

My apologies for missing the last issue of the GFB Bulletin. I have no excuses, only a "call for your help." We all say the bulletin helps us keep up with the happenings of our members. However, individually we think that contributing something of our own activities are not important. If we all take this attitude, how then can your friends keep up with your activities. This column will then be the reflections of the writer's activities—I don't think you will like that. Please your "KOKUA IS NEEDED" to enhance the quality of this column.

West Coast Activities

Our mainland correspondent and "old time chili farmer/processor," Fred Yasukochi reports that the Able Battery folks got together for a luncheon at the home of our former cook (now an artisan) Isei Anami in La Canada. I remember Anami well, he gave me a crash course in Japanese so that I could take the MIS exam in Germany and get home earlier than the rest of the gang.

For many years, Able Battery was the only 522 Chapter represented in the Southern California 100th/442nd Veterans Association. However, with the spearheading of Able Battery, the chapter changed its name to 522FA-BN and its membership has been opened to all 522nd veterans and surviving spouses. This move opened up the opportunities for other battery members to participate in the activities of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association of Southern California.

Who Receives GFB Bulletins

In order to receive this GFB Bulletin, you must be a **Life Member (\$115), Regular Member (\$15 annually) or an Associate Member (\$10 annually)**. A cursory review of the mailing list disclosed the following 22 Able Battery members or surviving spouses are receiving the bulletin.

Teruo Anzai - Maui, Jane (Saburo) Fujii - San Diego, Florence (Joe) Hattori - Walnut, Royce Higa, George Ikinaga, Roy Kawafuchi, Terry Kurimura - Seattle, Toshiko (Henry) Matsuoka, Robert Mikami, George Mine - Hilo, Teruhisa Nishiyama, Takeko (Fred) Nomiya - Chicago, Minoru Okabe, Yoshio Taguma, Gilbert Takamori, Tokio Taniguchi, Tadashi Tojo, Harry Tokushige, Toshimi Yamasaki - Federal Way, Fred Yasukochi - Ventura, Tootsie (Art) Yoshimura -

LA, and Yutaka Watanabe.

For the recipients of this GFB Bulletin, please talk to those not on the list to become members. An article on who can be members and amount of dues required is presented in the *Treasurer's Report* of this issue.



by Jerry Ishimoto

19 June 96 Chapter Meeting - Secretary's report approved as read. Treasurer's financial report approved as read (not red) in black ink.

The Editor asks that articles submitted be limited to items of current news dealing with events of the preceding quarter and the immediate future quarter. So the old news is dispensed with and besides, they aren't something you don't know already.

13 Jul 96 - Luncheon Meeting, Shogun Restaurant, Pacific Beach Hotel. Twenty-three members and only 16 wives attended this social that was specially planned for the dear wives to take them away from slaving over the hot stoves. Reason for the wives' absence ranged from: babysitting grandchildren; wife working on their second million; emergency visit to the doctor because of a throat ailment. And of course, there are members without wife or companion.

Before-dinner grace was delivered by Don Shimazu who is as eloquent as an ordained minister. Can he conduct funeral services?

Guest speaker for the day was Lily Chow, Field Force Manager of the Borthwick Group. A follow-up on the previous month's meeting about funeral plans. Prexy Fred Hirayama considered these plans vital as life and death and that everyone would be just dying to buy it.

For the next guest speaker, Rocky has engaged Mineo Inuzuka, the Nisei vet who sailed around the world in a cutter he built and named "GO FOR BROKE". Should be interesting for those contemplating such an undertaking. That will be on 16 Nov. Stick this reminder under the magnet on the refrig. door then see your shrink.

21 Aug 96 Chapter Meeting - 13 present. Secretary's report dispensed with as Secretary **Harold** is galavanting all over Alaska. Treasurer's report likewise is dispensed as **Hiromi** is busy at home being the loving care-giver to **Ann**.

Donor of photos to the archives are urged by **Guy Koga**, S&D, to identify subjects in photos. This is to assist **Ed Ichiyama**, "A" Btry. and the AJA Council to gather data for review of upgrading DSC's to CMH.

Chaplain urges spouses a/o descendents to contribute the American Flag used in memorial services to the cemetery.

Building a ramp at the entrance of the Clubhouse for the tune of \$3154.00 left a blank space on the wall. Any suggestions for decorating/utilizing the wall? Please, no graffiti.

Next Annual Banquet—same time and place but look forward for new format.

Etcetera

Tony Shigemoto taking a hiatus from golf till next year which is a break for others to win with him out of competition. Wife works so he has to do the wifely duties such as painting the house or fixing the roof.

Chapter received a "Thank You" note and \$100.00 from **Mrs. Masano "Mo" Hirano**, widow of **Toru Hirano**, Selma, CA, who recently passed away.

Sam Ogawa and wife, **Betty** and daughter of CA visiting his sister **Gloria** who is the wife of **Yoshio Taguma**. Who he? **Yoshio** formerly of Able Chapter now with Baker Chapter and Baker Golf Club winning millions in prize money. And Sam is the Man who annually donates two 442nd logo watches to the Baker Christmas party.

Takeo Susuki, Svc Btry of LA also was here to attend his nephew's wedding and to get together with **Grace Fujii**, S&D, to do research for the LA archives. **Irish Ohara**, **Stan Kaneshiro** and **Fred Hirayama** took Tak to Pagoda Hotel Restaurant to spread some Aloha.

Don and Chiyoko are the latest vagabonds who returned from an 18-day trip to the Scandinavian Countries—Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland. Seeing it's still daylight at 2400 hrs. was the highlight of the trip.

Boyan Higa enters a golf tourney and thru the luck of the draw wins a free trip to Maui for two. The freebies included air, car and room at the Ritz-Carlton. And if that

weren't enough, play at the posh resort course for \$15.00. Practically a freebie. Instead of taking care one of us golfers, he takes **Nancy** for a second honeymoon. In Maui, they got together with **Walter Sakamoto** and **Kelly Nakamura**.

Hisashi Okamoto present at the luncheon meeting after an absence of about two coon's age. Better show up more often because these days if friends don't see you, you're considered—maybe dead.

