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The Reunion

The 40th Anniversary Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association was the largest gathering so far. There were well over 600 members and their wives present from every State in the Union from California to Maine.

And at the final business session of this convention, of great interest and concern to all AJAs and their families, was the unanimous approval and passage of a Resolution to the Legislative and Executive branch of Congress, supporting the passage of HB 442, which provides for the symbolic restitution of redress for those Americans of Japanese Ancestry, whose basic Civil liberties and Constitutional Rights were violated when they were arrested and incarcerated without due Process of Law, as guaranteed under Our Constitution. The 34th Division Association leads the way for other veterans organizations to support in a major move, to not only fight for justice, but to see that it never reoccurs, and a solemn reminder to Our Nation, that our boys may not have died in vain.

In a special recognition ceremony, following the Sunday morning Breakfast Memorial Service, in honoring Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Smith, Hazel and I shared the honors by presenting the couple with orchid leis donated by Evelyn Tsuda from the Club 100 Orchid Club.

Dedication of the Red Bull Monument

The 34th Infantry Division Monument proudly sits on a knoll at the entrance of Camp Dodge, north of Des Moines, Iowa overlooking the camp, situated in a valley, surrounded with rolling hills for a background. The weather was perfect, not a cloud in the sky, and visibility clear for miles, added to the perfection of a memorable dedication ceremony.

The monument is the result of a dream of Charles A. Smith, who through the years, with suggestions from fellow members of the Division including Generals, brought to fruition, the monument as it stands. Dissatisfied with the original site, foundation misplaced by the contractor, Charles at his own expense relocated the monument to its final resting place.

And fitting the dignity of the occasion, and to join his comrades for the 40th Reunion of the 34th Division, General Charles Bolte, the last of our living Commanders attended the convention in a wheelchair. Much to the pride of those present at the ceremony, it was something else to witness our beloved General, summon every ounce of effort to stand up from his wheelchair and walk up to the monument to render his salute to his fallen comrades, and proceed to the podium to deliver his dedication message. For a veteran of WW I and WW II, he spoke with clarity and unshaken, still in command, and to the admiration of his men. And as I shook his hand, in a long procession of GIs, I could not help but feel, as he squeezed my hand in both of his, and words failed him, it was not to me alone, he expressed his gratitude, but to all of his men of the 100th and the 442nd.

And finally, after the presentation of orchids from the 100th Orchid Club, the ceremony ended, with this quote from General Edward Bird, "It is with gratitude that we remember those who made our country and fashioned it to be a land of liberty and justice; may we always remember those men and women, and our comrades, who have in the name of patriotism, offered their blood that liberty and justice should not perish from the earth."

"We are gathered here today to honor and remember our former comrades of the 34th Infantry Division and to dedicate a memorial in itself is a cold inanimate piece of granite, however your presence and the inscription thereon give it life."

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Remarks by Governor John Waihee At the Club 100 Memorial Service

NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 1987, 8:45 A.M.

More than four decades ago a cataclysm burst forth upon the earth with the attack on Pearl Harbor, and it swept up a generation of young men in its turmoil.

None were more affected than the Nisei Soldiers of Hawaii and others who followed them into the most decorated unit of the army, the 100th Infantry Battalion.

You who know the history personally of those violent and turbulent days know also that from the beginning the history of the 100th was a tale of sacrifice, fed by a deep-seated determination to prove yourselves to a nation that had turned toward you the face of skepticism and prejudice.

The troops of Japanese ancestry who came to form the 100th were treated with suspicion and discrimination by the authorities, who demoted them from honored positions in the guard to menial tasks. During training in the mainland, intelligence agents dogged your footsteps. Your training was extended while the war department dithered over whether Japanese-Americans could be trusted to do battle on behalf of the country you called home.

Finally, you won the chance to prove yourselves in battle, going to Italy by way of Africa; and by the 29th of September, 1943, you had sustained your first death in action, a date which we honor here today.

Many, many more casualties were to follow as the 100th fought with ferocity and at great risk in the fields of battle.

In 1944, you became the Purple Heart Battalion during the bitter struggle for the heights of

Cassino. From there you went to Anzio for the eventual breakout and the march on Rome. More fighting in Italy, then on to France for the successful recapture of Bruyeres and the rescue of the Lost Battalion, for which so dear a price was paid in blood and grief for fallen comrades. Finally, in 1945 you were the crack units that scaled the heights of the gothic line and cracked its defenses, leading to the triumph of allied forces over a position that had held them stalemated for six months.

But the story of the 100th cannot be told in mere battle records alone, for it is a chronicle of brave men who gave themselves to a cause that was affected by their individual actions.

It is a story made up of the single-minded determination of Masao Awakuni, who put five bazooka rounds into the first real tank he encountered in combat to make sure that it would no longer be a menace.

It is the story of Goro Sumida, one of seven sons, six of whom went to war. Miraculously unharmed by all the fighting he saw, he returned home to find that his mother's once-jet black hair had gone completely white in the years of terrible concern over the welfare of her sons.

And it is the story of Kaoru Moto, who, though he destroyed three machine gun nests single handed and won the DSC and other decorations, decried his own lack of education and subsequently saw to it that all five of his children graduated from the University of Hawaii.

Indeed, the story of the 100th battalion is as much the legacy of fire and determination

the returning veterans brought home as it is a battlefield saga. At home you encountered old injustices and exclusions, and in the years after the war, together with many like-minded souls, you changed Hawaii society and brought the benefits of first-class citizenship to your families and friends for the first time. The battle cries of the veterans of the 100th were not heard in Europe alone, but in the halls of universities and county councils and legislatures and business offices across the islands.

We have great need of that legacy today, for in the years of growth in our state and its society, there have been many and great changes, and new perils have arisen.

For all of our success, we have today a service economy in which the gap between the "haves" and those who have too little is growing, with not enough in between. It has become a matter of urgent necessity that we diversify to improve opportunities for all.

We must recruit the new knowledge industries that offer promise of advancement. We must aggressively reach out to our Pacific neighbors to inspire trade, interaction and a place in the sun for Hawaii as a knowledgeable and fully engaged partner in the nation's growing commerce with the countries of the Pacific Basin.

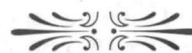
Critical to this effort is education, the servant of all diversity and advancement. We must build our institutions of learning into an establishment in which we can take justifiable pride, and from which we can reap the rewards of enlightenment.

These observations are not strange to you. They are part and parcel of the ambitions and determination that have made you the heroes that you are. They require your attention, concern and involvement.

We need your advice. Counsel us from your depth of wisdom, and share with us the spirit that we so deeply admire.

You are a living part of our heritage, one that earned its place first in blood, and later in the guidance and example you have provided throughout your productive lives. Hawaii has need of its pioneers. You have been tested in the storm, and you have acquitted yourselves with grand distinction. Now help us to know our soul, that we may all triumph over the new problems of changing times.

I trust in you to help show us the way.



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For Continuing Service — A Passing Tradition?

The 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans of the County of Hawaii commemorated the 45th Memorial Service on September 27, 1987 at the Hawaii Veterans Cemetery in Hilo.

It was a most memorable experience to meet the aging comrades decked in their bright yellow shirts, emblazoned with the distinctive 100th Battalion patch. Each and every one of the 1,100 graves was generously decorated with multicolored anthuriums. None of the veterans were forgotten on that special day when the 100th Infantry first engaged the enemy on the battlefield. Punchbowl cemetery never ever looked the same as the Hilo veteran's cemetery.

