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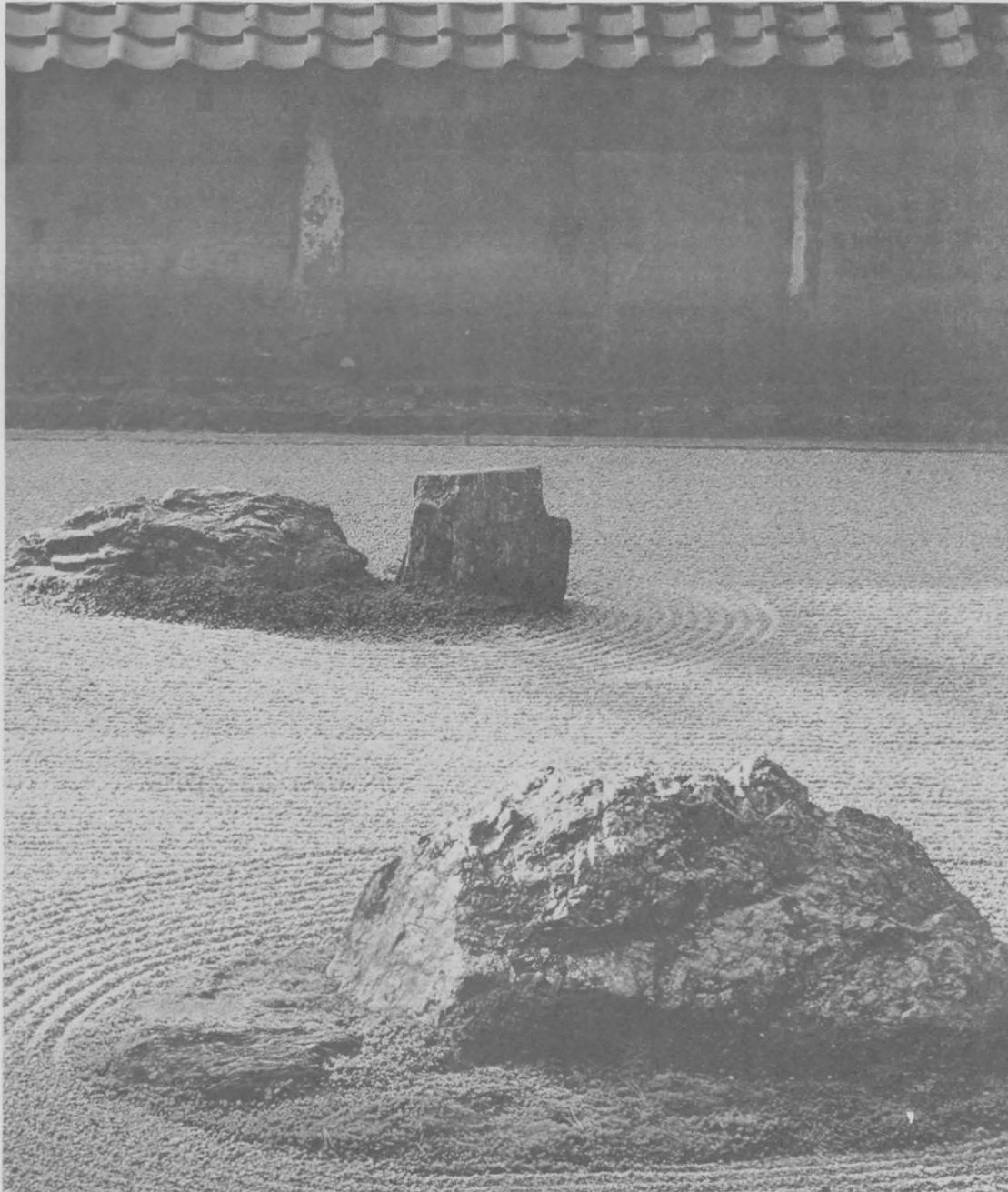
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(SEPARATE)! A "lonely" outfit - emphasized by the word "Separate" and the parentheses - began its Army career under that name upon arrival at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, in June 1942 - 38 years ago.

The 100th Battalion has been well-known for its camaraderie, and esprit de corps. The circumstances under which the unit was organized, and its experiences with the 2nd Infantry Division at McCoy undoubtedly contributed toward this feeling. The fact that practically all of the original personnel were from the Islands, including a good percentage of the replacements, fostered the Aloha spirit of helping and looking out for each other.

The feeling of camaraderie among the Club 100 members, seemingly dormant, manifests itself in attendance at the Club 100 35th Annual Memorial Service. It has been reported that this year's attendance was the best for quite some time. A few weeks earlier, Dog Company men had an outstanding annual reunion in Honolulu.

The club members' active participation in club or chapter activities often seem to be reflected in the old attitude: "Let the other guy do it!", or "I'm too busy" among some members.

Each member of Club 100 remains a member sometimes for reasons of his own. Some members attend the chapter meetings only; others add active participation in Green Thumb, golf, dancing or just the use of the clubhouse facilities.

What is disturbing are those members who pay their dues regularly but do not participate in any activities or have stayed away completely during all these years after our return from overseas.

Hideo Kajikawa

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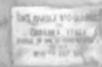


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A Memorial Address  
by Senator Benjamin J. Cayetano  
Sunday, September 28, 1980  
National Memorial Cemetery, Pacific

Gold Star Parents, Distinguished Guests, Members and Families of the  
100th Battalion:

I am deeply honored to have been invited to speak to you today at this  
35th Memorial Service.

I must confess to you that in preparing for this occasion, I was so  
overwhelmed by what I learned about the 100th Battalion, its distinguished  
record in battle, and its great accomplishments in peace - that I feel somewhat  
depressed at the impropriety of my uttering mere words to commemorate this occasion.

If ever silence was golden, it is here beside the graves of the heroes we  
honor.

And so, I will not attempt to remind you about the great battles you fought.  
You know the horrors of war, you experienced them. You will not forget them.

When Sgt. Joe Takata fell in battle thirty-seven years ago, I was only three  
years old - a child, totally oblivious of the great events which shook the world.

Today, thirty-seven years later, I look back at those great events, at the  
accomplishments of the members of the 100th Battalion, both living and dead, and  
my feelings are summed up in two simple words: THANK YOU.

Thank you, Joe Takata and members of the 100th Battalion for not giving up  
on your country. You certainly had reason to. Your parents, if they were born  
in Japan, were neither allowed to vote nor to become naturalized American citizens.  
And, in the hysteria which followed Pearl Harbor, too many of them, solely because  
of their place of birth and ethnicity, were held suspect, disarmed and treated  
like traitors by the United States Government and by far too many of their fellow  
Americans.

Thank you, for not despairing. For enduring the insults, the slights and  
the anguish. Thank you for going abroad, for fighting. You proved to all that  
your courage and patriotism was beyond reproach.

Thank you, for your diligence, for your willingness to work hard and sacrifice,  
for returning from the battlefields and educating, training yourselves to prepare  
for your return to civilian life.

And, thank you, for your faith in American Democracy, for your willingness  
and determination to work within the American political system -- the same system  
which was used by some to oppress your and other immigrant ethnic groups. Thank  
you, for using that system to help fight for economic and social justice - not  
just for yourselves but for all of our disadvantaged people. The progressive  
legislation which came after the 1954 Political Revolution, gave working people  
of all ethnic groups a fair shake and provided their children with decent educational  
opportunities.

As you can readily see, I am not Japanese. But I say "Thank You" because I know history will record that the benefits of your success was shared by all disadvantaged ethnic groups. Your success was and is their success.

Fate granted you the role of leading the way. You did not shrink from that challenge, you accepted it. History will record that you have succeeded. And, history will also record that by succeeding, you have opened the doors for all to follow. Your efforts have made Hawaii a much better place for all to live. For this, we owe you a debt.

It was your generation which helped to cast the principle of economic and social justice in Hawaii. You must help remind our leaders, present and future, to never, never forget that principle.

It will not be easy. In the times of economic growth which you experienced, it was easier to distribute the new wealth more equally. When the islands of Hawaii were relatively uncrowded, as they were after you returned from the war, it was easier to absorb new people, to find them employment, to house them and to tolerate them.

Those were the conditions of the 1950s and the 1960s --- the prime years of your lives.

Today, serious problems face our young people. Hawaii's economic growth has levelled off. Housing costs have skyrocketed beyond the earning powers of ordinary workers. Energy costs more every day. Employment opportunities are fewer. And, government resources do not always match the demands made of them.

And there are other problems.

The first people of Hawaii are asserting their cultural identity as never before. Hawaiians and part-Hawaiians are rediscovering their language, culture and heritage. It will take understanding to deal with the pressures which result from such a renaissance.

Additional pressures will come from the influx of in-migrants from the mainland and immigrants from the orient. These people impact heavily on demands for Housing, Employment and Government Services. It will also take understanding to deal with these pressures.

Many of our problems are to be found in our expectations. Perhaps, the good life which you have helped to provide has become so good that it is impossible to assure it for all.

It would be easy for each of us to react to these pressures and problems by withdrawing to our respective groups, seeking security in our homes, in our jobs, or by using the economic and political power we now hold to construct defenses against the demands of the new in-migrants and immigrants, of new ideas, and of new problems.

But such a course would be a repudiation of Joe Takata and the fallen heroes of the 100th Battalion. Worse, such a course would negate the principles for which so many of you fought in times of war and peace.

You and I must honor their memory by recommitting ourselves to the principles for which they died.

For your children, and your grandchildren, such a commitment can be painful. It will be natural for them to react defensively if they hear criticism about there being "too many Japanese in Government" or "the Japanese hold too much power." It would be natural for you to react defensively, also.

The memory of the 100th Battalion's fallen heroes demands that you answer invective with understanding. That you honor the past by courageously dealing with the present and the future, and that you instruct the next generation in the principles of social and economic justice that have been your greatness.

The great war correspondent, Ernest Hemingway, once said, "Like all animals, humans die: The difference is in the details of their lives." What separates man from beast is man's power of reflection, his mind and spirit. For just as man knows he shall die, he knows he shall live. Thus, knowledge of death does not make man morbid or depressed because he can choose how he lives.

Joe Takata and the fallen heroes of the 100th Battalion chose how they should live by giving their lives. Let us honor their memory by choosing to live as honorably as they died.

Thank you.



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Mortar Leader to Brigadier General:  
An interview with Edward M. Yoshimasu,  
Dog Chapter

From Many To The One

by Ben Tamashiro

"My training was in communications. I had taken the infantry communications course at Benning. I hadn't the faintest idea about mortars." So it was that when 2nd Lt. Edward Yoshimasu reported to Anzio in May 1944 on his first combat assignment, he of course could not be assigned to anything but a mortar platoon - of Company D, 100th Infantry Battalion. And rather fortuitously for the young lieutenant, for Company D, and the 100th - the Germans shortly pulled out of Anzio.



Ed somewhere in Italy

Men sometime march to a different kind of drum. Where the 1400 men who made up the original roster of the 100th spent over a year in training, Eddie Yoshimasu came in as a replacement and stepped into a job for which he had no training at all. But to his credit, he was aware of the one particular distinction which sets an artillery piece apart from the mortar: where the first is loaded from the rear, the mortar has to be loaded from the front - its shell dropped into the tube! From such revelations are generals sometimes molded . . . but that's getting ahead of the story.

The main lesson that Yoshimasu had time to learn at Anzio was to keep his rear end in a foxhole, well covered and camouflaged, because the Jerries commanded all the high ground and so had an unobstructed telescopic view of everything that moved

on the Anzio plains. He and Dennis Teraoka had arrived in Anzio by way of Naples and the Caserta replacement depot. One of the first familiar faces they ran into at Anzio was that of Henry Kawano who was the headquarters commandant. Eddie recalls Henry's first words of advice to the two: "Hey! You two better dig in!" This was a forewarning of the big shells which came crashing indiscriminately into the Anzio plains area each night, fired from the German's biggest piece of artillery, referred to by the Americans as "Anzio Annie."

