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I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Abraham Lincoln

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EDITOR'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

by Donald Kuwaye

LATE OCTOBER ISSUE

The October issue could not be printed and mailed to you by Sept 24, the day before the annual memorial service because of an unforeseen emergency. Our office clerk, Mrs. Janice Kochiyama who also is the editorial assistant has been ill since Sept 12. During her absence other means had to be taken to type the articles and have them ready for the printers.

SENATOR J. USHIJIMA MEMORIAL SERVICE SPEAKER

The Hawaii Chapter prexy, James Maeda has reported that Senate President John Ushijima will give the memorial address at the chapters' annual memorial service on Sunday, Sept 25, at The Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery. Motoyoshi Tanaka and Yasuo Iwasaki are the co-chairmen of the memorial service. Sorry Jim, we couldn't use the senator's photo to publicize the service, due to the delay in typing the articles and completing the makeup of the issue for the printer.

PREXY TAKATA RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

There is no President's Message for this issue. Prexy Yasuo Takata was in the hospital and is now recuperating at home.

DANCE CLUB NEEDS REPORTER

Also, there is no Dance Club News for this issue. The reason for this is that the club has no reporter. The nominating committee could not come up with a single candidate in July for the 1977-78 election. I do hope that the Executive Committee comes up with a correspondent. Otherwise, the dance club members will not know what is happening.

REPORT ON CLUB SPONSORED TRACK MEET

The board of directors at its Aut 1 meeting approved to underwrite the Japan-Hawaii Dual International Track Meet held on Sat., Aut 27 at Kaiser High field. The budget called for expenses totalling \$4,270.00.

The meet attracted about 500 spectators. Hawaii's best high school trackmen captured only four first places - 100 meters, 200 meters, pole vault and the discus. The Japan high school champions made outstanding showings in their favorite events.

Many thanks to the club members who purchased meet and banquet tickets. Baker chapter had a very good turnout at the banquet.

The total expenses of the meet were \$5,284.16 - which was \$1,014.16 more than the budgeted \$4,270.00.

From track meet ticket sales there were \$1,027.50; from program sales, \$110.23; from banquet ticket sales, \$507.50; and from donations, \$842.00, for a total income of \$2,487.23. Club 100 had to come up with \$2,796.93 to meet all the expenses.

Many thanks to the members of the Track Meet Committee who, inspite of the short period from Aug 1 to the Aug 27 track meet, gave forth their best efforts in resolving the problem areas. Members were: Mitsuru Omori, chairman, Noboru Furuya, Dr. Katsumi Kometani, Jack Y. Hirano, Wilfred Shobu, and Donald Kuwaye. You just cannot imagine the kinds of problems and emergencies which had to be overcome in underwriting a track meet.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BEN AND GLORIA TAMASHIRO

In this issue are two excellent articles. Ben's "A Pilgrimage - and a Memento Out of the Past" tells of a member's search for a farmhouse in France where he was wounded 33 years ago.

Gloria has written "Bruyeres, 1977, A Woman's View." She has captured the essence of the visit to Bruyeres where many memories still live.

We hope to read more of Ben and Gloria Tamashiro's observations in future issues.

A PILGRIMAGE - AND A MEMENTO OUT OF THE PAST

By Ben Tamashiro

October, 1944 - Bruyeres, France

The 2d Platoon, Company B, 100th Infantry Battalion, is part of a combat force moving across a short, flat piece of ground in an effort to reach the surrounding hills to drive the Germans out of the high ground.

A lone farmhouse stands at the edge of the flat ground. It is presumed that all the Germans have withdrawn to the cover of the hillside forests.

Suddenly, from the second-story window of the farmhouse comes the crack of rifle fire. Platoon Sergeant Yozo Yamamoto goes down. He has been hit on the head. Luckily, it is not fatal. If the bullet had come in just a bit lower, he would have had his brains blown out. Lt. Ken Kaneko and others come to the aid of Yozo. This is the end of combat for him.

Thirty-three years later:

June 26, 1977 - Bruyeres, France

It is a Sunday afternoon. The people of Bruyeres are hosting a picnic for a group of veterans from the 100/442, their wives, and others from Hawaii.

To one of his new-found friends, Yozo expresses the reason for his return to Bruyeres - to find the farmhouse from where he had been hit 33 years ago. Yozo describes the lay of the land, as he remembers it. Incredibly, the friend exclaims: "Ah, I know the place! It's nearby!" Yozo and Ken Kaneko climb into the friend's car. Ben and Gloria Tamashiro accompany them.

The road takes a series of turns through some low undulating ground, then swings down a long downgrade loop. As the road comes out of this loop, it leads into open, flat ground, at the end of which, about a mile away, lying in a half circle, are high hills covered with a forest of green.

The car zips along the road. Yozo says the farmhouse should be somewhere to the right. "There it is! There it is! That's the one!" he suddenly cries out. The car moves off the main road onto a narrow dirt road leading to the farmhouse.

Although the surrounding grounds look well tended, the farmhouse looks deserted. All climb out of the car. The driver knocks on the door. A long moment passes. The door opens. Standing in the doorway is an aged farmer, and his wife. The driver explains the mission of the group. The faces of the couple light up. Come in. Come in.

It is a neat, well-kept farmhouse. Upstairs, Yozo looks out the window. Wow! The German sniper sure had a clear shot at him coming across the open ground. Yozo is entranced by the scene. He now knows how he almost happened to get killed. A kind of blissful satisfaction comes over him.

Downstairs again, the farmer breaks out a couple of bottles of white wine. Here's to their health. And ours, too. All feel the excitement of the moment. Then, walking in the woods back of the farmhouse - what's that? The driver picks it up. Ken identifies it as a German gas mask canister.

Goodbyes are said. Some francs are slipped into the farmer's hands. Back into the car. The driver takes off down the dirt road, onto the main road. No one looks backward.



KEN KANEKO AND YOZO YAMAMOTO POINT TO THE UNFORGETTABLE WINDOW.



THE FARMHOUSE AS SEEN FROM A DISTANCE.



YOZO YAMAMOTO WITH THE CANISTER, GLORIA TAMASHIRO,
AND TWO FRENCH FRIENDS, BRUYERS, JUNE 1977.