For countless years, veterans of the 100th in Hilo assumed the heavy responsibility of collecting, bunching and placing the floral remembrance on each grave of the fallen comrades of the 100th Infantry Battalion, as well as all others in the cemetery. This devotion to continuing service, however, has not been fully recognized.

It is sad, indeed, that only a few veterans take it upon themselves to carry on the fine tradition without fanfare year after year.

The Puka Puka Parade expresses its thanks to the following persons who have given so much of their time and sheer hard work for over thirty years and continuing:

Stanley Ushijima and son, Allen (HQ)
Yasuo Iwasaki (E) (C)
Shigeo Tanoue (A)
Toshio Gibo (C), a recent retiree from Okinawa, pressed into continuing service by Stanley and Yasuo

Ushijima and Iwasaki not only took care of the floral needs for the Hilo memorial services but also extend their assistance to the Honolulu HQ and Maui chapters for their respective memorial services - all this without compensation and time off for good behavior!

This reporter accompanied Stanley and Yasuo in their collection forays for two days, from early in the morning to late afternoon. A total of five van loads of flowers were collected from ten growers and packers:

Yoso Kawahara
Stanley Oishi
Akeshi Hashimoto
Puna Flowers and Foliage Co.
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Jim Kawahara
Ed Nakao
Ebesu Flower Shop
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Trucking and fuel costs were donated by Stanley Ushijima and Ebesu Flowers.

Thank you Stan, Yasu, Shigeo and Toshio for a job well done. Your continuing services are appreciated, including the monthly "public relations" contacts with the producers and packers with doughnuts and manju - at your expense.

Who will carry on this tradition - after we all join our buddies in eternal peace?

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To All Members of Club 100:

The following letter from Mayor Fasi to me and my reply is self-explanatory as to what transpired at our annual Memorial Service this past September.

The Board of Directors of Club 100 requests that, hereafter, members refrain from making any negative comments to invited guests during any of our club functions.

Stanley M. Akita
STANLEY M. AKITA
President, Club 100

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FRANK F. FASI
MAYOR



October 1, 1987

Mr. Stanley M. Akita
President, Club 100
520 Kamoku Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

Dear Stanley:

Thank you for the invitation to attend Club 100's 42nd Annual Memorial Service at Punchbowl this past Sunday. It is a service that I have tried to attend every year as it is a time that I can honor many friends and relatives buried there.

My brother-in-law's brother, Matsuichi Kimura, was one of the first AJAs killed in Italy in World War II. My wife's father who served in World War I as well as her brother, Flapper Kono, are also buried there. I served as a Captain in the Marine Corps during the war, and all of us were fighting for the same cause - PEACE.

It was unfortunate that at the end of a memorable ceremony, one of your members or guests ruined it for a few of us. After the ceremony was over, I was invited by one of the wives to have some refreshments. Several of us were talking, and then I was unfairly criticized by an unnamed gentleman for driving my van which he claims was owned by the taxpayers. I tried to tell him in a nice way that the van belonged to me even though I am entitled, like the Governor, to have a chauffeur driven limousine. He then proceeded to tell me in so many words that I was a crook and that "Martin Wolff was going to get me."

I told him that this was not the time or place to discuss such matters as we had just come together for a ceremony in honor of those who fought for our country. I was embarrassed for those who overheard the conversation as this gentleman obviously was lacking in manners.

Aside from this unpleasant incident, I enjoyed being the club's guest once again and look forward to another service next year. If there is anything I can do for you or the members of Club 100, please do not hesitate to call.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frank Fasi
Stanley, he was a member of Club 100

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October 24, 1987

The Honorable Frank F. Fasi
Mayor, City and County of Honolulu
City Hall
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I received your letter, dated October 1, 1987, pertaining to the negative remarks made to you by a Club 100 member at our 42nd Annual Memorial Service.

I regret that I could not reply to your letter sooner, as I was away on a trip.

You, as a "Major League" type of politician, and I, as a "Bush League" type of politician, realize that the incident you mentioned can happen at any street corner. However, I agree that this person's remarks were uncalled for and should not have been made at such an inappropriate time.

Please accept my humble apology and I can assure you that the remarks were not reflective of the opinions of Club 100.

We appreciated your presence at our 42nd Annual Memorial Service and hope that this negative experience does not deter you from attending our future events.

Very truly yours,

STANLEY M. AKITA
President, Club 100

Editor's Corner

To one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us, your Puka Puka Parade staff.

Many thanks to all the scribes for their timely contributions. News gathering is not an easy task and members are reluctant to discuss anything that may appear in print. Especially me - members clam up when I come around saying, "watch out the snooper is here". But it's fun to keep them guessing what will appear in print.

Members are lucky that I have a short memory. I hear something juicy or interesting and I promise myself I'll write about it, but the next week I can't recall what it was about. Like I said before, I think of something to do when I'm downstairs - so I go upstairs and darn if I can remember what I was to do or why I walked upstairs.

Please share anything of interest with us - not just keep it to yourself. Let me know about your experiences, something you heard - I'll even print your poem!

Our 1987 Memorial Service was again a complete success, with Judge Saruwatari as MC and our Governor Waihee keynote speaker.

Our thank you to M/M Shigeru Inouye, his Memorial Service Committee members, for preparing the refreshments. I hope you realize the M/M Inouye gets up early - really early - to start brewing the coffee.

And did you notice it was again meeting old friends again. I'm happy that we haven't lost our affection for our friends who died in Italy and those who followed later in life. We meet old friends at the cemetery and among ourselves comment on how fine we look or how we have aged since last we met at the cemetery.

Las Vegas -- I have a suggestion for visitors to Las Vegas. Try the catfish fillet. It's good and available at most casino restaurant. In Las Vegas I have catfish at least once a day. I can only eat fish and fowl because of high cholesterol therefore the catfish fillet is perfect for me. Try it. I like it best at the "Hush Puppies" Restaurant in Las Vegas - 2 branches. They also serve steak and everything else but their specialty is catfish and hush puppies. I'm sure to enjoy Amstel Beer and catfish and hush puppies again in December when I go there next.

On our way home from Las Vegas a few months ago Dr. "Candy" Ernest Tanaka had a unique experience. His seatmate from Las Vegas was a aged fellow from Hawaii who is a friendly sort. Both he and Candy struck it off with a bang. We were half way home when Candy found out that his newly found friend was a former B Company member. What a surprise. Kengo and I sitting across them had a bang listening to both of them compare notes.

Candy didn't recognize the other tho' I believe being an officer the other must have recognized Candy.



Happy Holidays

East Coast Fellowship Trip

Evelyn Tsuda

Armed with cameras and carrying heavy sweaters and coats, a contingent of 40 Club 100 members, their spouses, relatives and friends, departed October 6 for Washington, D.C. The veterans who took this journey were: Ray Nosaka, escort (B), Stanley Akita (C), James Kawashima (B), John Kihara (B), Arthur Komiyama (Hq), Sonsei Nakamura (B), Billy Takaezu (B), Mike Takahashi (Hq), Lefty Tanigawa (B), Rikio Tsuda (B), Tadashi Umamoto (C), Terry Aratani (442nd), Yoshikazu Kaki-moto (1399th), Joseph Sasaki (442/MIS).

Our 1,800-mile odyssey (more if we include the countless miles traversed in search of our destinations by our driver, Fred, not so ably assisted by navigators Stanley Akita and Terry Aratani) took us to Washington, D.C., Atlantic City, Philadelphia, New York City, through Connecticut to Boston, thru Vermont to Conway, N.H., to Montreal, Toronto, and Niagra Falls.