Fukiko was chided by **Irish** at the dinner meeting for saying so and so was from "A" Company when she meant "A" Btry. Then all the ladies at the table took her side saying "who knows batteries, shmatteries when the name 442nd RCT is confusing as it is by having components of 100 Inf. Bn., 442nd Inf. Bns., 232 Eng. Co., 522 FA Bn? Yes ladies, it's very confusing when your husband never explained the Table of Organization and which may further confuse you when attached to Divisions, Armies, etc.

Ann Fujiwara who has been a care-giver to her mother in Hilo all these months herself suffered a stroke. After much therapy and TLC from care-giver **Hiromi**, she has recovered enough to be up and about, thank you.

Lester Kato recovering nicely after his prostate operation and will be back on the golf course soon. Doctor's slip not required. Now **Konkon** is on the ailing list which kept him out of the match play after qualifying with a respectable score.

Scorecard by Rocky

10 Jun 96 HCC. Added tourney to hone in your skill for the next tourney which is where they separate the inherently acquired capables from the hamburgers for the Club Champ. **Kats Miho** proved that he is a force to be reckoned with by shooting net 63. Should'a saved it for the qualifying round. Following Kats, 12 other determined shooters who won prizes this day all shot 75 or under in this order: **Toku**, **Geo. M.**, **Larry**, **Rocky**, **Roy O.**, **Joe S.**, **Ted**, **Don**, **Stan K.**, **Harold**, **Joe U.** CP on the par 3's. #4 **Ken**, #8 **Larry**, #13 **Stan K.**, #17 **Toku**. Club picked up the tab at the 19th hole.

24 Jun 96 HCC. Ace, ILN and qualifying day for the Club Championship. **Ken Kawate** led the qualifiers with his net 67 and took the whole enchilada (ILN and Ace). Following Ken, the other qualifiers and ILN winners are as follows: **Roy F.**, **Rocky**, **Mits**, **Konkon**, **Boyan**, **Toku**, **Ted**, **Don**, **Joe O.**, **Kats**, **Flint**, **Biggie**, **Stan K.**, **Stan S.**,

and **Akabo** took the 16th seat which left no more room until next year for the also rans. CP on the par 3's. #4 Ted, #8 money stayed in club's pocket, #13 Stan S., #17 Roy F.

15 Jul 96 HCC. Ace, ILN and 1st round Club Champ match play. Walter who never even qualified for the match play shot the best score. Too late! Well—Stan K. shot an identical score and the good news is that he tied for the Ace and won his match. The bad news is that he lost the Ace thru the tie-breaker and didn't have to shoot that good for he had won his match on default. On the ILN dept., behind **Walter**, the following players increased their gross income: Stan K., Joe O., Don, **Francis**, Harold, Flint, Roy F., Boyan, Ken, Biggie, Toku.

On the match play, Don must have demobilized Ted for Ted was nowhere in sight for the ILN payoff. Boyan bested Biggie, Flint flim-flammed Ken, Joe O. jolted Toki out of this match. Rocky rocked Akabo off his game with his closed stance, Kats put the kibosh on Mits, and Stan K. and Roy F. won thru default. CP on the par 3's: #4 Boyan, #8 Stan K., #13 Mits, #17 No payoff on this hole.

05 Aug 96 HCC. A special tourney thrown in just for ILN. Don and Ted tied for 1st. Walter and Stan K. tied for second. Ted and Walter are confused as to which tourney to shoot their best. Others who are under scrutiny by the IRS are Biggie, Joe O., Harold, Ken, Flint, **Yoshi**, Francis and Kats. CP's on the par 3's: #4 Ken, #8 Roy F., #13 Walter, #17 Don.

26 Aug 96 HCC. ILN and quarterfinal match play for Club Champ resulted in terrific scores as the contenders tried not to be eliminated. Six low scores were in the 60's with Don taking the Ace with his net 64. Closely on his heels were Akabo, Walter, Flint, Ted, Stan S., Biggie, Harold, **Yoshio**, and with Roy and Geo. depleting the cash box. Zilch for anybody over net 72. CP's on the par 3's: #4 Walter, #8 Boyan, #13 Ken, #17 Club replenished the cash box.

As for the Club Match Play, Boyan bested Stan K. to move up toward his 3rd Club Champ, Roy F. jolted Joe O., Don flipped Flint, and Kats missed the boat by being late for his match play when all he needed was to be there because his opponent Rocky defaulted by being in California spoiling his grandson.

Welcome to the club. Kats is now a member of this exclusive club with present members Francis, Ken, Y.T. All you need is to pay \$5.00 and need not show up at

tournament days.



by Hichiro Matsumoto

Chapter Meeting - July

Chapter President **Eddie Kanaya** couldn't make it to the July Board of Directors meeting but no worry because tanomareta **Charley Ijima** went go pinch hit for him. President Kanaya was supposed to but never showed up at the chapter meeting but no worry because Immediate Past President Charley Ijima used gumption and got things under way and gave a good blow-by-blow account of what transpired at the BOD meeting.

Anyway, back tracking—there was some concern because come 7:30 pm (meeting time) our Great Leader Ed Kanaya still a no show yet, which is very unusual for him. Fast forward. In the midst of the meeting there was a telephone call—wuz him, calling from home. "Eh, I forgot about the meeting tonight." We again say, no worry, because we get the conscientious guys to take care of emergencies. And dis guy Charley yo, no can homeru him enough, he lives on the other side Pali in Enchanted Lakes. Goes to show what a "company man" and caring person he is.

Eddie, no feel bad, dis kine foul up minor and keeps happening and more often nowadays. What a coincidence. This very evening, a friend from 3HQ (**Bill Kuwata**) came for their monthly chapter meeting, him the only one. He had the right night but the wrong week. Better a week early than a week late—anytime.

Chapter Meeting-August

Chapter President Eddie Kanaya returns to duty after going AWOL...but for one meeting only.

Live wire **Rodney Yamashiro** makes his first public appearance since his recent operation. Looks chipper and shows no signs of after-side effects. For safety precaution, wife/nurse **Nora** tsuite kita for just in case moshimo.

Had a guest speaker this evening, **Martha Miyake**, wife of **Jimmy Miyake** (Serv. Chap.), a memorial counselor on not a pleasant subject but something everybody need to know. A pleasant lady and easy to talk to.

All those present at this meeting, unanimously voted in favor of the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter donating a modest sum of \$\$ to the Sons & Daughters Chapter. It may not be much but from deep down da kokoro kind. We'd like to again thank each and everyone of the Sons & Daughters for the terrific job they are doing.