Eddie's platoon leader was Bob Taira but under the circumstance, there was not much that Bob could do to teach mortars to Eddie. Circumstances do change, however; they did, dramatically, at Anzio. After having been stymied by the Germans at Cassino for five months, the Allies finally broke through the Gustav Line in mid-May. At that, the Germans at Anzio had to withdraw to escape entrapment. So before he knew what it was all about, Eddie had found himself, along with the rest of the Allied troops, in hot pursuit of the retreating Germans - up the Appian Way, past Rome which had been declared an "open city" and on up northward. "We were not exposed to any combat requirements," says Eddie. "It was mainly a matter of keeping in contact with the retreating enemy." The 100th finally came to a halt about 40 miles above Rome, at Civitavecchia: to rest, recuperate, regroup; to be joined by the 442nd.

At Civitavecchia, the 100th was attached to the 442nd, the 442nd to the 34th Division. For the 100th, much of the time was spent in training the 442nd. There was time also for the training of Eddie Yoshimasu.

Said Eddie to Bob one day, "Say, Bob, when am I going to learn to be a section leader? What are my responsibilities?" Under ordinary circumstances, such poignant questions coming from an officer could have led to the questioner being hijacked out of a unit, if not out of the army. And Bob must have mused that if this were ancient Roman times, Eddie's butt end would soon have found its way into the jaws end of an African lion in the daily high noon show at the Colosseum. But being good friends, as Brutus was to Caesar, Bob replied, "Come with me to the promontory, Eddie, and I'll show you how to zero in on a target with a mortar."

Bob then led Eddie to a high point of ground and said, "See that tree over there, Eddie? How far do you estimate it to be from the mortars positioned in the back of us?" Eddie looked at the tree, turned around to gauge the distance from him to his gun positions, squinted his eyes beyond the tree to the next high ground, drew in his breath, scratched his head - "Fifteen hundred yards!"

"Aw, come on, Eddie," Bob smiled; the smile of experience. "Not that far. It's only about eight hundred yards."

"Okay! If you say so!" Eddie snatched up the field phone, called in the azimuth to his gun squad, and barked out his orders in the most professional sounding voice he could muster: "Eight hundred yards! One round! Smoke!"

Within seconds came a confirming voice over the wire from the gun crew: "On the way! One round! Smoke!" Almost simultaneously came the sound of the 81-mm shell leaving the mortar tube. Poing!

A few moments later, the high trajectory shell hit the ground and exploded with a bang! A cloud of white smoke began to drift across the line of sight of the two standing on the promontory. Fifteen hundred yards away, the tree continued to sway in the light breeze, unchoked by any stinking smoke, its roots undisturbed by any quake on the ground. For the shell had landed only a few hundred yards in front of the two. They were stunned.

Eddie looked at Bob but he had eyes only on that distant tree. Hand on hip, right hand slowly stroking his chin, his gaze followed the white cloud as it dissipated into the air. There were no words from Eddie, none necessary. For Bob seemed to be in meditation; contemplating, perhaps, the lions of the Colosseum.

The rest and training at Civitavecchia was followed by campaigns at Belvedere, Sassetta, Cecina, the Arno River, Castellina, Leghorn, and more. "You know," says Eddie, feet propped up on his desk in his 6th floor office in the Federal Building where the interview was being held, "I can recall only a few of the names of the towns and places we fought in or passed through. I just don't remember."

It's a two-room office whose cabinets and racks are crammed with literature about U.S. savings bonds. His secretary occupies the outer room. The phone rings but he has told her to pick up all calls. The clattering of her typewriter comes through to us.

Does he recall anything of the Bruyeres fight, the fight to rescue the Lost Battalion? "All I remember is the pressure was on from 6th Army down to corps, to division (34th), to the 442nd. I remember Lt. Boodry (Bn S-3) getting killed.

And our OP was usually well dug in so we were not exposed to fire as were the infantry troops, except when we were in a fast moving attack situation. The front line troops would call us for fire support. We used sound-powered phones, unless I could observe . . . but the place was full of woods."

Then followed the "champagne campaign" in southern France. Asked what he did there, Eddie replied, "We were waiting for replacements but we didn't know this, of course. The mission we had in Menton was a static defense of the French/Italian border, to keep the Germans from coming into France. We had our mortars set into positions to fire on likely areas, zeroed in so we could fire if we had to. But during the four-month southern France period, we really did not do much. Francis Takemoto was the liaison officer between the 100th and the 442nd (at Nice). I remember him going up and down in a Jeep.

"Then when we got movement orders (following March), we thought we were going home! But instead we landed back in Italy, in Livorno, for the last push up the Po. That's when we met the battalion staffs of each battalion of the 92nd Division. In this last push we suffered casualties but the Germans were pulling back. There was not that kind of heavy fighting as far as supporting fire was concerned. We were always at an advantage, occupying the high grounds. We could always see them.

"At the beginning when we jumped off, the 442nd pulled a real tactical maneuver that really surprised the Germans. You see, the 100th and one other battalion occupied the points of contact. The reserve battalion went around and way up, perhaps 500 yards inside the point of contact. On the morning of the attack, these guys were way up there, back of the Germans. So when the two battalions attacked, the Germans were almost cut off. You know, in good military strategy or tactics, the major organization commander always has a reserve. But the regimental commander used all three of his battalions, in a classic maneuver that surprised the Germans."

The Germans had built strong fortifications along the narrow Ligurian coastline. The 442nd was on the extreme left end of the 5th Army line along the Ligurian coast; its mission - break that line. Which it did. As the entire 5th Army line moved forward, prisoners were captured by the thousands. It signalled the end for the Germans. They surrendered in Italy on May 2, followed a week later by the entire German apparatus. The war in Europe had finally come to an end.

"So my experience with the 100th was not glamorous at all," says Eddie. "But there were certain incidents, like that at Cremona (about 50 miles southeast of Milan). As I recall, my section had direct support of Company B. Cremona was at one end of a mountain range and there was a tall church tower which looked down into the mountain range. Every time an Allied unit made an attack through the valley up into the range, it would be driven back by the counterattacking Germans who occupied the mountain heights.

"So I got instructions from my company commander to zero in my mortars right in front of Company B which was deployed in the valley. I zeroed in to just about a hundred yards in front of our troops. I told my gunners to prepare for firing all the rounds they had so that when I gave the order, all guns could keep on firing, until I gave the order to stop. I don't recall whether the counterattack was company-sized but there was quite a force trying to dislodge Company B. I called for fire. I don't know how many rounds we fired. But in the course of the heavy firing, the base plates of the mortars began to sink into the ground, causing the tubes to come up. And I never realized this was happening. In the midst of the counterattack, I saw mortar shells landing right in B Company's area. I figured they were German's - but they were my rounds! When I realized this, I told my

gunners to cease fire. By then, the troops were almost in hand-to-hand combat. German potato-mashers would come flying into our foxholes. Our boys would jump out of the foxholes, wait for the grenade to explode, then jump back in! The counterattack was beaten back."

Declared Eddie, "This was the one engagement in which I was personally involved, responsible." And he almost got himself killed in the process because when all had quieted down, his driver and communications sergeant suggested that they go and look for souvenirs off the dead Germans. So the three went down and as they were searching the area, a machine gun suddenly opened fire on them from the church tower. They could see the puffs of dust kicked up by the bullets splattering around them. They pulled out fast. Eddie was later informed that if the machine gunner had elevated his trajectory by two clicks of his elevating mechanism, all three would have been cut in half.

With the end of the war, the 100th's mission turned from kill to search. POWs by the thousands had to be searched, the POW compounds secured. One time, Eddie searched a German colonel who was carrying a Leica camera. The enemy officer informed Eddie that the Leica was the best camera in the world and suggested that Eddie keep it. He did, and used it to take pictures on his way home. It is still in his possession today but needs servicing. New York is the only place where that servicing can be done but he is hesitant about sending it there because the colonel's initials are engraved on the camera. And someone in the New York office may be curious enough to attempt to establish original ownership through those initials.

Eddie himself had a large wad of money so when Mits Fukuda, the 100th commander, inquired as to whether he would like to go on a week's R&R to Greece, he readily assented. But as he was prepared to go, he found out that he was eligible to return home. So although he had a pocketful of money waiting to be spent, he opted for home. By ship to Hampton Roads and by rail across country, he finally made it to the West Coast, to be told at the camp he was in that there could be a wait of as much as 90 days before ship space would be available in Hawaii. With Eddie in camp were Francis Takemoto, Bob Taira, Dennis Teraoka and some others. When the others decided to go to Chicago, Eddie did not go along; his mind was set on returning home as quickly as possible. He then heard from a kotonk second lieutenant that there was a nearby airfield from which planes flew regularly into Hickam Field. With the help of the lieutenant, Eddie cooked up a bogus air travel order and flew home in November. He was discharged the following January.

### Postwar

In 1947, Bob Stevenson who was commander of the 298th RCT of the Hawaii Army National Guard asked Eddie to help him reorganize the 298th. Eddie was then working in public relations for HSPA. His office was in the A&B building downtown. He had misgivings about returning to the military: "I had had it up to my ears!" So he pushed off all of Stevenson's invitations to join the Guard. However, Steve (as Eddie calls him) rightly guessed where Eddie's real desires stood. So he baited him, with the offer of a staff position. At which Eddie snapped: "I don't want any part of it. I want line duty; command of a rifle company." Which is exactly what Steve had in mind for him. So Eddie got his rifle company - Company A, 1st Battalion. "It was the first company to be reorganized and was in good shape within a year," he proudly recalls. With A Company under his belt, Eddie was off and running in his new military career which, in March 1972, led to his appointment as commander of the 29th Brigade, with the rank of brigadier general. In 1974,

he became the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, State of Hawaii, then retired on September 1, 1976, when his five-year term was up.

To this day, Eddie looks upon Steve (retired president of First Insurance Company of Hawaii) as his benefactor as far as his postwar military career is concerned.

Eddie stayed retired for two years, then took on his current job as Hawaii State Director of the U.S. Savings Bond Program. His job is mainly promotional - the sale of savings bonds among employees. Sales in Hawaii total about \$32 million annually. His territory also covers Alaska. Why Alaska? Well, that's another tale involving reorganization which we shall not go into here.

As for Dog Chapter activities, he is currently vice-president; was president last year. He recently chaired the island-wide 1980 Dog Chapter reunion held in Honolulu.

### Vital Statistics



Eddie in a recent photo.

Eddie was born on Maui 64 years ago. He is a graduate of Maui High and the U. of Hawaii; was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1939. During his long military career, he attended all of the designated military schools. He is a member of the Hawaii Army Museum Society and the Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin.

He married Fusano (Fuzzy) Fujimoto of Kauai in 1946. They have one son, Leslie, 31; a grandson Troy, 3; are expecting another grandchild in December. Eddie's wish is for a granddaughter.

### Postscript

The interview had ended, my tape recorder put away. But in the saying of the goodbye, Eddie spoke of "my most satisfying experience" - an incident which occurred in February 1975.

A local Chinese man, a captain in World War II, was dying of cancer in St. Francis Hospital. To his dying day, he had been waiting, all of 30 years, for the army to issue him his well-deserved WW II Victory Medal. For some unexplained beauracratc snafu, the medal had never come through. It was not even available for purchase through the PX system because it was not restruck after the war.

The army had been queried, explanations offered, promises made - but no medal. Now, the former captain would have to go to his grave without it.

It was at this point that Brigadier General Yoshimasu heard of the sad plight of the dying veteran from Reverend Lawrence Takao, chaplain of the 29th Brigade (also chaplain of St. Francis Hospital). Turning to the general, the chaplain asked, "You wouldn't by any chance have a Victory Medal, would you?" The general replied that he probably did but if he had one, he wouldn't know where it could be. However, reading the chaplain's mind, he called his wife at the Honolulu Advertiser. "Say, Fuzzy, do you know where my medals are kept at home?" "They're in a cigar box," said Fuzzy. "Do you know where the box is?" She did. "You do? Great!"

It was quitting time. Eddie told the chaplain to call him at home in an hour. He swung by the Advertiser to pick up Fuzzy and on the way home (Booth Road, Pauoa) briefed her on the story told him by Rev. Takao. At home, Fuzzy quickly located the cigar box. There, lying in its original case, was the Victory Medal, like brand new. About that time the phone rang. "Yes," said Eddie to the chaplain, "I have the medal. What next?"