Rather than write about the various places we visited that are always included in any tourist's itinerary, I'd like to write about the highlights and out-of-the-ordinary happenings.

The focal point of our visit to Washington was the Japanese-American exhibit at Smithsonian's Museum of American History. The artifacts and photos were well organized and told a visual story of the injustices suffered by the mainland Niseis and the accomplishments of the Niseis. We were quite excited when we saw photos of Billy Takaezu, "Catsup" Maeda and Kazuto Shimizu in the 100th Infantry portion and Billy found his sister's ceramic piece on display in the cultural portion.

A visit to Washington wouldn't be complete without visiting our own Senator Spark Matsunaga and we got our chance to do so on the third day. We looked terrific that day - men with jackets and tie and women in pants suits. The senator's amiable assistants took us on a very

interesting and complete tour of the Capitol, including a few minutes in the gallery to see and hear the few senators at work. A delicious luncheon hosted by the Senator culminated our visit to the Capitol.

We found out that New York City isn't such a big city afterall - we bumped into the 442nd group escorted by Mary Omoto on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center. We ran into them again at the Shubert Theater right around the corner from our hotel where "A Chorus Line" was playing. Ask them if they enjoyed the show and they'll probably tell you that it was boring (some were even caught snoring), but the ladies enjoyed it although a bit disappointed at the finale.

We anxiously awaited the day when we could see the fall foliage but we did not expect to see miles and miles of trees clothed in the most brilliant colors as we traveled through the New England states and Canada. We called this the "ohhh and wow" country - you probably can guess why. However, in the higher elevations on the way to New Hampshire, a light blanket of snow covered the grounds and the trees looked ghostly. This was an unforgettable sight, too.

In Conway, it was thermal underwear weather and the colors of the foliage were especially vibrant. Here we stayed at a ski resort where the accommodations were very comfortable. Some of us were lucky enough to have suites or apartments and there was one with its bathroom at the top of a spiral staircase (not very suitable for someone who has had one too many). There even was an indoor swimming pool but, of course, no one had thought of taking along a swim suit.

Dean Luttrell, News Director for Radio Station WMWV in Conway, got wind of our visit and taped an interview with Ray, John, Billy, Stanley and Terry about their war experiences. Unfortunately, we left Conway early the following morning and had no chance to listen to the broadcast.

Montreal is a very interesting city and the people are kind and helpful but many of them speak French which proved to be a problem when we went looking for the underground shopping center we had heard

about. We went into one building and came out of the next and found out that we had been in a two-block long Metro (subway) station. After several more inquiries, we found the shopping center.

Our final Eastern destination was Niagara Falls and I can't think of a more exciting place to end our East Coast tour. The scenery along the Niagara Parkway was gorgeous, the fall foliage was at its peak and the falls were spectacular. Most of us were prepared to take the Maid of the Mist boat tour to the Falls but a few chickened out when they saw the boat rocking at the base of the Horseshoe Falls. Those who braved the mist and the rocking had an experience they'll never forget, going directly in front of the American Falls and right up into the heart of the thundering Horseshoe Falls.

We bade Aloha to our driver in Buffalo and left for Las Vegas where the group spent three days trying to become millionaires. Although no one hit the big one, there were some lucky ones who became instant thousandnaires. Elsie Aratani was seen walking around in the casinos with her money pouch around her waist - I wonder how many times she was mistaken for a chance girl? I understand she was even asked by a mechanic to hold his tools while he repaired the slot machine.

We were blessed by beautiful weather all the way and further blessed by the presence of a comedian, Stanley Akita. Whenever we were on the verge of dozing off during our long bus rides, he would take the mike and wake us up with "Show time!" and would keep us in stitches with his hilarious jokes. When not telling jokes, he was playing the uke and singing with Ray and Aki. Sonsei, Mike and Spike Nakayama also showed us how talented they are.

MAHALO to Ray and the rest of the congenial group for a very enjoyable trip!

Off Beat

by Walter Kadota

As a former PUKA PUKA PARADE regular I wrote a poem for our 45th Reunion booklet and some people speculated that I was back in circulation again. Not so. James Maeda is doing a good job reporting the news and I'm not bucking for by-line credits. In my time reports took on a happy note -- unlike today's somber news about someone's ailing health. I bowed out some time ago when arthritic knees laid me low with cabin fever syndrome and I've been moaning and groaning in the privacy of my home ever since.....

Following a recent encounter with Co-editor Dr. Kengo Otagaki in Hilo, Ye Editor made a pitch for my comeback, for old times sake. "Write something anything under the sun - but write!" was his orders. So it looks as though it's back in the saddle again for this Hopalong. But I won't do the news - that's Maeda turf. I don't profess to be a professional, but I'll give it my best shot. Happy reading.

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The Puka Puka Parade certainly gets around when it comes to name-dropping. We had a Kotonk reader at the reunion bemoaning the no-show of my brand of anecdotes in the paper, saying he borrowed one of my stories in an after-dinner speech back in his home town. Well, fret no more, my friend. I've got a couple here and if you care to include them in your collection, be my guest.

1. We had this patient with us, being taken to a plantation dispensary, only to be told the doctor had not yet checked in. "Go and sign in" says the wife. I turned the car around headed for a saimin eating place and the wife went bananas. Either her voice is going through a change or I'm going "deef".

2. We had a guest staying over the weekend with us. The following morning, while in the midst of taping a Dick Haymes recording, our unwary visitor barged into my den, bellowing. The built-in microphone of the cassette-recorder picked up the synchronized interplay of the singer's lyrics and our buttinsky's intrusion, resulting in a replay which sounded something like this:

"THE GIRL THAT I MARRY....."

"Went make big noise last night. I no could sleep."

The sensitive instrument also registered my favorite Italiano expletive, "Mama Mia, Amanda!" followed by "Yeah, the lousy thunder!" rejoinder from the side.... sorry, that portion of the dialogue is lost to posterity. Such a perfect blending of mixed voices in 8-to-the-bar harmony.

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Our son, in his growing up years probably had to agonize over answering a question like "Was your father any kind of an athlete?" Afterall, this Daddy-0 carried no credentials like a scrapbook of clippings. I grew up in Waiakea Town on the Big Island in an era when the mark of a man was how well you played baseball. On that score I was a flop. I once stole second base with the bases full. The catcher got so rattled he heaved the ball into center field. But one thing I had going for me was I could write. My teacher always gave me A+ in composition, saying I had a knack of piecing words together in much the same manner as an artist mixes his oils to put life into a painting. I was good at poetry, too, which stood me in good stead, even on the battlefield. At Alife I was attached to Co. A as a front line medic. We walked into a murderous cross-fire in bright moonlight in an open field. When casualties mounted the call for "Medics" was relayed down the line. Icy fear gripped me, but the ham in me psyched up a mock show of outrage and bravado in front of my audience. And as I sprinted forward I was heard to lash out, "Coming thru. Let me pass. Watch my ass!" When I reached Sgt. Ben Oya's gun emplacement position, the Sarge, a hard-bitten dogface,

if ever there was one, had to crack a smile as I quipped, "Akua sabe, I save my ass, alas!" As this is turning out to be an ego trip I may as well go the whole route. I'm rehashing my poem that got me out of the closet and I trust it will appeal to some future historian researching into war stories with a feel for human emotions.

A SOLDIER'S SOLILOQUY

We slogged our way from Salerno to Cassino;
Thru mud and muck, battlin' the Nazi foe the while.
We're the Niseis, man! - fightin' for honor and flag.....
Call a spade a spade - our loyalty is on trial.