THIS IS THE CANISTER THAT
YOZO BROUGHT ALL THE WAY
FROM BRUYERES TO THE CLUB-
HOUSE.



BRUYERES, 1977, A WOMAN'S VIEW

By Gloria Tamashiro

Sunday, June 26, 1977. The dawn of another day brought forth fog and rain, which is not unusual this time of the year in France. We boarded our special charter tour bus for a twenty-minute ride from Gerardmer to Bruyeres for the 9 a.m. Catholic church service. (There are no hotels in Bruyeres). Garbed with raincoat and umbrella, I hung onto my spouse's arm to ascend the pyramid-like step structured entrance to this ancient, grey, stone church. The service was Catholic with two brief English translations in-between, which was done by a Catholic Sister.

Young altar boys assisted with the offering. At each row, they passed a flower vase in place of the usual offering plate or bowl. What a unique way of doing this ritual! It made me look twice to assure myself it wasn't a mirage of some sort. Our own Kailua Madrigal Singers participated in the prayer response. The boys were dressed in blue and white colored aloha shirts with white slacks and shoes. The girls wore white turtleneck sweaters, blue and white skirts, and white shoes. They were a very effective group led by mighty leader Shigeru Hotoke. They are truly ambassadors from Hawaii.

With a mixed group band of French citizens leading the parade, many from our tour joined in and also became a part of the "parade for peace," marching from City Hall to the World War I Monument for the memorial service. Those participating were the mayor, the American general who is head of the Battle Monument Commission, European Theater, city officials and our own Hawaii people who presented the wreaths - Senator John Ushijima, Lorene Nakamine, and Councilman Sandy Holck. The interesting part of the band which never ceased to divert my gaze during the service was the fact that the band members ranged from elementary school age boys through senior citizens. They had no problem playing the French national anthem. From their expressions and reactions it was not difficult to ascertain how very much they wanted and how very hard they did try in their eagerness to play "Hawaii Pono" and "The Star Spangled Banner." For this I felt profound gratitude.

Then back to the City Square to board private cars and up to the World War II Memorial located high in the forest. This was erected for the 442nd and 100th by the people of Bruyeres. Several of our veterans participated in the service. One Hawaii couple, living in Germany, traveled especially to join in the weekend activities. I understand they do this quite often whenever they hear of hometown folks being around. Bless them for their aloha.

During the service in the forest, I could not help but become teary-eyed when I saw the Hawaiian flag and the City of Honolulu flag, fluttering in the slightly breezy but chilly air. For the appearance of these flags, traveling nearly half way around the world, we give our thanks to Councilman Sandy Holck. He and Mrs. Holck were like papa and mama taking care of us throughout our trip. Thank you, too, "Chick." In your calm, smiling way, some of the "trouble spots," if they can be called such, became trivial and obliterated into nothingness.

A brief reception followed at City Hall in which Senator John Ushijima presented the Senate resolution to the City of Bruyeres. The mayor, through an interpreter, thanked the 442nd and 100th for what they did more than thirty years ago and "...made free men of us and friends of us...."

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Councilman Sandy Holck, having traveled to Bruyeres on previous trips, led us to the picnic grounds where a fabulous buffet awaited. Included were mini loaves of hard-crust, break-your-teeth kind of bread. Each one picked up a mini loaf, as desired. No rice in sight the way Hawaii people are accustomed to. At the cocktail service "tent," our American Scotch was a treat for the French people. I do believe many did not leave the picnic in the same condition or the same way they arrived!

There was an elderly French gentleman at the picnic who was a lively character. When I introduced him to the Senator's wife, the usual salutations and greetings were exchanged. I waited a moment, explained that "madam" is "Madam Senator." Immediately, he stood up, walked over and bowed and bowed to "Madam Senator!" In his limited English, and our further non-French dialogue, we somehow managed to converse with gesturing and jesting combined. Voila!

As I looked at the lake at one end of the picnic area, I suddenly felt homesick and became emotional. So I wandered around the thick grass for awhile to regain my composure. And the hills where the 100th had fought, stood out again. From the stories I had heard, the pains of war became alive. I could literally see and hear the booming, the screeching, the screams, and related elements of war. Other types of chain reaction came into my mind - those of the home front some thirty plus years ago. How long I stood at the lake area, I do not recall. I had no watch with me. Whether anyone noticed me, I do not know. Neither am I aware if anyone missed me at all during this period of time. I may never know. I said a silent prayer for those who had fallen and gave thanks for those who did return, among them my own spouse. For with him we have a close-knit family of five daughters and one female dog. One daughter is about to acquire a pet rabbit, gender yet unknown to me.

Being the third and last day in Bruyeres, Yozo Yamamoto and Ken Kaneko (both from the 100th) were determined to find the farmhouse from where they were shot during the war. Fortunately, one of the French city councilmen remembered the place. (He is also head of the Forestry Department.) My spouse and I accompanied them. So we became a one-car caravan. All five of us squeezed into a Toyota size vehicle. After tramping into several forests, we finally came back to the picnic grounds and started again. I did keep up with the men, in my own slower pace, eyes and ears wide open. And I stumbled not. In the forest, it appeared gloomy and spooky. I could hear the troops tramping. I could also feel the tenseness. This feeling preyed on me as we searched on.

Not too far from the picnic ground, from the highway, we could see a farmhouse. "That's the one. That's the one." This was Yozo's voice. Our driver spun around, disregarding road signs, and followed the dirt road leading to the lonely farmhouse in the distance. A knock on the door brought an elderly farmer and his wife in answer. Our driver explained our presence and requested permission to enter the attic. Granted. Our two men were certain they had found the shuttered window where the Germans had shot at them. Mission accomplished. In the meantime our driver went in the forest back of the farmhouse. Lo and behold, he found two empty German gas mask containers. Yozo brought back one of these which is now on display at the clubhouse. After the customary drink of wine (homemade) with the farmer and his wife, we departed. From whence we came - ah - too late for the bus. On to the hotel by auto.

It was an adventure-filled day, mixed with emotions. The people of Bruyeres consider the 442nd and 100th as their liberators and are accorded more wonderful than wonderful treatment. I can now confirm the saying that the French know how to live. I am glad I did have the opportunity of meeting some of them. In spite of the language barrier, we got along quite well. People will be people. One must be present to be able to feel the experiences of others.