Konban da Ijimas tashikani had hoka no yohji so wuz a no show—causing people to ask where Charley & **Margie** tonight.

Oh yes, everybody had their fill, as usual.

Chapter Vice-President

Tommy Hirao is the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's brand new vice president. The office came vacant when **Henry Nakama** suddenly passed away after serving/holding office for only 4/5 months. Filling the vacancy posed no problem, all Eddie had to do was ask. Eddie is a good example of like who da guy said: Speak softly and carry a big stick. He's the kind of guy, hard to say no to. Eddie, Tommy & Henry are from the band side. They stuck together like bread & jelly. We change horses in the middle of the stream—no sweat.

Go-Jyu-Nen-Kinen-Omedeto! - by Kimura Kiyoshi

On Saturday, June 8th, my phone rang and who should be on the other end—my compadre, the singing “condemon of the ether waves,” **Hichi**, the club reporter from upper Palolo Valley, better known as the “high” income area. Come half way down the valley, it's known as the low income area and come “down below” where I live, it is known as the “no income area.” Well, I asked him, “watchu like” and he replied, since you attended **Kimo & Marye Kimoto's** 50th Wedding Anniversary party I had the dubious honor of writing the “juicy” story. I refused but he was persistent so I gave in at the end. Boy, this Hichi, he never make “osifer” (officer) like his big “Anyan” **Walter** but he know how to throw his rank.

My wife and I were in “Eru-A” visiting my children and “magos” when I decided to call my “tokoromon” **Kimo and Marye Kimoto**. As he said “Haroo,” he said, “shigemta—choodo-e—you and your wife invited to our

“King Kong Shiki” party. (Note: Kimo's been away too long so he speaks like one haole.) I asked him for the date and it was going to be on June 1st and we were leaving on the 4th of June so he said, “A Bra, (he still like act like one local boy) you lucked out!” The party was held at the Taylor's Prime Steaks on 8th St., between Western & Normandie, right in the middle of Eru-A's Korea Town. Every building was lit up with neon lights in those “tick tack toe” characters. If you no more “kala” to go to Korea, just go there. “Taishita Mon.” This Taylor's Prime Steaks was a very elegant place but it must have been built when everybody was strong and can climb stairs. No more elevator. I used muscles I never used in ages and to top it all, I had to just about carry my wife up three flights. But all this was worth it because we were treated to a “jo-to” “suteki-na Steak.” They invited around 35 of the “elite” people of “Eru-A” and us. Marye wanted to keep it real, real, for real close friends and relatives. I guess we were invited because we were their neighbor (that's real close) and nobody was more closer to him when we used to “suck ‘em up.” The guests consisted of their family and relatives, his former co-workers, long time friends of Herbert & Marye, **Kaz & May Kiyomura** and my wife, **Blanche** and yours truly made up the group.

The program was MC'd by his #1 son **Jon**, who flew in from Tempe, Arizona, where he is a “big time” architect for the city of Tempe. He is the city's Senior Community Department Big Wheel. Their #1 daughter, **Eleanor Yoshida**, gave some funny stories about their parents and her sons **Ross & Ryan** threw some curves at their grandparents. Both of their grandchildren are “big” guys. The #1 son is 20 years old and very tall (5' 11") and the younger son is only 10 years old but weighs 170-1/2 lbs. (when he is hungry)...qualifies for the rank of “yokozuna.” Ryan rendered us with a very good clarinet solo and was doing great until his mother took a “flash” photo of him and he got all “jammed-up.” Eleanor's husband **Yuzo**, was on a trip to Japan. The “bride” Marye, introduced all of the guest and family members, giving their weights and measures and did a great job. The “Main Boy,” Kimo, gave a good heart warming speech...I knew he was a talker but not that “shakka.” I guess they mellow with age. “Key-Ho,” Don Ho's cousin(?) was requested by the bride to sing the Hawaiian “Waiting” oops, Wedding song. No “karioki” (as the haoles would say) so we borrowed Tiann's, (Kimo's youngest daughter's) tape player and the night before I had my son-in-law, **Wayne**, make a “karioki” tape

of the wedding song.

Hichi, remember your nephew, **Bruce's** yakudoshi party? We didn't have a "karioki" machine so we used a tape player which you held up for me as I sang the songs. Well, that was "low budget" but this was more "low budget" because I had to hold the cassette player myself and sang. Marye told me "low budget" but...I never know it was that low. Anyway, it was fun and of course, I told some of my cleaner(?) jokes.

They had a slide show of Herbert & Marye when they were still "sakuranbo" time. I know Kimo a long time but I no remember him that "guru rooking"...maybe touch-up job. Many of the photos were war time pictures while Kimo was in the army and Marye was in the relocation in Rohwer, Arkansas. I guess some of you must remember the long hectic three and a half hour bus ride to Rohwer, Arkansas from Camp Shelby, Miss. Marye told me that "as far as Herbie and I, it was not, I repeat, it was not love at first sight." But Herbert beg to differ from her and told me that when he first met Marye, he knew she was "atsui" for him so he started to make his "shakka, local boy" moves and he claims this was the first "Hawaiianization" of the "kotonk" girl. This led to many correspondence between these two and when he came back from overseas, he beelined to Marye's place in Philadelphia and claims the first decent food he ate after the GI ration was Marye's miso shiru. After drinking Marye's delicious miso shiru, Kimo headed home to Hawaii while Marye stayed on the mainland.

One day his mother gave him a bank book that contained over \$1,800. This was the money that his company gave his mother to use while he was in service, but saved it for him. This is what you say "Oya no arigatasawo wasuretawa ikenai." Man, I sound like one Bonsan. In the meantime, Herbert and Marye were corresponding "hot and cold" and when this money came along, he said, "Shimeta" (his favorite word)...go for it, and proposed to Marye via the U.S. Postal Service. Marye consented and caught one of the Matson luxury liners of that era and became Mrs. Herbert Kimoto. From this union came Jon, Eleanor and Tiann, who is still single and available.

It was a great evening of camaraderie and laughter. A wonderful 50th wedding anniversary party and celebration. All of us, the 232nd Engineers/Band Chapter members, bid you Herbert & Marye Kimoto, a belated "Shinro Shimpu Banzai, Banzai, Banzai! Herbert & Marye, take care of each other and may you be blessed with many

more years of happiness.