Faint hearts die a thousand deaths - the bold ones but once;
The future is ours to change - ours to right a wrong;
If I'm gone, count that towards a brighter day to come.....
"Cling and wither on the vine? I should live so long."

Since wars began, man versus man has been the rule;
But peace achieved soon tilts to a shaky status.
Our stakes are high - Hawaiian pride is on the line.....
The ball bounces - "kill or be killed - it's them or us!"

When this is over, pray God I can make it home,
To blot out the bloodshed and battle-shout alarms.....
My rhymin' lips may gladden yet a waitin' heart,
And all life I'll hold dear, in a farewell to arms.

So, Dear Son, the next time people get nosey about me, just tell them I was with the 100th Infantry Battalion in WW II. There'll never be another outfit like it. That says it all.

Dis and Dat

Ray Nosaka

This thought has been going through my mind a lot lately - Is it really necessary for the Club 100 Board and the Chapters to meet every month? Why not every other month? And since we are mostly all retired, why not hold some of the meetings during the day instead of at night? With our fading eyesight, it is safer for us to drive during the day, or we could catch the MTL. Maybe, just maybe, more guys might show up.

I was reading through some old newspapers and found an article which I find very interesting. It is about this lady who was suffering from vomiting and nausea caused by cancer. No known anti-nausea medicine would bring her relief. One day a friend recommended that she try drinking Sweet Basil Tea. Almost at once after drinking the herb tea, her nausea was under control. The doctor said, "there is no precedent for it in medicine that I know of, but it was very dramatic".

Studies at Washington State University indicate that caffeine doubles the body's need for calcium and may be a factor in the crippling bone disease osteoporosis. They estimated that an elderly person would need to drink one-third cup of milk or eat half an ounce of cheddar cheese to compensate for calcium lost after drinking two cups of coffee.

In closing, may I leave this thought with you: Life is so short - wouldn't it be neat if we could live each day as though it were our last day?

Experience in Sickness — A Losing Battle

Doris Kawano, wife of the recently deceased Henry Kawano (HQ), chronicled the anxiety, pain and hope of a dying husband over a period of 4 years in her pamphlet, "For Better or For Worse - In Sickness and In Health".

Mrs. Kawano based the short document on a well kept diary, tracing the appearance of an ich on her husband's back, visits to the doctors' offices, biopsy, diagnostic and therapy sessions, physical deterioration, lingering pains and final choice of no treatment for terminal cancer - to let nature take its course.

The main objective of Doris' pamphlet is to share with the readers not only the trauma and shock of living with the sick, but to relate some of her experiences which may be helpful in coping with lingering illnesses. Interesting reading.

Contact Doris Kawano directly for further information regarding the availability and cost of the publication.



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Items of Interest

Nursing home care - My sister suffered multiple hemorrhages a few months ago and is now a patient or resident at one of Honolulu's many care homes. No sign of recognition or anything. The care home is beautiful - like any hospital room. But it's costing \$3,000 a month.

She surely will not qualify for medicaid. Not until she exhausts her assets - i.e. money, property, etc. And as Ray Nosaka reported in the April-June '87 issue of our Puka Puka Parade - "any money that was in the patient's name during the two years before nursing home admittance must go toward the patient's nursing bill". Perhaps we need to consider joint ownership now before one becomes incapacitated.

Let me tell you about a true case - which turned out in favor of our member who was fleeced. This member owned a house and lot worth at least 1½ million.

Not having any child of his own, he agreed to turn over the entire property to his step-son and his wife. Several years later the couple became divorced and the entire property became the divorced wife's gain. To make the story short, she kicked out our member and I believe she sold the property and moved to the west coast.

Our member became a tenant in our apartment, but due to his small income, Social Security & pension, he found it difficult to make ends meet.

Luckily he qualified for the Senior Citizen's low income housing where he now lives. His income is below the established poverty level so he will qualify for medicaid later when he becomes incapacitated and require nursing home care.

To date, we have had two sessions on financial planning (including nursing home care). There may be some who did not understand the rapid-fire explanation by representatives from these firms - the important thing is you must arrange for an appointment and have the agent go over your needs, ability to pay, etc. on a personal basis. Eddie Kuwazaki, D Chapter is the only member I know of that owns a

care home protection. Such protection is costly but worth the money when you consider the mental relief you will receive.

For the many Federal retirees a letter from the Retired Federal Employees Service Center to Ms Dora Akamine is presented in its entirety. Please keep this in a safe and easy to find place at home. Or you can contact your former Civilian Personnel Office, e.g. Air Force Civilian Personnel Office or Navy for help when the need arises. Please remember that to obtain protection, you must be willing to pay for such service.

CALLING ALL FEDERAL RETIREES AND FAMILIES

If you are not a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), you may not know of the existence of this organization which may be of help to you and your family with retirement problems.

The Retired Federal Employees Service Center is prepared to provide services to inform and assist retirees and families with problems concerning annuities, survivor's benefits, health and group like insurance benefits and withholding of taxes. It also helps in the preparation of letters and applications for benefits and claims.

The Service Center is located in Prince Kuhio Federal Bldg., Room 7330-A and is staffed by volunteers of the Hawaii State Federation of Chapters, NARFE. The Center is opened from Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - telephone 545-1071. During hours other than the above, your calls will be taken by an answering machine and a volunteer will get back to you.

You are cordially invited to visit the office. NARFE is the nearest thing to Civilian Personnel office that you will find in retirement.

Mary A. Sabate
Federation Service Officer

Able Chapter News

Don Matsuda

Many thanks to those who attended the Memorial Services and took care of the flowers. A lot of us couldn't make it because we went on trips to different places.

The A Company tour to Camp McCoy, now Fort McCoy, and to the Smithsonian Exhibit in September was a memorable one. The people in Wisconsin went all out to greet us. Led by Mits Fukuda, we were welcomed by the governor's representative in the capitol building in Wisconsin. The mayors of La Crosse, Sparta and Tomah went out of their way to make us feel at home. The people there have good memories of the 100th. Newspaper reporters followed us everywhere. As a replacement, I heard many stories about these towns, now I believe everything. Only thing is, all the wahines they talked about are very plump. Wisconsin is the dairy capitol of the world and the source of tons and tons of butterfat, not all of which is exported. I think most of it is consumed by the women folk.

At Camp McCoy, they gave us the royal treatment. We even had PX privileges, where we loaded up on beer and soft drinks, and the ladies did a lot of shopping. We were greeted by Colonel Rodney Morris and Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Yamasaki. They are in charge of a new program for the "readiness" of reserve units throughout the United States. Both are from Hawaii. Morris is a Kam School graduate. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

The men in our group were able to see their old barracks. We were allowed inside. Nothing has changed. They recognized the terrain where they sleded in the winter time. They remembered the buildings, the roads and the back gate where they used to sneak out to town. We were taken to the rifle range, which brought back memories. They had a tree planting ceremony and a beautiful stone memorial for us. While there, Alapai came to see us. He lives nearby.

We roamed around La Crosse and the men tried to remember the different places and directions. There was a big festival going on. It's called Octoberfest. It's mainly a beer drinking festival. The place was going wild. I never saw so many bars. There were several on every block, and they were all jam packed. La Crosse to me, is the beer capitol of the world.

Baker Chapter News

Ray Nosaka

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat" - Yes, that time of year has rolled around again. The Co. B Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at the Clubhouse. Chairman, Conrad Kurahara, is enthusiastically working with his committee, and we know that a good time is awaiting all of us. The Co. B Ukulele Club will put on a short program. Further details of the party will be forthcoming.

