

Las Vegas: Art & Grace Nishimoto; Hiroshi Tanaka
Indio: First timers Joe & Sachi Mochizuki were welcomed

Captain Jack Rodarme's two nephews were in attendance—Robert Rodarme from Colorado Springs and Jon Rodarme from Wildomar and they really seemed to enjoy the reunion.

We were sorry that Dewey & Kiyō Fukui from Carson City had to cancel at the last minute due to illness in the family and that Grace Ishii from Honolulu couldn't make it either—sure hope you're feeling better, Grace!

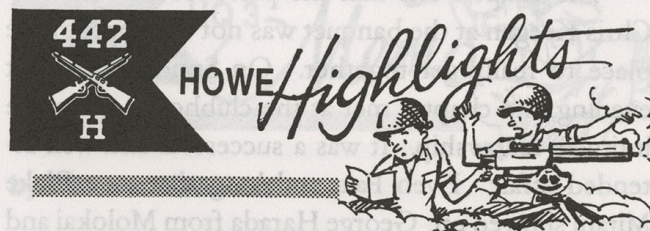
From Hawaii: Richard Ajifu, Al & Helen Amii, Mel Chow, Rose Ebisuya, Harold & Jane Fukunaga, Henry Hori, Fred Ida, Shigemi & Betty Ishizaki, John & Clara Kikuyama, Hiromi Suehiro, Ed & Emily Tamanaha, Speed & Edna Tanna and daughter Charlotte Araki and Ralph Yempuku.

Los Angeles Area: Tets & Dorothy Asato, Bones & Shiz Fujimoto, George & Shizuko Fujita, Jun & Doreen Fukuzawa, Jane Hagiwara, George & Chiye Hayashi, Ike Ikeda, Toshi Ito, George & Mary Karatsu, Mary Kawabata, Frank & Hisa Konno, Roy & Fumy Machida, Jim & Masayo Makino, Jim & Dorothy Nakagawa, Tom & Sachi Nakamoto, George & Mary Nakatsu, Sue Nishinaka, Roy Nogawa, Eddie & Marie Otsuka, Bill & Margaret Yokochi and Aiko Yoshida.

Fred Ida arranged for the hospitality room all day Wednesday and had a Japanese produced video on the 442 RCT. There was footage we have never seen before—we figure it was classified government film (since it was all in Japanese, we couldn't say for sure)—but Fred says he heard it will be translated into English soon. It was fascinating and we look forward to the translated version. We had all kinds of goodies in the hospitality room and since there were door prize drawings every two hours, we spent quite a bit of time there (sure saved a bundle compared to past years!). Besides all of the fabulous prizes (mostly beautiful Noritake, courtesy of George Nakatsu) and items from Hawaii, "G"-LA had T-shirts with the 442 emblem for everyone in attendance. That Wisconsin cheese that the Sugais brought was delicious!

Bones "recruited" the following as "G" LA members: Joe Mochizuki, Hiroshi Tanaka, Jiro Yoshizawa and Rocky Matayoshi.

After Vegas, a few people came back to Los Angeles and went to the Japanese American National Museum on Friday. Since George and I serve as docents on Fridays, it was good to see the Matayoshis, Kurodas, Otsukas, Stan and Toshi and be able to "treat" them to a cup of 100% Kona coffee.



by Jackson Morisawa

The first event on our new year's agenda was *Shinnen Kai*, which was held on January 12, 1997 at the Hawaiian Waikiki Beach Hotel. The Sunday buffet was well attended. The array of food and taste have improved, but the *nori* used for the *sushi* was still terrible, like chewing on old leather. Charlie conducted a short meeting and reported on several events concerning the 442 Veterans Club and Howe Chapter. Otherwise, casual conversation and good fellowship consumed the occasion.

The 54th Anniversary Banquet is now *pau*. It was a surprisingly well attended affair considering the many semi-disabled old farts in the 442 Veterans Club. The chair should be commended for putting together a night of well conceived programming. Thank you, George.

Having been vulnerable to so many "keynote speakers" at many of our past gatherings, I'm sure there were many who felt hard-pressed in being subjected to more self accolades and "pet in the back" speeches again. However, the committee's selection of three speakers from our honored officers was excellent. We would like to thank Col. Bert Nishimura, Col. Christopher Keegan and Maj. Gerald Gustafson for their refreshing reflections on their experiences as officers of the 442nd RCT and allowing us to remember the 54th Anniversary banquet as a memorable occasion.