Mata Kita

Tad & Cherry Fujioka, our molto bono "Eskimo" friends from up north, the 49th state came for a yukkuri Hawaiian vacation. They come regularly. Arera and da **George Yamadas** of L.A. are in da yoh kuru group. And when da Fujiokas come, they stay in one of their time-sharing condos...they have 'em on all the major islands. Long range planning doesn't apply to them anymore. Now, when they feel like they up and go (anytime) and stay til..... Their four children, two boys and two girls, futotte, house kara dete have families of their own. A son and daughter lives in Anchorage and the other son and daughter live in Seattle, their furusato. Tad's a native of Seattle and Cherry, born and raised in Alaska. How they met? Tad used to spend his summer vacations working in the fish canneries up in Alaska.

Tad, like always, takes great care of his health, a solid 210 pounds today. No tofu/konnyaku/jello. In his case, you say he is 77 years young. But only konaida had some health problems. He mentioned the medical terminology but what the use, no can remember. The problem was the heart had difficulty pumping blood to all parts of his massive body. He is back to normal and enjoying what he loves and does best...work. The manual kind...chop woods, shovel show. All the back-breaking kind work.

Tanoshinde he comes to visit his Buddahead friends but the thing that turns him off is, kuru tanbini learns that another one of his buddies is not with us anymore. On

numerous occasions he tried like heck to contact his squad member and good buddy **Kosuke Yamashiro** (deceased) but never was able to.

Anyway, what Tad & Kosuke went through during a field problem during back training is, One For The Book. Tad 6 feet tall (hadashi), 200 pounds plus. Kosuke about a foot shorter and 100 pounds lighter. They were their squad's "Twin Towers." Tad on one end of his good buddy on the opposite end. They got along real good. Anyway, day's problem all pau, everybody kichigae like going for broke dismantling/packing the equipment to shimau things and head back to camp, this being a Friday for what the good chaplain use to call P.X. water—beer to most. All what Tad and Kosuke need to do between them and call it pauhana was untie a rope spanning the river. Tad on one side and Kosuke on the other side. It went like this. Kosuke yelling to Tad, "Hemo da rope." Tad no understand, must have mumbled to himself something like, "Huh?" Wuz da early training days. Kosuke again, only louder this time. "I said hemo da rope." Tad, known for his coolness, "Huh?" By now, Kosuke stay mad and yake awready and gahaii, too, "You no understand English or what." Had Tad had the pleasure of meeting up with Kosuke on any of his trips here, he probably would have told 'em kiddingly of course, "Why didn't YOU speak English and just say untie the rope."

Da Fujiokas coming to the May chapter meeting, now doh yutara good ka. Anyway, long time no come out guys showed up. Good news travel fast. Like they say, no telegraph, no telephone, tell a woman.

Tad reminiscing. Originally had three Fujiokas in the company, me, **S.T. (Shigemi Tom)** and **Motoyuki "Slim"**, now only me. His presence at a dinner in his honor brought out "Slim" for the one and only time...took a Fujioka to get another Fujioka out.

And kuru tambini brings omiyage for everybody. Him ga tsukamaeta and canned salmon. Cherry aikawarazu da same, maybe lilibit mo shira ga fueta.

Deko Ageta

Fay Zenigami's technique for teaching mathematics has undergone a metamorphosis over the past few years. It started when the former math resource teacher decided to get back into the classroom at Nanakuli High School two years ago. She wanted her students to know that math was "not just numbers on a paper." "Now I give my stu-

dents activities in which they can discover math concepts," she said. "They construct their own understanding of these ideas."

Zenigami recently shared one example with teachers from across the nation as the 1996 state high school level recipient of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. She and three other Hawaii teachers traveled to the nation's capitol as part of the honor.

During a workshop, Zenigami shared her favorite lesson on angles. Instead of using a protractor, she had her pre-algebra students work with blocks of all shapes to visually discover the relationships of angles. By the end of the lesson, students felt confident about identifying the different angles. "Everyone has different learning styles so we need to teach so that we reach as many of those students we can," Zenigami said. Note: The above article with a picture appeared in the June 8, 1996 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. As you must know by now, she is the daughter of **Barney & Bernice Zenigami**.

Long Time No See

What a pleasant surprise. Ran into **Sadamu "Nick" Nikaido** konaida at Columbia Inn out in Kaimuki. Him hiisa min but had no difficulty recognizing him. Only today, he look more like da koeta buta than da yaseta yagi he was while in the army and younger days. Life (and wife too) must be treating him well.

Aikyomon and friendly bugga with a pleasing smile. After exchanging "howzits" and complimenting one another, you look good and all dat, et...correction, baloney, told him never too late to come out and meet the boys, what's left of 'em. Answered with the usual, heh, heh, heh and parted with yoroshiku to the boys, what's left of 'em.

After putting in some 40-plus years, retired from work only a couple of years ago at the kinda furui age of nanaju. Mada, mada a rookie as a retiree. He was a radioman in the company.

Sick Call

First time, hajimete in his life Rodney Yamashiro went to the hospital as a patient. Oh yes, lotta times he went to donate blood. But what kept him in the hospital for more time than he cared, da netsu kept going up and down, which no wuz pololoi. The one thing that made his stay in

the hospital a little pleasant and bearable was the food. He's the only guy we know never lose any weight while confined. In fact libit fueta.

As of this writing, he is well on the road to recovery and recuperating at home. No worry, it won't be too long before he go on the prowl again. The doctor's strict orders when he was released from the hospital, take it real easy for awhile and do absolutely nothing during that time. With him, da ants in da pants and even for one minute demo jitto sete oraren type, going be some tough for him. One thing for sure, wife/nurse **Nora**, without hearing any kine monku from him knows just what to do, living happily ever after together for more than half a century.

The operation Rodney had was for men only kind. Wuz kurushii for him until the doctor went cut him open. Now dakine don don dete kuru that's why good feeling gena.

As of late, before he was laid up, he was into, get this, attending class in writing dem muzukashii kanji characters at UH. No fool around dis guy boy, he is one scholar and then some. So until such time, shikata nashi gotta put 'em on hold.

A Memoriam

Herbert Komori passed away recently. He was not active with the chapter for a good many years but thinking back of the numerous things he did, no can play otoboke and make shiran kao at a time like this, bambai bachi ga ataru boy.