October was a month of many travelers. Amongst those who went on the East Coast Fellowship Tour from Company B were: M/M James Kawashima, M/M John Kihara, M/M Hajime Kodama, M/M Sonsei Nakamura, M/M Billy Takaesu, M/M Lefty Tanigawa, M/M Ricky Tsuda and M/M Ray Nosaka. Please read the article written by Evelyn Tsuda for a recount of the memorable tour.

Company B is well represented at Manoa Valley Church. Conrad Kurahara has now become a Lay Leader, his wife Jane is a member of the choir along with the Nosakas, and Hiroshi Shimazu is serving on the Board of Trustees. So you see, if you should decide to go to MVC, you will not feel like a stranger as one of us will be there to greet you.

With this last issue for 1987, I bid farewell as the Baker Chapter reporter. It has been fun, but, I believe that there are many of you who can do this job, and should be given the chance to do so. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

100th has 45th Wisconsin reunion



Veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion are getting old. For many years, former members of Company A have been planning to revisit Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, their World War II training camp. A few weeks ago, led by Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, former commander of Company A, the plan became a reality.

The men knew it would be an emotional encounter. How much they had no idea. Before the group arrived in Camp McCoy (now Fort McCoy), the editor of the *Fort McCoy Triad*, with the wholehearted support and cooperation of base officials, had prepared a special edition to welcome the veterans.

The military post and its newspaper wanted to make sure the veterans understood and knew how much the people of Wisconsin appreciated, loved and honored them.

Headlines read: "Welcome and aloha, 100th Battalion — the Fort McCoy community," and "Welcome. Even though you're from paradise, we're happy to have you in God's country," and "Thank you for helping to ensure our freedom."

An article in the special edition told of "the painful story" of the 100th battalion from 1941 to the battlefields of Italy and France. It also told of the friendships formed by the veterans and the people of the communities near McCoy — Sparta, Tomah and La-Crosse — during the war years. Many of the soldiers who were

married at the time decided that their wives should remain in those hospitable Wisconsin communities while the members of the 100th were overseas.

"The story of the extraordinary friendships which developed between the wives and the people of

veterans and their wives for years to come.

One thing which made them most happy was to see a large photo of Lt. Col. Farrant Turner and Maj. James Lovell prominently displayed in the special edition of the Fort McCoy paper.



Left to Right — Alapai, John Tsukano, Richard Hosaka, Tom Fukuda, Chikami Hirayama, Tokuchi Hayashi, Seie Oshiro, Masao Kawabata, Goro Sumida, Sadaji Matsunami, Susumu Fukuyoshi, Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, James Maeda, Yutaka Inouye, Kunio Fujimoto, Tadayoshi Sato, Shizuya Hayashi, Don Matsuda, James Akamine, and Isamu Inouye.

Wisconsin is equally heartwarming and uplifting," the *Triad* said in its article.

The many truly incredible things which happened to the men of the 100th and their wives during their short three-day visit to Camp McCoy and the surrounding small towns are too long to enumerate here. They are destined to bring tears and many thoughtful moments to the

The caption below the photo read, "Men of faith." Turner, commanding officer of the 100th, and Lovell, executive officer for the battalion, had faith and confidence in the Japanese-American men they commanded. The photograph was taken in June 1942 as they were enroute to Camp McCoy.

John Tsukano

45 Years Later, We Meet Again At Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, 1987.



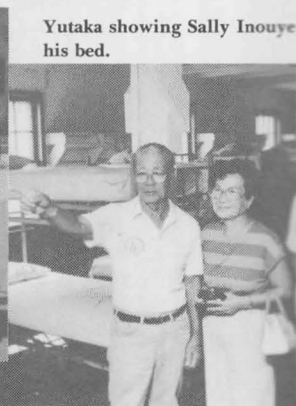
Veterans at Camp Hdqtrs. Bldg.



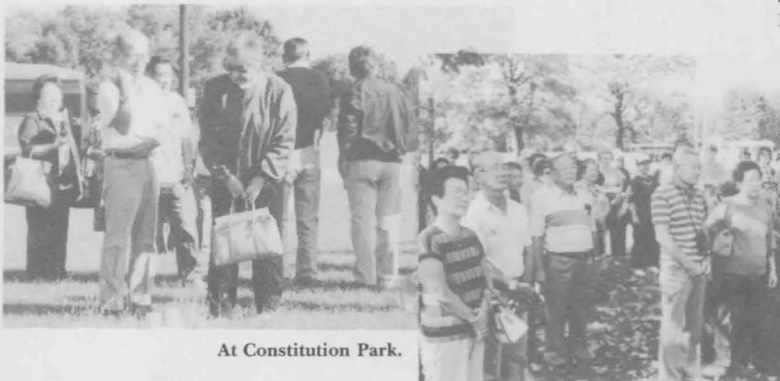
J. Hayashi, Sumida, Sato and Y. Inouye at old Gate to McCoy.



Sato, Matsunami, Tsukano, Sumida, Y. Inouye and S. Hayashi at barracks area.



Yutaka showing Sally Inouye his bed.



At Constitution Park.



Veterans at Constitution Park marker.



Mits and Tom Fukuda talking over old times.



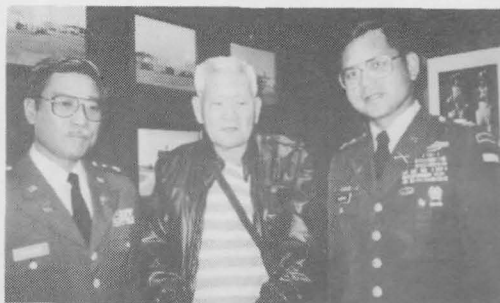
Jean and Chick Hirayama near honey locust tree planted for 100th Veterans in park.



Presentation of flowers, candy, plaque to Mayor Hulsether of Sparta.



With Mayor Zielke of La Crosse.



DSC winner Shizuya Hayashi with Lt. Col. Yamasaki and Col. Morris.



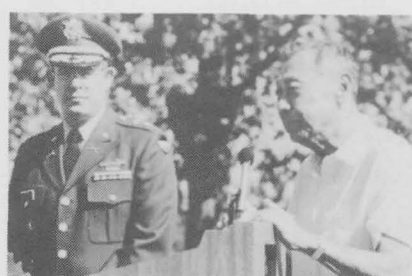
Old barracks area where 100th lived.



Gang going to the P.X.



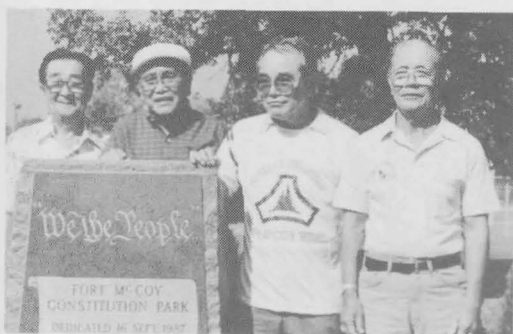
Jimmy and Blanche Maeda checking out merchandise.



Mits Fukuda delivering speech at Constitution Park.



Mits and Lt. Col. McCarthy.



At marker.



Alapai visiting with Tsukano, Mitsunaga, Fukuda and Kawamoto.



Frances Okazaki with nephew, Col. Yamasaki and Mits.



With Mayor Rusch of Tomoh.