The chaplain told Eddie to bring the medal to the hospital right away. Eddie said he'd like to shower first but the chaplain told him to come over as he was, dressed in his uniform. So Eddie hurried to the hospital and was ushered into the dying man's room where his family and relatives were gathered.

After the introductions, Eddie bent over the dying man and pinned the medal on the man's hospital shirt. The color of the man's face was turning dark; he could not speak; his hands lay lifeless at his side. But to Eddie, his eyes told him that he understood what was taking place - and this was all that mattered.

"The medal was of no use to me. I was happy that I could do this little bit for him." Shortly after he returned home, Rev. Takao called to let him know that the veteran had just passed away.

In the march of life, we are the multitude. A few, like Edward Yoshimasu, lead. But at the moment that he gave up his own Victory Medal, he was not listening to the voices of the many whom he had been leading for a greater part of his life. He heard only the muted drum beat of that solitary figure who was about to fall out of line.

This past May, the State Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW presented Eddie with its VFW Patriotic Citizen Award for his deed in 1975. The award is dubbed "The Good Guy Award." "And I feel good about it," says Eddie. Well he should be.

A SHOGUN spinoff:  
Of hara kiri, other matters

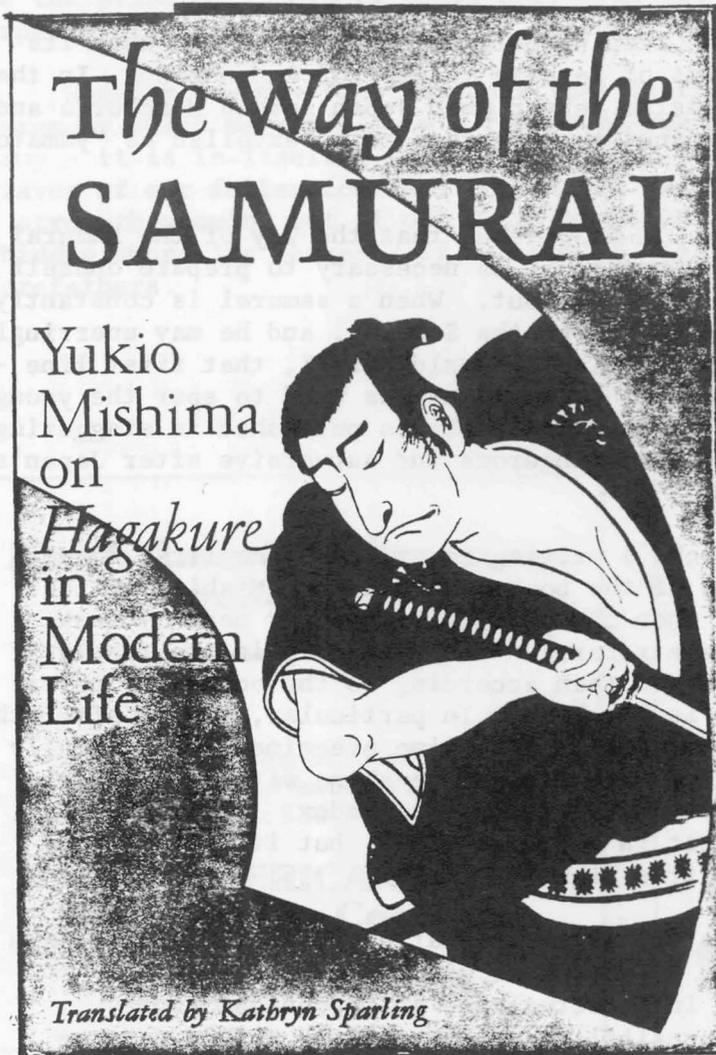
Hagakure (Hidden Among The Leaves)

The faithful, the unbelieving, and the curious had gathered; the hara kiri took place as hoped for. TV cameras ground away.

If you're thinking that this is a lead-in to a scene from the TV presentation of SHOGUN, that it is not. Rather, it's real life drama. That is how it was that dramatic November day in Tokyo almost a decade ago when the noted Japanese writer Yukio Mishima committed hara kiri in full view of a large gathering of Self Defense Force personnel. The seppuku was the final act in Mishima's loss of face when he failed in his attempt to arouse the defense members to incite an uprising against Japan's continuing plunge into affectations for Western ways. Then chided and taunted by defense personnel, Mishima did what he had to do.

As much as TV's SHOGUN created an overnight cult in things Japanese, the real life drama of Yukio Mishima created an unprecedented demand for an understanding of his final action (keeping in mind that the action took place a

quarter of a century after Japan's defeat in World War II). And as TV's SHOGUN has led millions of its viewers to seek James Clavell's book, so Mishima's followers as well as those who despised him for his extreme right-wing positions (railing against Japan's loss of imperial traditions, for example) turned to a little book titled "The Way of the Warrior" which Mishima had written three years before his death. Reproduced here is the jacket cover of the English translation of that book, subtitled "Yukio Mishima on Hagakure in Modern Life."



Hagakure is an account of the teachings of a samurai-turned-priest named Jocho Yamamoto. Writes Mishima: "In the thirteenth year of Genroku (1700) a samurai of Saga Han named Jocho Yamamoto retired from worldly life after the death of his liege lord, Mitsushige Nabeshima (the second daimyo of Saga Han), and after building a grass hut began a hermit's existence in a place called Kurotsuchiparu, remote from human society. Ten years later, in the spring of Hoei seven (1710), a young Saga samurai named Tsuramoto Tashiro called on Jocho in his hut and spent seven years collecting and

arranging into eleven volumes what we know as 'The Recorded Words of the Hagakure Master.' The nucleus of the work is the account of Jocho's teachings, related in the first two volumes, where his philosophy of life is in vivid evidence."

Hagakure literally means "hidden among the leaves." According to Mishima, one theory is that the word conveys the atmosphere of a poem by the priest Saigyō: "Only in the few blossoms remaining/Still hidden among the leaves/Do I seem to feel/The presence of her/For whom I secretly long." Another theory is that it reflects self-sacrifice, about samurai service performed inconspicuously in the shadows. Another is that there must have been growing in Jocho's hut a persimmon tree that bore such abundant fruit that it was named "Leaf Hider." And a fourth theory says that there were many trees on the grounds of Saga Castle, the castle of the Nabeshima daimyō during the Tokugawa Era, and the castle was therefore given the alias of "Leaf-Hidden Castle."

What brings Mishima's book to mind is, of course, the unprecedented interest in the Japanese way of life that the SHOGUN syndrome has spawned - from language to culture to ritual, and more; and especially that part of ritual having to do with hara kiri. Hagakure had served as a moral and practical instructional guide for the samurai. The enormous compilation also included information on local history (the Nabeshima House of Saga Clan in northern Kyushu) and the exploits of heroic warriors.

It first became available to the reading public in the Meiji Era when its principles were reinterpreted in terms of loyalty to emperor and nation. In the 1930s, it served to whip up nationalistic fervor when Japan seized Manchuria and began the war with China. Jocho's teachings were then being extolled as "yamato damashii."

Volume I begins in this manner: "I discovered that the Way of the Samurai is death. In order to be a perfect samurai, it is necessary to prepare oneself for death morning and evening, day in and day out. When a samurai is constantly prepared for death, he has mastered the Way of the Samurai, and he may unerringly devote his life to the service of the lord." In World War II, that first line - "I discovered that the Way of the Samurai is death" - was used to spur the young Kamikaze pilots to their deeds and deaths. The book was published in staggering numbers during the war, then abandoned as dangerous and subversive after Japan's defeat.

Mishima's interpretations of Jocho's writing covers only the first three volumes of Hagakure. Of the effects of the book upon himself, Mishima writes: "I began reading it during the war, when I kept it always on or near my desk, and if there is one single book I have referred to continually in the twenty years hence, rereading a passage now and then according to the occasion, never failing to be moved anew, that book is Hagakure. In particular, it was after the extraordinary popularity of Hagakure, after its wartime preeminence as socially obligatory reading had ended, that its lights began to shine within me. Maybe Hagakure is after all fundamentally a book destined to paradox. During the war, Hagakure was like a luminescent object in broad daylight, but it is in pitch darkness that Hagakure radiates its true light."

Mishima had made his debut as a writer shortly after the war. But he says that the "postwar literature created no resonance within me" and that the "vitality and energy of people with intellectual and philosophical roots different from mine, with literary sensibilities alien to me, rushed past me

like a storm. I felt the loneliness of my position." He kept looking for some guiding principle that had served him during the war and would continue to do so in the postwar period. It had to be a book that was to provide constant spiritual guidance - "must form the basis of my morality and it must enable me to approve completely of my youth. It must be a book that could support firmly this loneliness of mine and my anachronistic stance. What is more, it must be a book banned by contemporary society. Hagakure conformed to all these specifications."

In the end, the one specification that mattered most to Mishima - hara kiri - brought an end to his life. As translator Kathryn Sparling writes, "One of Mishima's many self-images was that of a modern day samurai. It was essential to him that he die while still in his prime and that his death be worthy of the samurai tradition." That tradition has now been implanted in millions of American homes through TV's SHOGUN.

Rife are the truths of Mishima's paradox that the light one seeks can best be found in the darkness of our age. Take that bright Sunday morning last month when we held our 35th Annual Memorial Service at Punchbowl, for instance. Have the sacrifices made by our comrades buried in Punchbowl and other cemeteries been in vain? President Hideo Kajikawa wondered out loud about it in his welcoming address when referring to the world in turmoil today. And Senator Benjamin Cayetano, "overwhelmed" as he put it at being invited to be the principal speaker, could only find two words - "Thank you" - to adequately express his feelings when he came around to finding out about the 100th.

However one may view our spiritual journey to Punchbowl each year - in a ceremony which may have only a few counterparts, if at all, in the United States Army - it is in itself a kind of paradox . . . for, in the darkness of the graves of our fallen comrades do we seek to renew and preserve our inner strength: a strength growing out of our Western way of life but into which are melded - "hidden among the leaves," if you will - the traditional Oriental ethics of our forefathers.

- Ben Tamashiro

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## ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

by Tom Fujise

As it is with Time, so it is with Able. Able Company has helped to leave a large footprint on the beach of history but the endless waves of Time have almost washed away that footprint. Now as Able Chapter, why can't we leave a small footprint, if not in history, at least in the history of our Club 100. It used to be that "we do this" or "we do that" and we all helped each other along the way from Italy to France. Yes, we did have a common goal and a large one at that. But as Able Chapter, why can't we also have a common goal?

Better yet, how about developing a better line of communication within the membership of Able Chapter. Today as we reach that retirement age, more and more of us members will become incapacitated due to illness or accident. We should try and develop a line of communication that will reach these members. After all, what is Able Chapter but a group of guys with a common bond. We shouldn't let this common bond rust away with time but should renew and polish and keep in perfect order.

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My goodness, here I thought I had staked out the salmon fishing in Campbell River as my own kulia and with dreams of catching a boat load of salmon this year. But alas this was not to be, not when the Club 100 men started to get this salmon fishing fever.

This year Richard and Ethel Ishimoto and my wife, Beatrice and I started our salmon safari three days earlier because we wanted to get acquainted with the city of Vancouver and its vicinity. The weather was perfect, just a one jacket weather for us and for the natives it was the revealing kind of dress for the women. After Richard and I had seen the sights of Vancouver for three days, we joined the salmon fishing group at the Vancouver airport and flew over to Campbell River where we got right down to the serious business of fishing for salmon, our main objective.

The tour was divided into two groups, beside us in the first group we had George Zakimi (Medics) with Kenichi Suehiro (Hqs) and Masaru Tomasa (A) in the second group. I brought along my secret potent lure learned from one of my friends for catching salmon, but would you know it - Richard caught eleven salmon to our three. I guess this is what one must call a beginner's luck.