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

By Don Nagasaki

By the time this issue is received by the Ableites, the 32nd Annual Memorial Service will be over. Many thanks to all the members and wives who re-scheduled their Sunday and attended the Sept. 25 service at Punchbowl Cemetery. Also, the voluntary help of those members who turned out so early in the morning in order to decorate the graves is appreciated.

If you have not yet marked your home calendar for an important Able Chapter event, please do so right away. The Chapter's one and only Family Night of the year is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, at the clubhouse.

Chairman Alfred Arakaki has appointed the following to be his assistants:
 Program & Games--Gladys Kawakami and Richard Ishimoto; Food--Richard Oki, Yoshio Saito and Shiichi Asada; Drinks--Biffa Moriguchi, Sam Sakamoto and Tom Ibaraki; Entertainment--Horace Awa, Evelyn Oshiro and Frank Ikehara; Reservations & Finance--Tom Nishioka, Tsuneo Morikawa and Saburo Hasegawa; Set-up--Hisashi Komori, Goro Sumida, and Tak Takahashi; and Cleanup--Kunio Fujimoto and his gang.

A night full of fun, good food, exciting music, lots of games, and good conversation is in store for all the attendees. R. Oki has promised a tasty gourmet special.


Mrs. Saito will come through with her pies, and special guest Helen Nikaido's desserts will be the special of the night. The emcee for the informal program will be our talented Richard "Japan" Nakahara.

The precise details of the party will be forthcoming, especially when to make your reservations. Remember, reservations are to be made. It will be difficult for the committees to function without the exact head count.

Congratulations to the Able Chapter team--Harry Asato Painting--for capturing the championship of the 1977 Club 100 Bowling

League. This team was never in contention in the past year, always in the bottom half, but this year each bowler came through with his best efforts. The team members, final standings, and winners of individual awards are elsewhere in this issue.

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BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

By Robert Kadowaki

Baker Chapter's annual summer picnic was enjoyed by more than 130 members, wives, grandchildren, and friends on Sunday, July 17 at the Yamane Beach House in Ewa. This annual picnic is one of the major events of the year and for over twenty years through the generosity of Kazuo Yamane, the families and friends have held this annual outing.

Of course, the main dish was Kalua pig straight from the imu of Roy Nakatani's farm. This is one time when we can eat kalua pig till it came out of the ears. By request, our number one cook, Bob Aoki, made his delicious tripe stew and chicken long rice. It was obvious that all who came had a wonderful time since very few left early. The ladies of B Company were surprisingly energetic compared to the beer guzzling pooped-out old boys of Baker Chapter.

Most of the foot races in the games portion involved the women. I think they ran hard to win tablets and pencils for their grandchildren.

For the many golfers of Baker Chapter, this picnic being an afternoon get-together proved just right. After the golf game, the men were all at the picnic.

Oh yes, the seaweed. For Michi Takashige it was the first experience. She stayed on the beach the longest and I believe she and Bob Takashige have enough seaweed to last a month.

Most of the other ladies gathered their bags of seaweed. For those who didn't make it this year you should make plans to go next July because it's always a super picnic.

Chick Furuye's son Douglas and wife Marcie and daughter Paige were recent visitors to Hawaii. An informal get-together was held at Ken Iha's residence.

Baker Chapter's number one golfer Lefty Tanigawa is in the finals vs Marshall Higa for the Club 100 Match Play championship. Lefty has all the confidence that he's going to win. All Baker golfers are back of him. Kats Maeda, Ken Muroshige and Frank Fujiwara were in the quarter finals. Better golf the next time.

For those who are not aware, our mainland member and friend Allan Ohata has been seriously ill, and is living with his brother here. Our prayers go to him for a speedy recovery.

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CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By DONALD KUWAYE

After an absence of many years from the Hotel Street area, the Charlie men gathered at Wo Fat Chop Suey on Sat., Aug. 6 for a very informal stag dinner. Mike Tokunaga chaired the event which attracted 18 men who enjoyed the delicious 7-course dinner, talked about the war heroics and experiences.

Cocktails began at 6:00 and at least three men were there before the scheduled time. The drinks were on the Chapter, and with ice supplied by the house, there was more than enough for everyone.

I remember that dinner was supposed to begin at 6:30 p.m., but could not start on time because we had to wait for two late ones who arrived close to 7:00 p.m.

The food at Wo Fat is still one of the best in the city. The men took care of every dish. There was nothing left over.

At about 8:00, the men walked over to Club Hubba Hubba for the show. It is not a bright place. You could tell that it has seen better days in the past.

The Charlie men were seated in the so-called second row, and not the choice front row where the action could be seen that much closer. The entertainment consisted of at least five girls, ranging from about 22 to 32 years old, who kept parading on the boardwalk to the typical music of strip tease houses. With each music there was less clothes until finally the ladies danced sans G-string to their favorite music.

After about two hours, the men had enough of drinks and naked girls and departed for either coffee or straight for home.

Two chapter members were recently ill and hospitalized. Now they are recuperating at home. Kaoru Yonezawa was operated on for an ulcer condition. He told me that luckily he did not delay the operation. Otherwise, it could have been worse.

Masayoshi Kawamoto stayed in the hospital for a few days because he had a case of dizziness which was unexplainable. Top-kick is a man who has taken care of his health for many years by surfing and jogging regularly. Fortunately the doctor said it was not heart attack or stroke.

Isao "Bo" Shiozaki's many friends gathered at the Ilikai to celebrate his 61st birthday on Sat., Sept. 24. Will report on the party in the next issue.

Congratulations to Jimmy Oshiro. He captured the A Flight with a great score of net 62 at the AJA Council Golf Tournament held at the Mililani Golf Course on July 30. Jimmy won set of woods donated by Central Pacific Bank and the koa bowl donated by Gov. George Ariyoshi.