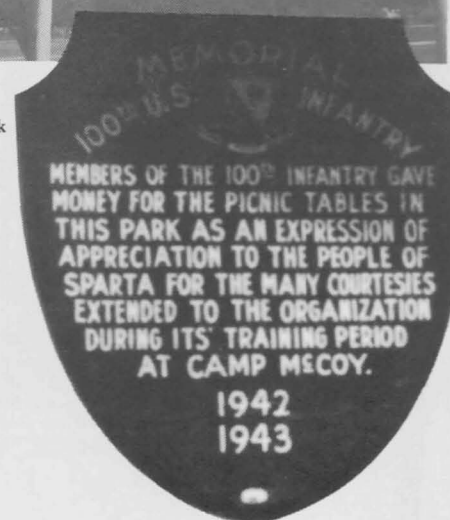
Kunio Fujimoto and old friend, Leonard Kipp of Sparta.



Shelter built and furnished with donations from 100th Infantry at Memorial Park at Sparta.



Seie and Evelyn Oshiro and Morran and Kunio Fujimoto aboard "Islander Girl" for boat ride on Mississippi River.



Samurai--American Style, the 100th Infantry Battalion

By Michael E. Murphy

Rising quickly from the edge of the shell crater he was sharing with some buddies from his squad, PFC Sadao Munnemori quickly put a troublesome German machine gun nest out of business with a grenade toss from twenty feet. He was in a shell hole near the top of "Georgia", an artillery target designation for a small hilltop between Mount Caualla and Mount Cerreta in the Ligurian Alps in Northern Italy. It was shortly after dawn on April 5th, 1945 when the attack began. Munnemori was a recent replacement for an earlier casualty to 2nd Platoon of a Company of the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The 100th was operating on the right of the Allied Fifth Army in an attempt to roll the Germans back from this section of the Italian coast and thus force them back over the Po River. Such a move would force them to fall back on their final defensive positions along the Adige in Italy and probably enable the forces under General Mark Clark to pinch off large German forces and capture a substantial amount of men and material. Clark worked for British General Earl Alexander whose overall strategy was to employ alternating left and right hammer blows to the German lines up and down the Italian peninsula forcing the enemy to respond to him and to force him ever northward as he chewed up his resources in manpower and material. The Allied dominance of the air battle greatly aided in these efforts.

As Munnemori rose again to silence another machine gun nest with a second grenade, an enemy grenade bounced off his "steel pot" and fell into the crater with his buddies. Immediately PFC Munnemori hurled himself atop the German "Potato Masher". The ensuing explosion tore away half his torso and face and he died. His buddies survived and continued the fight until not only "Georgia" but "Ohio 1", "Ohio 2", "Ohio 3" and "Rocky Ridge" fell within the next few days. Munnemori was awarded a posthumous Purple Heart and Congressional Medal of Honor. Considering his background this was little short of amazing. Munnemori was originally from Los Angeles. He and his family had been moved to an internment camp early in the war. This was a wrong headed policy followed by the government and carried out by the Army in response to public panic and racial bigotry following the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Imperial fleet on December 7, 1941. Munnemori had volunteered for and joined the U.S. Army from an internment camp. Often such individuals had to sneak off in the middle of the night to avoid retaliation from camp inmates who were justifiably

angry and frustrated over the treatment they had received.

There were ten such centers throughout the United States and they were run by the War Relocation Authority (WRA). The Army had expected to recruit 3,500 men from such centers but they only had 1,200 volunteers of which 800 passed all loyalty and physical entrance requirements. This was also partly the fault of the WRA which issued a long questionnaire in connection with efforts to release and relocate the camp inmates. The WRA questionnaire attached negative results to affirmative answers and positive results to negative answers designed to test the loyalty of the inmates. However, the manpower shortages were more than made up for by recruitment from the large Japanese-American population of the Hawaiian Islands. Here where there were large numbers of Americans of Japanese Ancestry, AJA's, who formed a much larger percentage of the population, racial bigotry existed also but in Hawaii's more mixed population it was not as strident nor a powerful and the internment proceedings were on a much more selective and smaller scale. The 100th had originally been recruiting from the islands and was formed around the 2nd Infantry, a Hawaiian National Guard outfit which had existed long before the war. Originally the Battalion Commander, his executive officer and his company commanders were white but all the rest of the battalion's staff were AJA's except for Second Lieutenant Young D. Kim who joined the battalion in the states after it had journeyed to Fort McCoy for intensive training and forming in June of 1942. Kim was the son of Korean immigrants and ended the war as the Battalion S-2 with the rank of Captain and a Bronze Star, Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, as well as a Medaglia al Valore Militare from the Italian government for gallantry in action. Kim demonstrated an extraordinary skill in killing Germans and making prisoner snatches. He was only twenty-five when he joined the battalion at McCoy. He claimed a pre-war job at a slaughter house accounted for his peculiar aptitude.

One of the factors that contributed to the outstanding combat successes of the 100th Battalion of the One Puka as it was referred to by its members in the pidgin used by most of the islanders among themselves, was the extraordinary quality of its leadership. The battalion was led by Lieutenant Colonel Farrant L. Turner, who had grown up in the islands and gone on to win a captaincy in France in World War I. His executive officer was Jim Lovell who knew many AJA's from his experiences as a teacher and a principal in the

Hawaiian school system including McKinley High School referred to as "Mikado High" because of its high enrollment of Japanese-

The major is back"...
Men of the 100th

American students. Similarly the other officers of the original staff and company commanders were "kamaainas" or long-time white residents who knew and understood their AJA charges. The men sensed this and demonstrated this knowledge and appreciation by an extraordinary unit loyalty and devotion to duty. Colonel Turner would be ordered to a hospital for rest in October of 1943 after leading the unit through the crossing of the Volturno River and the battles for the small Italian towns of Dragoni, Alife, Sant Angelo D'Alife and other as the 133rd Regiment of the 34th Infantry Division to which the 100th was attached, took part in the breakout from the Salerno beachhead.

Salerno had been an attempt to couple an amphibious assault with attacks along the Gustav Line, a series of defensive positions fortified and held by the Germans' Army Group "C" led by Field Marshal Kesselring. It was composed of the German X and XIV Armies. Fifth Army's enemy in these flights was the XIV Panzer Corps which was a tough nut to crack. The 100th often found itself facing tough, experienced combat troops of the 29th Panzer Grenadier Division, the first Para Division, the 16th Panzer Division and other experienced and determined opponents. The Germans used the rough and hilly terrain that crossed the Italian peninsula along with river obstacles to create formidable defense lines to slow up the Allied advance and grid up their resources. Kesselring was particularly adept at this game.

Those who succeeded Turner in battalion command were equally fine leaders and earned the respect and loyalty of the men. Turner was relieved by Major James J. Gillespie who followed Turner to the hospital with wounds only one month after assuming command. He was a "mustang" of former enlisted man who had risen from the ranks and a cool and quick thinking leader in combat. After Gillespie, Major Lovell assumed command only to be wounded in return. He returned from the hospital to joyous cries of "The Major is back", only to get hit and evacuated again about a week later.

Turner and his successors promptly ignored the prohibition against putting "nisei" in command positions. Several of the AJA's rose from the ranks to assume positions

as platoon and company commanders. One such commander was a Company's Captain (later Major) Mitsuyoshi Fukaca who was awarded a silver star for his leadership in the battle for the village of Belvedere in Southern France in late June, 1944. Nor were the officers the only ones to garner medals for bravery, not that this was the goal of such actions merely one of the results. At one point a platoon from Company C and a heavy weapons platoon from Company D occupied parts of the French town of Biffontaine only to be isolated and surrounded by Jerries. During the night of October 21-22, 1944 these units were repeatedly attacked by larger German forces who heralded demands to surrender the beleaguered unit along with grenades, bullets, and high explosives. Those demands were invariably met by loud and contemptuous "Go to Hell's". Colonel Pence, commander of 442nd regiment, worried over the 100th's situation sent an armored task force over the road from the billage of Belmont to Biffontaine. Some of the men from Company A climbed on the tanks to provide additional fire power. One, Sergeant Itsuma Sasaoka manned one of the machine guns atop the tank continuing to fire even after being badly hit at a Jerry roadblock. He fired until he was past the roadblock when he fell from the tank. His body was never found and he was declared Missing-in-Action. He was also awarded a Distinguished Service Cross for his courageous actions.