I'm sorry to report that Suehiro and Tomasa had reeled in a 40 pound .....I mean 40 dollars worth of smoked salmon, but due to unfortunate circumstances and been in unfamiliar area the two veteran fishermen lost those tasty salmon somewhere in Comox. Ah, how those mouth watering pupu would have gone so well with ice cold beer.

Incidentally Canada was in the midst of a beer strike when the fishing group arrived there. Tomasa and Suehiro been such great beer drinkers they went and bought up the last case of beer in Campbell River after a hard day of fishing. When they finally reached the cashier's counter they had to shell out 37 dollars for that case of beer, and for that price not even one pretty girl to help carry out that case of beer. Oh well, many beers or no beer and even many salmon or one salmon I'm sure we all had a good time there.

The deadline for Club 100 Puka Puka Parade article came before Chairman Hisashi Komori's group could decide the location and date for Able Chapter family gathering. Notice of Able Chapter's family night will be in the October bulletin the later part of September.

## BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Richard Oguro

IF MEMORY SERVES ME WELL - senility has gotten to me though - the last neighbor island Club 100 Convention was held on Kauai, the Garden Isle, in the year 1965 - some 15 years ago! And a good time was had by all who attended. THE 1980 CLUB 100 CONVENTION has passed into history. 15 years after it hosted its last convention, Kauai was prevailed upon to host this 1980 one - June 27-28-29 with Hqtrs at the Kauai Resort Hotel which was not in existence 15 years ago! From what I heard, Kauai took it with great trepidation and gentle, expert "arm-twisting" by Convention Chairman Hakaru Taoka applied to Muggsy Morikawa - the King-Pin among Kauai's One Puka Puka-ites! Fearful more that they would lack the man-power to carry out all convention matters. So - a deal was made (so we found out from Ben Morimoto, the MC for the Saturday night Banquet) that the Mother Club would handle practically everything - registration, arrangements for tours, etc. Kauai would handle the Aloha Night (Friday) at the Pavilion as well as help in whatever way they could with the rest of the convention chores/details.

I do not blame Kauai for its hesitancy in taking over a gigantic undertaking such as this after a 15-year lapse. After the Kauai Convention 15 years ago, Hilo had been awarded the next Club 100 Convention - that would have been in 1967. But the Board of Directors reversed that decision and decided to hold the convention in Honolulu, since it was the 25th Anniversary celebration. And - since that time no neighbor island chapter would come forth to host any Club 100 Convention. So - KAUAI we thank you profoundly for staging the 1980, 38th Anniversary Convention and doing such a marvelous job! Kudos to all you Kauai members for a job par excellence!

Tis the first time too that our Mainland Kotonk members could attend one on a neighbor Isle. So Monte Fujita/Buddy Mamiya led 30 plus contingent from the Los Angeles area to this Kauai convention: M/M Monte Fujita; son Wayne; M/M Buddy Mamiya; Son/daughter-in-law Chip 'n Terry; M/M Eric Abe; M/M Kei Yamaguchi; M/M Kaz Furuto; Rev/Mrs. William Terao; M/M Mike Oshiro; and daughter (they are from Stockton, CA); M/M Lloyd Seki; Matsu/Paige Furuye (grand-daughter); Tami Otsuji; M/M Hershey Miyamura; daughter Kelly; Don Shigaki; Mike Miyake, formerly a Buda-head from Hawaii. From San Jose, making their own arrangements - M/M Joe Hironaka. To err is human, forgive divine - sil vous plaise! Originally, there were many others, but last minute drop outs - Dallas fever, no doubt. Young O/Bill Miyagi - on to Dallas and the 36th Div Reunion August 28-29-30-31.

A final communication showed the Mainland contingent arriving on Thursday, the eve of the convention to arrive on Kauai in the early afternoon this day. I had decided from the beginning on a Thursday morning "Early Bird" flight to Kauai. Bob Sakoki-Bob Takashige (Mrs. had to tag along too) decided to go there on a Thursday too. They were in charge of Registration and Finance too - collect/pay the bills. Twas unfortunate for me cause I was bunking with Bob Sakoki and Harry K when he came in later this day with the Mainland contingent, cause, after breakfast at Ma's Place, Lihue, and hotel check-in - we got a room right away, Bob put me to work on Registration matters, no one from Kauai chapter came to help nor seen for a long time this day, even when the Kotonks arrived, no one was around!

The Kotonks had it made, they got rooms right away, as well as got their registration packets too. Harry K had one specific job to do this time - he had made a promise

to take care of PAIGE FURUYE and Matsu and Tami (sister of Chick) the last time he was on a sad journey up there! But, for the time being, he was also put to work at the registration desk. There was a dutch-treat dinner - get-together with the Kotonks this night in the, was it the Kahuku room behind the main dining hall? The Kauai people brought in Pupus ono kine from home for this gathering. Spokesman for the Kotonks was Buddy, on every occasion he has a few words to say.

The majority of the delegates came in Friday AM and PM - golfers early. But because of prior preparations, the registration went on smoothly. Had a little time until the 2:00 PM Wailua Boat Ride. Harry and I both had cars - Harry, Doi's LTD and I, U-Drive Banana Wagon so we took out the Furuye clan and the Miyamura's/Seki's first to breakfast at Ma's in Lihue and then on a little sight seeing, thinking that these places will not be visited by the big bus (but we were fooled, the tour did!) Menehune Fish Pond - Menehune Ditch 'n Swinging bridge, guess Hershey and I and a few others got on and swung the bridge. Then to Spouting Horn - Poipuu - Opaekaa Falls before going back to the Hotel. Oh yes, we let them have couple of hours on a shopping spree at the Lihue Shopping Center, and we blamed Terry for detaining us, but we did make it to Opaekaa Falls, before the bus pick-up.

The Friday Aloha night at the pavilion in back of the hotel (easy walking distance) was FANTABULOUS! Pupu dishes galore, full before the main dishes. Buddy had his fill of Namako, Doi-style? Good entertainment by some talented group. Bob and I walked home to the room, and took turns taking a bath. Harry finally knocked (we had only two keys for the room). I did not hear any one snore, cuz I guess I fell asleep first! After getting back to our room, we looked back across the pavilion from out our window, and there seemed to be plenty of activity yet.

A meeting (business) was scheduled for 8:30 this morning (Sat) prior to bus departure for Hanalei. Turned out to be a quickie 20-minute all told. Kajikawa called meeting to order, had Nishida make his Resolutions Committee report. Bob S stood up and moved to accept the recommendation of the committee - 6 adoptions one rejection. Bob T seconded motion. Motion carried over the objection of K. Taguchi of Hilo who merely wanted to emphasize that one rejection should have been carried too as the committee had originally accepted that resolution - the registration resolution. Buddy Mamiya brought out the matter of new members - especially mainlanders having to still pay the \$56.00 Building Fund. Taoka made an explanation but Mugsy Morikawa stated that it was about time we resolved this matter once and for all. Taken under advisement by the chair. Joe H - San Jose tried to get a motion adopted to have group pictures taken while in convention. Died for a lack of a second (Got his wish anyway, as Masao Sato - Maui - did take group pictures during the Banquet night). The tour bus left on time for Hanalei - and "Comptroller" Sakoki was on it too!

The Banquet (Sayonara) was something else again. It was supposed to be a Pupu-type dinner - pick a little of this, a little of that, circulate around the crowd and be on your feet most of the time, and come back to fill up your little plate when it was empty. But a few more tables had to be brought in, and a lot more chairs. When chow was announced a mob made a mad rush for the center serving tables, before the announcement could be made - to start from the center where the plates are and to work out either to the right or to the left as both sides had the same dishes. Many started on one end and ended up on the other end, before lining up for the kalua pig. But in the confusion there was some semblance of order because everyone fed themselves, and MC Ben Morimoto came out to start the formalities.

Stan Nakamoto had donated the grand prize - an air-conditioner - so Bob S picked on me to make the presentation, in fact, worked on me for taking of the numbers/jars and the instructions. I am not a committee member. The moral is: Don't let a

committee member bunk in the same room with you! Harry was made to collect tickets at the door, too! See, what I mean! Ben Morimoto won the air conditioner donated by American Equipment Company, Stanley Nakamoto, president. Morimoto's convention registration number was drawn by Paige Furuye. Prexy Kajikawa checked out that number so it was legit! (He was given the only copy of the registration list). Dancing was enjoyed by all. Got so hot inside, was sitting at poolside before turning in for the night.

Had breakfast at the Hotel this morn. Then drove up to Hanapepe for the Memorial Service. Everyone boarded the bus for the Waimea Canyon tour so Harry and I cut out for Mits Doi's residence. Mits was the guy responsible for Friday night's shindig. He did all the pupus himself, and there were actually only 4 others helping him Friday night. Harry fell into a deep R 'n R slumber and wouldn't have awoken had we not done so. Doi explained that the main dishes were potluck dishes brought in by the member's wives. Doi also has been doing it all these years for the AJA Golf Tournament held on Kauai over the Presidents Day weekend. After lunch with the Doi's we left for a ride and then got to the airport for our return to Honolulu. Harry had his flight changed to the same flight as the Mainland group early Sunday morn. Honolulu could not be reached. Somehow though, all were taken care of from the airport to the Napualani Hotel. Masaichi Yoza took care of the Seki's and somebody took care of the Miyamura's. Able Chapter took care of the baggage of all the Kotonks. Bob S took me home, but it sure was a long wait for all of us, seems like there was a traffic jam in the parking lot itself. The Furuye clan had to wait a long time for Jimmy I too!

Monday, June 30 - AM breakfast with the Kotonks, principally of B origin. The Furuye's plus the Miyamura's minus daughter, Seki's, Mamiya's, Don Shigaki, and even the Fujita's came. I hear tell, Harry K, plucked him away to our breakfast at Like-Like. Don't really know who picked up the tab. Harry K is still collecting! Maybe some of you don't know it yet - but, the 100/442nd of Los Angeles today originally began as Baker Chapter, Los Angeles. As the founding fathers were Bakerites such as Sat Nakamura, Chick Furuye, Bill Miyagi, Kenji Yoshino and the like who opened it up to all puka puka-ites so the likes of Monte, Eric, Buddy could come in. Most of the old timers are life members of Baker Chapter, Honolulu. Then the Board finally approved and recognized this group from Los Angeles. It changed its name to Club 100 Chapter, Los Angeles, then finally to 100th Bn/442 Association of Southern California.

Took some Kotonks to Bob's Holo Holo Apparel after breakfast before taking them back to the hotel. This night had a chop suey dinner at the China House for the selected Kotonks - all those that Able C wasn't taking out! Dot Tamashiro joined us for the night. Jimmy Inafuku did a superb job on such short notice. The menu was out-of-this world from soup to "nuts"!

Tuesday, AM - did nothing. Night, attended the Bn affair at the Clubhouse. Well attended and everyone had fun. Wednesday, before coming to the Sayonara pupu-dinner, attended - well - PAIGE FURUYE'S NIGHT - a birthday surprise which was not a surprise to her at all. But which turned out to be a real pleasant affair for her, after all. Harry K had remembered that Paige had been born around July, the Furuye's having received a telephone call in the midst of the banquet proceedings at the Century Plaza near the Los Angeles airport as part of the 1970 convention activities (NVR). Yep, she made ten this night! Many, many more Happy Birthdays to you Paige!

And Thursday was Sayonara Day! Until the next one! Hear tell, next year on Maui? and then until the 49th here in Honolulu? In 1982! Why not in Hilo in 1982? Before we left Kauai, MC Morimoto stated that this is the last one Kauai will host

and I think Muggsy echoed it too! We are getting old and there may not be many of us left. Will it be Maui's last gasp in 1981 too!? By 1983 we will all be on Social Security?

Did Baker Chapter run the 1980 Convention? Well - convention Chairman Hakaru Taoka, claims Rural Chapter as his "home" chapter. He is an original F company man re-assigned to B company when E and F companies were dissolved for replacements into the other lettered outfits of the 100th. The Bob "twins", Bob Sakoki and Bob Takashige are Bakerities, though Bob S sez he was originally E than Dog then Baker! These two are the reasons that the Kauai Convention went so smoothly. Bob T also ran the golf tournament! Mrs Tsugimi Takemoto of Kauai was the hardest worker of the Kauai group; hubby Wallace who helped with transportation is a Bakerite. Mitsuru Doi, I repeat, is a Bakerite. The Saturday night banquet MC Ben Morimoto is a Bakerite. Stanley Nakamoto, donor of the air-conditioner, is a Baker! There are lots of Bakerites on Kauai - Herbert Ishii, Kungo Iwai, Goro Sadaoka, Shimatsu, Ko Takemoto, etc. Masao Sato of Maui is a Baker. WHAT DO YOU THINK?!

