had a great time watching the great whales put on a tremendous show. GREGORY is ready to return to Molokai any time.

After the sunshine of Molokai, we came home to nothing but rain. We pity our farmers whose crops are taking a beating.

STEVE's wife SOPHIE will be going from Sri Lanka to Toronto to be with her folks until the baby comes in June. STEVE will be joining her then. We'll be visiting them in May after spending a few days with wife JOAN's younger sister in Baltimore. We then go to New York where we will take a cruise ship to Montreal. We'll stay in Toronto a month.

We will return to Molokai in October and go to Sri Lanka after Christmas to visit with STEVE's family.

I might as well have my traveling done while I can. I've had to depend on my walker and wheelchair more and more. JOAN has had to help me from falling sometimes.

The orchids have kept me busy. Had to do a lot of re-potting. The cymbidiums are blooming now; their best ever. The miniature ones are flowering too. The standard ones will bloom later. The cattleyas and dendrobiums are at their peak now. I have a constant battle with snails and slugs in order to maintain my little Garden of Eden."

MASA NOMURA, a HEMINGWAY fan, finally was able to visit Spain about which the author had written so much. She reported: "On our city tour of Madrid, we passed by Sabrino de Batori, one of HEMINGWAY's favorite haunts. In The Sun Also Rises, he writes about this place at the end of the novel. As to the famous bullfights, the season was over so we only saw the bull rings. Some of our group was disappointed because they had hoped to see the wild bull runs. I have some misgivings about bullfights because a friend who had lived a year in Spain became a confirmed vegetarian after seeing a bullfight.

We were rushed through the Prado Museum. Fortunately, TOSH NOMA, your fellow 442 Medics, lent us an annotated guide book which turned out to be invaluable. We missed the other

building where the PICASSOS, DALIS, and MIROS are located.

Our tour included the El Escorial and its magnificent mausoleum for the royals and the huge Valley of the Fallen memorial dedicated to those who died in Spain's Civil War. FRANCO is one of the buried.

The Shrine of Fatima in Portugal was something I'm sure DICK would have wanted to see with all the supplicants on their knees for blocks on end.

After an interesting stay in Lisbon, we proceeded south and ended in Seville where we saw what was left of the World's Fair.

From Seville we took a one-day trip to Morocco which was a cultural shock.

We also took a quick trip to Gibraltar and enjoyed listening to English as spoken in the United Kingdom. Of course, we had to have some fish and chips there. One of our group was a Canadian who had been stationed in Gibraltar during World War II. His reminiscences of that period were most interesting.

En route to Granada we stopped where CERVANTES wrote his DON QUIXOTE while incarcerated for tax evasion which reminded me of O'HENRY who did his best writing in jail.

The Alhambra was exciting. I have been intending to get to WASHINGTON IRVING's Tales of the Alhambra but have yet to do so.

The best was yet to come. I loved Toledo. It was so compact - old Spanish, Roman, Visigoth - one quarter mile of little waste. Oh yes, we saw EL GRECO's masterpiece "Burial of Count Orgaz" and some of his other works. The Toledo Cathedral is the Holy See of Spain and archbishop lives there. One can understand the expression "Holy Toledo" once he sees the magnificent cathedral.

Before returning to Madrid, we stopped for a day at the Costa del Sol - just a place to relax - saw beautiful golf courses and the homes of millionaire golfer SEVE BALLESTEROS, NICK PRICE, and NICK FALDO.

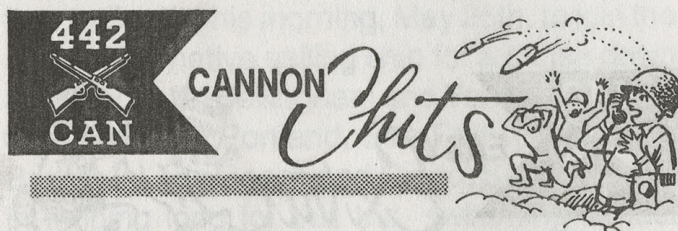
Spain was everything I expected and then some. It abounds in history.