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DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Helen Nikaido

At the last clubhouse cleanup, there were twenty-one (21) members and wives. They were Eddie Kuwazaki, "Charlie" Kawamata, Fred Toyama, "Jits" Yoshida, Martin Tohara, Eddie Yoshimasu, Conrad Tsukayama, Yoshiichi Okazawa, Eddie Harada, "Doc" Hosaka, Etsu Sekiya, Richard Endo, Robert Yoshioka, George Kurisu, Kisuke Arakaki, Richard Hara, Kenji Nikaido, Kay Harada, Edith Imai, Rhoda Kawamata and Helen Nikaido.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Iwao (Lillian) Fujimori whose father passed away in Japan at the age of 100 years and 10 months. Lillian was looking forward to going to Japan in October to visit her dad, but unfortunately he died on June 17th.

It's been ten years since members of Club 100 went on the European tour. The last group (that's us) celebrated the tenth anniversary at the home of Rhoda and "Charlie" Kawamata on July 2nd. After a delicious steak dinner plus many other ono foods, Kiyoshi Kami showed his movies. It surely brought back fond memories. Those who were able to make it were: Alice and Kiyoshi Kami, Rhoda and "Charlie," Yoshi and Conrad Tsukayama, Yae and Albert Yokoyama, Miyoki Yokoyama, Mrs. Ishida (Rhoda's mother), Mrs. Sahara, Flora & Gene Masumotoya, Lillian & Francis Uyeda, Mr. & Mrs. Shobu, Edna & Hajime Yamane, Nancy & Bob Nakamura, Dorothy & Martin Tohara and Kenji & Helen Nikaido.

On the weekend of August 5th-7th, Doggies from Kauai, Maui, and Oahu joined the Hilo Doggies to pick mountain oysters, raid the azalea and anthurium nurseries. Even the fire hydrants were painted beautifully. Wonder whether they knew we were coming. Most of us left Honolulu early Friday afternoon. On Friday night we had a get-together at the Wailoa Park. Luckily nothing special was planned on Sat-

urday as it rained plenty. The golfers had to quit after the fifth hole. "Porky" Furuya was saying that just as he was winning they had to quit. The ladies visited some nurseries and bought plants. Generous Yasu Iwasaki gave each lady an azalea plant.

Saturday night we had teppan yaki at the clubhouse. For entertainment, Shizu Akamine had a terrific program set up. She did a couple of Okinawan dances. The singers were Motoyoshi Tanaka and "Capone" Enomoto. The finale was the Yabure Gasa Gonin Otoko. The samurais were Motoyoshi Tanaka, who ended up as a bonsan giving sekkyo, Barney Miyazono, Shigeru Tokuyake, Tsugio Kaisen, and last but not least "Tarush" Yamamoto. They were so funny we just couldn't stop laughing, especially when "Tarush" came out with the yabure gasa, yabure judo uniform and a long daikon sword. When it comes to acting and food, we can't compete with the Hilo Doggies. To mention a few of the delicacies served us were namako, fuku jiru, variety of sashimi, and mountain oysters. The kane Doggies must have eaten the mountain oysters until it came out of their ears. Those oysters are the fountain of youth of Hilo; noticed how young the Hilo guys looked. Sunday morning a short memorial service was held at the Veterans Cemetery. We had lunch at Wailoa Park and did more chit-chatting until plane time. From Oahu we had the following members and wives attending: Rhoda & "Charlie" Kawamata, Jane & Sadashi Matsunami, Dorothy & Martin Tohara, Mildred & "Jits" Yoshida, Mildred & "Doc" Hosaka, Florence & Ken Mitsunaga, Kay & Eddie Harada, Momoyo & Richard Endo, Katsumi & Richard Hara, Mitsuko & George Kurisu and grandson Gerald, Violet & Tony Kinoshita and daughter Sandra, Kay & Robert Yoshioka, Thelma & Hiromi Urabe, Wakayo & Etsu Sekiya, Stella & "Ka" Nakayama and son Arthur, "Fuzzy" Fujimori, Yoshi & Conrad Tsukayama, Gladys & Francis Takemoto, Ruth & Richard Tsutsui, Ruth & Ronald Watanabe, Gloria & Ben Tamashiro and

Kenji & Helen Nikaido. So ended another Dog Chapter reunion. To coordinator Takao Miyao, the Hilo Doggies and wives, our sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful hospitality shown us. It was so nice to see all of you again.



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HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS

By Wilfred Shobu

The third member of the Hqs Chapter who is participating in the Active Army Reserve Program is Sergeant First Class (E7) Seisaburo Taba. Enlisting in the Hawaii Army National Guard in 1948, Seisaburo attained the rank of First Sergeant with Co. L, 298th RCT. Laterally transferred to the Ordnance Co., US Army Reserve at Ft. DeRussy in 1960, Seisaburo is currently the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Adjutant General's Section, US Army Reserve. SAB has served 4 years of active and 29 years of reserve duties but is hesitant about retiring because of the soft assignment and pleasant environment.

In his civilian capacity, Seisaburo is employed by the Logistic Division, Hickam AFB. SAB has met his service requirement but is short on the age requirement; therefore, is patiently awaiting the day (in 2 or 3 years) when he can join his many friends who are enjoying retirement life.

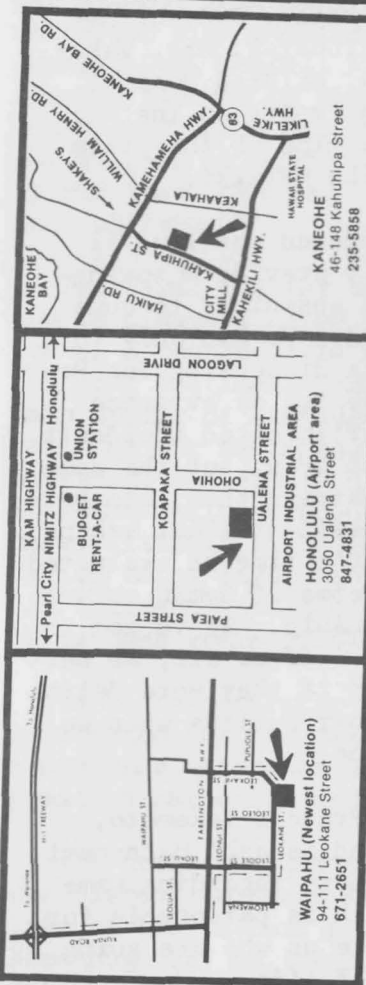
Enjoying a 3-week vacation in August was Kenichi Suehiro. Ken spent time in Alaska viewing the semi-wilderness and fishing, but adhering to the stringent regulations which permit fish to reach maturity. Ken's observations regarding types of fishing, conditions, environments, habits of salmon, etc. made for interesting stories (tales?). Ken relates that the apparent wastefulness of the fisherman in the disposition of his catch was visibly evident in the land of plenty.

Roy Honbo arrived in Hawaii on May 11 to visit relatives and friends. Departing for Japan on May 21 to get re-acquainted with relatives in Niigata and Yamaguchi Prefectures, Roy returned to Hawaii in time for the 35th Reunion festivities. On June 14, Roy departed for Chicago to tend to his electrical contracting business. Roy, it was just great seeing you again in Honolulu.

Best wishes to Mrs. Helen Tricas. Wedding bells chimed for Helen Izuta, daughter of Mrs. Kay Izuta and the late George Izuta on August 6, 1977, in Newbury Park, Calif. The new Mrs. Helen Tricas is a pharmacist employed by the Pomona General Hospital.

Edward Taguchi, the former mess sergeant, retired as a mason from Kenneth Shioi & Co. As retirement celebration, Edward and his family visited Las Vegas and the surrounding areas beginning the weekend of May 29. An enjoyable time awaited them at the fun-capital of the nation and the outdoor entertainment areas of Southern California.

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HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

by Walter Kadota

The Dogs came. Also the rain. And so did the complaints about the cancelled golf, the hotel food and Hilo's night life. But there was no belly-aching about the partying at the AJA Veterans Clubhouse on Co. D Reunion Night.

During cocktail hour it was announced that a "fukujiru" concoction was being served, a guarantor of fertility and virility. The ladies made a beeline for the soup kitchen, including Ben Tamashiro.

It was Old Home Week for the Ed Haradas, Masao Kawamatas, Sadashi Matsunamis, Martin Toharas, Mrs. Wakiyo Sekiya and Mrs. Mildred Hosaka. When you have your roots on the Big Island, you don't mind if the place is not jumping like Waikiki.

Martin Tohara wondered out loud if this affair didn't provide a springboard for chronic absentees to come back into the fold. He had only to look at Tom Kadota dispensing Sus Hata's drinks at the bar as evidence that it does. Martin cited incidents where guys do want help, but the same self-pride that carried them into battle makes them hesitant about asking for assistance. It's time we evaluated our programs in terms of human values and human relationship. We've got to reach out to them. After all, we never questioned them if they were delinquent in their contributions when we were up on the line.

Our apologies to Francis Takemoto, Muggsy Morikawa and Sadashi Matsunami for a lapse in memory regarding name recollection, which is pardonable for party crashers like us who are going through a change of life.

Our thanks go to Helen Nikaido, Kazuo Senda and Fred Yamashige who filled us

in with names of the out-of-town registrants, and since Helen, Ben Morimoto and others will be mentioning them in their PPP news columns, we're confining ours to the local Dogs.

M.C. Larry Tanimoto, with an assist from Shizuko Akamine, took over the entertainment portion of the program and introduced the following:

Mrs. Seitoku Akamine and Mrs. Kikuye Sueda in interpretive Okinawan dance numbers.

Tsugio Kaisen in a ryukoku, vintage year unknown, SAKE NO BUNA.

Capone Inomoto vocalizing a love ballad of the '40's.

Tatsuo Terao (Maui) in an omoide revival of SUITE ITA NO NI.

GONIN NO OTOKO, unrehearsed samurai skit, featuring:

Motoyoshi Tanaka, ani-uye of the Fabulous Five.

Sadatoshi Miyazono, snarling with animal grunts in the best Toshiro Mifune tradition.

Tsugio Kaisen, off-stepping, goose-stepping ronin in getas twice its normal size.

Shige Tokuke, the self-styled Nikkei samurai of the Hyaku Daitai in a sword ritual.

Tarush Yamamoto, master of pantomime, complete with yaburegasa and a yasai-shiirisu prop.

Dancing followed to taped music and we did a double take seeing "Twin-kletoes" Cabby Muneno tripping the light fantastic in perfect 3/4 time. A typical case of a lost sheep coming back into the fold.

The regular August monthly meeting

was augmented by a going away party for the Club 100 European tour group at Richard Miyashiro's trattoria. Spaghetti and espresso were served plus Pink Chablis, Vin Rose and Spagnada, compliments of Kobayashi Travel Service, Wally Yamagata and Jim Maeda. It was announced that Harry Oda has been grounded by his physician and will not be going with us. Also that the annual memorial services at Veterans Cemetery will take place, September 25, keynote speaker being Senator John Ushijima.

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RURAL CHAPTER NEWS

By Edward Saito

After having spent a considerable number of years in the cold northland of Alaska, I have returned home and this time to stay permanently.

Being comparatively a new-comer to the Club and the Rural Chapter, I have not yet begun to take many things for granted. I have observed what a good memory many of the boys have. They readily remembered me, while on the contrary, I can't seem to place the names and faces together without considerable difficulty.

I was impressed deeply to learn how actively the Club has operated thus far without relenting in the spirit in which our club was first organized. Recently, Gen. Kendall Fielder, in the closing remarks of his message at the Anniversary Banquet, aptly touched this spirit when he said, "Never let this spirit that joins you together pass into oblivion."

The Rural chapter bi-monthly meeting is always a happy one. Many members travel a considerable distance to attend our meetings. There is always a warm spirit of comradeship which prevails at our meetings. And as to be expected, conversation usually drifts to some unsaid incidents of the war days. Although it could be hardly called happy days, many happy events and incidents could be recalled from those dark years of our lives.

It is heartwarming to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends among them with whom we shared the greatest hardships and sacrifices.

The Rural chapter offer heartfelt condolences to Kenzo Endo (F&C) on the loss of his father. Also to Nobuichi Masatsugu (B) on the loss of his mother.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By TOM NAGATA

Rev. Shinbo of the Kahului Jodo Mission will conduct our annual KIA memorial service. Due to the fact that our old Naska clubhouse is in danger of collapsing we will hold this year's service at the Arisumi Brothers Recreation Hall. Time and date is 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25th. Goichi Shimanuki and Kiyoshi Doc Ikeda are the co-chairmen.

Our "thank you" go to the Iao Congregation Church men singers who entertained during the Chinese dinner hour held at the Red Dragon restaurant for the California Club 100 golf visitors. The Wallace Maedas led the singers with Mrs. Maeda at the piano and Wallace with his uke and accordion. Well done!

The Wataru Nouchis, formerly of Wailuku and for many years from the state of California, were recent visitors to Maui No Ka Oi. Hope to see you again soon on Maui.

A reminder to all members and wives who plan on helping at the shave ice booth during the Maui County Fair. Have your TB skin test as soon as possible. It is free and painless. You can have your test at the Wailuku Health Center located just below the Memorial Hospital and they are open 8 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A special Mahalo to Masao Sato and Akira "Jockey" Ishikawa for their time and effort in cleaning out our Naska clubhouse of all valuables in preparation for the final moving day.

We welcome back to Maui Rudy Yoshida, who has retired from the Federal service on the Mainland. He has started a new career with the state government by working at Kula Sanatorium. Hope to see Rudy often at our Maui chapter meetings.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

By Ben Morimoto

The big event in the recent past as far as our chapter is concerned was participating in the Dog Co. Reunion in Hilo. Sixteen adults and one child answered the call and with other island members made Hilo Lagoon Hotel their quarters. What a reception--you are aware that you are in Hilo when there is an intermittency of sunshine and rain, Friday and Saturday. Friday night get-together affair was held at the Waiola State Park. A walking distance from the hotel across the lagoon. As always when to food and drinks you just had to be there to enjoy. No sense trying to put in words.

One sad note. The golfers did get up early Saturday morning with high hopes but the Hilo welcoming was too much to overcome, just soaking wet. Sunday morning was a beautiful day and so some golfers had chances of teeing off. Saturday, those who went sightseeing the volcano area like Mr. & Mrs. Kazuo Sakai and Mr. & Mrs. Fusetsu Miyazaki thanks to Madame Pele and a perfect day. Saturday night at the Club House, it was Teppan Butter Yaki, a delightful taste treat where you sat and ate and ate. Besides all these food and desserts the Hilo gang put on a hilarious entertaining show.

It was a happy occasion for me at the Hilo Reunion. By accident I met Mr. Yamashita of Kurtistown at the shopping center, after a period of thirty years or more. Also to meet and spend some time with Mr. & Mrs. James Nagoshi, happily retired and living in their new home.

August 28th is our annual SummerDay outing at Salt Pond Park. It will be a pot-luck sort for the Club will buy the steaks and each member attending will bring a plate.

Postscript: Nisei World War II Veterans Keep Proud Tradition Alive

This year's Nisei Week parade was, in one respect, no different from previous years.

Just as it has done for the past 20 years, a color guard from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team headed up the 1½-mile procession that wound through the streets of Little Tokyo in downtown Los Angeles Sunday.

The regiment, composed largely of Nisei (second-generation Japanese), suffered the highest number of casualties and became the most-decorated unit of World War II.

More importantly, it came to symbolize the Nisei and served to ease their return from the war fronts and, domestically, from remote relocation camps.

Among this year's four-man color guard was Hiroshi Takusagawa—a former mortar gunner in the weapons platoon of Company F. He is a Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge winner. Or as he prefers, "Just another soldier doing his job."

"Sure, the pride is still there," Takusagawa said. "It's why we're still here and why our association (the 442nd Veterans Assn. of Southern California) does the things it does. Why else would we be in existence? It's pride that makes us want to perpetuate our name."

He was sent to Italy in May, 1944, saw action in June and was wounded at the Battle of Bruyeres in eastern France. Takusagawa was 19 then, the

"nominal" head of a family of three behind the barbed-wire fences of the Gila relocation camp and anxious to join the U.S. Army at a time when it was not enlisting Japanese-Americans.

When recruiting began for the 442nd, Takusagawa and about 10,000 other Nisei men jumped at the chance to enlist.

"I really feel the government was giving us a chance to resell ourselves to the American public by forming the 442nd," said Takusagawa, now an instructor at Los Angeles Trade Tech.

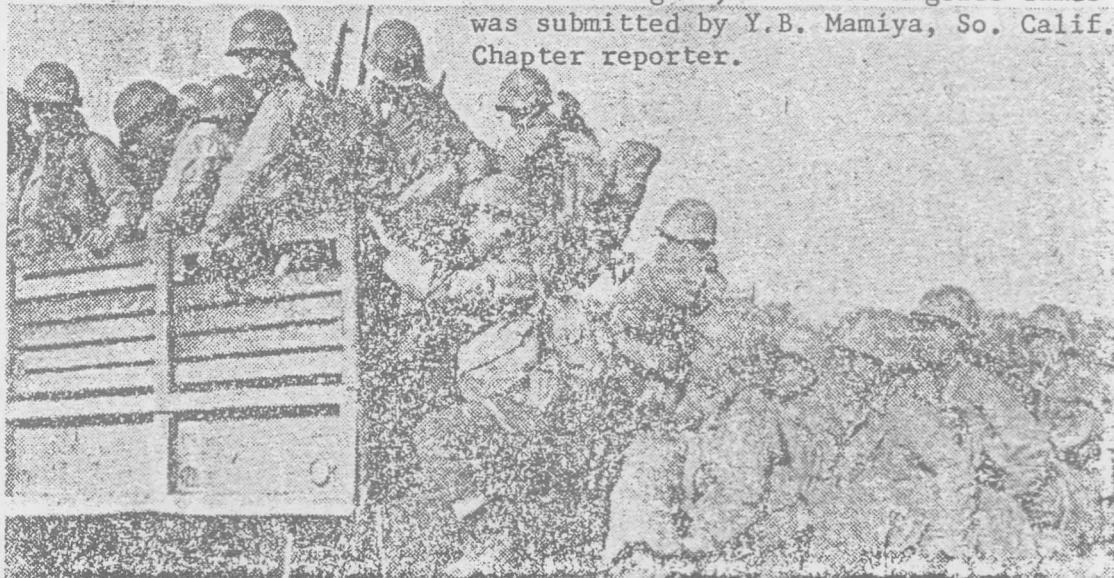
"The philosophy of 'go for broke' was with us from the very beginning. Subconsciously and consciously both, we felt we were on trial. We had something to prove. That's why I was there in the first place. I felt the Army was the only way to go and the 442nd was the only avenue I had. But it turned out to be a very good way."

Leading off the parade that climaxes every Nisei Week celebration is part of the honor and respect still conferred on the unit.

"It's great that they ask us and give us a chance to display our colors and remind people that we were there too," Takusagawa said. "But here, we are not the showcase—just part of the history and tradition of all Nisei."

—By Pat Tashima

Editor's Note - This article from the Aug 29, 1977 Los Angeles Times was submitted by Y.B. Mamiya, So. Calif. Chapter reporter.



Members of 442nd Regimental Combat Team load up for battle in France in World War II.



THESE EXHIBITION DANCERS WERE FEATURED AT THE DANCE CLUB'S ANNIVERSARY PARTY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, UH CAMPUS CENTER.





THIS YOSEUE (GATHERING OF PLANTS) WILL BE SHOWN AT THE ANNUAL CLUB 100 BONSAI SHOW, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 AND 30, 1977, AT THE CLUBHOUSE. ALSO, PLANT SALE AND BONSAI DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE FEATURED.

BONSAI CLUB NEWS

by Florence Matsumura

This is the time of the year when we have our annual picture taking in preparation for our Bonsai Show to be held in late October. The locale was the luxurious home of the Ronald Higashis in Haiku Plantation.

While photographer Sumio Ito was busy outside with the men snapping away on his camera, the ladies got a headstart lazing around and enjoying the delicious pupus and refreshments prepared and served by Edith Ito and Shizu Higashi.

To prove that there are indeed some good eating places on that side of the island, Ronald escorted us to The Liltile Restaurant in the Windward City Shopping Center where we joined in a most satisfying luncheon.

Incidentally, Sumi regretfully informed us later that through some "mishap" all of the pictures hand't turned out. (Don't feel too badly about it, Sumi, it was a perfectly good excuse to get together anyway).

During July, we were saddened by the loss of a dear friend and a respected bonsai expert, Mr. Kiichi Ikeda, who passed away at the age of 90. We will all miss this gentle person who was truly a part of us.

We tend to lean more toward the single plant type of bonsai, but at our July meeting, Mike Uyeno gave us some tips on yose-ue or group planting. In this type of bonsai, the emphasis is on the group as a whole to simulate a natural forest and is usually made up of an uneven number of trees of preferably the same species.

Mike had produced a detailed movie of a yose-ue planting project which members of the Honolulu Bonsai Club had undertaken one weekend. While running the film, he explained the use of sponge rock or dampened sphagnum moss

and soil to accomplish the job and advised that the planting would look best in an oval, shallow container. It appeared that this sort of bonsai requires the assistance and effort of several hands to lend balance to the total picture but the finished product seems worth the try.



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- 1 envelope gelatin
- 1 c. hot water

Mix and pour into 9 x 13 pan. Chill.

Second Layer:

1. Mix 1 can condensed milk with 1 c. hot water.
2. Mix 2 envelopes gelatin with 1 c. hot water.
3. Mix above ingredients together and set aside.
4. Pour 1 c. of this mixture over first layer.

Third Layer:

Repeat with next flavor of Jello, then milk mixture.

Repeat until there are 4 layers of Jello and 3 layers of the milk mixture.

Submitted by Pat Akimoto

SEVEN-UP KANTEN

Combine together:

1. 4 envelopes unflavored gelatin
 - 1 c. boiling water
 - 1 c. syrup (from large size canned fruit)
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 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar
 - 2 Tbsp. orange juice

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Submitted by Dorothy Tomasa

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CLUB 100 BOWLING NEWS

By Don Nagasaki

It was Aug. 12, one week before the final week of bowling. League-leading Harry Asato Painting took only 1 point/100m "never will give up" Holo Holo Apparel (all-women). There was a big help from the Kanraku Teahouse team which soundly trounced the Windward Furniture team, 3-1. The Furniture men ended up in second place and the Painting bowlers captured the championship after many years of non-contention and obscurity.

The third place team was not decided until the final night of bowling. Four teams had a chance to come in third. The winner was Nakatani Farm, a team which was in contention throughout the season. The Vets Termite Control team was beaten 3-1 and finished in fifth place.

Final League Standing

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Harry Asato Painting	64
2. Windward Furniture	60
3. Nakatani Farm	54
4. Shiseido of Hawaii	52
5. Vets Termite Control	51
6. Greg Ikeda Insurance	51
7. Trophy Center	50
8. Kanraku Teahouse	37
9. Holo Holo Apparel	34
10. Team No. 6	27

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"A" DIVISION

HI-AVG	Patrick Hirano	171
	Todd Takashige	171
HI-AVG (w/Hdcp)	Andrew Hirano	188
HI-2	Robert Uehara	434
HI-2 (w/Hdcp)	Tom Matsumura	459
HI-1	Kiyoshi Kami	248
HI-1 (w/Hdcp)	Fred Nakamura	257

"B" DIVISION

Steven Sekiya	163
Warren Iwai	183
Wilfred Shobu	183
Calvin Endo	405
Hide Mitsui	456
Sonsei Nakamura	222
Joe Maeda	236
Rikio Tsuda	236

"C" DIVISION

HI-AVG	Kenneth Endo	146
HI-AVG (w/Hdcp)	Dale Tateishi	179
HI-2	Jack Hirano	361
HI-2 (w/Hdcp)	Dean Nakayama	424
HI-1	Masasuke Toma	196
HI-1 (w/Hdcp)	B.J. Kimura	235

WOMEN

Mary Yamane	184
Esther Shimazu	432
Pat Akimoto	262

Bowlers must have bowled at least 40 games for the high average award and at least 30 games for the HI-2 and HI-1 awards.