Bakerities in attendance on Kauai - M/M Roy Nakatani; M/M Yasuto Furusho; M/M Stanley Nakamoto; M/M Bob Takashige; M/M Joe Muramatsu; M/M Torao Ichimura; Kengo Miyano; Toshikatsu Nakahara; Bob Kadowaki, Takashi Kitaoka, Taro Suzuki, Ken Kaneko, Yozo Yamamoto, Bob Sakoki, Yasu Takata, Lefty Tanigawa, Harry K and Dick O.

AND SO ENDED CLUB 100 CONVENTION 1980 - a nice beginning for the decade of the 80's - signalling the inevitable? Why not LIVE IT UP since we are still Living on borrowed time! SEE YOU ALL ON MAUI IN 1981!!!

PICNIC 1980 - Sunday July 13 - Yamane beach property - Ewa Beach. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Menu - beef stew/curry stew; rice and trimmings. Ran out of mayonnaise and stew, but not after many had gone up for 2nd's and third's! Thought we had to go eat saimin elsewhere for a while. Aoki had been given a final count of 55 total attendance. You look around and even you could have guessed that there were over 100 - faces we had never seen before or seen infrequently, or had changed over the years, offsprings of members, or the new generation of Bakerites? But all were family - and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Carol & Helen (Inafuku/Kodama) came up with "doozies" of games! Only, participation by the men-folks, especially, was like plucking hairs! We thank all the women that helped run the games, ERA you know! Almost had to eat 3/4 done stew though, the gas gave out and Shimazu had to beat it back to the shop. But, a couple of "boy scouts" started a good fire in the back of the stone apartment and Aoki was able to get the cooking done. Lunch was served only a "few" minutes late? Joe Sekine again handled the ice machine all day long.

The balloon pitching contest ended up in a draw - about 40 feet from the starting line? With Yasu and partner and Roy N and partner both missing the catch at that point, or was it their partners? In the sudden death play off - one last pitch, the partners pitched off to the men - Yasu made an easy catch though he juggled it a little, and Roy, he missed an easy "routine" fly, ball slipping through and bursting on the ground, auwe! Back to the Minors, Roy-san.

After lunch, lucky numbers were called. Then people began breaking up for home stations. Thanks for the watercress, Roy Nakatani-san. The Sakoki's cleaned up on lucky numbers, but he purchased a fortune in tickets!

KUDO's to Frank Fujiwara and company for a wonderful job! And especially to Hiroshi Shimazu who year in year out has picked up/unloaded almost single-handed

to and from the clubhouse without complaint! Did not have enough hand in the unloading at the clubhouse again! Better planning on this score needed for next year. SPECIAL RECOGNITION to VP TOM TSUBOTA who bird-dogged this affair from start to finish - as may be the chairman couldn't be a-round.

NEXT YEAR - KALUA PIG (dog, may be too!)- That's a promise! By the way, B.J. where were you? You were so conspicuously absent! And old faithful, Y. Yokota, the once-a-year man was around. Property owner Kazu Yamane sez he came home early from his latest trip to enjoy the picnic! Picnic 1980 PAU!

Despite the fact that Stella is on the road to complete recovery and on R 'n R at home as ordered by her doctor, Sakae insisted on holding the July Steering Committee meeting at their 10th Ave. home. So we did. Stella looks real fine. Meeting was short with prexy Bob doing most of the talking as usual. Bob T had a telephone reminder from Harry K from Sa's house this night, getting to be a habit?!

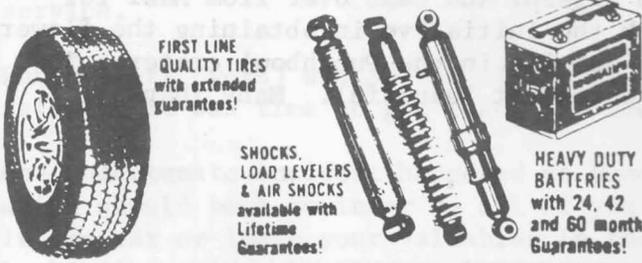
From the Board meeting report - the Mother Club is planning a museum of its own - when/where? Dunno. Declined participation in a Museum proposed in Oakland. Received a letter from that same organization asking to be a committee member of the Review Committee or something. Wonder where they got my name and address from (I'm just a peon!) among all them retired Gen'ls and VIP's? May be the Club is finally taking action to replace the present structure with a clubhouse/condo high-rise, no!

Speaking about museums and such - history - let's be serious a little bit. The old man T. S. was at one time all hep for it - Baker Chapter's History. Nice to stick something like that into a museum for our kids and coming generations to browse around with. And - with writers like Ted Hirayama, Ray Nosaka, Tom Tsubota, Yasu Takata, Jimmy Inafuku, no sweat writing one up. Only, if we get the material - your "life" stories - WHICH IS THE RUB! No one in his right mind want to talk about himself - but this a CHALLENGE - a goal - for the CHAPTER. So HOW ABOUT IT? Set up recording teams - set up sessions where groups of us can recall, talk together!???

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## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by Ralph Ikeda

Fourteen hopefuls from Company C will be leaving Honolulu on October 9th and it is hoped that fourteen happy faces come back from Reno on October 13th. Happy not only because they are back home but also because they won money! At one of the Co. C functions, the gang wanted to do something different, hence this trip. They tell us that the gambling is better in Reno than anywhere else. We hope that "they" are right cause this bunch is too old for antics at places like the Mustang Ranch.

The fourteen hopefuls are Yoshio and Chiyono Anzai; Masa and Ai Kawamoto; Hideo and Hiroko Doi; Hideshi and Beatrice Niimi; Jimmy and Kay Oshiro; Jack Mizushima and his son Roy; and Ralph and Amy Ikeda. If any one of the above makes good, he or she will give a good donation towards our Christmas party. If, however, some do real bad, we may let them play bingo for free at our next company gathering.

Talking about doing well, I hear that Lefty Kimura is recuperating fine after his eye operation - cataract (old age kind) operation. Glad to hear that he is doing okay. As Hideshi Niimi did earlier, now Lefty will be seeing "new" wrinkles on Louise's face. Maybe even the gleam in Louise's eyes.

Talking about old age - no wonder that we are getting old. One of the youngest men in Co. C recently retired from his job with the Navy. Kazuto Shimizu retired on a Friday from his Navy job and went to work the following Monday as a naval designer for a private firm. Some retirement - Saturday and Sunday only. Whenever he piles up enough quarters and soon after he hits 62 he will become a happy "double dipper" - receiving Federal retirement and Social Security benefits. Good luck on your next job, Kazuto.

George and Hazel Hagiwara were the only Company C members to attend the 36th Division reunion in Dallas over the Labor Day weekend. Too bad that more of the Co. C men who took part in the rescue of the Lost Battalion couldn't attend. From George's glowing account of the reunion, you who were in that action so many years ago kinda missed something, in Dallas. But, no matter, no sense crying over spilt milk or spilt blood, for that matter. There will be other and bigger reunions. Just don't miss too many of the upcoming ones in the years ahead. Club 100 will be holding a 40 year reunion here in Honolulu in 1982, so plan on attending that one. It promises to be a biggie. Dates are not yet set but the committee will try to set the dates early enough so that you can plan accordingly and they will also try to avoid major conflicts. Please keep that function in June, July or August 1982 in mind when you are making your travel or party plans.

Charlie Chapter wants to thank Ronald Higashi who came over from Maui for the September 28 Memorial Service. He took the initiative in obtaining the flowers for the graves of the Co. C men and others who lie in the Punchbowl crater. The proteas and the white and the yellow mums were just beautiful. Many thanks, Ronald.

## DOG CHAPTER NEWS

by Helen Nikaido

Chapter members, wives and children enjoyed the Dog Chapter reunion on Oahu the weekend of August 22nd - 24th. The chairman was Eddie Yoshimasu, assisted by Martin Tohara. Things started buzzing from Thursday night when we went to the clubhouse to help "Nick" prepare the tripe and beef stews for Friday night. I think it was the first time Eddie Harada ever held a kitchen knife. He did well under the supervision of Kay. Eddie Yoshimasu surely must be a to-no-sama at home as Martin had to teach Eddie how to use the can opener to open the tomato sauce, etc.

Friday night was the fellowship night at the clubhouse. With the late arrivals from Hilo, the cocktail hour was a long, long one. By the time dinner was served, the men folks were full with pupus and refreshment.

Saturday, most of the people visited the Arizona Memorial, shopping at Pearl Ridge shopping center, nursery visits, etc. Oh, yes, some went golfing.

Aloha banquet was held at the clubhouse on Saturday night. Despite the no parking at Iolani School and Ala Wai School, we had a very good turnout.

What a feast we had: maki sushi, bara sushi, oshi sushi, kurome bara sushi, fried noodles, steak, kalua pig, roast chicken, sashimi, tossed salad, potato-macaroni salad, somen, cucumber tsukemono, takuwan, tako with imo, sweet-sour fish, desserts, watermelon fruit bowl (Richard Endo is an expert in scooping out the watermelon) and lots of pupus. For entertainment, we had Motoyoshi Tanaka (Hilo) do a skit and also sing. "Tarush" Yamamoto (Hilo) danced the hula (Lovely Hula Hands) accompanied by the lovely voice of songbird Kuulei Taira, George Kurisu (Dog Chapter's Mario Lanza), Sandy Kinoshita (daughter of Violet and Tony) and Andy Matsunaga (Sparky's brother) sang for us. Andy played the harmonica also.

The souvenir photo taking was really something. It took so long it seemed as though we were posing for Mr. & Mrs. Club 100 contest. It might turn out with more frowns than smiles. A memorial service was held on Sunday morning at Punchbowl. Ben Tamashiro who was in charge of the service, did a terrific job. MC'd by Ben, it opened with the National Anthem sung by George Kurisu, laying of bouquets by Eddie Kuwazaki, Kenji Nikaido and Jitsuri Yoshida (38 blossoms - one for each KIA). Invocation by Ruth Watanabe, the 23rd Psalm read by Howard Ishizuka (son of Ruth and our deceased comrade Sakai), reflections by Conrad Tsukayama, hymn "Rock of Ages" sung by Joy Teraoka and benediction by Eddie Yoshimasu. It was very beautiful, touching and impressive memorial service. Some of the ladies said they shed a few tears during the service.

Lunch (left overs) was served at the clubhouse. After lunch and a little relaxing it was time to get ready for their flight home.

One unfortunate incident happened at Punchbowl during the memorial service which should be a reminder to all of you to take heed not to leave anything in the car or leave your valuables in the trunk. One member's car was broken into and valuables stolen.

by Kenichi Suehiro

I am not sure when it was but our buddy, Prof. Kenneth Otagaki, passed through Honolulu on his way to Asia. Darn good thing he loves to travel. So does Tom Nosse. Mrs. Ethel Shimogaki spent 3 weeks in Asia as a touring member of her church group - 1st Assembly of God. It may interest you to know that "Hi-Spade" Shinji Yukumoto is also a member of this church. Elmo Okido, our No. 1 Senior citizen, spent one week in LA participating in the Nisei celebration. Says he stayed in "J" town and only paid \$48.00 for the week in hotel bills. He must have some mean connection! Wally Teruya reports that he has 4 grandchildren. I don't blame him for not retiring until they are older being that the oldest is only 3½ years old! Tom Nosse's grandson, Craig, was here for a visit - A 9-year old youngster who went back to LA last month. The Nosses will be leaving for Europe on Sept. 12 on a 1 month trip to Germany, Italy and France. The highlight will be seeing the Passion Play in Germany which is held once every 10 years.