I'm planning to see my great grandson RYAN

NICHOLAS at the end of March in Austin, Texas.

ED and JANET ONAKA's grandson CHRISTOPHER had the honor of performing at Carnegie Hall with the Iolani School orchestra in March. CHRISTOPHER plays the violin. His father is the registrar of the state's agency that handles vital statistics.

ED ONAKA said that he is in contact with his Medic friend KENICHI FUJIYOSHI who now lives in Kaimuki. After discharge from the service, FUJIYOSHI returned to Olaa and worked as an auto mechanic until he retired. He has retained his bachelor hood to this day.



by KAORU WATANABE

The Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas May 18 - 22, 1995 was the scene of our Cannon Company Reunion with over 100 Cannoneers, their families, and friends in attendance. Once again, JOHN & MARY KASHIKI did all the planning and coordination to create for us a 5-day event which will be long remembered. Friendships renewed, stories shared, caught up on the family news and a few Cannoneers were seen for the first time since the war. And let's not count out the ubiquitous slot machines - most of them unfriendly, but most challenging.

We met for the first time since Camp Shelby EDWARD KAJIWARA who came with his wife. ED was one of the original Cannoneers but was pulled out while we were still in Camp Shelby as a replacement for the 100th Bn. ED looks none the worse for the ordeals he endured - you can't miss recognizing him! He has resided in Chicago since 1947 - that's why we never bumped into him at the Long's Drugs or the markets! Also seen for the first time - ISAMU AOKI, a CPA now residing in Concord, CA. Also seldom seen -

BILL & MRS. ITO, ROY & MRS. MIYAKE (Not the Kauai ROY MIYAKE.)

Ideal in size and location, the Board Room on the 2nd floor was our Hospitality Room arranged by JOHN KASHIKI. As you can surmise, JOHN has connections. MARY KASHIKI and her mainland ladies kept the refreshment tables laden with an array of goodies contributed by everyone who came. From sushi, cakes, cookies, nuts, spam musubi, monstrous strawberries - fruits of all kinds and much more! You really didn't have to eat at any of the restaurants - but I'm certain many, like me, enjoyed the food in the Hospitality Room and the Paradise Buffet.

BETTY MAKABE's cold somen with all the homemade trimmings was a terrific hit with everyone. KATHERINE NUNOTANI's narazuke nurtured for 5 long years by herself was exquisite! There was so much more from gobo kimpira to sweet pineapples personally selected by TOM OKINO - son many people brought in tons of good stuff - many thanks to everyone! From us Hawaii members, TOM OKINO with the assistance of KAZU SAIKI and the generous, invaluable help of TSUKA MURAKAMI put together a gift package for each Mainland family to express our thanks and appreciation for their wondrous hosting of this reunion!

JOHN KASHIKI had to charter 2 buses to take us to the show "Legends In Concert" at the Imperial Hotel. It was a most entertaining show of imitators of the concert greats like LIBERACE, THE BLUES BROTHERS, ELVIS PRESLEY and more! All of them had an uncanny resemblance to the originals and performed like the originals.

We were missing one member of our group upon returning to the Fremont - but we just couldn't determine who. When we could wait no longer, we took a leisurely ride back via "The Strip" as the bus driver gave us interesting highlights of the hotels on "The Strip." When we returned to the Fremont, there was TOORU KANAZAWA calmly enjoying his drink wondering what happened to the rest of his group. He had lost us at the Imperial Hotel and took a fast taxi back to Fremont.