He was the owner of Kapahulu Fender Shop and very generously supported/sponsored the 232nd Engs/Band Chapter bowling teams for many years. Being popular and well liked, the boys tried like hell and come close several times but never giving up finally presented him the championship trophy just a few years before the 442 Bowl League folded.

The fisherman (?) enjoyed (catch or not, almost niente) going deep sea fishing on his homemade boat, a good size one with plenty room to roam around. Herbert was the C.O. and positioned himself at the wheel. S.T. Fujioka (deceased) was the lone deck-hand once the boat hit the open sea. Sure, had plenty guys but arera shinyo ga dekin and ateni naran because once suwari kondara pau, nesshinni exercising their elbows. Primo was the hayari then. Some guys no hanashi kikunoni, some guys wanting to impress their "old ladies" go yoru at Tamashiro Fish Market kaeri

shina. They didn't fool anybody but themselves. Deepest sympathy to wife **Jean** and family.

(Editor's Note: Our apologies for inadvertently omitting the following excerpt from last quarter's bulletin.)

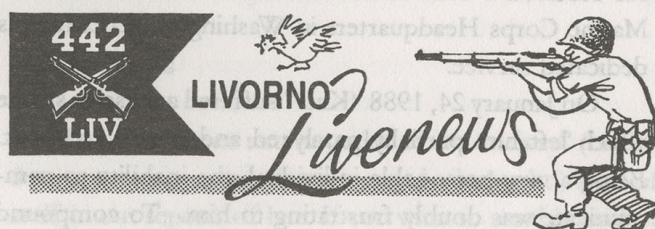
Memorial Service at Punchbowl

Ahem, being in the popular 442 Choral Group that was asked to sing (again), we were all instructed to be at Punchbowl Cemetery early. And what, instructed seta toorini, hayo itte mitara, **Takeshi Hirata** of Hilo chanto stay sit with the other guidon bearers....da elites. They already went through a crash course of the do's and don'ts with the guidon.

Apparently, Takeshi was the first from our chapter and was asked to be the guidon bearer. For his troubles (?) he was well rewarded having his picture both in the evening's *Star Bulletin* and the following morning's *Advertiser*. Now, we know when they say, "Early bird catches the worm." Talk about being in the right place at the right time. The guidon thing is the brainchild of the Sons & Daughters....bless them.

Barbara Haruki, the matriarch of da Haruki clan, attended the service (she does every year) with her family and all da makos. Hakamairi for them....tateru senko, ogamu or whatever. Hubby **Roscoe** is interred there.

Meni kakatta members and wives: **Eleanor Ando**, **Hichi/Janet Matsumoto**, **Walter/Hazel Matsumoto**, **Joe Sato** and **Masa/Yvonne Yamasaki**.



by **Henry S. Kuniyuki**

A familiar quotation from Ecclesiastes, verse one and two, Chapter Three, reads: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck that which is planted." The Livorno Chapter lost a charter member and a past Chapter president in the passing of **Katsumi "Kats" Sakotani** on June 24, 1996. Katsumi is survived by his only son, **Brent**; daugh-

ter-in-law, **Louise**; and two grandsons, **Sean** and **Travis**. Memorial service for "Kats" was held at the Church of the Holy Nativity on July 2nd, 1996 with the **Reverend Norio Sasaki** officiating. The Chapter Reporter, as a Lay Eucharistic Minister licensed by the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, assisted in the memorial service. Brent and other surviving family members were most appreciative of the kokua rendered by Chapter members who served as "cho-ba" receptionists, ushers and parking attendants. Inurnment service was held the following morning with full military honors at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Katsumi was born in Hilo, Hawaii on March 26, 1922, the eldest son of the late **Shogoro and Kiyono Sakotani**. During World War II Katsumi was a replacement trooper to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Like so many 442nd replacement troopers he took his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He participated in the last campaign of the Regiment in Italy as a rifleman. Katsumi was among the several hundred 442nd replacement GIs who were given the distinct honor of bringing home the 442nd Regimental Combat Team colors home to Hawaii after parading before President Harry S Truman in Washington, D.C.

Upon his return home from the European Theater of Operation, "Kats" settled down with **Ruth Marumo** on November 22nd, 1953. After thirty-two years of faithful employment as a staff member of the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station's Command Management Service, he retired therefrom as a Purchasing Agent on June 30, 1987. He received a commendation certificate from the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. for his dedicated service.

On January 24, 1988 "Kats" suffered a massive stroke which left him partially paralyzed and unable to speak. Being a very personable individual, the inability to communicate was doubly frustrating to him. To compound this tragic event his dear wife, Ruth, passed away on March 5, 1988.

Prior to his physical incapacitation we were privileged to have him serve many years as the president of the Livorno Chapter and as a member of the Board of Directors, 442nd Veterans Club. We who took basic training with "Kats" at Camp Fannin, Texas, and subsequently shipped enmasse to the European battlefield will certainly miss his comradeship and friendly presence we have treasured. How often we wish we knew the art of expressing

sympathy from the heart. The Livorno Chapter members can only hope that others know the things that words alone can't show. To Brent and his family, may the Love of God give you peace; may the love of friends give you comfort; may the love of your dear one remain in your heart, and give you strength through the days ahead.

The Livorno Chapter, to augment our dwindling Chapter membership continue our recruiting efforts among the many hundreds of 442nd replacement troopers who have not as yet joined our organization. The latest recruit is **William Okamoto** of Fairfield Glade, Tennessee. For an unknown period, Bill was listed as an associate member of our 442nd Veterans Club. He wrote a letter to our former Executive Secretary, **Jennifer Baker**, inquiring as to "who composes the Livorno Chapter News found in the quarterly Go-for-Broke Bulletin." Bill was a very late replacement to Company D of the 100th Infantry Battalion and joined the unit in Leghorn, Italy. Those with little seniority were transferred to the 350th Regiment, 88th Division, when the 442nd RCT shipped home. Bill was contacted by mail and invited to join our Livorno Chapter. Welcome aboard, William Okamoto! Arrivederci!



SONS & DAUGHTERS

Dialogue

by Ed Goto

Three events of significance took place for the Sons and Daughters this quarter. On July 13, a number of us showed up to clean up the DAV Kakesako Hall at Keehi Lagoon. Scrubbing down the walls and floors, waxing, cleaning windows and the restrooms took most of the day, but it was rewarding and our way of saying thanks to **Tommy Kakesako** and the DAV for allowing to use the hall each year for our annual picnic.