For the Howe chapter members, this banquet was special. Our "ole man" Chris Keegan, the Colonel

and former company commander, was one of the honored speakers. It was very appropriate to have a very respected member respond on this occasion honoring the officers (especially da kine haole officers) of the 442nd RCT. The only other officer present was Doc Yoshida. We would like to thank them and the others who were unable to attend.

The chapter felt that the presence of Ann and Chris Keegan at the banquet was not the appropriate place to really get together. On Sunday, the next evening, the chapter met at the clubhouse for more intimate fellowship. It was a successful and well attended affair. Even Paia and long absentee, Blake Mitani showed up. George Harada from Molokai and Mike Tsuji from LA were also present. The food, bingo and especially the opportunity to reminisce our good and bad experiences of wartime were well consumed and reflected by the smile on all those who were in attendance. We thank Ann and Chris Keegan for making it so.

Virginia and Eddie Hashimoto from Las Vegas were in town recently. Charlie, Harry and Jackson with their wives were able to get together with them at Sea Fortune Chinese Restaurant. Virginia is recuperating well from her recent illness and is exercising regularly—though a very therapeutic process called one-arm bandit manipulation. She is lucky as ever, so I understand. They have planned a cruise vacation on the Mediterranean in the vicinity of Greece. Eleanor and Tets Kurozawa have gone on their perpetual *Onsen* trip to Japan. For good food and relaxation you can't beat the spa.

The next event on Howe Chapter's agenda is focused on Las Vegas. Our repeat mini-reunion will be held there in June, hosted by the LA gang. Check with Harry if you need further information.

Maui, the Valley Isle

Since no one else volunteered to supply other news, I had to insert my travel adventure again to sustain our allotted space in the bulletin.

Allegra and I haven't visited Maui in over 5 years so when Asako and Stanley Watanabe invited us to 3 nights R&R there, we accepted without hesitation. They are frequent visitors to Maui on spur of the

moment notice. Stanley is from Maui originally so he knows the best arrangements for such a visit. Asako is very knowledgeable and experienced in making all the necessary arrangements.

The greatest revelation for us was lodging at a condominium instead of at the hotel. Asako managed to get us into a condo in the Kihei-Wailea area. The accommodation was fabulous. Two bedrooms with complete bathroom for each, 2 televisions, a spacious living and dining area plus a comfortable kitchen area which included all the necessary utensils and wares. We had a rice cooker, coffee maker and everything else for a complete kitchen. There are many people who infer that a kitchen is unnecessary because they don't want to cook on a vacation. That's well and good but having a kitchen does not mean you have to cook. It is an extra convenience which can be very accommodating on a leisurely vacation.

You can be spoiled with such accommodation, and I can't imagine myself staying in a hotel again, especially when I consider the amount we paid for the condo. There is no way any hotel can match it for price and comfort.

I always heard discouraging words when I mentioned driving to Hana. Everyone raved about Hana but getting there was another thing. However, I was determined to see Hana at least once. Stanley drove going to Hana. The road is in good condition although narrow at places and many one-lane bridges and curves keep you alert. The scenery is very beautiful as I had imagined. I was surprised to see so many cars making their way to Hana.

Allegra barely survived the winding drive to Hana, but once there, she enjoyed visiting the town. Like everyone else, Hasegawa General Store was a must see, and we leisurely scrutinized the store. We also spent some time having a buffet lunch at the ranch house restaurant.

I took over the driving going back. It wasn't as difficult from what I had heard and imagined. After we were clear of the many curves and were cruising on the highway toward Kihei, Stanley discreetly mentioned that I had negotiated over 600 curves. I know I reduced the amount of curves to about 550 because I cut across the dividing lanes on a straight course whenever I saw the road was clear of approach-

ing cars. Overall, it was a day spent very well and although Allegra was car sick, she agreed that the trip was worth it.

Being away from Maui so long, I was amazed at the size of new developments. The Kaahumanu shopping area in Kahului has grown to a size comparable to Ala Moana Shopping Center. It is also well endowed with well known stores and the amount of people shopping was surprising. The shoppers were adequate to sustain such a huge operation.