It was most heartwarming to see NORMA SHOREY who managed quite well with the help of ED despite her reconstructive knee surgery. And ALICE YOSHINARI - how good to see her - we worried about her recovery from a stroke. And TOM HANAMI - had been slowed - but his spirit is strong. And KATHERINE NUNOTANI - nothing keeps her down - stroke or no stroke. And you have to hand it to TOORU KANAZAWA - age 88 and working on another book about the war, not to mention making typo corrections for his publication Close Support. He saw typos in his book that most of us didn't notice. He is a perfectionist!

TTORU would like to order another printing of his Close Support after he clears up the typos but that project will need some seed money.

There are others who were not well enough to travel to our Reunion - JAMIE SHINTANI, ALICE & JIM YOSHIKAWA, MARTIN ITO, DYKIE KUNISHIGE, and YUKISADA OSHIRO. To all who were able to join us and to all who could not because of health problems - we want to wish them an early, early complete recovery!

And bravely, GERALD GUSTAFSON came to join us - to thank us for the many wishes of condolence and contributions in the name of HONEY who died on March 25, 1995 after a most trying period of confinement. We cannot help but miss HONEY. She was the most fun-loving, friendly, and caring kind of person one could ever meet. If we miss her this much, GUS must feel the loss a thousand fold more. We understand!

It was real nice to have with us KAZU SAIKI who lost JUDY SAIKI on December 11, 1994. He came with his son, LEITH, and his friend BERWIN NYUHA. KAZU manages well because he was the wonderful support of his two sons who look after him.

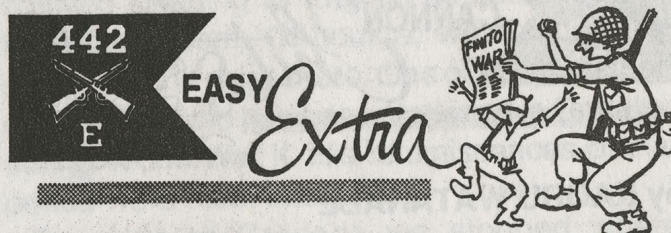
The golfers were in their glory this Reunion - 3 days of golf at bargain rates thanks to the connections of TAGUCHI, TSUKA's friend who lives in Las Vegas and GUS. Even tho TSUKA spent a lot of time on the golf course, he managed quite well on a friendly dollar slot.

Tho no one in our group won a car this trip,

there were winners - I mean winner - when they left the hotel. The KUDOS did OK as did TOORU KANAZAWA but he is not saying how much.

Today is a week after returning to Honolulu and LINCOLN MAEDA has not yet received his luggage last seen when he left Honolulu. How he managed to stay well dressed in Las Vegas is a mystery. Hope UAL finds your bag, LINCOLN!

At a late night gathering in the Hospitality Room, JOHN KASHIKI chaired a meeting to determine the date/place of our next reunion. Las Vegas got the vote over Hawaii and JOHN has already made preliminary bookings at the Fremont beginning the first Thursday after Mother's Day, 1996 to Monday.



by TERUO IHARA

My sincerest apologies to the Lefty SUGIHARAS for misrepresenting the recent accomplishments of their of their grandsons RYAN and GARETH. After being told that his grandsons' superior accomplishments were in wrestling competition, this writer reported in the last newsletter, that the two grandsons were in soccer competition. How can anyone be so stupid??? Furthermore, both RYAN and GARETH had very successful wrestling seasons. GARETH won the Intermediate Wrestling Championship and runner-up in the ILH Jr. Varsity Wrestling Championship, both in the 100 lb. class. RYAN won the ILH Varsity Wrestling Championship, 100 lb. class. He also won the State Wrestling Championship in the 100 lb. class. LEFTY says the kids train a lot and are able to control their weights, losing upwards to 10 to 15 lb.. preparing for the meets. RYAN is a junior and GARETH is a freshmen, both at Mid Pacific Institute.