The picnic happens to be the second event which took place this quarter, on August 4. Although the turnout was a little smaller this year, the water balloons still got tossed, the prizes were all handed out, and the food was still not all eaten. Hope to see more of you next year. The kids, parents, and grandparents all seem to enjoy this fun day, so we'll keep it going.

Event number three was the building of the float for the Aloha Week Parade. This has been covered in the feature story for this issue so go back and read it if you passed it up!

Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming!

So don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Party which takes place this year on **Sunday, December 15**, at the **Captain's Table Restaurant** of the Hawaiian Waikiki Beach Hotel, corner of Kalakaua and Paoakalani Avenue (the last left turn before you hit Kapahulu Avenue). Flyer's will be in the mail soon. This year the cost of this event will be discounted for active (paid up) members of the S&D, so if you haven't joined yet, think about it (please). Better yet, do it!

As usual, Santa will be there with grab bags, games, and prizes for all. Plan to attend now.

Archives/Education Committee: Rocky Matayoshi

Not actually an S&D event, but S&D's of the 442nd and 100th again joined forces to provide help with the ceremonies highlighting the induction of **Rocky Matayoshi** into the Gallery of Heroes at the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii at Fort DeRussy. Those present to seat people, pass out programs, and serve refreshments, were **Dean Anzai, Steve Higa, Guy and Mark Koga, Ann Kabasawa, Sophie ?., Shirley Igarashi, Velma Kawamae, Grace Fujii, Alvin Yoshitomi, Katherine Collins, and Genny and Ed Goto**. If you were there and not mentioned here, our apologies and thanks.

Our oral histories have stalled a bit, but we expect to get going again soon. We know many of you have signed up and are still waiting. Time and effort among our "core" of S&D's is growing thin. Any one out there interested in helping should give us a call - leave a message at the clubhouse with **Gail Onuma**. Also, anyone know of a place which can be used as a "studio" to leave all our recording gear in place for doing oral histories? We *really* want to hear from you!

No more FA(the)R('s) SIDE

In keeping with efforts to reduce costs of the GFB Bulletin, the S&D Chapter will no longer publish separate articles about or from our fathers. We encourage to write about or have your fathers write about their recollections and send them to us anyway. They will either be part of a possible special edition of the bulletin, or at the very least, will become part of our archival collection.

S&D of Nisei Vets Convention 1999

Plans are underway to hold a national (international?) convention of Sons and Daughters of all Nisei Vets units of WWII in Honolulu in June of 1999. More news on this will come, but make plans now to attend. We expect to have events and activities for the whole family, and we'll be aiming for discounts on tours and admissions. So those of you on the mainland (and beyond), plan your dream vacation in Hawaii for June 1999. Our theme? - *The Legacy Continues: 2000 and beyond*.

Newsy News

We haven't been entering a lot of the "newsy" (births, deaths, marriages, vacation trips, and who's who) kind of stuff in our reports of late. If you want to see this kind of stuff more, please let me know, or just send us some news!

Till next time, Aloha.



Rural Chapter NEWS

by Ed Imamura

Monthly Meetings

We have nine active members who attend the regular monthly meetings which are held on the fourth Thursdays at Dot's Drive Inn at Wahiawa beginning at 6 p.m.

Members are: **John Chinen (Svc)**, **Edwin Imamura (Svc)**, **Raymond Kataoka (522)**, **Sam Kihara (MIS)**, **Kenichi "Sam" Sakumoto (Engr)**, **Nobuo Takamori (522)**, **Futao Terashima (Item)**, **Joe Usui (522)** and **Gary Yamaguchi (Anti-Tank)**.

All 442nd veterans are invited to join us at our regular monthly meetings.



SPORTS

Scope

by Bruno Yamada

The 442 Veterans club was well represented with thirty golfers in this year Oahu AJA Veterans Council's Silver Anniversary Golf Tournament at the Navy-Marine Golf Course on August 15, 1996.

Don Yagami of the 442 and **Richard Hamada** of the 100 were tied with 68 in the "A" bracket but Yagami was declared winner with a lower front nine. In the "B" bracket, **George Takabayashi** of the MIS and **Wally Kawamura** of the 442 were also tied with 68s but Takabayashi was declared winner with a lower front nine. Eighty-seven golfers enjoyed this year's tournament which was conducted by **Stan Akita** of Club 100. Final results:

A Flight

- 1 - D. Yagami (442) 68
- 2 - R. Hamada (100) 68

- 3 - R. Oba (442) 69
- 4 - J. Araki (MIS) 70
- 5 - T. Tsukiyama (MIS) 70
- 6 - K. Kawate (442) 71
- 7 - T. Yoshioka (1399) 71
- 8 - T. Kobuke (MIS) 71

B Flight

- 1 - G. Takabayashi (MIS) 68
- 2 - W. Kawamura (442) 68
- 3 - T. Migimoto (MIS) 70
- 4 - R. Sasaki (442) 71
- 5 - S. Kunishige (100) 72
- 6 - G. Miyashiro (442) 73
- 7 - N. Oye (MIS) 73
- 8 - S. Kawamoto (442) 73

Turkey Shoot

The 442nd Veterans Club "Turkey Shoot" will be held at the Kapolei Golf Course on Friday, November 22, 1996. First tee time will be 8:00 AM and will be open to the first forty applicants.



RETIREES

Golf Club

by Eddie Tamanaha

June 13, 1996 - Eighteen members gathered at Ft. Shafter Golf Course early in the morning. The weather was overcast, humid, no breeze, brief period of rain, but generally a good day for golf. **George Muramaru** and **Mits Honda** were the best this day as they both turned in a net 64 to tie for first. A stroke back was **Tadashi Kunishige** with a 65 to nail the third spot. Tied at net 67 were **Mino Tamashiro**, **Tom Mayeda** and **Lefty Sugihara** for fourth place. Closest to the pin were: #1 no one got on the green; #5 **Teiji Uehara**; #8 **Dick Uyemura**; #10 no one on the green; #14 **Rocky Tanna**; #17 **Dick Uyemura**. The 19th hole was held at the Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant where everyone enjoyed the fellowship, refreshments and pupus.