We also drove to Lahaina and Kaanapali. The activities there have also increased. As I drove toward Lahaina, there was a continuous line of cars going the opposite direction without a break. Again, I was surprised at the amount of people congregating on Maui.

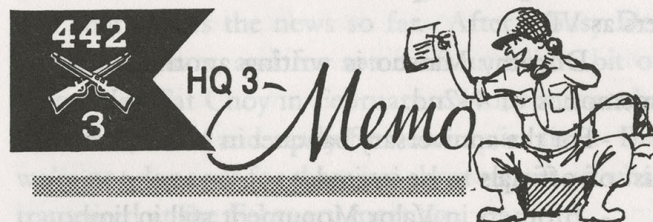
Lahaina is still being improved, especially the roads fronting the town. The quaint waterfront shops and boat landing areas are still interesting. There is an additional shopping mall converted from the old cannery and it has its own ambiance. There were many tourists shopping at the many interesting stores. We visited the Whalers Village in Kaanapali also. The last time we were there, it was a small shopping area. Today, the area has grown and many new shops and restaurants occupy the center. New constructions are in progress to expand the shopping mall further. It is now loaded with expensive shops in the likes of Ala Moana—Gucci, Chanel, Louis Vuitton, etc.

The Kihei-Wailea area has developed and is now giving Kaanapali some competition. The travel-wise tourist are coming to this area in droves and occupying the available condos. We were lucky to find accommodation there. Wailea is much more peaceful with better landscaping and foliage which enhance the atmosphere. It is also a convenient area since there are many supermarkets, restaurants, shopping malls and beaches. Kihei town is very accommodating and busy. It is wise not to drive on the Kihei road after working hours. The two-lane drive is lined with cars so it is better to use the highway above the town.

There are many other places in Maui we have not visited and we are looking forward to another visit, that is, if we can find comparable accommodation again. I don't think I'll be satisfied with staying at a hotel, unless someone is good enough to pay our hotel

bill of \$200 to \$300 a night.

I hope I don't have to occupy the space with my travel experiences too often. I can't afford to travel that much—so please send in some news.



by Charles Watanabe

December 1996 Meeting

We go back to the very familiar and final event of 1996. 3rd HQ ended the year with a Christmas party at the Uno's, another familiar place. It's getting like we don't know what we'd do without Gracie & Erni. Almost like using the computer, too. Press the button that reads, "Christmas party" and you get "Uno residence." Helped us to decide instantly.

What was unusual about this Christmas gathering was watching members and wives arrive at the Uno's entrance with packages-full/boxes-full of food and miscellaneous items. This was in response to a suggestion by Erni that 3rdHQ involve themselves in the "joy of sharing" with those less fortunate this Holiday season. The result was gratifying.

The evening was of fun and laughter, sipping and munching on refreshments, chatting and more chatting until dinner time. Meanwhile, I noticed something was definitely missing inside the cozy den. It was the empty floor where, in the past, Erni's choo choo train was merrily going about its business, chugging away at times. For some of us, the choo choo train had become part of the entertainment of the evening.

Christmas dinner being very special, the ladies of Group 1 worked very hard at it. I won't go into the specifics of the menu, but let's just say everything tasted good. It was "don't hold back and eat anything you like for just a day." Don't we all agree that this was far better than going to a restaurant? We thank the ladies of Group 1 for their combined ef-

forts toward this outstanding meal. Deserving of our applauds are Harumi Furuya, Janet Goto, Yaeko Kuwata, Edna Kuniyuki, and Janet Matsuda.

President Sasai conducted a short meeting and reported on the following:

- Ed Goto is reported to be on the list of Officers as VP.

- Dorothy Matsuo is writing another book on memories of 442nd.

- For the anniversary banquet in March, there is a list of officials to be invited.

- Brothers in Valor Monument still in limbo.

The meeting ended shortly, and our attention soon turned to Frances Tsubata and Erni Uno as they reached for their ukulele and music sheets and led the group in the singing of Christmas carols. For some of the talented men and women of 3rdHq, singing comes naturally.

Game time was spent picking grab bags, everyone hoping for the best pick and for keeps. As it turned out, this year's grab bags were more selective and practical, which allowed the game to move more quickly. On the other hand, David Kaiura's game for wives only ran into overtime. David, what's the name of the game again? "Empty your handbag," or "the more the merrier," or what? Next time, is it possible to limit the number of articles pulled from the ladies handbags? Only suggesting...

There were twenty-one of us regulars enjoying the evening, especially the warmth and generosity of Erni and Gracie. We say "tante grazie" to both.

January 1997 Meeting

Now that we are into the New Year, 3rdHq started on a high note by having its first dinner meeting on January 17 at Akaka Place. Have we all familiarized ourselves with Akaka Place—like Akaka Falls on the Big Island? Yes, Akaka Place is where one can find the Sasai residence. The Sasais had kindly and repeatedly opened their home over the years for the first meeting of the New Year.

This was, until several decades ago, the scene of students striving to learn the art of tea ceremony as taught by the now deceased elder Sasais. So it is in this appropriate setting that we were again privileged

to have our first dinner meeting of the New Year. It didn't take long before the beverages began to flow and some interesting conversation started. As in the past, the subject eventually turned to concerns of personal health and questions like, "what has the doctor programmed for you lately?" and "what else is bothering you lately?" Meanwhile, the wives were seen enjoying the opportunity to relax and catch-up on the latest among themselves.

This time, the ladies of group 2 were in charge and what we feasted on that evening, without doubt, deserved a five-star rating. Bustling earlier in the Sasai kitchen were Michi Sasai, Irene Nakamura, Gracie Uno, Frances Tsubata, Hinayo Matsuura, and Clara Watanabe. Our thanks to the ladies for doing such a superb job.

It was time for our new president Erni Uno to call to order the first meeting of 1997. He briefly reported on the following:

- Financial report excellent.

- Reminder of the anniversary banquet on March 22nd at Pacific Beach Hotel. Inviting officers of 442nd from the mainland.

- Regarding Unabarakai and Brothers in Valor Monument, there isn't much to report, but they're still talking.

- Difficult to understand the meaning of, or to explain the design of the Brothers in Valor Monument. Sorry about that.

- The question of how to use the bare space in front of the 442nd building is still in limbo. (How about the suggestion that the club house put up a stand to sell boiled peanuts?)

Regarding out donations to the food bank in December, Erni sent a note of appreciation to the chapter; excerpts are:

"The chapter members were most generous when they were asked to bring "goodies" for the needy to the Christmas party. Instead of the one can of beans, each arrived with bags full of not only staples such as rice and sugar, but there were lots and lots of canned goods for the food pantry. Also, toys and sundry items such as bath soap, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. filled the entry to Erni's house. The people at the Lokahi Tree project at Sand Island expressed hearty thanks for the toys and goodies; the homeless beach

people in Maile were grateful for the soap; and the food pantry in Wahiawa was overwhelmed by the generosity of our chapter members. It was a good feeling to know that we helped to promote the Christmas spirit."

Enclosed was a letter dated December 20, 1996, from the Reverend Alex S. Geston of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wahiawa as follows:

Dear Rev'd Uno,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you very much for your donation of boxes and bags of food for the Food Pantry. How thoughtful of the 442 Veterans to share their abundance of food to the hungry of the Wahiawa and North Areas.

Yes, indeed, Christmas has to do with a God who became a human being to take care of our twistedness. Because of this initiative, we are grateful and try to express our thankfulness by being sensitive to the needs of others.

St. Stephen's food Pantry invites the 442 Veteran's to visit us and see our operation. It's open Tuesday's and Friday's between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. There is no overhead cost involved.

Thank you again for your generosity and for being a partner in this outreach program.

As Erni stated, it does one's heart good to know that your contribution to the needy means a lot to somebody out there, especially during the holidays.

Happily enjoying the warm hospitality of the Sasais were the regular attendees numbering 19. Bob and Edna Kuniyuki couldn't join us.

Other Notes

A speedy recovery to Tommy Uno for the injury sustained in January. Careful there, Tommy, the sons/daughters need you. Take care.

Our deepest condolences to Sam & Michi Sasai for the loss of Sam's beloved mother Kazu Sasai in November 1996, and for the loss of Michi's sister, Oei Maehara in January 1997.

On a lighter note, David and Doris Kaiura took another one of those tours to Japan, this time enjoying the traditional mochitsuki in Tokyo, also attending a fashion show in Kyoto, and participating in other

interesting sightseeing and activities. Good traveling, David.

Frances Tsubata packed her baggage for a tour of Turkey, Greece, and Egypt. Sounds Biblical? It's a tour organized by the church where she is a member. Tell us about it at our next gathering, Frances.

That covers the news so far. After a busy December, January, and for some of us a little bit of Kung Hee Fat Choy in February, members must be all tuckered out and ready for some quiet time. But we're not done yet for there is a short report on what transpired at the February meeting.

Erni Uno had nothing new to report for February, mostly old business.

Important reminder concerned our annual banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel on March 22. The Memorial Service will be held in the morning at NMP, Punchbowl. A special reminder to those who can make it: 3rdHq will place U.S. Flags on Friday, March 21, at the graves of those KIA.

Members discussed changing the meeting night to day lite (not Miller lite). As you can see, us guys have reached an age where we try to avoid night driving, especially those coming from the leeward/windward side. I second the motion to this, but it deserves further discussion. Any suggestion on where we can meet?

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Let's include the activities for March 1997 since we're now reporting on a regular quarterly basis.

The month of March has kept members busy with activities and events for the 54th Anniversary. On Friday morning, March 21, 3rdHq members gathered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl to place the traditional American flag on the grave of each departed member. The list seems long, and my heart gets heavy whenever we gather at the grave sites, remembering how it once was, but is now only a memory. Each veteran's face appear clearly in my mind. The war has left memories and experiences never to be forgotten. Fifty-four years had passed but we still talk about this and that and our cussing and swearing are very much a part of our expressions. Arriving promptly at Punchbowl eager and ready to get the job done were Shigeru Goto, Sam Sasai, David Kaiura, Bill Kuwata,

Hajime Matsuura, Takeshi Nakamura, Robert & Edna Kuniyuki, Charles & Clara Watanabe and president Erni Uno.

After we had finished our mission, we headed for the Hungry Lion Restaurant in Nuuanu for a much awaited coffee break. President Uno called a meeting to order, but it was short on agenda with nothing falling under new business... I think. Sorry if I missed anything newsworthy to report, Erni. By the way, how did you like meeting in the morning, which idea we've been mulling over for some time? It suited me fine, and thank you, Erni for your generosity toward the coffee and rolls.

On Saturday morning, March 22, several members and wives of 3rdHq were among those who attended the 54th Anniversary Memorial Service at the National Memorial Cemetery. It was a solemn and deeply emotional experience for those of us who attended this very moving Memorial Service.

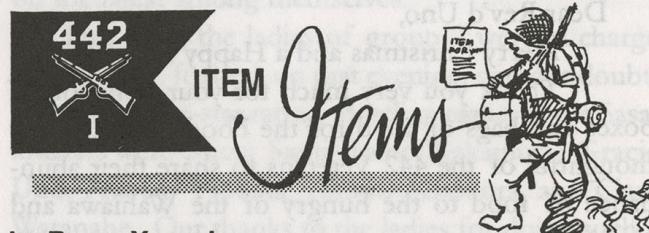
In contrast, the Anniversary Banquet that evening at the Pacific Beach Hotel provided good laughs and good fellowship. This year's program welcomed back 442nd officers of various chapters from the mainland. These invited guests brought much humor and laughter as they stepped forward and shared their experiences encountered early on with the men of 442nd RCT from Hawaii and the mainland. I'm sure the wives were all ears. 3rdHq invited Barney Perlsweig and Orville Shirey, but both were unable to attend. We wish them well. 3rdHq was well represented otherwise with members and wives and sons/daughters turning out for the annual event.

Now for more da kine news

Shigeru & Janet Goto will be, for the umpteenth times, touring Japan in April. Frances Tsubata with daughter Grace Fujii will be vacationing in Japan and Hong Kong in April also. We have been informed that Erni & Gracie Uno will be attending a family wedding on the mainland on the third week of April: therefore, meeting has been rescheduled for the fourth Friday in April. As for the month of May, Robert & Edna Kuniyuki will be enjoying a trip to the Scandinavian countries. Takeshi & Irene Nakamura will be visiting their families in Maryland and California, and

the Watanabes plan to spend some time with family in Florida. For those of us who are able to attend, a dinner outing is scheduled for May 2 at the KCC's Olelo Dining Room. Call Irene Nakamura if you can make it that evening.