Harry Yamashita was the proud winner of the Babe Carter Trophy. Shot a mean 69 net - from scratch, Harry? I think HQ should have some beer with you at our next meeting. Don't you think so?

Masaru Tomasa and I went salmon fishing at Campbell River on Vancouver Island, BC. We were skunked. I caught 2 and Tomasa 1. Others caught plenty. I guess we should stick to diving! To make matters worse, no beer in BC! So we learned to drink apple cider and wine.

Mrs. Edna Ikawa on leave, had in mind to have Roy help with the weeds and upgrade of their yard. Well, she waited patiently one Sunday for his return and her reward was seeing Roy come home with his arm in a cast.

Roy, our "blind" umpire, played baseball because of insufficient players. And while chasing a long fly, he fell and fractured his arm. Buddy, after age 60, let's realize we are not as spry as we feel. To make your wife happy, how about taking up some other sedentary activity like swimming. I swim at least 3 times a week for about 3 hours each time and I come home with some okazu.

We wish you speedy recovery Roy, but let's take it easy. You know your legs cannot keep up with your spirit!

Kenneth K. Saruwatari was named Honolulu District Judge on Sept. 10, 1980. Our congratulations to you, Judge. We sure are proud and happy.

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Talk about wahines being gabby, men can be just as gabby, too. Seeing how these fellows fight the war all over again and having a grand time, it was surely worth all the hard work put in. Our thanks and appreciation to all of you who worked so hard in making this reunion a huge success. No wonder Takao Miyao (Hilo) wants a reunion every year. Next year the reunion will be held on Maui.

To the following people, many thanks for preparing the delicious food: Katsumi Hara - cucumber tsukemono, Edna Kuwazaki - party mix and salad, Dorothy Tohara - stuffed eggs, mochi & mango bread, Kay Harada - pumpkin pies and mango bread, Mary Hamasaki - cake and setting up the program, Kay Yoshioka - cake, Yoshiko Oshiro - butter mochi, Gloria Tamashiro - dessert, Ruth Tsutsui - dessert & mitsumame, Mildred Yoshida - bara sushi, Yoshi Tsukayama - dessert & maki sushi, Lillian Fujimori - oshi sushi, "Fuzzy" Yoshimasu - potato-macaroni salad, Kay Okamoto - hot potato salad and dessert, Kay Chinen - somen and andagi, Kenji Nikaido - tripe & beef stews, fried noodles, sweet-sour fish and tako with imo, Richard Endo - pupus, Ruth Watanabe - somen salad, Martin Tohara - punch, "Doc" Hosaka - smoked char siu, Helen Nikaido - pumpkin crunch cake, maki sushi, kurome bara sushi and takuwan.

Mahalo to the following for their generous donations: Jack Mizuha - cash and bottle of whiskey, Kenneth Mitsunaga - bottle of wine, Yoshiichi Okazawa - bottle of whiskey, "Bolo" Masaki - 1/4 slab of ahi sashimi, Momoyo Endo - 2 uhu, 1 ehu, tako no sakurani, gobo kinpira, oama no sugoshi, ogo, Hideo Kami (Hilo) - 1 box warabi & flowers for graves, Roger Kawasaki (Hilo) - 2 bottles whiskey, 1 dozen door prizes, 3 cases papaya, Hilo Chapter - 1 bottle rankyo, fish tempura, Motoyoshi Tanaka (Hilo) - opai, mountain oysters (Honolulu ladies are experts in preparing them), jerk beef & flowers, Hideo Kajikawa - bottle of vodka, Masao Fujimoto - 2 bags of charcoal, Max Imai - 50 pounds of tako, Larry Tanimoto (Hilo) - 50 pounds ahi, Okuhara Foods, Inc. - kamaboko, chikuwa, & kushisashi, "Lefty" Kimura - 3 days supply of aku, Katsumi Nakayama - 10 pounds chicken gizzard, Rhoda Kawamata - oama, Eddie Yoshimasu, Bob Taira, Conrad Tsukayama - 1 dozen golf balls each and Kenichi Suehiro - parsley.

Our congratulations to Jenny Tamashiro and William Daquiong who were married on July 19th with a reception being held at the Club 100. Jenny is the lovely daughter of Gloria and Ben Tamashiro.

To Eddie Yoshimasu and Robert Taira, and their families, we extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of your loved ones recently. Eddie's mother passed away on July 30 and Bob's father on August 2.



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## HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

by Walter Kadota

There are some of us who may begrudge the years of our lives that were taken up by Uncle Sam, when we were in GI's or in combat boots. Not so our gentleman farmer friend from Volcano, Ernest Enomoto, who is now reaping the rewards and fringe benefits accrued over a career span of 35 years or more in the U.S. Armed Services - as a combat man with the 100th Battalion and as a transportation officer with the Hawaii National Guard Reserve.

So, whenever the mood strikes him, he's off to some far corner of the world, on a Military Air Command plane from Hickam, on a seat available basis, taking his Mrs. and his allowable 66 lbs. per person baggage. An obliging neighbor takes over the feeding chores of his pet dog and cats, a happy arrangement that works both ways when the other party goes on a trip. They've got it made.

And that's how Ernest made it to the recent 36th Infantry Division reunion in Dallas, Texas, after first landing at Norton Air Base in San Bernadino, California. From there he took a Delta Airlines plane to Dallas to join up with Richard Miyashiro of Cafe 100 and the Nisei vets from Hawaii and the mainland, to be welcomed by the Texans, who well remember the saga of the Lost Battalion rescue mission by the "GO FOR BROKE" outfit in WWII. Included in the schedule of events were: A sightseeing tour of Downtown Dallas, an NFL football exhibition game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Pirates, a keynote speech by Senator Dan Inouye, a hoe-down square dancing, country style, a barbecue cookout, Texas style, a proclamation making each AJA veteran attending, an honorary citizen of the State of Texas.

Ernest got to exchanging his 442d golfer's cap for a Texas gallon hat and got to see a ranch spread of longhorn steers to boot. He also bought himself a pair of leather cowboy boots that he had to go looking in the boy's department for the right fit.

He experienced one uneasy moment at a cattle auction when he pointed out some yearlings at the auction block to his wife. His gestures could have cost him a bundle of dough if the auctioneer's next higher bid asking had no takers.

The 442d Hospitality Room turned out to be the most popular watering hole for the veterans, stocked with arare, shredded cuttlefish, senbei, smoked salmon, pupus and California fruits in season. On the slightest whim, a group would break out in a sing-along of the vintage songs of the '40's, including DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS. You had to be there to appreciate the warm camaraderie that rubbed off on the host Texans and the visiting Kotonks and hang-loose Buddhaheads.

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Regarding our European diary writeup in the last issue, one lady reader of this column asks us how to locate the john when traveling abroad.

No beeg thing. In London, ask for directions to the water closet. It's best you bring a roll of your own favorite toilet paper. In Holland, don't enter the door that says HERREN. Use the other door. In Amsterdam I was confronted with a waist-high urinal and I was moved to say, "after you" to the long-legged Dutchman who came in after me.

I can picture the Japanese tourist saying, "kore wa maita, maita", before he did his thing.

by Tom Nagata

Our August meeting was held at the Arisumi Brothers recreation hall on Thursday evening, August 7 at 6:30 PM. Chapter president Tadao Sato called on Wataru Kaneshina to offer grace before the start of our dinner meeting. Members and wives dined on delicious chicken hekka prepared by co-chairman Charles Mizoguchi and Willie Goo and their hardworking wives. Also helping with the dinner were Akira Ishikawa, Richard Iriguchi, Mrs. Tadao Sato, Mrs. Johnny Miyagawa, and Mrs. Richard Iriguchi. Donations were received from Tadao Sato, Goichi Shimanuki and Isoji Iwaishi. Jack Gushiken registered incoming members.

After dinner, retirement gift chairman Richard Iriguchi presented \$15.00 gift certificates to the following members who had retired during the past few years: Edward Nashiwa, Isamu Watanabe, Tsukio Yamagata, Ronald Higashi, Tom Nagata, Goichi Shimanuki, Osamu Nakagawa, Minoru Murakami and Katsumi Hanada. Happy Retirement to all of you!

Bingo games were enjoyed by all for the rest of the evening with Masao Sato and Akira Ishikawa in charge.

There will be a fishing outing on Friday, September 12, at the Kanaha Beach Park, Kahului, starting at 4 PM. Tom Yamada is chairman.

Our annual KIA Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 28 at 2 PM at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery. Goichi Shimanuki and Kiyoshi Ikeda are the co-chairmen and the Reverend S. Ueoka of the Paia Montokuji Mission will conduct the service.

Maui members and their wives will again run the Maui County Fair shave ice booth to be held from October 9 to 12. Johnny Miyagawa and Tom Nagata are the co-chairmen of this project.

Our get well wishes go to Karen and Miles Shiroma who were both hospitalized recently.

The following report is by Ronald Higashi. He represented the chapter in place of chapter president Tadao Sato.

Fun, Food & Friendship should have been the theme of the 1980 Club 100 State Convention. Hakaru Taoka and his convention committee did a fantastic job of putting everything together.

Muggsy Mroikawa, Kauai Chairman and the members from Kauai really rolled out the welcome mat for everyone. Mitsuru Doi was the chicken hekka chef, and it was delicious. Actually his singing really put the ajinomoto in the hekka.

For those who did not attend, you guys really missed out on the namako, crab, sushi, salad, raw fish, pastry and a lot more food. Also the mainland members brought cherries and grapes. We would like to thank them for the fruits.

The Maui Chapter members who attended the convention had a really good time. Wataru Kaneshina won first prize in the golf tournament and Johnny Miyagawa entertained everyone with his ukulele and singing.

We would like to thank the Convention Chairman, his committee men and the Kauai members for a wonderful convention.

One day, after our rush-hour rendezvous, a man who had obviously witnessed this scene several times pulled up beside me at a stoplight. "Hey, lady," he said, "you two seem to like the looks of each other pretty well. Why don't you stop and introduce yourselves sometime?"

—ROSEMARY MANNING (Raleigh, N.C.)

I HAD RECENTLY come to this country from India, and was traveling through the West when I spotted an American Indian in full regalia. Stopping the car, I jumped out to take some pictures. When I finished, my subject asked where I was from.

"India," I said.

"Ah," said he, smiling knowingly. "Columbus was looking for you, but he found me!"

—NANDINI KUEHN (Annandale, Minn.)

## KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

by Ben Morimoto

At the general meeting held on August 14th, our treasurer, Seichi Hoashi reported that all bills pertaining to the convention have been paid and so to date our Chapter has not gone over our estimated budget.

The meeting attendance was 13 members and 5 wives. Our secretary, Tsugi Takemoto spent a month's vacation visiting family and friends on the mainland. For our annual Memorial Service, Mrs. Sakai, Mrs. Teshima and Mrs. Morimoto will be in charge of refreshments. Muggsy Morikawa will contact the ministerial association for a guest speaker. Our annual Xmas party date, time and place will be discussed after the Memorial Service at our luncheon at the Green Garden restaurant.

The last Dog Company reunion held in Honolulu was one of the best in all respects. The following were the ones who did go and came back with the feeling of time well spent. Jack Hada, Jitsuo Saiki, Kazuo Mizuno, Masao Yotsuda, Mr. & Mrs. Maxie Mukai, Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Teshima, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Sakoda and daughter Susan, and Mr. & Mrs. Ben Morimoto.

Nothing more can be said for the pupus and food prepared by the hard working members and wives placed upon the tables. You eat and eat and more coming and so never running short. The after thought of mine is that it will become harder and harder for other D Co. groups to compete or match in excellence with what took place in Honolulu. Sightseeing was done on Saturday at the Sea Life Park. Jane Matsunami with her grandchildren took the Teshimas' and Morimotos' on that trip.

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS

by Tad Hashimoto

On August 28-31, 1980 at the Amfac Hotel on the outskirts of Dallas, Texas, the members of the 36th T Patchers Texas Division and the famed "Go For Broke" 100th Battalion - 442nd Regimental Combat Team came together for a memorable and emotionally filled reunion. Thirty six long years had gone by since the "Go For Brokers" rescued the isolated Texas "Lost Battalion" in France in October 1944 in which we suffered 800 casualties to rescue 275 of our Texas buddies, men who were then around the twenties and now around the sixty years of age.