A grandson of another EASY CHAPTER mem-

ber is also making a name for himself in Little League baseball. He is DAVIN NAKASONE, son of EARL NAKASONE who is the only son of GLENN and MIYO NAKASONE. DAVIN is a pitcher, short stop as well as a catcher on his Little League baseball team. Speaking of grandchildren, this writer wishes to report that his son MICHAEL, who is a Network Chiropractor, returned to L.A. to be closer to his nine years old daughter MELE. She lives with her mother. Another granddaughter MAKANA TOCMAN was recently accepted as a 7th grader at KUULEI's old Alma Mater, Kamehameha School for Girls. MAKANA is the daughter of LEI and HOWARD TOCMAN and will be twelve years old in August. As a crew member of the HOKULEIA, KUULEI flew to Seattle his morning, May 25th, to join the crew of the native sailing ship for a cruise down up the coast to Bellingham and Vancouver, B.C. then south to Portland, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Long Beach and Diego. She has been in training long for this trip, swimming almost daily in the ocean off Elks Club in Waikiki, as well as exercising with bar bells to develop her upper body strength should she fall off the ship. She needs to be able to free float for at least an hour.

HARRY TACHIBANA was an accomplished tailor when WWII broke out. He resumed his trade following the end of war. He sewed a business suit for this writer, the cloth for which was a gift of DAN INOUE'S father who then was working for THEO H. DAVIES merchandise department in Honolulu. HARRY soon thereafter entered into the business of independently retailing World Book Encyclopedias. Business was very good for HARRY and he frequently took trips to the Chicago headquarters of the Company. As a consequence he developed close relationships with sales people of World Book Encyclopedias all over the nation. In a TO WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON card from the former Zone I Sales manager, the following is said of HARRY:

"HARRY finally got the green light from his doctor to travel. For a starter, with a close friend NORA who stood by him through three operations, he'll go to Hilo, Hawaii, for a week of

fishing. Then in March, he'll visit LOREN and MARY BULLARD in Naples, Florida, and spend a week fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and crab netting in the bay. HARRY had to cancel a trip to visit LOREN last year due to an operation, plus a year long uphill battle to recover. He did recover due, he believes, to his combat experience during World War II with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. During combat, HARRY survived concussion and shrapnel wounds. Their fighting motto was, "Go For Broke"—a spirit that helped him survive, much to the surprise of the Queens Hospital staff. HARRY wrote that LOREN BULLARD is involved with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and has two large boats."

The above article about HARRY appeared in the Christmas '94 edition of the prestigious World Book Retirees, an 18 page edition which has a mailing list of over 200 VIP'S.

It was really nice to see HARRY and NORA at the EASY CHAPTER dinner meeting at the Wisteria on May 9th. HARRY looked chipper and was his old self. With the severe prostate problem in remission we can now expect one of the oldest surviving members of COMPANY E to entertain us with his ukulele and sweet Japanese music. Congratulations HARRY!!! Others at the dinner were: MARILYN & MASAMI DOI, LEATRICE & EDWIN GOYA, this writer, MIYO & GLENN NAKASONE, MILDRED NAKATA, HAZEL & TOSHIO "MAUI" OKAMURA, JUNE & S. T. "STOOKA" OOKA, HIROSHI OTAKE, TOKUE & SABURO OUCHI, HARUKO OYAMA, LENORE & ED PESTANA, KAY & MASAO "LEFTY" SUGIHARA, CHIYONO & WAICHI TAKEMOTO, ELLEN & SHIGEO "FLY" TAMASHIRO, ALAN TANAKA, DORIS & GEORGE TANDO, CHIKATO TESHIMA, BEATRICE TSUKAMOTO, HIDEKO & NOBORU UESUGI, MARY & TOMO UYEDA, RALPH YAGI, MITSUGI "CHICKEN" YAMADA, NOBU YONEDA, SAKAE & TADAO YOSHIMOTO & SALLY & SHIGE TOSHITAKE.