Though he was not a member of the 100th Battalion, Second Lieutenant Daniel K. Inouye of 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2 Battalion, 442nd Regiment, well illustrates the courage and tenacity of these American Samurai. In an assault on Colle Musatello on April 21st, 1945 near the end of the Italian campaign Inouye's platoon came under heavy machine gun fire from three enemy emplacements. Inouye charged one ready with a grenade to take it out. On the way he was hit in the side but got up and continued his attack. He then charged a second nest hurling two grenades but he was hit in the legs and knees. He crawled towards the nest to hurl another grenade. As he drew back to throw, one of the occupants hit him with a rifle grenade in his arm which practically blew off. With his arm hanging by threads of flesh and his dead hand clutching a grenade primed to go off, Inouye screamed to his men to "Get Back" and pried the grenade out of his useless right hand. Then turned one more time towards the enemy. He managed to throw the grenade with his left hand just before the same German rifleman got off a second rifle grenade. The grenade blew up in the Jerry's face

and Inouye, struggling to his feet, once again moved towards the bunker firing with his left hand as his bloody arm flap wet and useless against his side. Inouye, minus one right arm, was promoted to captain and awarded a Distinguished Service Cross before being discharged. Inouye had started the war as a private and is perhaps the most famous alumni of the 442nd Regiment. He is now one of the two Senators from Hawaii and recently conducted the Senate Contra hearings.

The Italian Campaign and the battles in Southern France were all fought in rough, hilly terrain. Often times a man wounded would not get to the aid station for twelve to fifteen hours due to the mud and rugged terrain. Many died before getting there. Similarly the supplies needed to continue the battle often had to be transported on men's backs and the terrain was too rugged for even mules to travel it. The German defenders were skillful and highly motivated taking every advantage they could wring out of the difficult terrain. It took equal determination and courage coupled with great skill to dislodge them from their positions.

The nisei were motivated by a

You can't drink Wisconsin dry because they make the beer right here."

Col. Turner

desire to prove their Americanism and that of their entire community. Many died in the effort. Even in training they had established an exemplary record. Wherever they went they received kudos for their manners and bearing. They reacted with enthusiasm to all their endeavors. So much so that Colonel Turner once admonished them "You can't drink Wisconsin dry because they make the beer right here." The People of Sparta, Wisconsin, near Fort McCoy where the 100th trained from June 1942 to December of that year found them to be "friendly, honest and very interesting to visit with." The feelings were mutual for when the soldiers wrote home about the favorable reception they received from the people of Wisconsin, social club, the Victory Sons of Mokiha, advertised at the USO and in the island papers "to provide a special entertainment for the men from Wisconsin as a gesture in return for the kind reception the people of Wisconsin have given the soldiers of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii who have been stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis." These soldiers often traveled over the United States going as far as

Washington, D.C. where the Lincoln Memorial was the favorite stop and New York City where the Statue of Liberty was the big attraction. But closest to camp the men of the 100th Battalion established a much closer relationship with the population of Sparta, Wisconsin. Soon after their arrival and after some speeches and public meeting with Lieutenant Colonel Turner, the doors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Knights of Columbus were opened to the men of the battalion. In town many men who attended church services were invited to the homes of fellow worshippers. Miss Alice Kenny of the Sparta USO became a sort of mother to the men after she broke the ice and began introducing the men to townsfolk and arranged various social events like dances and suppers. Before they left to go to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the men of the 100th threw a luau for the people of Sparta. They served up more than a hundred pounds of steak in snouy sauce and several other traditional Hawaiian dishes. In April 1943, while they were undergoing training in massive division size maneuvers and in intense heat and discomfort the men of the battalion contributed \$343.00 towards a gift to the people of Sparta who had just experienced a severe spring flood.

Anyone who bets on the future service of the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 2nd Army, in training at Camp McCoy, will not go far wrong."

Carl Sandburg

Carl Sandburg, the biographer of Lincoln, noted American poet and praiser of Chicago's vitality made a statement about the future conduct of the Nisei battalion while they were still at McCoy. His comment illustrates the generally fine impression they created by their determination to excel and dedication to duty. "Anyone who bets on the future service of the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 2nd Army, in training at Camp McCoy, will not go far wrong."



Lt. Col. Farrant Turner (left), commanding officer for the 100th, and Maj. James Lovell, executive officer, had faith and confidence in the Japanese American men they commanded. This photograph was taken in June of 1942 enroute to "Camp" McCoy.

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Coming 'home'

Nisei soldiers return to visit Fort McCoy

By John Tsukano
Triad Contributor

It's almost too sad and painful to recount the story of the 100th Infantry Battalion in full.

But sad and painful as it is, the story should never be allowed to die. It should be told as often as possible to insure that what happened to the gallant Japanese American men who comprised the 100th Infantry Battalion will never again be allowed to happen.

But luckily, there is another side to the story of the 100th.

Paradoxical as this may seem, some of what the men experienced in America, especially at Fort (then Camp) McCoy and the surrounding small towns in Wisconsin during their training period, should gladden the hearts and minds of all Americans.

In the heartland of America, here in Wisconsin in the small towns of Tomah, Sparta and La Crosse, the ideals of America, which the men of the 100th read about in the public schools of Hawaii, were reconfirmed and strengthened. The fair treatment these Japanese Americans received here was a pleasant and unexpected treat for the men of the 100th. They were eternally grateful.

Later, when the 100th was transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss., some of the strong-minded wives of the officers and enlisted men traveled thousands of miles from Hawaii and set up housekeeping in Hattiesburg, Miss., to be close to their husbands.

When the sad day of departure for the battlefield came near for the 100th, husbands and wives seriously discussed many important issues.

One of the most important issues was where the wives would relocate and settle down until the day their husbands returned after the war. Would they return to Hawaii, stay in Mississippi, go to New York or Chicago?

Finally, after a great deal of discussion, the wives and husbands unanimously agreed that the best place for the wives for the duration of the war would be in Wisconsin because of the friendly and fair treatment the men had received while training at Camp McCoy.

The story of the extraordinary friendships which developed between these wives and the people of Wisconsin is equally heart-warming and uplifting.

To this day, friendships have endured and only grown more dear for all those involved in this high drama, this experiment in democracy.

Now, 45 years later, the men of the 100th and their wives are returning to Camp McCoy to recapture and relive the dreams and aspirations of their youth. To them, it is indeed like returning "home."

John Tsukano, a 62-year-old Japanese-American, was born on the Island of Maui, Hawaii.

At age 18, following graduation from high school, he volunteered for service in World War II. Tsukano saw action in Italy and France with the 100th Battalion/442nd Infantry Regiment and was wounded in France. Two of his brothers also served with the 442nd during that war.

When World War II ended, Tsukano traveled in the United States and Europe as a reporter for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Since 1948, he has written articles for that publication about the community of Bruyeres, France, which was liberated by the 100th/442nd Infantry. He also authored the book "Bridge of Love", the story of the Nisei fighting men in America.