The T Patchers came from all over the U.S. as we met a few from Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Louisiana and Texas, to name a few places.

The Go For Brokers also came from all over the U.S. Two members came in wheelchairs - Frank Fujino from Culver City, California and Isamu Tando from Chicago, Illinois. And of course from the beautiful islands of Hawaii, as well as one of our honorary members of the 442nd Association of Southern California, Serge Carlesso and wife Monique, son-in-law Dominique and daughter Marie from Bruyeres, France.

Tons of friendliness and so many verbal appreciation of what the 442 R.C.T. had accomplished and a truly emotionally filled gratitude from the rescued Lost Battalion members to their rescuers.

The 36th T Patchers really made us feel so good deep within, to swell with great pride, for the truly Go For Broke accomplishments put out by the 442nd R.C.T., the most highly decorated unit in the United States military history.

On Thursday, August 28, at 7:45 a.m. the 100th group boarded Braniff Airlines with 3500 pounds of fruit, with the help of Tony Diaz, Southern California Director of Sales of Braniff Airlines, we were able to get all the fruit on one flight and eliminate quite a few hassles it may have caused.

Being the first group to arrive in Dallas, we were responsible for getting the fruit to the hotel. All the men on the flight worked hard to move the fruit from the baggage section and making a large pile of it in one corner, then the same group had to move it out on to the sidewalk and load part of it onto a van supplied by the hotel, and to load the rest of it onto the bus that was there to transport us to the hotel, and then help unload it.

We checked into the hotel and received our rooms and then went down to register for the activities planned. Allan Dong was in charge of registration and he worked hard Thursday and Friday as registrar, without any help. A lot of confusion and hassles, but Allan Dong came thru in fine Go-For-Broke fashion.

The next thing was opening the C.P. (Hospitality Room) and we were assigned to the largest room with an empty wet bar and an empty room. We had to start by personally bringing up some of the liquor and fruits and with a bunch of us pitching in soon had things started with fruits put out and melon cutting with the men and women of the 100th Battalion and friends, we were soon on duty and opened for business.

Buddy Mamiya was chairman of the C.P. room but due to a death in the family, he and Lily had to cancel this trip, but Wally Nakashima took over the task.

That evening the Ladies Auxiliary of the 36th sponsored the early bird party. It was casual and informal with bun sandwiches and chips and an evening of square dancing.

On Friday we had a free day with registration still going on, as the Go For Broke members arrived all day Thursday and Friday morning from all points.

Many of us took advantage and went sightseeing to Dallas and mainly to where President John Kennedy was assassinated and to visit the memorial. Meanwhile the C.P. was open at all times except for scheduled events. For meeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances in a very congenial atmosphere. On Friday night the hospitality part was filled with over 1200, enjoying dinner and dancing.

Saturday was the big day, at 1:30 p.m. a general assembly of both 36th Division and 100/442 R.C.T. was held. This was a large gathering with Senator Daniel Inouye as guest speaker. All the men who helped put the reunion together were honored, gifts exchanged, keys to the city and a beautiful monkey pod presented to the 36th from Hawaii. A resolution from the Los Angeles Chapter beautifully framed was presented. It ended with all the men of the 100/442 presented with cards making them honorary members of the 36th "T Patch" Division. Young Kim, Shim Hiraoka, Mike Tsuji, Kats Nakamura, were honored and represented all the 100/442nd men present.

We were honored by the presence of the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Senior Senator of Hawaii as guest speaker. He lost his right arm in April 1945 in Italy as a member of the 442nd R.C.T.

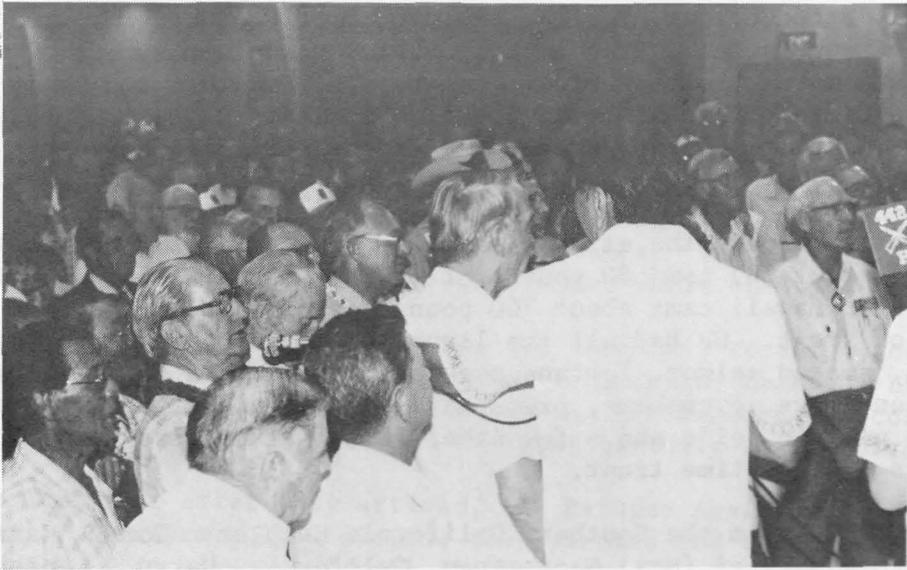
An excellent speaker, the Senator's basic message was that all of us and our great country must always do all we can to continue our fight for the preservation of peace in all ways possible, we need the Draft and to maintain leadership in the armed forces as a deterrent to war and to never give up even with risks involved, and this was backed up with so many startling and interesting facts.

At night we enjoyed a dinner and danced to a "Big Band", playing Glen Miller and Artie Shaw tunes of the 1940's. The evening was highlighted by Ted Ohira and Mits Doi getting all the men out on the dance floor, linking hands and singing Aloha Oe. They also livened up our C.P. along with Aloha Airlines entertainers to help make our C.P. the #1 attraction. The reunion came to an end on Sunday with a Memorial Service. It was simple and impressive with the men from the actual Lost Battalion both 36th and 100/442 seated together. Immediately after the service the exodus started with almost everyone wending their way home with a good feeling and memories of a wonderful reunion.

Some of the 100th Battalion members of Southern California in attendance were: Harry and Arline Iwafuchi (San Francisco), Masaru and Sadie Abe (Reedley), Toshio and Sue Hamataka (Sacramento), Hiro and Sayako Yamaguchi (Seattle, Washington), Nobe and Kathleen Ashida (La Jara, Colorado), Fumi Sano (Reedly), Don Shigaki, Eric Abe, Harry and Fuji Fukusawa, Allan and Kaza Dong, Henry and Fumi Sakato, Douglas and Jane Tanaka and family, Young and Nora Kim, Albert and Utako Takahashi, William Terao, Monte, May and Wayne Fujita, Tom and Ruth Kasai, Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Tad and Sue Hashimoto.

It was nice to see from Hawaii - Max and Edith Imai, Yozo and Violet Yamamoto, George and Hazel Hagiwara, George Oshita, Dick Oguro, Tsutomu Ogata and Mits Doi.

We wish to thank all members and friends for their help and the many donations which were contributed towards the success of our C.P., clearly the most popular place during the reunion.



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Most of the fruit was donated through the efforts of Monte Fujita. From the Seattle, Washington group (about 20) came 60 pounds of Indian Smoked Salmon and boxes of salami sticks. From Hawaii came about 700 pounds of pineapples and from the mainland 3500 pounds of fruit. We had all the liquor, beer and pop needed, also rice crackers, cuttlefish, smoked salmon, fortune cookies, Maui Potato Chips, pineapples, grapes, apples, honeydews, crenshaws, plums, avocados, pears, limes, mangos, nectarines, peaches, 2000 plastic lei's and a few other items. They were enjoyed by all and for some it was a first time treat.

We have the following new members in the Southern California Chapter: Tom K. Tanabe, Akira Miyamoto (Texas), Mas Kashiwagi (Hqs) Sacramento, California, Harry S. Shibao (Medic) Denver, Colorado, Richard T. Kawamoto (Dog) Seaside, California, Ray Kamikawa (Able) Marysville, California, Frank Komatsubara (Able) Yuba City, California, Col. William S. Pye (retired) San Antonio, Texas. (Platoon leader in Co. B, - C.O. of Co. C)

Received a \$25.00 donation from member Harry Iwafuchi of San Francisco. Nora Kim brought the check from the Dallas, Texas Reunion. Thanks Harry.

Yoshio Joe Hironaka is a member now living in San Jose, California. At the recent V.F.W. Convention in Bakersfield, he received as the commander of the San Jose Nisei Memorial Post 9970 a white cap as one of the selected members of the all state commanders team for 1979-80. Congratulations, Joe, keep up the good work.

Our sympathies go to Buddy and Lily Mamiya on the death of her father recently, and to Kiyoshi Horino on the death of his brother in Northern California.

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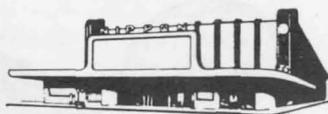
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## FROM LAOS TO HAWAII

by Gloria Tamashiro

Chahn is her name. She and her husband Bouasone, with their two daughters, age 14 and 9, fled from war torn Laos two years ago. Left behind were memories of the home and life they shared in happier times. The elderly of their clan remain in Laos. Mail is channeled through France, where one of Chahn's sisters resides.

Until they boarded the plane for the long trip to safety on American soil, their escape was a nightmare. When times were rough, Chahn, a nurse/receptionist, had to carry a gun to fight off the enemy. Her husband was constantly carrying a gun. They were taught to fight and to fight bitterly for survival.

About a year after they arrived, the Refugee Assistance office sent them to Maui to start a farm. They plowed, they planted and toiled very hard. They were permitted to live in a small shack on the premises of this private farm. The farm began to show signs of flourish. But the owner paid them not for two months. On top of this, he wanted rent money from the farmer and his wife! Fortunately, there are case workers doing follow up work. Chahn and her husband were very disappointed and unhappy at the turn of events. They worked very diligently and sincerely on the land. They asked to be relocated in Honolulu. Back they came. Adequate housing was provided. The learning of a second language was continued.

American job skills were introduced to Chahn. She attended classes daily at the Breadline Restaurant, training to be a pantry worker. This is where I met Chahn.

Twice a week for three months, I worked with Chahn. My purpose for being there as a volunteer tutor was primarily to reinforce what the instructor had taught in class. Repetition, identification, pronunciation. There were days when I wasn't certain whether or not I had made things clear to her. She would only smile politely and say "yes". One day, I reversed the procedure. I asked her to teach me some Laotian words. She lit up and really enjoyed the session. I then decided the heck with the formal stuff. Why not just practice conversational English?

A whole month went by with me doing most of the talking. Suddenly, she burst forth with dialog telling me of the Laos New Year. That they were having a special celebration and a picnic and there would be dances by the young people. Her fourteen year old daughter would be in native costume and she would show me a picture of her daughter after the film was developed. How very exciting I became, just from listening. But most of all was the rewarding feeling for me, of finally having reached out to her. And her to me! I had become her American friend, not her American foe.

I taught Chahn to sight read food ads. How to read labels, use coupons, among other things. I brought old newspaper to practice reading English. She found it difficult. Ah, but she has a Laos friend in building number 6 (Chahn lives in building number 4), who is much better in English, according to Chahn. Together they would read the papers. Progress is slow.

One day, we took a field trip to the super market. (She is familiar with Times Market). When she saw the fresh produce, she pointed, one at a time, saying, "Laos have, Laos have, Laos have." Familiarity of survival items was apparent. Happiness glowed through her body language. What a joyful way to begin a new day.

"Graduation" exercises were held at the Breadline Restaurant in June, 1980. Chahn received her certificate. Shortly afterwards, the Refugee Job Placement Agency, found her a full time job, not as a pantry worker, but as a stock clerk at a wholesale outlet.

Chahn has come a long way. May she continue to progress in her English. She promised to notify me when she becomes an American citizen. As we parted in June, she hugged me and said "Thank you very much teacher Gloria. I see you again."