TOMO UYEDA distributed the list of EASY COMPANY members who plan to attend EASY'S MINI-REUNION at LAS VEGAS between Octo-

ber 29 and November 2, 1995. To date 45 members, spouses and guests have registered with TOMO as being committed to go to the Reunion. They include 34 from Honolulu, 8 from Maui and 3 from the Big Island of Hawaii. From Honolulu: NAOTOMO "NEKA" & HAZEL MATOI, the OKAMURAS, the OOKAS, the OUCHIS, RAYMOND SHIGENAGA, the SUGIHARAS, HARRY & NORA TACHIBANA, FLY TAMASHIRO, the WAICHI TAKEMOTOS, the TANDOS, CHIK TESHIMA, BEATSUKAMOTO, the UESUGIS, the UYEDAS, RALPH YAGI, KINUE & YOSHIWO YAMAKI, the YOSHIMOTOS and the YOSHITAKES. The Big Island of Hawaii will be represented by YAE & TSUNETAKEMOTO and KAZUTOSHI "CABBY" FUJINO and Maui will be represented by CHARLIE ARAKAKI & son KARL, WINNIFRED & HAROLD KISHABA, AYATO KIYOMOTO, HIDEO MIZUKI and BETTY & HIDEO "PAKALA" TAKAHASHI. The deadline is still months away so the roster may change as the Reunion date of October 29 nears.

MAUI OKAMURA recently underwent an operation for Para-Thyroid problems. The doctors found that condition was increasing his body's capacity to manufacture Calcium and causing some concern for the effect of the Calcium on the other body functions such as the heart, liver and kidneys. In the operation the doctors took out two tumors adjoining the para-thyroid which luckily were benign and not cancerous. Also undergoing surgery was NEKA MATOI. He underwent a five by-pass surgical operation to correct the blood circulatory problem which was making him an old man too soon. NEKA is 76 years old going on 77 late this year. The fact that his golf game deteriorated badly this past year was an indication that he was having physical problems. With the by-pass surgery he should regain his ability to play superb golf.

Continuing with members' problems, this writer underwent cataract surgery yesterday, May 18th, and hopefully he is looking forward to better golf and clearer sight. The operation was done at Kaiser Beretania's Center for Ambulatory Surgery. The process was simple and quick. The

preparation was long, detailed and thorough. And so is the post surgery care and concerns. The Doctor tells me "no golf or anything strenuous for three weeks, eye drops four times a day for two medicines plus two drops of another medicine every day." Being a rather active person the prohibitions have really cramped my life style. They also gave me a pair of dark glasses which makes me look like a Hollywood star. How about that??

As the writer looks back over the years he is reminded that as a bachelor he use to see CHICKEN YAMADA in Hilo quite often. CHICKEN used to stay at the old CUNNINGHAM HOTEL on Halai St. in down town Hilo. I don't remember whether or not he told me of the reasons for his visits but it is obvious today that he was pursuing his wife ROSE with whom he has produced a splendid family of three boys and one girl. He and ROSE have been blessed with four grandchildren, all girls. ROSE herself has had some physical problems of late, having had gall bladder surgery last year and last month had cataract surgery on her left eye. She hopes to have the cataracts in her right eye corrected when her doctor approves the surgery sometime later this year. ROSE has been a very caring mother and wife and fiercely protective of CHICKEN.

In death AL PLANAS must be smiling with satisfaction of the accomplishments of son CHRIS. AL never showed any brilliance that is now in the possession of son CHRIS. CHRIS is an accomplished song writer/musician and most respected in the entertainment profession. The LEFTY SUGIHARA'S oldest son CRAIG has really gone international. Together with several of his associates he has licenses to conduct his TOWN & COUNTRY Surf related in Japan, Australia, New Zealand, France, England, Brazil and now recently in Bali, Indonesia. He has opened four retail outlets in Japan, one in Australia and one in Indonesia. It is heartening to know that one of our own son's is now a world player in the water related sports business. It is a story of hard work, brains, guts and much luck to propel the son the LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA