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CLUB HOUSE PROPERTY BOUGHT BY CLUB 100, OAHU CHAPTER

The Club 100 has purchased the property and improvements at 1444 Nuuanu Ave. from the Hawaii Veterans Memorial Fund. The final papers are now in the process of completion, and all transfers of deeds should be made within the next few days. The Club will also take over the leases of two adjoining pieces of property owned by the Campbell estate.

Final negotiations are being handled by the Club 100 which will finance the enterprise for the Oahu Chapter.

In the near future a committee will be appointed to make plans for remodeling and renovation of the buildings in order that they may be made more suitable for our needs.

NEW HIBISCUS NAMED FOR 100TH

John A. Johnson, father of memorial member Major John A. Johnson, has created a new hibiscus and named it the "Hawaii Hundredth Battalion Hibiscus" in honor of the 100th Infantry Battalion and in memory of his son who was killed in action at Cassino, Italy, on January 25, 1944 while serving as executive officer of the 100th.

In the May 19, 1946 issue of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin the new creation is described as, "Produced after months of patient and skilled experiment, it is a huge, five-petal flower of greenish yellow tinge, the yellow predominating. From a pale yellow-green at the outer tips of the petals, it shades to pink and then to magenta red where the petals join the stamen.

"It is a spectacular, as well as a lovely flower. Across the flower, from the top of one petal to the tip of the opposite petal, an average bloom measures 7-1/8 inches. It is thus one of the largest sized hibiscus."

This lovely flower will be presented to the Club 100th. May we soon see this new creation blooming in profusion in our own grounds! The 100th feels honored and gratefully accepts this new flower. Mahalo, Mr. Johnson.

CHAPLAIN HIGUCHI CONDUCTS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Club 100 observed Memorial Day with a simple service in front of the Territorial Memorial. Members of the Mutual Assistance Committee placed a wreath on the Memorial and Chaplain Hiro Higuchi, former chaplain of the 442 Regimental Combat Team, conducted a brief service.

CHAPLAIN YOST PLANS HAWAII VISIT IN 1949

In a recently received letter, Chaplain Yost states that he is planning to visit Hawaii for two months in the summer of 1949.

Chaplain Yost is now a pastor of the Tower City Parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tower City, Pennsylvania.

From September, 1943 to July, 1945 Chaplain Yost served with the 100th Infantry Battalion and was one of the most beloved men in the outfit. He was a constant source of laughter and good cheer and uplifted the morale of the men during combat.

"PUKA PUKA PARADE" SELECTED AS NAME FOR BULLETIN

At a recent meeting of the judges to select a name for this club organ, the name "Puka Puka" was appropriated; because it was under this nomer, which war correspondents used, that the outfit became known throughout the country, and because it has been used by its own members. Puka Puka, derived from the two zeros in 100, has been closely associated with the 100th Infantry Battalion since its days in Camp McCoy, Wis. Many members feel Puka Puka should be exclusively ours.

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ROTC UNITS OFFERED BEST COMPANY PLAQUES

The Executive Committee of the Club 100 has approved the plans of the Public Relations Committee to present to the ROTC units in the Territory an award in the form of plaques to the best companies in their respective units.

The awards will be known as the 100th Infantry Battalion Best Company Plaques except at Punahou School where it will be called the Major John A. Johnson Memorial.

The purpose of the awards is to perpetuate the memory of the 100th Infantry Battalion and, especially, the many who died while serving their country in the battlefields of Italy and France with the 100th Infantry Battalion. Many of them, at one time, received their first taste of military training at the institutions receiving these awards.

Major John A. Johnson, who was killed at Cassino, Italy, while serving as executive officer of our battalion, graduated from Punahou in 1931. While there he starred in athletics and was a leader in campus activities.

The plaques have already been ordered and are expected to be ready for presentation through Col. George Honnen, PMS&T at the University of Hawaii, soon.

His letter reads:
"To the Old Hundredth,
The first issue of the Club 100 paper reached me, and I read all of it with great interest. At present I am far removed from any contacts with any of the old gang, and I sure miss the fellows.



Chaplain Yost
Charles Yost

Though I did not go back to the parish I had before the war, I did have a call to a church just as soon as my terminal leave was ended. On the first of December I started at the parish as on the above letterhead (Tower City Parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 449 East Grand Ave., Tower City, Pa.) it consists of two active churches in the coal regions of Pennsylvania. I like the people, and in the past six months the people have gotten used to me (I think!)

But I have not forgotten you fellows. I've spoken before a number of church and service groups about the record of the 100th Battalion and the proof it is of your right to all the privileges of America. And the message has always been well-received. Occasionally some one in the audience would come up after-

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HEMENWAY COMMENTS BULLETIN

"Now that I have had a chance to read Club 100's first Bulletin, I want to congratulate the Club and the unknown editors for its excellence. It does you all credit. I still feel embarrassed over the article about me but I appreciate it just the same. I cannot tell you how proud I am of "my boys" and how precious their courtesies and friendships have been to me. Of course, Club 100 must continue and lead us all in the ways of peace, just as its members led in the bitter fighting of this great war.

"My Aloha to you all!

Very sincerely,
Charles Hemenway

HONORARY MEMBER LESLIE F. DEACON

The Club 100 takes pride in dedicating this issue of the club organ to Leslie F. Deacon, the third member of the ORIGINAL three honorary members of the Club 100.

L. F. Deacon, secretary of Castle and Cooke, Ltd., and a half dozen other well-established corporations in Hawaii, was born in San Francisco on May 26, 1896.

In 1911 he was graduated from Berkely High School, and soon thereafter was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

In 1917 after the United States declared war on Germany, he volunteered and later was sent to France with a medical unit of the U.S. Army, receiving his honorable discharge in May, 1919.

On February 10, 1934 he came to Hawaii, and on May 1st of the same year joined Castle and Cooke, Ltd., where he has been for the past 12 years.

Here is a champion of the youth of Hawaii! To many of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Les personally, I recommend that the next time you see and recognize him, stick your hand out with a greeting and introduce yourself. I am ready to guarantee that you will like him immediately, and he will remember you from the first meeting so that when he sees you on the streets the next time, he will call you by your first name. His memory for names, even those tongue twisters, is phenomenal. I have heard him call out dozens and dozens of AJA names, even names of boys he met years ago.

For a man who hails from California, who has been in the islands for only 12 years, and who is only 50 years old, he has shown an unusual interest in the welfare of the young men of Hawaii of all racial backgrounds. Off-hand I cannot think of any other individual of his standing in the community who has so many mixed-group friends, except, possibly, Mr. Hemenway, Delegate Farrington, and Col. Turner. I have walked with him many a time, and have always been astonished at the number of people he knows. His aloha for the boys, especially AJA's, is genuine. He enjoys and takes pride in working for them, and he treasures their friendship highly.

To come down to specific incidents of his interest in the 100th, I would like to point out a few facts. The writer was fortunate to be able to correspond with Les throughout the time he was away. Each Saturday afternoon for over three years he kept me posted on the happenings in Hawaii. In practically all of the letters there were mentioned incidents of his concern of some member of the battalion or his family. He was our contact man with Delegate Farrington, and whenever dark

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

Since the incorporation of the Club 100 on December 15, 1945, clearly defined objectives have been sought by the officers and committees of the club. Ideas have been sifted, and now we are able to present a program to you.

We have outlined the activities for the coming year, following the basic purposes of the Club 100 as stated in the Charter. First of all, we needed a means of reaching our membership to obtain a free exchange of information among the membership. To meet this need, we have started a monthly bulletin which is being distributed to all members. The bulletin can stand improvement, and Editor Sam Sakamoto would welcome your suggestions and contributions.

In order to have a strong, active organization we must have more than the desire to assemble for a bull-session. Tradition and history are needed to keep a club firmly knit. The Club 100 has tradition and history through the combat record and experience of the 100th Infantry Battalion, and, under the guidance of James Lovell, we aim to put this tradition and history in writing, which will be printed and distributed to all members. Then, we should like to record the accomplishments of the Club 100 as a civilian organization and the part it is playing in this community.

clouds began hovering over the welfare of our outfit or its members, he brought this to the attention of our Delegate for help. No one asked him to do all this. His genuine regard for the boys and his open mind and democratic views kept him going. His weekends were always taken up with welfare work in bettering conditions here in Hawaii so that those boys coming home would find a better Hawaii.

Ask Suehiro, Akamine, Kajikawa, Nakata, Morikawa, and a few of the other boys who were here before the bulk of the 100th returned, of Les Deacon's continued interest in our behalf. When the Club One-Puka-Puka first started, and got permission to use our present club house premises, Les took it upon himself to look around and collect all available furniture gratis. Yes, most of the furniture in the club house came through his effort.

I have time and again read letters and cablegrams to Washington and to the various government agencies here in the islands where Mr. Deacon was plugging for us.

His ways are quiet, he avoids publicity; that is the reason why so many of us are not cognizant of the great amount of good he has done for us.

He lives with his mother, an elderly, charming woman who has done a marvelous job of bringing up a son who is an idol to many of our boys.

If you are ever in need of some cheerful words and some laughs, go into Castle and Cooke, ask for Mr. Deacon, and tell him you have come in to hear his latest story. If you do not come out smiling, and if you are not impressed with his narrative ability, then it is time you saw a psychiatrist.

As this paper goes to press, he will have started the second half of his first century. He became 50 on May 26th. Lots of luck to you, "Pop", and the Club 100 joins me in saying smooth sailing, and Aloha to a grand guy and a damn valuable HONORARY MEMBER.

There are two dates that are significant to the members of the 100th Infantry Battalion. On June 5, 1942 we were loaded on the USS Maui and given the name of 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). We call this our Anniversary Day, and June 5, 1946 will be our Fourth Anniversary.

We had our first taste of combat, suffered our first casualties, and started the long, weary push through Italy and France on September 29, 1943. We plan to hold services throughout the Islands on this Memorial Day in honor of the members of the 100th Infantry Battalion who were left on the battlefields.

Machinery is being set up to account for every man who was assigned to the 100th Infantry Battalion during the period June 5, 1942 to May 12, 1945. The Membership and Dues Committee, under Tad Ohta, will keep an accurate record of the address of each member and the dues that he has paid to the club treasury. Membership cards will be issued by this committee to all members in good standing.

James Akamine and his Mutual Assistance Committee will assist in the solution of personal problems of members. This committee is trying to work out a business directory so that our members will know where to go in order to get the best service from fellow members.

The Social Committee is interested in all members who visit the islands from the mainland and elsewhere. Every year we anticipate certain mainland officers and men to come down for a visit, and Yoshiharu Nishida, chairman of the committee, is anxious to show them that we have an organization that remembers its members.

Eventually, we expect each chapter to have a regular meeting place to conduct their normal business and provide a place for their members to gather and spend a pleasant evening. The Oahu Chapter has purchased the Nuuanu Street property, which will, in due time, have all the facilities that the members desire for their comfort and convenience.

JUNE 2 IS ELECTION DAY FOR OAHU CHAPTER

A nominating committee, composed of James Lovell, Tad Ohta, Heiji Fukuda, Richard Oki, and Ralph Ikeda, was appointed by President Katsumi Kometani to nominate officers of the Oahu Chapter for the coming year. Elections will be held on Sunday, June 2, at the Nuuanu Street clubhouse.

The committee met on Thursday, May 22, and again on May 29 to complete their nominations for the various offices. A carefully selected list has been drawn up and the candidates' names will appear on a printed ballot form.

At the time this edition went to press the list of nominees was not available. Full results of the June 2 election will be printed in our next edition.

OAHU CHAPTER CELEBRATES WITH DINNER-DANCE

The Oahu Chapter of the Club 100 will be celebrating the Fourth Anniversary of the organization of the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate) with a dinner and dance at Pago Pago on the evening of June 5, 1946 starting at 1830 hours.

Admittance to this affair will be open to all members of the club and their friends for a price of \$3.20 per person. All members and their lady friends are urged to attend and have a good time. Good food, excellent dance music, and floor show are promised.

Col. Farrant L. Turner is arranging to have Governor Ingram M. Stainback, General George F. Moore, and Mayor Lester Petrie to speak at the dinner.

MAUI LIONS PLAY HOSTS TO "TURTLE" OMIYA AND AUDREY

Yoshinao "Turtle" Omiya was the guest of honor of the Maui Lions Club from May 17 to May 20. Turtle was accompanied by his seeing-eye dog, Audrey, and gave numerous demonstrations to public school students on Maui.

The Maui Chapter, Club 100, assembled their membership in the Oriental Chop Sui, operated by Jack Gushiken's brother, where Omiya had the opportunity of meeting old friends of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

After spending all day Saturday visiting friends and relatives, Yoshinao was honored with a dinner-dance at the Maui Grand Hotel. He was driven up to Haleakala at 3:30 in the morning to see the sunrise and silver swords.

During his short stay on Maui, Omiya was quartered at the Maui Grand Hotel in Wailuku.

HINTS TO PUZZLED VETERANS

Survivors of soldiers killed in action, or those who died while on active duty, are requested to contact the Mutual Assistance Committee of the club to determine if they are receiving all the benefits to which they are entitled.

Among the benefits they should be informed of are: insurance, death gratuity, pensions, social security, back pay and allowances, and personal effects of the deceased.

Insurance referred to is the National Service Life. Death gratuity is equal to six months' pay at the rate received by the deceased at the time of his death. The gratuity is payable first to the widow; if no widow, then to the children; and if no widow or children, then to dependent relatives previously designated by the deceased.

The dependent of a soldier may receive a pension where the soldier's death occurred in line of duty. Widows, children, and dependent parents are eligible for this benefit. Back pay and allowances is money due a soldier at time of death, while personal effects are the clothing and other property that the soldier may have accumulated. Survivors are urged to contact Tsuneo Morikawa, Kenichi Suehiro, or James Akamine.

Any member of the 100th who has failed to register his discharge paper at the Bureau of Conveyances should do so immediately. Registering the discharge creates a permanent record of the document, and if the original is lost a photostatic copy can be obtained. On the other hand, if a veteran loses his discharge paper without registering it, he has no record to show that he had

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Parade was chosen over other suggestions like Patter, Peeps, Hoomalimali, News, Monthly and Bulletin for its military connection.

Other names suggested were T.S. Time -- which honorary member and judge Leslie Deacon thought was the best, only to be thrown out by the other judges because it was felt it would be tough to explain to our lady friends--Century Chatter, Century Courier, Buta-Head Bulletin, Red Bull Session, 100's Century, Century News, and 100th Hoomalimali.

Two-thirds of the winning name, Puka Puka, was supplied by Itsuo Shinyama of Maui whom the judges declared the winner. He will soon hear from our secretary, Eddie Yoshimasu, and get the prize money of \$10.00.

To all those who submitted suggestions do the thanks of the committee, and the Puka Puka Parade invites your reactions and comments.

MEN OVERSEAS SEND RELIEF

Men of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, have sent a sum of \$2395 for the relief of Hawaiian residents who have suffered in the recent tidal wave. This money was transmitted to the Club 100 for proper distribution.

The executive committee of the Club 100 has referred this matter to the Mutual Assistance Committee for consideration with a recommendation that the money be presented to the Governor of Hawaii by the Club 100 on behalf of the boys in the 100th Battalion who are overseas at the present time.

The letter written by 1st Lt. T. E. Thompson, Assistant Adjutant, reads in part, "I have this date transmitted by PTA to the Club 100 the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-five dollars (\$2395) which you should receive shortly.

"The above sum was contributed by members of the 100th Battalion, this unit, for the relief of Hawaiian residents upon whom hardship has been wrought by the recent tidal wave. It has been my pleasure to transmit this money to the Club 100."

CHAPLAIN YOST

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wards and tell me they agreed with my statements since they had served with us here and there in Italy and in France. At one large Rotary meeting a fellow stood up at the end of the talk, and told the group that he had met some of the AJA's in the Pacific, and that these men had saved many a life by their work over there. I'm very proud my lot was thrown in with yours in September of 1943.

There's one thing I want to find out for myself. I've heard such tall tales about the beauty of the Islands, and the friendliness of the Islanders, that I must someday come over and see for myself. If all goes well, I hope to visit Hawaii in the summer of 1949. In fact, beginning this summer I am saving my vacations to be able to take about two months off in 1949.

The men of the 100th Battalion were exceedingly good to me all the time I served with you. Even in the midst of friends and peace I'm a bit homesick--homesick for you friends of the One Puka Puka.

With special greetings to Captain Kometani,

Yours,
Chaplain, now Pastor
Israel Yost

100TH STOCK CLUB NEWS

Tadashi Ohta and Otomatsu Aoki, both ex-Hq. Co. members, have announced recent arrivals in their families.

GEN. TRUSCOTT WRITES TO CLUB 100TH

Gentlemen:

I have just received the first of your monthly bulletins. You have done well in peace, as you did ever in war. Certainly the good wishes of every comrade with whom you fought so gallantly in Italy go with you always, and wish for you every success.



Gen. Truscott
Truscott

It is my hope that at some future date I will have the opportunity of revisiting Honolulu, calling at the Club 100, and renewing in person the battlefield comradeship of Italy and Southern France.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) L. K. Truscott, Jr.
Lieutenant General U. S. Army

100TH BOYS IN BUSINESS

Kenji Mitsunaga has recently opened the Civic Drug Store in partnership with two brothers-in-law. The new store is located immediately Ewa of the Civic Auditorium.

In addition to a pharmacy, the Civic Drug Store contains a well-equipped soda fountain where they serve delicious sandwiches and sundaes.

In the same building Dr. Fujio Hosaka, Optometrist, has opened his office and is fully equipped to fit you with glasses and to correct defective vision.

