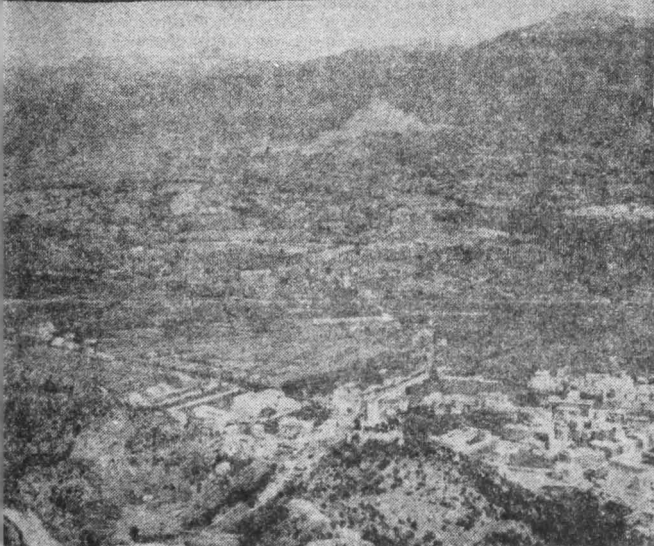
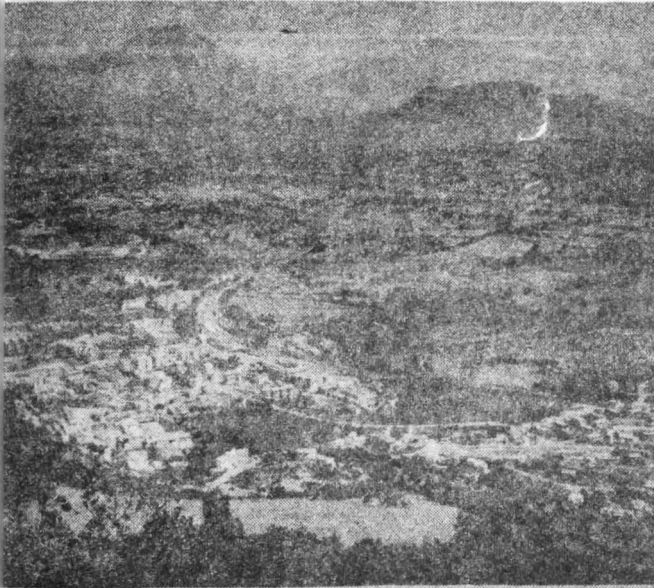




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Two views of Purple Heart Valley, taken from atop Monastery Hill, pictures by Kazuto Shimizu. Read his account of the European Tour Group in the Puka Square columns.

And do not forget that Sunday, Sept. 24th, is our 22nd Annual Memorial Service, to be held at Punchbowl National Cemetery, service to begin at 10:00 a.m.



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PUKA SQUARES

22nd ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE. Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th of September - please keep this date open for this is the day of our annual memorial service at Punchbowl National Cemetery. Lending a real touch of remembrance this year is the recent travel of the Club 100 European Tour Group. Jim Maeda has a story on this trip, including some comments by youngsters who accompanied their parents on this tour.

Because Kazuto Shimizu has submitted quite a comprehensive story on the tour, we are using his article for the rest of this Puka Squares column.

You will find Kazuto's story very interesting. Furthermore, his story is appropriate and befitting for the upcoming memorial service on the 24th of this month. His story begins under dateline of July 27 (Hotel Richmond, Copenhagen) and ends with a letter dated August 10 in which he tells about his re-visit to Monastery Hill, and a bit of reminiscing of the events that took place 23 years ago.

Club 100 EUROPEAN TOUR, by Kazuto Shimizu. July 27 - Hotel Richmond, Copenhagen. This is our last day in Copenhagen with the afternoon free for shopping and other activities. A good many in our group took advantage of this free time to extend their tour of Europe to Sweden for a one hour shopping in a "new" country, then returning to Copenhagen via the same ferry. They added another country to the country visited at the same time enjoyed a ride on a fast running hydrofoil ship.

The food in Copenhagen and the Hawaii group mixed in varied ways. Some enjoyed the multitude of prepared food tremendously while others couldn't get the hang of the unfamiliar servings. I won't be able to describe the food because the preparations are entirely different from what I've seen or tasted before. I can't even pronounce the names given to them, "smorrebrod" for example. Cheese and other dairy products are used generously with mushroom, caviar, oysters, shrimps, ham, chicken, fish cake, cured fish, etc., etc., to make individual servings about 2 inches in diameter and placed neatly on a plate so that one can eat around a plate from one selection to another. This is my interpretation of a "smorrebrod", the Danish open faced sandwich.

By contrast, a Danish dinner is very simple; hors d'oeuvre or soup, fish or meat and desert or cheese.

If we thought Danish food was peculiar, the Danish waiters must have wondered at our strange habits. For one thing we ate so fast and we consumed so much water.

I thought the money exchange was simple, but I still saw - after three days in Copenhagen - many of our group just handing a bunch of coins instead of trying to figure it out. I can see the problem the U.S. will have when the time comes to change over to the metric system. The decimal system seems so simple once a person catches on, but imagine the housewives being told to use so many cubic centimeters of sugar instead of in teaspoons in their recipes, that the temperature today is 25° C instead of 77° F - Oh, Well!

The Danish countryside was beautiful. It was pleasant to see everything green and lush. There were many beautiful homes, each with well kept lawns trimmed with beautiful flower beds. The Danes must be gay people that enjoy beautiful things.

We had one birthday cake presented at our hotel dining room for Jo Ann Ige who finally reached teenage status - thirteen years old. Jo Ann is the "baby" of our group - full of life and pep. Her youth and her enthusiasm overflows to cheer all of us around her. Mr. & Mrs. Ige is not with her on this trip but they need not worry. And Mr. Shiroma (also not on this trip) need not worry about Mrs. Shiroma. Jo Ann is taking good care of her.

The hotel service was fairly good, I thought, and most fares were reasonable. But it pays to ask the price first as Betty Tokunaga found when she got a \$7.00 bill for her laundry (2 dresses). Mike that's where your hard earned money is going. The seven dollars

could not be the cost of cleaning two dresses so Betty is charging the difference to experience. The Richmond Hotel could stand some self-examination. But then, I wonder if similar things are happenings or will be happening in Waikiki.

As a whole, I thought Denmark was a delightful place to visit. The people are cheerful and very honest. The streets are clean, the traffic sane, the food out of this world - A plus for almost everything.

It was neither convenient nor practical to write along the way from Berlin through Germany (up the Rhine River) and Switzerland. We took in two extra tours during our short stay in Berlin.

The trip from Berlin to Baden Baden was one long trip from early morning via Pan Am aircraft, bus, ferry boat and bus again. It was a wonder we made the trip in one day. The heavy dose of riding took some of the fun out of the whole gang. I couldn't get into the mood of writing.

Lucerne, Switzerland was too beautiful and the stay time of one day and two nights was too short for all the sightseeing and shopping we wished to do. Besides, August 1st was the Swiss National Holiday -- just couldn't find enough time for writing. We left Lucerne yesterday, spent a night in Innsbruck, Austria, and this morning we are on our way to Venice, Italy, through the Brenner Pass.

Berlin was a worthwhile visit. We started off in a gloom when we landed in East Berlin from Copenhagen. Crossing the border from East to West was an

unforgettable experience. I can describe the details and close surveillance performed by the armed Russian border guards, but I will never be able to pass on the inner reaction of the individual passing from a Police State to a Free World. The only humor I've noticed on the eastern side of "Check Point Charlie" was when the Russian guard took a second confirming look at Robert Aoki's passport photo. (Pardon the handwriting - I am writing on the bus climbing the mountain road to Brenner Pass).



But Berlin was not all gloom. Our accommodation was good and the night club tour (four night clubs in one night) was excellent. There is a lake - Lake Howell, in West Berlin which is rather large and a place for the West Berliners (including Club 100 visitors) to let out their pent up emotions. We were told there are 80,000 small boats in this lake. The western fringes of this lake is in East Germany and the pleasure boats in this sector of this lake is zero. Commercial boats passing this line are escorted by Russian patrol boats. The shore line is heavily guarded and I suppose heavily mined. But, this border line, in contrast to "Check Point Charlie" is a border line where a little bit of humor exists as seen in a large sign placed on the "Free" side within sight of the Russians asking "Do you know your comrades?" This is because the Russian guards on the patrol boats are not acquainted with each other -- one of the many methods used by the Russians to reduce the possibility of their own guards defecting the West. After all this, there were many remarks heard such as "Glad to be an American, race riots and all!"

The trip through West Germany was all too fast. The ferry ride up river on the Rhine Steamer was a mad scramble getting on, getting something to eat and getting off, that there was hardly time to really enjoy the scenery. There must be some side roads in Germany where one can take in the beautiful countryside away from the hustle and bustle of tourism. I have a feeling we missed something in Germany -- something we couldn't take in on a short tour covering so many countries.

We did take time to walk through Heidelberg Castle though. As happens always when travelling far from home, Aiko Yamashige came face to face with Mabel Sakuma of Kahului, Maui. After staring at each other for about two and one-half seconds of stunned silence, they finally burst into "Hi, etc., etc."

Austria - we hardly saw the place.

As we enter the warm valleys of Northern Italy some are beginning to doze off again. But the ladies are


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conspicuously wide awake. I wonder what they are looking for? Trying not to miss any Italian having familiar looking Oriental features? If they are, they are wide awake in the wrong area. The 100th did not come up this part of Italy.

Some of the people in the back of the bus are practicing their pigeon Italian. It is a little twist now in that the Hawaii tourists who think they understand Italian are trying to see if their pigeon Italian could be put across. Up until now it was trying to pass our pigeon English to the poor Europeans who thought they understood some English. Imagine their trying to figure out "How come no more puka here."

Couldn't keep up with the writing. It was either no time or couldn't get into the right mood.

This morning we left Rome for Nice. It was "areva-deci Roma" with a little tear for a few various reasons such as: new found puppy love and just plain sad to be leaving -- I'll mention no names.

Rome was enjoyable. First of all, we had a very comfortable hotel to return to for meals and accommodation (continued on next page) →

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tions. St. Peter's Cathedral and the Vatican were fabulous beyond description. The entire group seemed contented when we left the city for the airport.

Our stay in Italy was fairly long. Two nights in Venice, one night in Florence, one night in Sorrento (South of Naples) and three nights in Rome.

Venice was where most of the shopping was done. The visit to the glass factory was strictly a commercial show but very interesting in that actual handwork was demonstrated in the manufacture of glassware sold in the same establishment. The pigeons and St. Mark's Square, the cathedral and everything else in art and architecture are still there for the tourists and students of art and history to observe and study. We were also told that Venice is sinking at the rate of fourteen inches every one hundred years. My observation was that Venice is not only sinking but dying. The streets are very narrow and even the hotel hallways are less than three feet wide at some places. Our hotel room was supposed to be one of the better places but I did not find it comfortable. The high humidity added to the cramped discomfort and I was happy to get out of the place. One of these days there will be no visitors in Venice to support the many shops that line the streets and to ride the gondolas that charge an exorbitant price for a short "romantic ride" in the canal water in which you would not dare wet your feet. We could have skipped Venice and not missed much.

Our visit to Florence was short since we reached there late in the afternoon and left very early next morning. But we were able to manage a short tour to take in the highlights of the city. The evidences of damage done by the flood last winter are still there - the flood must have been terrible. Some of you have seen Florence. Imagine every shop in the low area of the city completely covered with raging flood water racing at 40 miles an hour and you will have some idea of what the flood did to this city.

Sorrento was only an overnight station. We came in late so we had no time to take advantage of the fine beaches or to extend the visit to the Isle of Capri nearby. Further, we were shuffled into another hotel not listed in the itinerary. Passing an overflow customers from one hotel to another - strictly tourist business handling, I understand.

Pompeii is still there, better organized for visitors than before, but that certain area and paintings some veterans of many years ago talk about is closed to the public - a disappointment to those who had cameras with photo-flash ready.

Cassino, as far as those who were there, was the highlight of this trip. Castle Hill and the ruins are still there. The houses behind the castle where Major Lovell got hit is leveled flat but the machine gun bunkers are still there.

We drove up Monastery Hill but couldn't visit the rebuilt Abbey because it was closed until 3:00 p.m. and we couldn't wait. But the most disappointing thing was that we couldn't get to the side of the Abbey from which to look down the hill where the 100th came up towards Castle Hill. The look-out that overlooked the valley was on the "German" side and as far as we were concerned, it was one of little interest. But I

did manage to get some pictures on black and white film so that you can use it for the Puka Puka Parade publication. I will mail the undeveloped film to you as soon as I reach New York. Take good care of the film because those pictures were taken with no blood but certainly with sweat and some tears.

When I realized that we couldn't get any pictures in the direction of real interest to those not making this trip, I started to go down the look-out at the top in search of a better spot to take pictures. Then I saw a trail the road below from which we came up the hill. I took the pictures I wanted. I was also timing myself to be back within five minutes before I was missed. There was no turning back once I started on this "expedition" which took about five minutes longer than I expected. I had to run up the hill completely around the Abbey and I certainly misjudged the size of the Abbey and the distance around it. In the meantime the group that was scattered and milling around the top of the hill, some drinking soft drinks from a concession wagon nearby, suddenly decided it was too hot to hang around this area and everybody went back to the bus to get out of the area. Of course one person was missed. Can you imagine what can go on in people's minds within a five minute period? There were several people below the look-out but none saw me go down toward the road. When I didn't respond to the call from above, Fred Yamashige, Kenneth Yoshiura and Richard Yamamoto had started a search party to look for me below the ledges. When I came trotting up the hill, met my wife with swollen eyes - she must have imagined and feared the worst. Poor Fred, Ken and Richard, they were puffing and perspiring more than I.

I felt sorry I put so many people to worry - but at that time I was determined to get those pictures. (The bus could not stop on the road by regulation). Remember, those shots are on the only black and white roll of film used by this group - take care.

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Going down the hill, the bus driver violated regulations and stopped at two places on the "no stopping" road, the second stop at the top of Castle Hill.

Richard Yamamoto explained to me the route used by the 100th and the location of the machine gun nests, etc. It appears to me it was a wonder the 100th wasn't wiped out here. Probably the only reason those who came up to the top survived was that they were too close to the enemy positions for the Germans to throw their heavy weapons on them. If Richard's explanations are accurate, the 100th was inside the German stronghold and within five to ten feet from some of the bunkers - and I am not exaggerating. Now I begin to believe some of the stories I've been listening to at those all night stag parties. I can also believe Saburo Ishitani's story about his setting his motor barrel only three degrees from the vertical and checking the level on the weapon each time he fired. He was firing almost straight up and that was the only way he could have fired to hit the enemy position. Yes! That was the only position where the 100th could have survived directly under the enemy guns. How they managed to get there, I don't know.

Anzio was not on the itinerary but since it was so close to Rome, five of us, Fred Yamashige, Norman Oda, Kenneth Yoshiura, Rusty Nakagawa and myself hired a car with an English speaking driver to take us into the area. It was a wild stab at trying to locate some land marks of recognition. We found Anzio all right but it was completely unrecognizable. We also found the beach front between Rome and Anzio completely occupied by resort and private beaches - completely changed. We found Mussolini Canal but couldn't locate the exact spots that we occupied. The farm houses and the dirt road looked familiar but no houses or road intersections could be located as being "this is it". Cisterna is completely rebuilt.

We also found Lanuvio and to my surprise, we found the exact battle grounds where the 100th Infantry attacked in an attempt to cut off the Lanuvio Road on June 2, 1944. Unfortunately we came upon this place at 6:00 p.m., two hours behind schedule and had no time to explore the area. But we were able to take five minutes to take pictures and talk to an Italian farmer who happened to be nearby. The farmer confirmed that there was a gulley further down the farm road which was the starting point of the attack. When asked if there were some American tanks destroyed in this area during the war, he answered he doesn't know exactly but added that this was an area of heavy battle where in some areas, there were one American or German dead one meter (about a yard) apart.

This was the battle in which Company C suffered heavy casualties. Lt. Sueoka, Lei Yamashiro, among others, lost their lives here. Rusty Nakagawa got wounded here.

How did we find this place? I cannot fully explain how but as we drove down the winding road from Lanuvio, we passed over a railroad that looked familiar. Then I saw some pine trees with the bottom branches trimmed so that the whole tree took the shape of a champagne glass. Suddenly I recalled seeing something like this before. We were approaching a road fork and I told the driver to stop. There was something familiar about this whole area. Right next to

where we stopped there was a narrow dirt road between rows of grape vines planted in rows parallel to this same road which lead straight to some bushy area in the general direction of Anzio from where we were standing. Suddenly everything fitted together. We were standing on the road that was the 100th objective that day in June 1944. The farm house that stood in front of us next to the road fork was the house from which two German tanks emerged to destroy our supporting tanks during the attack. The terrain, the pine trees, the size of the dirt road, the size and direction of the rows in the grape vineyard all fitted together.

I am not known to have a good memory so those who know me may wonder how I can remember all this that happened in one day, twenty-three years ago. I wonder at it myself. Time is a wonderful healer and I thought I had forgotten some of the horrors that I experienced during the war. But time is wonderful. For many years I couldn't talk about these instances of my life without trembling. Now I find that I can even write about it so I will take this opportunity to write what I remember of the "Battle of Lanuvio" as I will recall it.

I will not go into the details of the battle in terms of the larger Units, the 34th Division and the 5th Army. These can be found in the "Ambassador in Arms" and other publications. But I will mention that the 100th was to pass through the positions held by the 135th Infantry of the 34th Division. The 135th was a regiment in the 34th Division that suffered heavy casualties here before the 100th came in. This point is mentioned so that there will be no confusion of the fact that the 34th Division captured the town of Lanuvio, not the 100th Infantry Battalion.

The morning of the attack was nice and sunny. As we passed over the 135th position, I saw young replacement soldiers with brand new rifles and uniforms, huddled in fox holes in utter confusion while the Sergeant, probably their squad leader, took down their names from fox hole to fox hole. I thought to myself, what a horrible thing to be a replacement soldier joining the combat unit at the front lines! This could have happened to me.

Then I saw Sgt. Nakamoto deploying the 1st Platoon of C Company in a skirmish line for the attack as we left the 134th's position. Lt. Sueoka was next to him, walking upright and forward. This glimpse was the first and last time I saw Lt. Sueoka who had replaced Lt. Jon Chinen and Lt. Okada who were our platoon leaders up until the night before the attack when both of them were wounded. This was the beginning of my initiation into combat. My first encounter with a German soldier was immediate. Not more than ten yards away there were two of them with their hands up. I did not see them raise their hands so they must have seen me first. Yoshio Tengan and Edward Ogawa were to my right. The three of us would have been easy target for their machine pistols if they had not decided to surrender. Their fox holes were well camouflaged. We were probably saved by the boldness at which we advanced which scared them into submission. From then on my eyes were bubbly wide and alert. I heard Sgt. Robert Takeo yelling at us not to waste time on souvenirs. I saw Edward Ogawa grab the muzzle end of a P-38 pistol and toss it into the

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father fought and a picture book of the history of man from the Roman Emperor to the mini skirts."

The interest of the members of the group varied; however, we did well. We had some uncomfortable moments, the summer heat, long bus rides, delays and some misunderstanding about the tour. However, there were more pluses than minuses. We can all say, "that it was an EXCELLENT TRIP".

On behalf of the 34 persons who toured New York City and Washington, D.C., our thanks to Sen. Dan Inouye, Sen. Hiram Fong, Congresswoman Patsy Mink, and Congressman Spark Matsunaga for the splendid hospitality. The group will long remember their visit to the nation's capitol.

We thank God for our safe journey back to Hawaii. We are grateful to Adolf Gobel of Karlsruhe, Germany, for his excellent driving. Our thanks to Club 100th, our tour guides, Sus Tours, Pan American Airways, Foremost Tours, our financial institutions, and others who made our trip possible.

We encourage the readers, young and old, to visit Europe.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE SPEAKS ABOUT THEIR TRIP

The trip meant a lot of things to me, meeting new friends, seeing new things, and trying out new things. It gave me a chance to see what the other parts of the world live like. I found all the European countries fascinating and unique in its own ways. They were all nice and I liked them all. But the places I liked best were Copenhagen, Venice and Rome. I like Copenhagen because of the Tivoli Gardens. Moana, Gene and I had lots of fun at the Tivoli Gardens.

Venice might have smelled "stink", but I guess I liked it because of the people -- they were friendly to us, especially the men with the GONDOLAS. We had lots of fun with them.

Last of all I liked Rome (The Eternal City). Even though the people were calling us Viet Cong, Indonesians, etc., I don't know exactly why I liked Rome. Maybe next time I go back, I'll find out why I liked it so much.

Lynne Higa

At first, when my father decided we were going to Europe, I doubted him very much. I also doubted that I would like the trip. Everything came out just the opposite. We did go to Europe and I enjoyed the tour. How other people live and the environment in which they live is something to see. I hope what I saw will help me in my European History course next year. So those of you who did not go on this trip -- should never have passed it up, or pass the next opportunity, if it comes your way -- you are not too old.

Seeing all the castles, museums, monuments, and churches along with the high points which are tourist attractions was quite interesting. Though castles and museums look the same from the outside and you can't tell one interior from the next, a person should look into them because each is or was important and each has something different.

Now I can say I saw the places where my father fought and a picture book of the history of man from the Roman Emperors to the mini skirts....

Donald Sakahara

Gee whiz, that trip to Europe was a lot of fun! We kind of thought we'd never get there with that eerie stop at Kennedy Airport. It was nice seeing Times Square from the air but it was awful to land and find ambulances and fire trucks on the runway waiting.

Anyway, our tour started off with a bang having to wait in the bus and wonder what happened to the Sakais on the first sightseeing trip. They were awakened, dressed, and on the bus within five minutes though. After that we never waited for them any more.

Night life was pretty dull for us kids except for Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen and the Folies Bergere in Paris. Amusement rides at Tivoli, like the roller-coaster are real spooky because there's hardly a bar to hang onto. We also had a lot of fun with the one-arm bandits especially when we won. But, the Folies in Paris was a different sort of fun, I guess.

The best country just had to be Italy despite the heat. There were all sorts of art work, from sculptures to paintings.

Another thing we really liked about this trip was that we got to know so many people. We'll never forget Mr. Tomasa, his jokes, and his salami and cheese sandwiches. Mr. Mac (Yoshikawa) entertained us well on those long boring bus rides with his harmonica and you did too, Mr. Maeda, in spite of the slight booing you got.

Well, after that trip we should be doing better in History and Geography.

Jeff and Peter Ono

MEMORIES OF EUROPEAN TOUR #1

DONALD SAKAHARA and his "Batman" umbrella all over Europe and United States from Amsterdam.... PETE & JEFF ONO for MR. MACK'S card games and harmonica playing.... MASARU TOMASA and his bread, salami, rice balls, Japanese restaurants and cameos ART TAMASHIRO for his headache and heartache learning to operate a movie camera.... MRS. NANCY TAMASHIRO for her blue shoes, beautiful blue bag and what's in it, and her movie camera action.... "CONTINENTAL" WOZUMI and TORAO ICHIMURA for their nightly red wine.... IRENE FURUYA and STELLA NAKAYAMA for their trait as good spending tourists RICHARD MIYASHIRO, who tried his best to keep track of his three daughters, their whereabouts and money spending.... JIMMY MAEDA and his Roman haircut.... KAZUMA HISANAGA and his "first" mail from an unknown admirer in Rome.... SAYOKO KAWASAKI and her first visit to a European hairdresser in London.... GEORGE INOUE and his joy of eating Danish hard bread resulting in visit to Danish dentist TOSHI NAGAMI for always getting up at 4:30 in the morning.... SHIZUKO AKAMINE looking for a Chinese restaurant and leading the group into the red light district in Amsterdam....

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Headquarters

The HQ Company feted two former officers of the 133rd Regiment of the 34th Infantry Division during their July family night. The two guests and their wives were attending the American Bar Association Convention in Honolulu. They are Federal Judge Roy L. Stephenson and Circuit Judge Ray C. Fountain, both of Iowa. Fountain was regimental commander of the 133rd Infantry Regiment during World War II. Stephenson was regimental adjutant when the 100th Battalion was assigned to the 133rd Regiment.

The visitors spent their evening reminiscing old times with members of the HQ Company -- Rinky Nakagawa, Kenichi Suehiro, Yoshito Aimoto, Ken Saruwatari, Shokin Asato, and others.

Eddie Okazaki and his family were special guests of the HQ Company family night. Also present as guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eichi Nakagawa.

Eddie Ikuma dropped a note to the HQ gang expressing his thanks for the fond Bon Voyage party. Eddie is busy with his new work, but reminded his HQ friends to drop by at his Hokkaido office.

Carol Suehiro is back from a two-month tour to the Orient. Carol is the daughter of the Ken Suehros.

And speaking of trips, we are expecting to see Marshall Higa and his family back from their European vacation in a week or so. Marshall will have many stories to tell his comrades.

Ken Otagaki

Gentlemen:

We returned from our trip to the land of Aloha last week. This is a trip that we will never forget. The hospitality shown to us by the Club 100 and its members made an otherwise pleasant trip even more enjoyable.

Enclosed is a copy of a clipping from yesterday's issue of the Des Moines paper which summarizes our high regard for the 100th Infantry Battalion and our appreciation for the cordial reception extended to us on our recent visit. Our wives were particularly pleased at being able to meet your wives and children.

We trust that if any of you or your children come our way that we will have an opportunity to extend the same hospitality.

Betty joins me to extending best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Roy L. Stephenson

Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, August 24, 1967

WARM RECEPTION

In World War II in Italy, Polk County District Judge Ray Fountain commanded the 133rd Regiment of the 34th Division and Iowa Federal District Court Judge Roy Stephenson was the regimental adjutant.

Part of the regiment was the 100th Battalion, composed of nisei from Hawaii, Japanese-Americans

widely considered one of the most courageous and effective units of World War II.

When the judges and their wives went to Hawaii this summer for an American Bar Association meeting, they were received by veterans of the 100th Battalion with warmth that all but overwhelmed them.

The nisei veterans formed the 100 Club after the war and the hospitality for the Fountains and the Stephensons started with a gala reception there.

They also entertained at pot-luck dinners and beach picnics given by individuals and groups within the nisei organization. And when the Fountains and Stephensons departed, there were farewell Hawaiian bouquets in their steamship staterooms.

Aloha:

As the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end," so our delightful vacation and trip to your State has ended and we are back at our usual activities, but with many fond and pleasant memories.

I had looked forward to this vacation with more than usual anticipation, and my hopes were justified. From the moment that we went aboard the S.S. Lurline until we left it in San Francisco upon our return we were so cordially and graciously received every place.

I especially enjoyed the opportunity to renew acquaintances with members of the 100th Battalion and share their many courtesies from the paging of us by Herbert Yamamoto at the hotel upon our arrival to the reception of the beautiful flowers in our stateroom when we departed.

At the trial judges conference I was happy to have the opportunity to have lunch with Judge Kitaoka of Maui, formerly of the 100th Battalion, and with Judge Tashiro of Kauai. At the luncheon we were addressed by Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Hawaii Martin Pence who gave us a most interesting talk on the history and development of government and law in the islands.

Upon our return home Judge Stephenson and I spent several days with the Iowa National Guard at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. There are still some with the Iowa Guard that were with you in the 34th when you were attached to the 34th Infantry Division. Under the proposed reorganization I read that Iowa will furnish a brigade to the 47th Infantry Division, Minnesota National Guard. This division was organized by the late Major General Norman Hendrickson who was Chief of Staff of the 34th Infantry Division when you served with it. Under this I would imagine that the 34th Infantry Division will disappear from active duty and be known only historically. The 34th Division Association continues to meet annually and will meet this year at the Hotel Montrose, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on September 8 and 9. Mrs. Fountain and I have reservations and plan to attend.

Mrs. Fountain joins me in extending our sincerest thanks to you for your gracious hospitality.

Mrs. Fountain and I want to assure you that the latch string is always out for any of the members of Club 100 who may be in our area.

Sincerely,

With the best of Aloha,

/s/ Ray C. Fountain

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Best Wishes to the Club 100

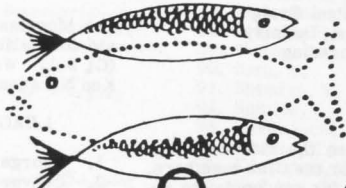
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Dear Mr. Planas:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the "Club 100" shirt sent to me by your organization through the efforts of Mr. Herbert Yamamoto. It is a beautiful garment and I will be proud to wear it.

The exploits of members of the 100th Infantry Battalion during World War II generally are well known. Since being at Camp McCoy I have had the pleasure of learning some of them in more detail from the book "Ambassador to Arms", and by talking with Mr. Kenneth Kojl. Certainly the exploits of the Battalion stand out among the best in the history of the United States Army.

It is an honor that members of your organization have seen fit to allow me to become associated with you in this manner. Please express my heartfelt appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Paul Craig
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

ABLE

September is here! That's when the kids return to school - here or abroad, but for the Club members, it's when you take time out just for one Sunday to attend the Annual Memorial Service to be held on September 24 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl. Able Chapter representative Paul Shirai would like you all to show up early to place the flowers over the graves of our fallen comrades. Remember!! Stanley Funai, Donald Hayashi, Haruo Kawamoto, Richard Toyama, Toyoshi Tamura, Masaru Yamamoto, and many more - Don't forget them.

Members and families really missed out on the chicken hekka dinner held at the Clubhouse on August 27 as one of Able Chapter family nites. Was really good especially with Richard Oki as chef.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Mits Fukuda who gained a daughter-in-law when their David got married on August 18 at the Nuuanu Congregational Church. He is stationed in Texas.

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BOWLING

George-Dean Photography (D) increased their lead to 1-1/2 points when they "pop" Mari Hanaya (Bn. HQ) 4-0 on August 25 at the Stadium Bowl-O-Drome in the Club 100 Bowling League. Harry Hirata had 193 plus 7 hdp = 200 for the leader.

To keep one and a half step behind, Denver Grill (A) took care of Trophy Center (HQ) 3-1. Kaname Yui's 181 plus 24 hdp. = 205 for the runner-up and for the Center - Bob Katayama's 540 and Haruo Torikawa's 504.

Ken Muroshige's 203 - 581, Stu Yoshioka's 194-526, Masa Kawaguchi's 508 and Roy Nakatani's 505 helped Nakatani Farm (B) plow right through Kanraku Tea House (A) 4-0. For the "Tea", Don Nagasaki's 203-557.

Jim Inafuku's 192-540, Al Nitta's 186 plus 29 hdp = 215 and Esther Shimazu's 180 plus 29 hdp. = 209 guided Holo Holo Apparel (B-Wahines) all over North American Life (C) 3-1. In for Life was Hideo Doi's 504.

Joe Muramatsu's 209 plus 29 hdp = 237 was great aid for Kalih Shopping (B), blew Windward Furniture (C) 3-1. Warren Iwai's 200 plus 21 hdp. = 221 and Ken Nakasone's 521.

LEAGUE STANDING AS OF AUGUST 25

1. George-Dean Photography	51-1/2
2. Denver Grill	50
3. Nakatani Farm	45-1/2
4. Kalih Shopping	43-1/2
5. Trophy Center	40
6. Holo Holo Apparel	40
7. Windward Furniture	36
8. North American Life	34-1/2
9. Mari Hanaya	32
10. Kanraku Tea House	27

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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

August 15, 1967

Dear Al:

Your letter of August 10 urging the reappointment of Judge Takashi Kitaoka to the Maui Second Circuit Court is acknowledged with appreciation.

Please be assured that the recommendation of his fellow members of the Club 100 is of interest and value to me and will receive careful consideration at the appropriate time.

Warmest personal regards. May the Almighty be with you and yours always.

Sincerely,

John A. Burns

Mr. Alvin Planas, President
Club 100
520 Kamoku Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Albert:

I take this opportunity to thank the officers, directors, and members of Club 100 for endorsing me for reappointment to the judgeship on the Maui bench. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to all of you for your thoughtfulness and kind gesture. It is indeed an inspiring feeling to be backed up by my wartime comrades whose efforts are now dedicated to serve our community in peaceful needs.

Please extend my sincerest aloha and best wishes to the old gang.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Takashi Kitaoka
Judge

Chicago - Nisei Ambassadors

1967 Nisei Veterans Reunion - Mahalo!

The 1967 Nisei Veterans Reunion is now past history. But, to those of us who were able to attend this magnificent event in Hawaii, and were literally overwhelmed from the day we arrived at the Honolulu International Airport to the day we departed, by their fabulous Aloha and hospitality, the wonderful experience and memories will be cherished and enjoyed for a long, long time.

Over 600 Mainlanders, former members of the 442nd, 100th, MIS, Korean War, etc. with their families and friends, and from as far away as the East Coast, were hosted and feted by their Island counterparts, over 2,000 strong, in a full week of activities, sight-seeing and renewing the many lasting friendships that began during the war. The various Chapters and Organizations then took over the Post-Reunion with another week of funpacked activities and tours of their beautiful Outer Islands as well, bringing the Reunion to a fitting climax.

We, malahinis, are convinced now in the truth of the wise old Hawaiian adage, "Aloe oe i noho a ike ia Hawaii", or "You haven't lived until you've seen Hawaii!"

On behalf of the Chicago Nisei Post, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Harry Tokushige, General Chairman of the Reunion, and his entire Reunion Committee for their tremendous welcome and hospitality shown the Chicago delegation, and congratulate him on the magnificent success of a truly outstanding Reunion. We, who were present, know the monumental task that they must have had in putting together an affair of such magnitude.

To the various Chapters, Organizations, Post-Reunion Committees, Kauai and Maui No Ka Oi Post-Reunion Committees (and in my case - the Medics and Item Chapters), thanks also for making the Reunion an extra special treat.

Aloha and Mahalo Nui,

Victor Izui,
Past Chairman -
NISEI AMBASSADORS

WASHINGTON

Washington, D.C. - The constitutional rights of government employees would be protected, and unwarranted invasion of their privacy would be prohibited, under the provisions of legislation introduced by Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii).

The bill will prohibit indiscriminate requirements that employees and applicants for Government employment disclose their race, religion or national origin; attend Government-sponsored meetings and lectures or participate in outside activities unrelated to their employment; report on their outside activities or undertakings unrelated to their work; submit to questioning about their religion, personal relationships or sexual attitudes through interviews, psychological tests, or polygraphs; support political meetings.

Moreover, Matsunaga said his bill would make it illegal to coerce an employee to buy bonds or make charitable contributions; or to require him to disclose his own personal assets, liabilities, or expenditures unless they would tend to show a conflict of interest.

The legislation further provides that a Board on Employees' Rights will be established to receive and conduct hearings on complaints of violation of the Act, and to determine and administer remedies and penalties.

Said Matsunaga: "Passage of this legislation will signify congressional recognition of the threats to individual privacy posed by an advanced technology and by increasingly more complex organizations. Such trends are illustrated by the expanded use of computers and governmental and private development of systems which efficiently gather information, store and retrieve data. While government enjoys the benefit of these developments, there is at the same time an urgent need for defining the areas of individual liberty and privacy which should be exempt from the unwarranted intrusions facilitated by scientific techniques."

VA NEWS

Hawaii's VA Regional Office Manager, William C. Oshiro, was awarded VA's sustained superior performance award for the second consecutive year at a special ceremony held on Tuesday, September 12.

Oshiro's award was presented by Mr. T. V. Williams from Washington, D.C., who was formerly Oshiro's supervisor as Director of VA's Area 4. Williams and his wife, Merle, are on their way to the VA Regional Office in Manila where he will become the Manager.

Three sections and divisions were also honored with VA's meritorious performance certificate for exceptionally high quality of performance during the fiscal year ending June 1967. Accepting honors for their units were Albert J. Pfaltzgraff, Chief Attorney; Richard K. Okamoto, Contact Officer; and Stanley M. Hirokawa, Chief of Finance and Data Processing Section.

In making the presentation to Oshiro, Williams said: "The Honolulu Regional Office has a justifiable right to be proud, not so much for the superior work produced, but in the knowledge that those we serve are being served well. Bill Oshiro has furnished leadership through personal example and his willingness to contribute his time and talent to any and all problems. He has placed concern for the dignity of the individual above all values."

Commenting on the awards to the three units, Williams added: "To qualify for the division award, the quality of the service or product must be rated outstanding. Mr. Pfaltzgraff, Mr. Okamoto and Mr. Hirokawa have demonstrated they have the quality of supervision and leadership so necessary to the attainment of this objective."

Representatives from the local offices of Hawaii's Congressional delegation attended to join in the special ceremony.

Los Angeles

To the 100th personnel in Honolulu and Hilo, I say thank you for treating the mainland boys, including the several transplanted Hawaiians, so royally during the 1967 Nisei Veterans Reunion in Honolulu and post-convention tour of Hilo and the Big Island. To avoid verbosity, I will not mention who they met, what they did and where they were taken to, for our buddies, Baker's Dick Oguro and Hilo's Jim Maeda may have covered them in the July issue. One thing I'll say is that the hospitality was so out of this world that the local boys are still shaking their heads and muttering to themselves that they could never match it here in California.

Today is August 6 and am still in the horizontal position at the L.A. County General Hospital. I want to thank all the wonderful men of the 100th from Washington, D.C. (Congressman Spark M. Matsunaga) to Southern California, to Honolulu and Hilo, for their deep concern over my fate. I was shot in the back at my apartment garage on the eve of the Nisei Reunion by a gang of four negro youths. I've had a couple of bad set-backs since, but I should be home soon.

To receive those get-well messages in all forms from over 200 men was most heartening. The humorous and witty resolution adopted at Club 100 on Chapter night was a masterpiece. With the resolution containing signatures of General Mark Clark, Jim Lovell, Dick Oguro and his Baker Chapter gang, Ben Tamashiro, Herb Yamamoto, Al Planas, et al, down to the local 100th gang, it is a collector's item!

Little wonder that I survived the morning line odd of less than 50-50 chance of survival put up by my attending physicians. Your deep concern over me was the rallying factor.

Thank you Baker Chapter (Honolulu) for the beautiful anthuriums flown in by Dick Oguro; to the Hilo 100th men for the giant anthuriums, including the rare white and green, and orange and green variety; plus the cans of macadamia nuts (chocolate covered ones too), the carved monkey pod bowl and the beautiful maunaloa vanda orchid lei which were brought to me by Chick and Matsu Furuye on the night of July 5; to Nash Tahara (B) for the Portuguese bread; to Piccolo Kodama (B) for the chocolate covered macadamia nuts.

A few Honoluluans dropped in to see me the past few days: Baker Chapter President Jimmy Inafuku, Sakae and Stella Tanigawa (B) and Associate Justice Jack Mizuha (D) of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. With the catheter in me, an intravenous feeding tube in my arm and a tube in my nose to drain the stomach liquid, I was a sight and not in a sociable position. I was choking from time to time. The visitors understood. From Jimmy and Sakae I learned that the local boys, who attended the Honolulu reunion, had a chop suey dinner at Tai Ping and that they attended the 442nd picnic at Peck Park. Justice Mizuha was here on business and was to have gone to San Francisco before returning to Honolulu.

I want to thank the local 100th members for their kindnesses: Eric and Irene Abe (D), Koichi Asano (C), Richard Aseka (D), Monte Fujita (A), Harry Fukasawa (B), Chick and Matsu Furuye (B), Henry Hayashi (B), Joe Hironaka (C), Jim and Haru Ishizawa (D), Tom Kasai (B), Sab Matsumoto (A), Bill Miyagi (B), Henry Sakato (B), Lloyd and Chuckie Seki (D), Ray Sugimoto (B), Pachuc Uyehara (B), Frank and Mari Wada (B) and Ken Yoshino (B).

About the middle of last May, during the 442nd Bowling Banquet held at the Man Jen Low Restaurant in Chinatown, we were privileged to meet the legendary 100th officer, Colonel Young Oak Kim. He was a handsome figure, never aging, and was accompanied by his gracious wife. Colonel Kim was spending the last few days of his leave in L.A. after completing a tour of duty at The Presidio of Monterey, California. The Colonel and his wife are now in Germany where the former has assumed a very responsible position. We extend our very best wishes to the Kims and also extend an open invitation to join our activities whenever they are in L.A.

Of interest to McKinley High graduates of 1937 is that Colonel Kim's wife's cousin is married to Alfred Song, a Mick grad of '37. Assemblyman Song, a vet of World War II and representing a local incorporated city, is the first Oriental to be elected to the State of California legislature. Song is a dynamic speaker and wields a terrific weight in the Democratic Party.

Sat Nakamura

Re: Satoru Nakamura
1606 S. St. Andrews Place
Los Angeles, California 90019
(100th Btn. Veteran: Hawaii)

On August 8, 1967 your telephone request to have Congressman Matsunaga inquire into the matter of the above who was injured by a burglar and was hospitalized at the Los Angeles General Hospital at 1200 North State Street, Los Angeles, California 90023, was received at our Honolulu office. You informed us that the above was alone and away from home and family, that he was in a hospital where charges ran \$80 per day, and that he had not been permitted transfer to a veterans hospital. You had voiced your concern that something should be done "on as personal a basis as possible" to look into the matter for our "paisano."

We immediately contacted Congressman Matsunaga by telephone and his office did subsequently contact Congressman Edward R. Roybal of Los Angeles (30th District) who conscientiously made personal telephone contact with Satoru Nakamura and informed Sparky that the veteran was well and out of the hospital and that he was in a good frame of mind and spirit.

Needless to say, Sparky was gladdened by the news and as per our previous telephone conversations, he was very happy that you had brought the situation to his attention and commends you for the admirable motivation on your part.

Sparky derives deep satisfaction in being able to serve his "paisanos" and he has reiterated his open-armed welcome to all his constituents to let him know whenever he can be of help and service to them.

Aloha and best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew Matsunaga
Honolulu Staff

HAWAII

OUR VISIT OF CASSINO.....

As we traveled down the Brenner Pass into Italy the geography became familiar to us, the mountainous country, vineyards, the olive trees and the rivers. Leaving Florence early in the morning on Sunday, we headed for a long ride to Sorrento, south of Naples, by-passing Rome and Naples. Sorrento like many European town was over crowded with tourists. Thousands of tourists from all over the world come and go to the Isle of Capri from Sorrento.

Monday was the high point of our trip. After visiting the historic ruins of Pompeii in the morning, we visited Cassino. Cassino the war-torn town is rebuilt into a beautiful town, with about 20,000 people. It is difficult to recognize the once war-torn town, which was the cause of thousands of soldiers dying and wounded. New modern business and apartment buildings now stand on the once flooded and mined Rapido River flats. With mixed emotions we stood and saw the Monastery of Cassino, Castle Hill and the surrounding mountains, and it brought back memories of hardships as Uncle Sam's soldiers some twenty-three years ago. As one member of our tour commented, "if only the ground could talk to us today, there would be many tales." This time we had our wives and

some had their children, it was rather difficult to relate to them the difficult battle of Cassino, especially during the cold and wet Italian winter of 1944, but on that particular day in July, it was about 112 degrees.

The mayor's assistant came to greet us and joined us for lunch. He took the group up to the Monastery of Cassino. The view from the Abbey was a panoramic one of the entire area. We can readily understand why the enemy used it for the battle. The Abbey of Monte Cassino is a re-built abbey. It is beautiful, both in and out. Some of the members of our group were able to visit inside the abbey.

Since there wasn't any U.S. Cemetery in Cassino, our group visited the beautiful British Cemetery. Marshall Higa, the leader of our group laid a bouquet of flowers and a prayer was said by this writer in memory of all of those who died in the Battle of Cassino. Adolf, our driver from Germany was touched with the brief ceremony.

The administrative assistant to the Mayor of Cassino informed us that "the people of the town were happy to have us visit Cassino again on a mission of goodwill and that they pray for world peace." Though people of Cassino suffered many losses during World War II, however, because of their faith in God and mankind, lots of good have come about to the town and its people.

Finally, our 27-day tour of Europe was a good and enjoyable one. We had an education of European history, art and culture. We saw the new Europe and its people. We had many new experiences. We saw many beautiful places and things, and gained a better knowledge of Europe. We learned in order to cope with the growing numbers of visitors coming in and going out from European cities there is a need for airport fees, ranging from \$1.25 to \$5.00. The kicker was the \$5.00 airport fee at the Paris airport before leaving for New York City. Richard Miyashiro and Tokuji Ono, paid \$25 each; and Marshall Higa, \$20; to get their families out from Europe. As Don Sakahara writes, "Now I can say I saw the places where my

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Green Thumbs

Members of Club 100 who visited Europe this summer were very fortunate to see the beautiful flower gardens and potted plants in bloom. Every country had beautiful and colorful displays. Many of the scenes were captured on film (I hope).

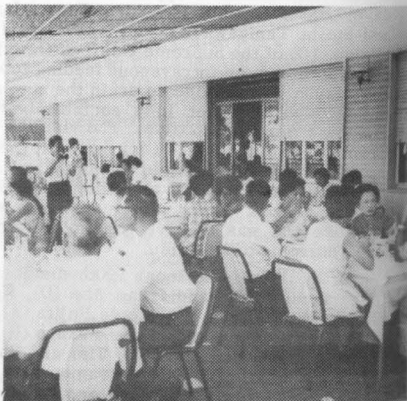
We understand that all the plants were grown in green houses and transferred to the planting areas. These are either removed from the clay pots or planted as is in the ground or in flower boxes.

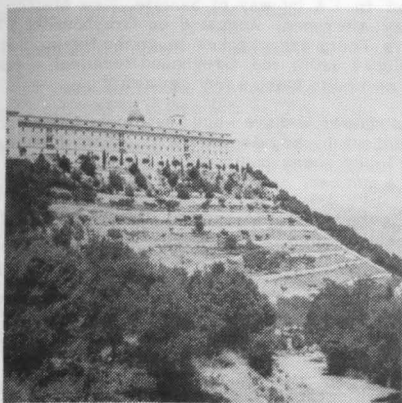
Common flowers such as geraniums, begonias, phlox and zinnas were planted in mass and beautifully landscaped. The gardens at Windsor Castle were at their best. Hawaii, with its beautiful climate throughout the year, should be able to do something about our landscaping.

The Honolulu Orchid Society will hold their annual orchid show at the HIC exhibition area on October 12 through the 15th. The Green Thumbs will be guest exhibitors and will put up a display. Tickets are available from the members. An excellent show is always presented to the public.

The Green Thumbs' Annual Plant Show and Sale will be held during the later part of November. Be sure to attend this double action feature..

Richard Yamamoto





bushes. We later found out that this pistol could have been exchanged for about \$100 with one of the rear echelon soldiers or Merchant Marine personnel.

We advanced at a walking pace through the vineyard. Yasumasa Nagamine on my left was shooting in standing position at the enemy between the grape vines. He got several of them. The German soldier I encountered next was on his knees with all his weapons removed from him. I was scared but this German soldier was pale and white as a sheet. He had surrendered and would have done anything I told him to do. Here I was 20 years old pointing a gun at a man old enough to be my father. These thoughts went through my mind in fleeting seconds. But then the war couldn't wait for these thoughts. All I did was frisk him to make sure there were no weapons on him and directed him to walk in the general direction from which we came. There was no time to hold or to escort prisoners. This prisoner was at the mercy of any mines along the way, or his comrades shooting him in the back as he surrendered, or from American troops in the rear that may mistake him for a German soldier, not a prisoner.

We kept on advancing until we reached a clearing. Our Squad (2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, C. Company) reached this position without a single casualty. We had swept clear the right flank of the German first line of defense in this area. But the rest of the Company did not fare so well.

Lt. Mazano, our Company Commander, and Lt. Mitchell, our Company Executive Officer, were wounded and out of action. Our Squad was extremely lucky.

But the battle was not over yet. This was just the beginning. At this moment, I realized that I had fired only three rounds, and these shots were fired into possible concealments, not directly toward a definite target. How could I have gone through a fire fight at close quarters, like this without firing a clearly directed shot? It all seemed incredible.

Then suddenly in front of us, two German tanks with identifying crosses, moved up from behind a farm house. The tank commanders had their heads above the tank turret. I immediately took a head on one of them. Then someone to my right yelled "don't shoot, those are tanks". I thought to myself how can that be but held my fire since this was my first battle and I had to hesitate. In the meantime the German tanks were firing at our supporting tanks and moved out of sight.

And I wasn't the only one hesitating like this. There was a German soldier behind a bunker with a white flag and Sgt. Takeo was yelling not to fire at him because he was surrendering. Tom Miyoken, another replacement like me in his first battle, was yelling back "but they are shooting at our men!" The machine gun bullets that raked the ditch into which Toshimi Sodatani, by some instinct, refused to dive into for cover probably came from this bunker. Comical to think about it now.

The Company dug in at this point for defensive action. A short while later some phosphorus smoke artillery shells started falling around us. One of these shells spattered incendiary particles on Rusty Nakagawa and he was out of action at this point.

We replacements were too green to recognize that these smoke shells are used to zero in on a target and that an artillery barrage will soon follow. The barrage was so intense the exploding shells made a rumbling sound instead of a series of explosions. But we were lucky again and although we were covered with dirt and debris, the only injury was Edward Ogawa's large bump on his forehead and a trickle of blood down his face. He was bandaged by a Medic and returned to the Squad immediately. I will make no accusations but to this day I will swear that those artillery shells were coming from behind us, not from in front of us. This artillery was probably what prevented us from making further advances that day. We had to pull back from our forward positions out of the shelled area and formed a defensive position again. That was all for the day.

The next morning, Sgt. Takeo and part of our Squad including myself went forward again in the area of our advance of the previous day on a reconnaissance patrol to see whether or not the Germans had returned to the positions we had evacuated. The patrol took the narrow dirt road that lead forward. We did not find any enemy, but this road and the rows of grape vines and the few pine trees in the vicinity was what I recognized 23 years afterwards.

The 100th moved forward the same morning, made a night attack near the Alban Hills moved forward to lead the 5th Army towards Rome. The 100th Bn. stopped short of Rome when enemy resistance ended and the 5th Army entered Rome that day. We saw the 5th Army roaring past us on all afternoon. Tanks, trucks, artillery units, Red Cross, everything movable.

The above is my story the way I remember it.

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BAKER

Arrived in LA by way of Santa Fe, New Mexico late Tuesday afternoon, August 8 on Greyhound's \$99 - 99-Days Tour, and checked in at the Hayward Hotel - 2 blocks from the Greyhound terminal - just in case I needed to make a fast get away!

After a shower - shave - and a sat, looked up numbers two numbers in the telephone book. Went down stairs to the lobby phone booth picked up the receiver and dialed a number.

"Is this the home of Masao Nakahara?" "No, this is the Yoshino home," "Yoshino?" "Yes," "Let me speak to Kenji, then."

I had intended to call Masao Nakahara an old Interpreter buddy who served with me in the South-Pacific to arrange a get together to talk of old times before contacting the LA bunch for the inevitable!!!

When Kenji came on, the inevitable was set in motion. He merely stated that he was picking me up at a certain hour.

As we drove out of the hotel area, Kenji informed me that Chick had been called and that we were to call him back later in the evening - as he - Chick was free this nite. As well as stated that we were going to visit Sat Nakamura, not at his home, but in the hospital.

And that had been my primary purpose of dropping in at LA - to find out the final outcome of the Hawaii Reunion - all tied in with what had happened to Sat Nakamura.

And in the course of the conversation, interesting tidbits of Bakerites capers on the mainland was brought to light.

To wit: Prexy Jimmy Inafuku was in LA on a seminar of some kind - but could be found only in little Tokyo in the company of "Pachook". Thought you could drink Los Angeles dry JI???

Los Angeles Chapter got an excuse to get together with Sakae Tanigawa & his wife who dropped in LA on their way home from Minnesota where Mrs. Tanigawa had attended a convention of some kind.

After parking the car and walking up three flights of stairs and finally taking the hospital's freight elevator finally arrived 1/2 hour before visiting hours would be over. By the time, we left Sat, we had gone fifteen minutes over the visiting hour limit - but no one kicked us out!

We did have a nice long chat with Sat - and he looked real good - even after his second operation! Due to extenuating complications, Sat had to undergo another operation!

He was due to be home the day of my arrival in LA - but the doctor hadn't released him. He hopes that when he goes home this time - 17, will be for good. Suffice to say what suffering he must have gone through.

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Through this column he extends his thanks & appreciation to all members of the One Puka Puka for the resolution, the flowers, and other well wishes accorded him during his recent ordeal.

Don't give up the ship Sat - GUMBARE.

Oh yes, was informed that Associate Justice Jack Mizuha dropped in to see Sat.

After driving around town for a while, Ken stopped at the clubhouse to use a phone to call Chick. Then to Chick's mountainside mansion.

While at Chick's, Lloyd Seki dropped in and so among the three of them - they planned a get together for Thursday evening - a chop suey dinner meeting.

And while there, I was also able to piece parts of the end of the reunion together. (Matsu served some delicious pastries)

The bulk of the LA gang came home on Tuesday July 4th while Kenji & Douglas spent a day on Maui with Judge Kit Kitaoka as well as spent a few days with Douglas' brother and his family in Honolulu before enplaning for LA on Saturday.

Lou Furushiro, (Pardon me for calling you Paul in the last PPP Convention account) stayed at the Reef Tower after returning from Hilo (Hope you got together with Poka, Lou???)

By the way, you Hiloites - take a bow! There was nothing but fine compliments paid you for the wonderful time that everyone had in Hilo - especially "Slim" Hagiwara," Larry Hirokawa, and Prexy Tanaka, Hilo Chapter.

Only - I think, the golf chairman must have really planned it that way! Whisking those travel weary - whiskey-logged kotonk golfers like Chick Furuye & Bill Miyagi to Mauna Kea without even a slight breather at the airport, NO???

On Wednesday night, Kenji offered to take me out to dinner. That evening Lloyd also came along and we enjoyed an Italian dinner at an authentic Italian Restaurant in the Italian section of the city.

Bill Miyagi joined us there after his dinner at home, Ken's call had been a little too late.

And for the second meeting of the evening, we ended up at a joint serving beer & wine only and Topless Go-Go-Go Dancers! ! !

Three pitchers of beer later, we called it a night and went home. Kenji kept on looking at his watch periodically, and I don't blame him one bit, it was way past my bedtime too!!!

This night also brought out more pieces of information on the reunion - seems like the LA contingent went home more heavily laden than when they had come in from LA - what with pineapples, orchids & anthuriums.

Accolades to the Wahliawa gang, especially to Harold Nishimura for some Wahliawa pineapples.

'Twas Ladies Night for Thursday night Chinese dinner affair at a classy Chinese Restaurant located in the new Chinatown mall. And the roll call read as follows: Kenji & Mrs. Yoshino & Douglas Tanaka who picked me up, Lloyd & Mrs. Seki, Ben & Mrs. Tsuji who picked up Matsu, because Chick had to be out of town; Monte Fujii, Bill & Mrs. Miyagi, Tom Kasai, Joe & Mrs. Hironaka & Henry Sakato. The boys sat on one side & the girls sat on the other side - real segregation of the sexes!

The food was excellent - and though I had starved all day before this dinner I couldn't be the clean up man - wish that JM or Fellowship O could have been there as my back up man.

It turned out that this meeting was a timely one as assignments for a Pot-Luck picnic for next Saturday could be metted out by Joe Hironaka, chairman for this affair. Also a bowling team to represent the 100th was found. Lots of reminiscence about the reunion went on too.

After the dinner, politely & with "tongue-in-cheek" I suggested that we go home. Lloyd piped up that it was too early to go home. He coaxed every one except his own wife who went home with the Yoshinos, Monte, Tom Kasai, who had left earlier, and the Hironaka's, on going on a night club tour.

The place decided on was Mama Lion!

Man-about-town Lloyd got us there numba one. We were already seated when we saw the Miyagis outside and waved them in then the Tsujis with Matsu came in to complete the crowd.

There were no Topless, no Strip Tease, strictly vocals and Japanese dances, but once in a while impromptu acts sprang up from among the crowd.

Then the Tsujis & Matsu left, as it turned out, before the best performance of the evening.

When we came in there sat around our table - a middle-aged platinum blonde in a mini-skirt, her legs crossed in such a way that nothing was concealed - and she didn't give a d--- as she seemed to have had more than a few drinks.

After telling off a guy in no uncertain terms she had finally taken a seat at the bar where she latched on to another guy and had a few dances with him.

Finally , the Mistress of Ceremonies called on her for a performance and did she oblige, wow!

Returning to her bar stool she unzipped her skirt completely and as quickly zippered it up again.

At about 2 in the morning, we finally called it a night -- and I had a bus to catch at 7:30 in the morning. Los Angeles Chapter Ichiban!!!

My humble thanks & appreciation to the gang of LA Chapter, and special thanks to Kenji, Lloyd, Chick & Matsu, and to Bill, Molto Gracie!

Sayonara for now,
D.O.

MAUI NO KA OI

Received your latest edition of Puka Puka Parade and was disappointed to find that my last news of Maui of July 9 was not in it. Maui members have commented on that and I have explained to them that although I did send out a copy in plenty of time to make the last edition, it was just possible that it was mislaid or due to the great amount of reunion and European trip news that space was not available for our news of Maui.

I am at this time sending you a copy of the July 9 letter, just in case you don't have the original, and additional news dated Sept. 2, on the next page.

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Sorry about our slip up, Tom. Here is your July news item. Hope that this puts you back in the good graces of the Maui-ites.

Editor

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Maui Chapter observed their Silver Anniversary by holding a picnic at Baldwin Park, near Paia. Masao Sato and Hakaru Ogawa, picnic co-chairmen, did a fine job of promoting. Everybody in attendance had a nice time with plenty to eat. The picnic co-chairmen and Tsukio Yamagata assisting, had hot kalua pig ready for lunch. Mrs. M. Sato, Mrs. N. Furukawa, and Mrs. M. Shiroma prepared delicious salads to go with the kalua pig. The rest of the hardworking ladies prepared side dishes to supplement the menu. Thank you ladies! Thank you pains!

A softball game between the Club 100 members and our club sponsored little league team, the Pirates, was played during the picnic. It was a tight game and the outcome of the game was in doubt until the final inning. The Pirates finally won the game in the last inning by producing a three run homer to go ahead and win 8 to 7. Better luck next year gentlemen.

The Pirates have produced a winning team this year by beating the Maui Western Division Champion, Kihel Braves, 2 out of 3 games for the Maui Championship after earlier capturing the Eastern Division Championship by defeating the Kahului Tigers in a playoff game.

Our congratulations go to Manager Sus Nakasone, and Coaches Fred Tosaka and Joe Ginoza, and to the entire Pirate Team, for a most successful season. Hail to the Champions!

Tadayoshi Hamasaki was in charge of the picnic games, and Richard Iriguchi was in charge of bingo. Assisting were the following men: Iwao Takamori, Goichi Shimanuki, and Tom Yamada.

Our special thanks go to the following people who generously donated prizes, etc., to make the picnic such a success: Gold Star Parents, Mr. & Mrs. M. Hayashida, and Mrs. Mary Kimura, M&K Distributors, (Miles Shiroma, Proprietor, "D" Co.), Furukawa Store (N. Furukawa, Proprietor, "C" Co.), Nashiwa Bakery (Edward Nashiwa, "C" Co.), Kaoru Moto, Goichi Shimanuki, Tom Yamada, Mrs. T. Nagata & Son, Leonard, and Joe Wong of Finance Factors.

Hakaru Ogawa was in charge of gifts for high school graduates. We had fifteen this year, and each were presented fountain pens with names engraved by Ogawa Jewelry Store (Hq Co.). Thank you Hakaru!

Our hardworking treasurer, Arthur Shinyama, was busily collecting assessment from members during the picnic.

Maui Chapter held two meetings during the past two months. Members turned out in good numbers and enjoyed each other's company and drank beer and soda furnished by the club. Let's be sociable and attend all meetings.

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Poki Yukitsugu Iwamoto, "F" Company, passed away at Maui Memorial Hospital on August 31, after a long illness. He was an active and valued member of Maui Chapter. His ashes were interred at Makawao Veterans Cemetery with full military honors. Following members were pall bearers at the funeral service and later at the cemetery: Johnny Miyagawa, Minoru Murakami, Jack Gushiken, Osamu Nakagawa, Edward Nashiwa, Takashi Kitaoka, and Tom Nagata. Chapter Pres. Nagata represented the club during the funeral service. Our deepest sympathy go to the bereaved Iwamoto family.

Our annual Memorial Service in observance of our first KIA will be held on September 24th, Sunday, at 2:00 p.m., at our Naska clubhouse. Goichi Shimanuki and Johnny Miyagawa are co-chairmen for this year's service.

October will be Maui County Fair time. Our club will again sponsor a money making project and as usual will run the shave ice concession. With William Nakahara and Akira Ishikawa as co-chairmen for this project, members are asked to give them their full support, as they have done in years past. See you all at the County Fair in October.

Maui Chapter members unanimously passed a resolution endorsing Judge Takashi Kitaoka (B Company) for reappointment to the Maui Second Circuit Court. A copy of the resolution was sent to Gov. Burns, plus additional copies to various State officials and our members in Congress, both House and Senate. Maui members were very pleased that the Board of Directors of Club 100 in Honolulu also sent a letter to Governor Burns endorsing Judge Kitaoka for reappointment. Thank you!

Additional news items. Following members joined the European Tour: Doc Kiyoshi Ikeda & Wife, Tadayoshi Hamasaki & Wife, Fred Yamashige & Wife, Charles Mizoguchi & Wife, Haruo Ikeuchi, Hatsuo Satoshige, Mrs. Miles Shiroma & niece, Gold Star Parent, Mr. Minoru Hayashida, Next of Kin, Mr. Y. Noda and Mr. & Mrs. S. Kimizuka, and James Mizoguchi.

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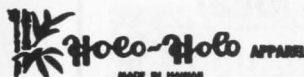
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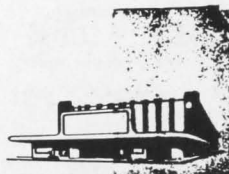
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