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

FEB/MAR	Shigeo Tamashiro	239	JUNE	James Inafuku	234
APRIL	Steven Oki	242	JULY	Ken Nakasone	239
MAY	Kiyoshi Uyeno	224	AUGUST	Harry Hirata	234

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE GAME OF BOWLING

MOST IMPROVED BOWLERS:	No. of Games	Starting Average	Ending Average	
Wilfred Shobu	42	137	156	+19
Andrew Hirano	60	154	167	+13
Herbert Yamamoto	27	138	149	+11
Warren Iwai	42	144	153	+ 9
B.J. Kimura	55	124	131	+ 7

BIGGEST DUMPERS:

Leighton Hirata	41	181	170	-11
Isao Nadamoto	27	148	137	-11
Hideshi Niimi	50	152	141	-11
Shigeo Tamashiro	43	162	152	-10
Les Yoshimasu	29	164	155	- 9

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A: Pension benefits may be paid to wartime veterans discharged under other than dishonorable conditions, who are totally and permanently disabled, who have at least 90 days continuous active duty and whose annual income and net worth are within certain limitations. Veterans 65 years of age or older are considered permanently and totally disabled.

Q: I used my VA Certificate of Eligibility to purchase a home in 1970. I sold this home on an assumption. Am I entitled to purchase another home using the balance of my benefit?

A: You may use the remainder of your guarantee. You should apply for a new Certificate of Eligibility. The amount of guaranty has been increased to \$17,500. This is \$5,000 more than you were entitled to in 1970.

Q: Are there any advantages to convert National Service Life Insurance to permanent insurance?

A: There are advantages if the insured plans to keep the insurance protection in later life. Premium rates for permanent plans are more expensive than for term insurance initially. However, term rates increase every five years while permanent rates remain the same. At older ages, term rates increase sharply and the insurance becomes extremely expensive.

Q: My husband was rated 100 percent service-connected disabled at the time of his death, but died of non-service-connected conditions. Is my daughter eligible for dependents' educational assistance?

A: Yes. Educational assistance is payable to dependents of veterans who die of nonservice-connected causes while totally and permanently disabled due to service-connected disability.

Q: How long may a "helpless child" receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)?

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2	6' 6¾"	52	170' 7"	2	¾"	52	1' 8½"
3	9' 10¼"	53	173' 11"	3	1 ¼"	53	1' 9"
4	13' 1½"	54	177' 2"	4	1 ½"	54	1' 9¼"
5	16' 5"	55	180' 5"	5	2"	55	1' 9¾"
6	19' 8¼"	56	183' 9"	6	2 ½"	56	1' 10"
7	22' 11½"	57	187'	7	2 ¾"	57	1' 10½"
8	26' 3"	58	190' 3"	8	3 ¼"	58	1' 10¾"
9	29' 6¾"	59	193' 7"	9	3 ½"	59	1' 11¼"
10	32' 9¾"	60	196' 10"	10	4"	60	1' 11¾"
11	36' 1"	61	200' 1"	11	4 ¼"	61	2'
12	39' 4½"	62	203' 5"	12	4 ¾"	62	2' ½"
13	42' 7¾"	63	206' 8"	13	5 ¼"	63	2' ¾"
14	45' 11¼"	64	210'	14	5 ½"	64	2' 1¼"
15	49' 2¼"	65	213' 3"	15	6"	65	2' 1½"
16	52' 6"	66	216' 6"	16	6 ¼"	66	2' 2"
17	55' 9¼"	67	219' 10"	17	6 ¾"	67	2' 2½"
18	59' ¾"	68	223' 1"	18	7"	68	2' 2¾"
19	62' 4"	69	226' 4"	19	7 ½"	69	2' 3¼"
20	65' 7½"	70	229' 8"	20	8"	70	2' 3½"
21	68' 10¾"	71	232' 11"	21	8 ¼"	71	2' 4"
22	72' 2¼"	72	236' 3"	22	8 ¾"	72	2' 4¼"
23	75' 5½"	73	239' 6"	23	9"	73	2' 4¾"
24	78' 9"	74	242' 9"	24	9 ½"	74	2' 5¼"
25	82' ¼"	75	246' 1"	25	9 ¾"	75	2' 5½"
26	85' 3¾"	76	249' 4"	26	10 ¼"	76	2' 6"
27	88' 7"	77	252' 7"	27	10 ¾"	77	2' 6¼"
28	91' 10½"	78	255' 11"	28	11"	78	2' 6¾"
29	95' 1¼"	79	259' 2"	29	11 ½"	79	2' 7¼"
30	98' 5¼"	80	262' 5"	30	11 ¾"	80	2' 7½"
31	101' 8"	81	265' 9"	31	1' ¼"	81	2' 8"
32	105'	82	268'	32	1' ½"	82	2' 8¼"
33	108' 3"	83	272' 4"	33	1' 1"	83	2' 8¾"
34	111' 6"	84	275' 7"	34	1' 1½"	84	2' 9"
35	114' 10"	85	278' 10"	35	1' 1¾"	85	2' 9½"
36	118' 1"	86	282' 2"	36	1' 2¼"	86	2' 10"
37	121' 5"	87	285' 5"	37	1' 2½"	87	2' 10¼"
38	124' 8"	88	288' 8"	38	1' 3"	88	2' 10¾"
39	127' 11"	89	292'	39	1' 3½"	89	2' 11"
40	131' 3"	90	295' 3"	40	1' 3¾"	90	2' 11½"
41	134' 6"	91	298' 7"	41	1' 4¼"	91	2' 11¾"
42	137' 9"	92	301' 10"	42	1' 4½"	92	3' ¼"
43	141' 1"	93	305' 1"	43	1' 5"	93	3' ¾"
44	144' 4"	94	308' 5"	44	1' 5¼"	94	3' 1"
45	147' 8"	95	311' 8"	45	1' 5¾"	95	3' 1½"
46	150' 11"	96	314' 11"	46	1' 6¼"	96	3' 1¾"
47	154' 2"	97	318' 3"	47	1' 6½"	97	3' 2¼"
48	157' 6"	98	321' 6"	48	1' 7"	98	3' 2½"
49	160' 9"	99	324' 10"	49	1' 7¼"	99	3' 3"
50	164'	100	328' 1"	50	1' 7¾"	100	3' 3½"

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