Dr. Richard Kainuma has been dishing out aspirins for all aches and pains for the past six months. His office is located on 1734 South King Street near Washington Intermediate School.

Two dentists from the Club 100 are ready to yank your teeth or otherwise cause you pain in the region of the mouth. Dr. Katsumi Kometani has his office on 2509 South King Street next to the Moiliili Community Center. Dr. Robert Miyasaki's office is located on 1120 Bishop Street.

Dr. Isaac Kawasaki is still assigned to the Tripler General Hospital and is receiving treatment there. As soon as he is discharged he will resume private practice.

Attorney Yasutaka Fukushima is back in his law office in the Bishop National Bank Branch Building on the corner of Smith and King Streets.

The 100th Veterans Taxi is a cooperative enterprise operated by the following boys: Bob Matsuura, Richard Kuraoka, Bob Furuta, Minoru Tokunaga, Etsuo Nakaya, and

ADDRESSES EXCERPTS OF LETTERS FROM FORMER PUKA PUKA-ITES

Kengo Otagaki
2025 Sunset Drive
Ames, Iowa

"Things are going along quite satisfactorily out this way. Our little youngster is growing up, and now she knows the difference between mush and jello. She cries a lot, too, for she is cutting teeth. Boy, this is a job trying to keep baby happy and studying at the same time.

"My school work is coming along well. By the middle of summer I ought to be through with my graduate work. By golly, schools like Iowa State work the hell out of you for an advanced degree. Going to school under Public Law 16 is a good deal---nothing to worry about.

"The weather in Ioway is getting to be milder at the present time. We had snow on the ground for nearly five months, and this is enough in anybody's language."

Capt. Kiyoshi Kuramoto
80 S. Spruce Pl.
Minneapolis, Minn.

"Am on my way to Tokyo in June. Stu (Capt. Shigeru Tsubota) is on the same deal. Wife will be going to Seattle and may call for her if conditions permit. School will be moving either to Presidio of Monterey or to Ft. Douglas, Utah, in June. May drop in Hawaii before I go over."

Lt. Richard Hamasaki
ADVON GHQ CIS
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

"The city of Hiroshima is a pile of debris. I didn't expect it to be that bad. Also, the food situation here is terrific. I hesitate to eat the food they prepare for me thinking all the while that the folks have to go out for miles to exchange goods for rice, etc. Those people who came back not very long ago from the States (on repatriation ship) are all regretting, for the food, as well as living conditions out here in Japan is very bad.

"Received my silver star just before coming here to Hiroshima."

Ralph Okumura. These boys offer their services from seven in the morning to midnight every day. Their stand is located at the corner of King and McCully Streets, and their phone number is 93695.

Heiji Fukuda has his Veterans' Enterprises next to the above mentioned taxi stand. Heiji buys, repairs, and resells surplus automobiles and equipment.

Harry Schoenberg
2147 1/2 S. W. 25th St.
Miami 33, Fla.

"I've had quite a hectic time since getting back to the States, but things are finally settling down for me.

"As of today, I'm a civilian. I'm negotiating a business and intend to settle in Miami. So if you know of any one of the outfit in Miami, please send me his address. And let's have some news about the 100th.

"Takahashi and I went out together a couple of times a short time before I left for Florida."

T/Sgt. George Miyama
Hq. 100th Bn., 442 RCT
APO 782, c/o PM New York

"There isn't much going on around here. We did receive unofficial notice that the 442nd got a unit citation for the first part of the last push and that they have publicly mentioned it in the papers. The battalion has a pretty strenuous work deal to operate under, guarding installations, and P.W.'s, and it really shows in the morale of the guys. On top of that, for the last month, we've been having extra parades which are making everybody unhappy. But this can't go on forever, we hope."

MAUI CHAPTER PLANS ANNIVERSARY DANCE IN WAILUKU

To celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of the formation of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the Maui Chapter Club 100, is planning to have a dinner-dance at the beach home of Shizuichi Mizuha, older brother of Jack Mizuha and honorary member of the Maui Chapter.

Hostesses of the last dance will be the guests of honor, and each member of the Chapter is allowed one guest. A large turnout is expected at this anniversary party.

Under the guidance of Jack Gushiken, the Maui Chapter has accumulated approximately \$1,500 in its club treasury. Election of officers for the coming year will be held sometime in June, and delegates to the territorial convention will be selected at that time.

HINTS TO VETERANS

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ever served in the armed forces. A certificate in lieu of the discharge can be obtained, but it shows very little information and takes over six months to obtain.