June 24, 1996 - Twenty-four golfers met at the Honolulu Country Club about 8:30 a.m. Five of our golfers played in both our 442nd Retiree Club and the 522nd tournaments. The weather was good for golf—mild trade winds, partly cloudy and humid. Because of previous day's rain, the fairways weren't mowed and the ball didn't roll too much. The rough were pretty high. **Ken Kawate** liked the conditions as he turned in best net score of 65 to take top honors. One stroke back with a 66 was Rocky Tanna who came in second. **Yoshi Higa** was third with a 70 to claim third place. Dick Uyemura's 71 was good for fourth place. Closest to the hole were: #4 Lefty Sugihara; #8 **Bobby Hirayama**; #13 no one got on the green; #17 Lefty Sugihara. Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant was again our 19th hole.

June 11, 1996 - Nineteen members got together at the Pali Golf Course, 11:30 a.m. **Herb Yanamura** was on today as he claimed top spot with a net 66, 5 strokes better than his nearest competitor. Teiji Uehara was second with his 71 five shots off. Tied for third were Lefty Sugihara and Ken Kawate with 72s. Closest to the pin were: #4 Dick Uyemura; #7 Mits Honda; #12 Herb Yanamura; #15 George Muramaru. The weather was overcast, moderate trade wind and occasional showers. The 19th hole was had at the Pali Golf Course Restaurant. Everyone enjoyed.

July 25, 1996 - Fifteen golfers arrived from about 10:30 a.m. at the Makalena Golf Course. The weather was clear and sunny with trade winds but the course was in terrible shape due to previous rains. We had to play winter rule. Normally, the course plays easy and net scores are low but this time tournament chairman and his assistants didn't give me the scores—I guess the scores were just like the condition of the course. Nah, just kidding. Anyway, Mits Honda came in first, Ken Kawate second, and **Harry Tokushige** and **Larry Nakahara** tied for third. Closest to the hole were: #4 Harry Tokushige; #6 Larry Nakahara; #11 Ken Kawate; #14 **Herb Isonaga**; #17 **Akabo Takasaki**.

August 8, 1996 - Twenty-two members gathered at Ft. Shafter Golf Course at about 7 a.m. The weather was beautiful and sunny. The course was in good condition and the scores were good also. Mits Honda turned in the best score, a net 60, for first place. Just one stroke back were **Kats Ibara** and Ken Kawate tied for second. Lefty Sugihara came in fourth with a 64. Ft. Shafter Golf Course has the lowest par of all the courses we play—par 68.

Also, on dry days, the golfers have the advantage. Closest to the pin were: #1 Mino Tamashiro; #5 **Maui Okamura**; #8 Mino Tamashiro; #10 no one on green; #14 Dick Uyemura; #17 **Bull Namba**.

August 22, 1996 - Twenty-two golfers assembled at Ft. Shafter Golf Course early in the morning starting at about 6:30 a.m. The weather was hot, humid and very sunny. The course was in good shape with a lot of roll of the ball. Teiji Uehara must have broken the record with a net 55 to take top honors. Bobby Hirayama was right on Teiji's tail as he came in just 2 strokes back with a 57 to place second. Another 3 strokes back with a 60 was Kats Ibara for third. Tied for fourth place were Ken Kawate and Herb Yanamura with 62s. Closest to the pin were: #1 George Muramaru; #5 **Ron Oba**; #8 Tadashi Kunishige; #10 Teiji Uehara; #14 no one on green; #17 Bobby Hirayama. The 19th hole was held at the Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant with everyone enjoying the fellowship, refreshments and pupus.

Schedule for the next three months: Sept. 9 HCC 9:30; Sept. 23 HCC 9:30; Oct 10 Olomana 10:00; Oct 31 Pali 11:00; Nov 7 Barbers Pt. 10:30; and Nov 18 HCC 9:30. Aloha for now, keep practicing and good golfing.

OTHER News

OAHU AJA VETERANS COUNCIL Brothers in Valor Monument Fund Raising Committee

by Joe Obayashi (442) Chairman

The construction of the Brothers in Valor Monument, a sculpture made of copper skin on a skeleton of brass and copper (similar to the Statue of Liberty) is projected to start in September 1996 with estimated completion in March 1997. The sculpture is 9 feet 6 inches and mounted on a four-foot base, for a total height of 13 feet 6 inches. This sculpture will be encircled by quadrant plots dedicated to the men who served in the 100th Inf. Bn., 442nd RCT, MIS and 1399th Engineers. The park-like setting will occupy 48,900 square feet of the Diamond Head corner of Fort DeRussy, near the intersection of Kalakaua Avenue and Saratoga Road, the "gateway" to Waikiki.

During the Brothers in Valor Memorial Committee

meeting held on July 10, 1996, it was announced that the estimated cost of this project was in excess of \$900,000.00. However, with all the "pro-bono" services and materials rendered by many individuals, the estimated cost is reduced to \$760,000.00. With our assets at \$620,000.00, we were faced with a shortfall of \$140,000.00.

The Committee sent out an urgent letter to all members, widows, sons, daughters, and friends of the four AJA Veterans clubs appealing for cash donations. Anyone not in receipt of this letter, but who wishes to make a donation, is welcome to do so. Send your check payable to "442nd Monument Fund" to 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, HI 96826. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged. In addition, donors' names will be listed on a scroll which will be preserved in a "time capsule" beneath the monument. Plans are to re-open the "time capsule" in 2047, the 50th anniversary of the monument.

A special "mahalo" is expressed to **Drusilla Tanaka** and **Ann Kabasawa** for planning and coordinating the "work party" which prepared the 3,500-plus letters. The Work Party Participants were veterans, spouses, sons, daughters and even grandchildren: **Saburo Hasegawa (100)**, **Mits Furumoto (100)**, **Joe Muramatsu (100)**, **Tommy Nishioka (100)**, **Joe Obayashi (442)**, **Tom Takemoto (1399)**, **Aki Nosaka (100)**, **Marie Yoneshige (100)**, **Dean Anzai (442)**, **Ed Goto (442)**, **Barbara and Shayna Hanai (100)**, **Sophie Hatakenaka (100)**, **Shirley Igarashi (442)**, **Ann Kabasawa (100 and 442)**, **Benton Kamimoto (100)**, **Suzan Kaninau (100)**, **Velma Kawamae (442)**, **Alan Kubota (442)**, **Barbara, Jim, and Brandon Low (100)**, **Doreen Matsuda (442)**, **Amy Muroshige (100)**, **Stanley Oka (442)**, **Alan Takehara (100)**, **Drusilla and Stanley Tanaka (100)**, **Marcia Tsue (100)**, **Pat Tsutsui (100)**, **Tommy Uno (442)**, **Wade and Wendy Wasano (442)** all did a terrific job.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by K. Harry Tokushige

Normally a Treasurer's report is full of figures. Because the new year is approaching, I would like to refresh the memories of our members and others as to who can become members of the 442nd Veterans Club and what are their financial obligations. There are basically three types of membership. The eligibility and dues requirements are described below.