For sure PAU... time for snacks and vino.



by Bruno Yamada

Banquet

Item Chapter was well represented at this year's anniversary banquet again. Five tables were occupied at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Honored guests were former officers of I Company, Mr. and Mrs. Yaso Abe of Wahiawa and Mr. and Mrs. Sadaichi Kubota of Hilo. Blackie Kinoshita was not able to attend. Also present were Frank Shimada, all the way from San Jose, Fred and Bea Matsumura from Gardena, California and George and Margaret Oshita from Kapaa, Kauai. It was really an enjoyable evening.

Memorial Service

Chairman Alan Kubota did a bang-up job again with his hard working crew from the Sons & Daughters, who spent many hours preparing and planning the wonderful Memorial Services held on March 22. Kazu Takekawa and his crew, consisting of CB Sakamoto, Richard and Nickey Oshiro, Norman Yokoyama, Donald Kameda, Eddie Yamasaki and Kazu placed flags on the plots of I Company members buried in Punchbowl.

Attending the services on March 22 were widows: Elizabeth Nishioka, Betsy Yamamoto, Muriel Kapono (Mits Suzuki), Violet Matsumoto with daughter and grandson. Also Sadaichi and Amy Kubota, Norman Yokoyama, Richard and Nicky Oshiro, Donald and Barbara Kameda, Ichiro Suzuki, Ed

Yamasaki, CB and Gay Sakamoto, George and Margaret Oshita, Bruno and Ellen Yamada, Frank Shimada, Masa Nakamura, Bill Naganuma and Kazu Takekawa.

Condolences

The Kashinos from Seattle informs us that George Takizawa passed away on January 22 at his home in Seattle. Masayuki Kikuchi of Aiea also passed away on February 18 in Tripler Army Hospital. He was 70 years old. Our deepest sympathy to their families. Dorothy Anzai, sister of Masa Nakamura passed away on January 17 and also Shizue Kiyabu sister of Clarence Taba passed away on March 9. We were also saddened to hear that David Takahashi, co-owner of Travel Adventures, Inc., passed away suddenly on January 20. David will be missed tremendously for our forthcoming reunion in Reno. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to all the families.

Recuperation

Charlie Okada of Seattle is recovering from a triple by-pass performed by his doctor son who is a cardiologist in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Terumi Kato is resting in Hale Hoaloha, an intensive care facility after suffering from emphysema and a stroke. Others who are still resting at home or at a care facility are: Michi Izui, Monty Murakami, Betty Takahashi, Nicky Iwai, James Hayashi, James Okimoto, Takeo Suma and Eddie Uechi. We'd like to wish you all a very speedy recovery.

Our dear friend from Seattle, Shiro Kashino was hospitalized at the Seattle Swedish Hospital on April 13 and had a large tumor removed from his stomach area. Although there was some relief, Shiro will remain in the hospital for further tests and recuperation. We'd like to wish him a very speedy recovery and hope he can be with his family soon.

Mini Reunion

This year's mini reunion will be in Reno, Nevada on September 14 to September 18 at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel, 255 North Sierra St. Departure for

the Hawaii group will be on the evening of September 13 on United Airline #952. A deposit of \$50 per person will be required to confirm a space.

Golfing, according to Jim and Frank will be at two Washoe County Golf Courses. the Washoe County Muny and the Sierra Sage Golf Course.

Last reunion at the Gold Coast in Las Vegas had terrific coverage in the Hokubei Mainichi, a Northern California daily printed in San Francisco. The staff writer, Barbara Hiura had half the front page with photos and scores of the golf and bowling tournaments.

Retirement

On January 31, Clarence Taba retired from his post at the Hawaii Bankers Association's Executive Vice-president, a post he held for 22 years. Clarence was featured in the February 10 issue of the Pacific Business News and was credited for revamping old laws, and forming the Veterans Credit Union. Clarence was also a mortgage operations officer for Bank of Hawaii. He also held positions with City Bank of Honolulu and with the now-defunct Honfed which named him the first recipient of its controller of the year award. Clarence will still hold his post as Manoa Valley Church treasurer and also treasurer for the 442nd Veterans Club Federal Credit Union. Congratulations, Clarence Taba for all you've done for all the financial institutions, the 442nd Veterans Club and Company I! We are indeed proud of you.