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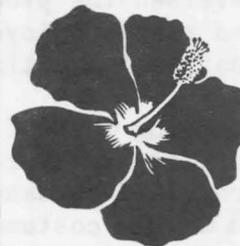


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## BONSAI CLUB NEWS

by Florence Matsumura

The much talked about International Bonsai Convention has come and gone. Among those actively participating at this event held July 3-6, 1980 at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel under the sponsorship of the Bonsai Clubs International and Hawaii Bonsai Association were the Yoroku Itos, Hideshi Niimis, and Bill Komodas. Also involved were Masa and Ai Kawamoto, Takeshi and Louise Kimura, Sumio and Dorothy Ito, Yoshio and Chiyono Anzai, Richard and Marian Yamamoto and Tom Matsumura.

The convention, which was attended by approximately 300 participants from all over the world, was well organized and consisted of lectures, demonstrations and workshops. The highlight of the convention was the demonstration by Mr. Saburo Katoh, an international bonsai authority from Japan, who deftly arranged 27 banyan plants in a gigantic 5-foot oval container which was made in Japan specially for this occasion at a cost of about \$700.00. The container was flown here for the demonstration only to arrive broken and a duplicate was quickly flown over from Japan - just in time for the show. It was reported that there is only one other container of this type in Japan. The completed work of art was turned over at the conclusion of the convention to Mr. Haruo Kaneshiro, local bonsai expert.

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There was a lot of activity going on during July at Doris and Henry Kawano's home with their daughter and family visiting from the mainland.  
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Stanley Akita who really has a zeal for good living spent a relaxing fishing vacation in Alaska with his buddies recently. To hear him relate his trip and describe his catches was enough to whet the appetite of any seafood lover.

The wheels are slowly grinding in preparation for our annual bonsai show scheduled for April 18 and 19, 1981. A lot of good ideas have been tossed about at our meeting so once again the show promises to be one of utmost quality.

### DUCAN HINES COFFEE CAKE

1 pkg. Duncan Hines Deluxe yellow cake mix  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup oil  
1 cup water  
1/4 cup sugar (optional)

Combine above ingredients and pour in greased pan (9 x 13). Sprinkle with sugar, cinnamon and nuts. Bake 350°

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### HOT SHRIMP SALAD

5 oz. shrimp chopped  
2 cups shredded cabbage  
1/4 cup finely chopped celery  
1/4 cup finely chopped green onion  
Ajinomoto  
Salt  
Mayonnaise  
Dash Pepper  
Paprika

Combine and add teaspoon (or more) mayonnaise on top. Broil 1 minute or until mayonnaise bubbles.

both recepies by Helen Nikaido  
(Dog Chapter)

## CLUB 100 COOKING CLASS

by Amy T. Ikeda

September 14 was a big day for the cooking class. It marked the first anniversary of a project that was germinated in September 1979 with the thought of fostering better relationship among members and sharing ideas for good cooking. An anniversary luncheon was held at the clubhouse with approximately 85 members and their guests in attendance. Helen Furusho (B Chapter) was general chairperson for the event and she was ably assisted by members in charge of the various committees. Helen and her committee members did a superb job. It was a team effort at its best, and the results were very gratifying. Many of the delectable entrees, salads, desserts, and other food, were products that were demonstrated at the monthly cooking sessions.

The success of any venture requires good leadership and Gladys Kawakami (A Chapter) as chairperson of the cooking class has had the pivotal role in organizing and coordinating our cooking sessions. Gladys is a hard worker and anything she undertakes is no less than par excellence. The terrific support and cooperation given by various members and sources were acknowledged with much appreciation by Gladys at the party, as follows:

- . . .The officers and members for being so supportive in whatever tasks that were assigned them.
- . . .The demonstrators who have willingly given their time and shared their favorite recipes with others. Without them, there would be no cooking classes.
- . . .Mike Tokunaga (who was Chairman of the Mutual Assistance Committee in 1979, at the time the cooking class was started) for his support and encouragement all the way.
- . . .Don Kuwaye for publicizing our cooking sessions and assisting us whenever the need was there.
- . . .Charlotte Mitsutani for typing the recipes and reproducing enough copies for our use.
- . . .Akira Akimoto, Jack Mizushima, and Yoshikiyo Mugitani for setting up the tables, the microphone, and dismantling the setup after each session.

It was an enjoyable party, and ended with resounding banzais led by Ralph Ikeda.

The August 10th session featured "easy-does-it"--ideal dishes for hot summer days. Alice Oki's (A Chapter) Kamameshi could be cooked up "lickety split" without having to spend too much time in the hot kitchen. It's downright delicious, too, and with a simple okazu and tsukemono it would satisfy any ravenous appetite.

Helen Seo's (A Chapter) Somen Salad is refreshing and delicious, and is a meal in itself--an excellent dish for any gathering. Beatrice Niimi (C Chapter) had a cold so her Azuki Kanten--light, colorful, and delicious--was demonstrated by Sally Inouye (A Chapter) and Teruko Kadomoto (A Chapter). Michiko Takashige (B Chapter) is a relatively newcomer in Club 100 circles. As you may know, she



AT THE  
COOKING CLASS  
ANNIVERSARY LUNCH



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AND GLADYS KAWAKAMI

came from Japan not too long ago and has adapted herself remarkably well to the local customs. Her surprise dish, Pork Hash Roll with Lettuce is a blue ribbon entree and it came from a collection of Michi's Japanese recipes. It's very tasty and would add zest and interest to any family meals as well as informal entertaining. Betsy Saito (A Chapter) shared a loaf of her special Mango Bread and it was exceptionally good. The recipe she has provided will be included with the October batch.

The following has been programmed for the next few months:

October 12	Barbecued Short Ribs	Elsie Oshita (Hqs Chapter)
	Spinach Epinard a la Creme (Creamed Spinach, French Style) With the leftovers she will demonstrate Spinach Omelette.	Paulette Arakaki (A Chapter)
	Scones	Betsy Saito (A Chapter)
November 9	Paprika Roast Chicken (Maxim Oven)	Paulette Arakaki
	Baked Pumpkin	Paulette Arakaki
	Pumpkin Chiffon Pie	Betsy Saito
	A Vegetable Salad	(Undetermined)
December 14	Crab Legs	Terry Aratani (442nd)
	Oden	Helen Seo (A Chapter)
	Kurome Sushi	Edith Imai
	Dessert	(Undetermined)

In discussing the cooking sessions, Dorothy Ibaraki (A Chapter) commented, "The cooking classes have been very helpful to me and I have enjoyed them--in fact, my family looks forward to the new recipes and ideas I have been able to practice on them. Besides, it's nice to get to know members of other chapters much better." Dorothy's comments sum up the general sentiment of the participants who were randomly interviewed. It is heartwarming to know that these classes have enriched the daily lives of a number of people.

For those who wish to join these classes, anytime is a good time. It's the second Sunday of each month, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the clubhouse.

WAITER to diner: "Do we honor credit cards? Sir, we venerate them."  
-Dale McFeatters, Field Newspaper Syndicate

PSYCHIATRIST on witness stand: "It is my opinion that the defendant is sane and rational. His lawyer, however, acts a little strange."  
-Lichty & Wagner, Field Newspaper Syndicate

MAN, leaving ticket window, to wife: "It must be *quite* a movie--they aren't admitting anyone under 45!"  
-Roger Bollen, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

## CLUB 100 BOWLING LEAGUE

The awards banquet, honoring the various winners of the year, was held at the Flamingo Chuckwagon on Friday, August 29. The Vet's Termite Control team, captained by Andrew Hirano was awarded the Central Pacific Bank championship trophy.

The Trophy Center, captained by Haruo Torikawa won the second place Stadium Bowl-O-Drome trophy. Captain Wilfred Shobu and his Team SN teammates won the third place Trophy Center award.

### Final Team Standings

	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points</u>
1)	#10 Vet's Termite Control	50	28	69
2)	#1 Trophy Center	47	31	64
3)	#11 Team SN	45	33	59
4)	#5 Nakatani Farm	42	36	59
5)	#9 Harry Asato Painting	43	35	56
6)	#6 Holo Holo Apparel	42	36	55
7)	#3 Stanley's Millwork	39	39	53
8)	#7 Kalihi Bowl	35.5	42.5	49.5
9)	#2 Shiseido	34	44	43
10)	#8 Kanraku Tea House	32	46	42
11)	#12 Dodge Tanaka Dodge	28.5	49.5	37.5
12)	#4 North American Insurance	30	48	37

### WINNING TEAMS

#### Vet's Termite Control - First Place

Andrew Hirano, Captain - Dennet Azuma, Ernest Domingo, Rodney Funakoshi, Caroline Hirano, Malcolm Hirano, Raymond Kato, Jonathan Kobayashi, Mike Tamanaha

#### Trophy Center - Second Place

Haruo Torikawa, Captain - Patsy Akimoto, Edward Endo, George Endo, Kenneth Endo, Norman Endo, Robert Uehara

#### Team SN - Third Place

Wilfred Shobu, Captain - Shirley Fujita, Charlotte Rod, Robert Rod, Cappy Sin, Francis Sin, Dan Shimabukuro, Clinton Tanimoto, Maile Tanimoto

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

"A" DIVISION

HI-AVG (W/Hdcp)	Todd Takashige	178
HI-AVG	Patrick Hirano	174
HI-2 (W/Hdcp)	Jonathan Kobayashi	438
HI-2	Fred Nakamura	416
HI-1 (W/Hdcp)	George Zakimi	265
HI-1	Andrew Hirano	224
	Malcolm Hirano	224
	Robert Uehara	224

"C" DIVISION

HI-AVG (W/Hdcp)	Edward Endo	174
	Hide Mitsui	174
HI-AVG	Calvin Endo	158
	Alvin Fukuyama	428
	Francis Sin	375
	Steven Yamane	251
	George Endo	214

"B" DIVISION

HI-AVG (W/Hdcp)	Alma Kidoguchi	176
HI-AVG	Shirley Fujita	161
HI-2 (W/Hdcp)	Elaine Nakamura	430
HI-2	Mary Yamane	338
HI-1 (W/Hdcp)	Cathy Lee	234
HI-1	Patsy Akimoto	192

"D" DIVISION

Masayoshi Kawamoto	175
Raymond Kato	145
Myke Yamada	415
Herb Ching	415
Takeichi Miyashiro	350
Mike Tamanaha	239
Glenn Enomoto	199

MONTHLY ACES (Individual Award Winners Are Not Eligible for the Monthly Ace Awards)

FEB	Dean Sato	235	MAY	Roy Nakatani	234
MARCH	Kiyoshi Uyeno	228	JUNE	Irwin Furumoto	231
APRIL	Rodney Funakoshi	240	JUL/AUG	Allan Tamanaha	230

To the Captains and Sponsors of the 12 teams for their help and cooperation in bringing the 1980 season to a successful conclusion:

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 Roy Nakatani  
 Hide Mitsui  
 Mary Yamane  
 Tetsuo Tateishi  
 Stanley Wakumoto  
 Andrew Hirano  
 Wilfred Shobu  
 Glenn Enomoto

Trophy Center (Rowland Fujii)  
 Shiseido (Noboru Furuya)  
 Stanley's Millwork (Stanley Teruya)  
 North American Insurance (Josephine Ikeda)  
 Nakatani Farm (Bernice Nakatani)  
 Holo Holo Apparel (Robert Takashige)  
 Kalihi Bowl (Kazuo Yamane)  
 Kanraku Tea House (Paul Fujii)  
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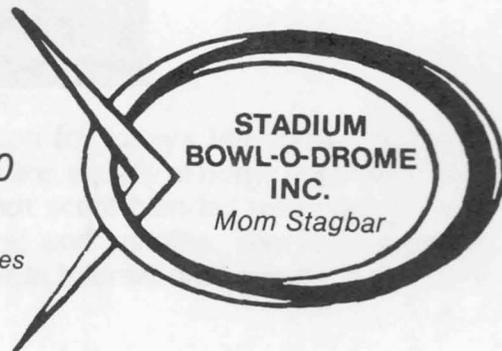
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