Regular Membership

- 1) *Any person who was assigned, or who was in any unit which at any time was assigned to the 442nd RCT between the times of its activation (2/1/43) and the time of its inactivation (8/15/46) shall be eligible.*
- 2) *The direct descendants of eligible Regular Members shall also be eligible.*
- 3) *Any eligible Regular Member is eligible to become a Life Member.*
- 4) *Any eligible person shall become a Regular Member upon payment of dues.*
- 5) *The annual dues (\$15) shall be due and payable on January 31 of each year. The calendar year shall be the period covered by annual dues.*
- 6) *Upon delinquency in the payment of prescribed dues for a period of six months, membership shall automatically terminate.*

Life Membership

- 1) *Any person eligible to become a Regular Member shall be a Life Member upon payment of the sum of One hundred Dollars (\$100) plus the annual dues of \$15, effective after January 1, 1968.*
- 2) *The life membership of a Life Member may be transferred upon his death to any descendant or next of kin, but only in the following manner:*
 - a) *The Life Member must, prior to his death, file with the Executive Secretary a written designation signed by him naming a transferee, and the transferee must within six (6) months after the death of the Life Member file with the Executive Secretary a signed acceptance of such transfer.*
 - b) *The Life Member may name alternate transferees, stating the order of priority in which they are to be considered, but only one life membership is transferable by a Life Member.*

Associate Membership

- 1) *Any person eligible to be a Regular Member who does not reside on Oahu shall be eligible to be an Associate Member. (This shall not be construed to prohibit a*

person not residing on Oahu from becoming a Regular or Life Member.)

2) *Any eligible person shall become an Associate Member upon payment of the dues prescribed by the Board. (Presently \$10)*

3) *Due date and delinquency provisions are the same as regular membership.*

Special Assessments

Special assessments, apart from annual dues, may be imposed on Regular & Life Members by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Regular & Life Members present at a membership meeting, the notice of which shall state that a purpose of the meeting is to consider the imposition of special assessments.



Dear Ed,

BRAVO!!! for your stirring editorial re "Passing the Torch" in the GFB Bulletin, Volume XLVII, No. 2, April-June 1996.

James H. Matsunaga

Dear Mr. Goto:

A month or so ago I picked up a pamphlet about the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion at the clubhouse. It stated that the 1399th was formed from the 370th Engineer Battalion which was "comprised of 162 AJA soldiers transferred from the 395th Quartermaster Battalion.

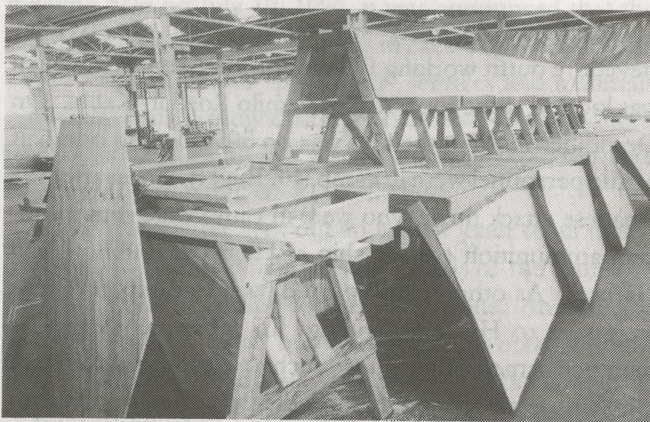
This is the first mention of the 395th, whose proper unit designation was the 395th Quartermaster Battalion (port). This unit was made up of Hawaii's second draft (March 1941) men, except for key officers and noncommissioned officers. The members were predominantly AJAs with a mixture of all the other ethnic population from all over Oahu. The word "transferred" is used but I think the unit was "disbanded" and replaced by an outfit from the mainland. Although the 395th saw "action" on December 7, 1941, the Army Record Center says they have no record of the 395th QMC (port).

As the word "(port)" suggests the 395th was an Army stevedore outfit working full time at the Army Port which was located at the foot of Waiakamilo Road in Kalihi. On December 7, 1941, the unit was on 50% alert so one-half of the personnel were in camp (Ft. Ruger). Soon after the Japanese attack those who were in camp were sent to unload ammunition from a ship at Hickam Landing (Pearl Harbor). As other men reported back to camp, they also were sent to Hickam Landing. In subsequent days the men performed other duties such as cleaning up military family quarters that were hurriedly evacuated on December 7, at Ft. DeRussy, digging air raid shelters at Ft. Armstrong, stringing barbed wire, etc. while continuing to work as stevedores at the Army Port. When the ships came in the men worked in two shifts of 12 hours each. When the 100th Battalion left the Islands the men of the 395th were there at Army Port to see them depart.

Now for my primary reason for writing this letter. When the call for volunteers for the 442nd was made in March 1943, men from the 370th Engineers volunteered from Schofield Barracks. Incidentally, the 370th was housed in "J" quadrangle and consisted of Companies A & B. The daily full-time function of Company B was as refuse collectors on the Post, a function that was normally assigned to garrison prisoners. Among those who volunteered were former members of the 395th QMC (port). It's been many years and my recollection is poor but I recognize the following former members of the 395th who were killed in action with the 442nd: **Dick Kikuichiro Ikehara, Tadashi Kojima, Theodore Toshiyuki Uyeno and Hideo Yonomine.** Other volunteers were: **Tom B. Aoki, Ralph T. Arashiro, Sadamichi China, Donald S. Higa, Shuzo Kajioka, Taneji "Tarball" Kumashiro, Matsuo Kamisugi, Shiro Morioka, Yuzuru Morita, Kazuma Oyama, Kikuji Sagara, Tomishige "Tom" Shibao, Hideo Takano and Henry S. Yamane.** There probably were others but these are all that I can recall.

Aloha,

Kazuma Oyama, Co. I



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