Short Items

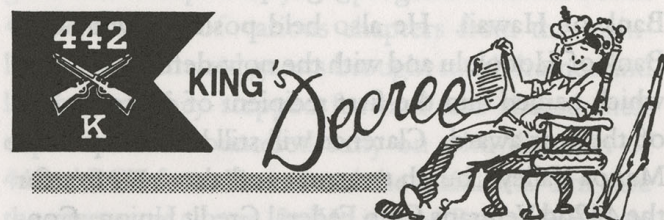
Eddie Yamasaki livened the March Chapter meeting by showing a one hour tape of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion which was produced by the Bungei Shunju Productions, a major publisher in Japan. The film was in Japanese and to be narrated by Eddie. An English version is being processed and will be marketed in the U.S. shortly. Anyone in need of the Japanese version can contact the Sons and Daughters at the 442 Club.

Kenneth Okuma spent eleven days touring Hokkaido, Japan with the Japan Travel Bureau on

February 8. Kenneth was fascinated by the beautiful ice carvings in Sapporo (Yuki Matsuri) and also the hot springs and onsen which was not only enjoyable but very relaxing. Incidentally, Kenneth's tour guide was Mr. Kitajima, an old friend of mine who I met in 1977. He is one of the best in the business.

Mainland Visitors

The Matsumuras and Frank Shimada were not the only guests from the mainland. Tom and Pat Watanuki from Stayton City, Oregon were a welcome sight during the Kauai and Hickam Golf tournaments. They skipped the anniversary banquet and went to Molokai instead, to visit friend Susumu Sakaida. Eddie Yamaguchi was also in town during the later part of January. He had to bring back bother's remains from Los Angeles to Honolulu. Besides golfing with the Item golf club, Eddie spent some time with his former classmates.



by Joe Shimamura

Charlie

The best always goes first, as was the case of good old Charlie Igarashi, laid to fial rest on the 15th of March. Final farewells were said to this energetic runner of the 3rd Platoon who was a joy to all with his tall tales and humorous personality. He will be missed by all, especially by his talking mate, Satoru Sawai, whose sitting personality made the two buddies inseparable. Charlie is survived by his charming daughter, Shirley, his good wife, Kay, plus numerous brothers. The finest man from the leeward area quietly left this good earth, having been ill for quite a spell. Farewell, Charlie.

Seattle

Come July 25, reunion time will be here again for the K-Men. Forty-plus people are expected to make the trek to the Northwest Paradise, to be led by prexy Herbert Yanamura and co-chairmen Walter Hirakugi and Eichi Oki. It sure took a lot of time to plan this northwest venture. This is going to be a rough ne, especially for the host crew which consists of only four die-hard K-Men: Dick Naito, Tosh Okamoto, John Matsudaira, and Frank Matsuda. Tried to talk them out of this difficult task, but had to back down at their request. We can help them, by being on our best behavior, and helping whenever we can. Whatever you do, just remember our guest status, refrain from criticizing anyone, and just be sure to mind your own business. Everyone will be happier this way, and th is is the best thing we all can do to make this another successful reunion.

Remember all payments are due by June 15, 1997, so get your piggybank emptied by this date. Where we go after this will be the big question when we gather in Seattle. You still got four months to go, but now is a good time to give that traveling bag a needed airing.

Visitors

Long time no see, but still looking in great shape were Mille & Tadashi Okuda, on a weekend visit to the big city. They attended the one year memorial service for our beloved grandmother, Mrs. F. Terada, Millie's mother. It was a short one for the Okudas, who arrived on a Saturday, and departed the next day.

Apologies

Old Father time is getting the best of us, and yours truly is turning out to be no exception. My humblest apologies to Sally & Sakaida and Yuki & Rachael Tokuda for omitting them in the last issue.

With these grave errors, I really feel that it is time for a change in the reporting staff. Having done this typewriter pounding since my return from college nearly five decades ago, I feel it is time for a change. Despite my steak offer, still no takers. I'm still wondering whether offering a lobster along with a steak will make any difference.