Tsukano was instrumental in providing information and photographs to make this special issue a reality.

Fukuda's heroism reflects 100th's war record

Mitsuyoshi Fukuda was a platoon leader when Company A of the 100th Infantry Battalion trained at Fort (then Camp) McCoy from June 1942 to January 1943. He will be among the 40 veterans and their wives who will visit the installation this weekend.

In a letter to the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office, Fukuda asked assistance in arranging a reunion visit here in advance of the group's visit to the opening of the Smithsonian Institute's exhibit on the relocation of the Japanese from the West Coast during World War II. "The group is very anxious to revisit Camp McCoy and its neighboring towns," says Fukuda in that letter.

"The formation of the 100th Infantry Battalion in June 1942 was the War Department's solution to their dilemma of what to do with the Japanese American servicemen who were already in the armed forces when the war broke out with Japan, Fukuda said. The question at that time was the loyalty of the Japanese Americans if faced in combat with the Japanese army. The War Department decided to form a separate unit made up of Japanese Americans, send them for training in the interior and see what happened, he explains. The 100th Infantry Battalion was the first unit to train at Camp McCoy's new facilities which were constructed in 1942.

"The six months of training at Camp McCoy were rough, but our social life in Wisconsin was a most pleasant and welcome surprise to all the men of the

100th," Fukuda wrote. "Therefore, there is a feeling of nostalgia, almost homesickness for Camp McCoy and its neighboring towns shared by all men of the 100th."

No mention of the unit's fame, or in particular, Fukuda's fame, is made in the letter. But rather, there is a sense of gratitude for the post and the people who treated these soldiers so well during the time they spent here.

The story of Fukuda, however, is one for the record books. The following story, included in the book "Bridges of Love" by John Tsukano, was written Oct. 29, 1945, by Honolulu Star-Bulletin War Correspondent Lyn Crost. The dateline is Naples, Italy.

"Maj. Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, 28, executive officer of the 442nd Infantry Combat Team, is scheduled to leave by plane from Naples today for America.

"He is the last original member of the 100th Battalion to leave European soil.

"Maj. Fukuda's flight by Army transport command plane has been approved by officials as a special recognition of the 100th Battalion's war record and is a tribute to the major.

"When Maj. Fukuda was appointed commanding officer of the 100th, known as the Purple Heart Battalion, he became the first American of Japanese ancestry to command an infantry battalion in the history of the United States Army.

"Precedent was broken again when he was promoted to his present position

as executive officer of the 442nd. He is the only Nisei combat officer in the United States Army to hold field rank.

"Prior to his departure, Maj. Fukuda had led the 100th Battalion in its last parade when the unit received its Presidential Unit Citation.

"The major has accumulated 126 points toward his discharge since he left his position as a teacher at Kona High School on the Big Island three days after the Pearl Harbor attack to join the Army as a Reserve officer.

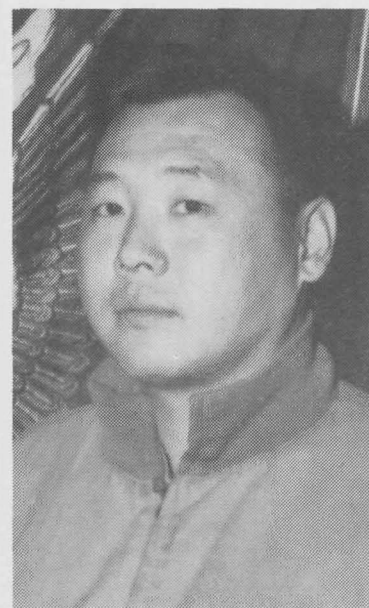
"He wears five battle stars on his European theater ribbon and one for Pearl Harbor. He also wears the Silver Star and the Presidential Unit citation with two stars.

"Starting as platoon commander, Maj. Fukuda came up the hard way through company commander to battalion executive, to regimental executive of the 442nd, the second highest position in the regiment.

"He led Company E rifle platoon in the breakout after the Salerno landings and in the crossings of the Volturno and Rapido rivers. He was promoted to captain and given command of Company A in December 1943.

"He participated in the battles of Cassino, Anzio and every important action up the Italian peninsula to Leghorn.

"He was then given leave in the United States and returned to join his outfit in the French Maritime Alps at which time he was made executive of the 100th.



Maj. Mitsuyoshi Fukuda in a 1945 photo.

"When the 442nd returned to Italy for the final campaign, he led a 'Fukuda task force' on a two-day mission through enemy territory and secured the strategic town of Aulla.

"His Silver Star was awarded for leading his company through an enemy mine field during the first Italian campaign."

"Welcome and Aloha 100th Bn."

—the Fort McCoy Community

McCoy experience highlights 100th Battalion's heritage

(The following is condensed and reprinted by permission from the book "Bridge of Love," written by John Tsukano. Mr. Tsukano is among the veterans who will hold a reunion visit at Fort McCoy this weekend. The following article outlines the history of the 100th Battalion, including how the battalion became associated and grew to love what was then Camp McCoy. It is with great pride that the Triad presents this special issue for its readership as well as the members of the 100th Infantry Battalion.)

On Dec. 7, 1941, several thousands of Hawaii's youth, drafted under the National Selective Service Act of 1940, were already serving in the 298th and 299th Infantry Regiments of the Hawaii National Guard. Out of the several thousands drafted, over 50 percent were Americans of Japanese ancestry (Nisei); therefore, a large part of the Hawaii National Guard was composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

At that time, nobody in Hawaii questioned the loyalty of the large number of Japanese Americans in the National Guard. There was no time for that. The enemy could be appearing at any moment. Time was precious. Defenses had to be set up. Every soldier was desperately needed. It was do-or-die time.

At that crucial moment, in one of the greatest crisis America ever faced, the men of 298th and 299th were at the vanguard of the United States Army.

History has recorded it, and the fact remains and will remain forever that men of many different races, born and raised in the Territory of Hawaii, were on the beaches waiting to take on the enemy on Dec. 7, 1941. The fact that the enemy did not invade does not lessen the heroism of the men who waited to confront and stop the enemy on the beaches that fateful day. The men of the 298th and 299th were prepared to lay down their lives for the defense of their homeland.

Days and finally weeks ticked off until the immediate danger of invasion was over. Hawaii's people and the military, cooperating and working together for the common good, kept the faith while reinforcements kept pouring in to make Hawaii safe and invasion-proof. Hawaii's people began to breathe more easily again.

But strange and inexplicable things began to happen after the feeling of safety had returned to the island.

In the wake of Pearl Harbor, no chances could be taken with the huge Japanese population in Hawaii. Too much—the very security of the United States of America—was at stake. The "Japanese problem" in Hawaii was a thorn in the side. To some, solving the problem meant putting them all in concentration camps.

On Feb. 1, 1942, the War Department proposed that all soldiers of Japanese ancestry be released from active duty, discharged or transferred. The War Department was informed that the Nisei in the Territorial Guard had already been discharged. But left intact were over 1,400 Japanese Americans in the 298th and 299th Infantry Regiments of the Hawaii National Guard, plus several hundred others serving in the engineer battalions and other service units.

On Feb. 9, 1942, the War Department ordered the suspension of all ethnic Japanese civilians employed by the Army. Orders from Washington were thwarted with the tactful explanation that "the Japanese were an irreplaceable labor force in Hawaii." The War Department

rescinded its order.

The Army seriously considered and wanted all Japanese aliens and Americans of Japanese ancestry to be evacuated to the mainland "where they could do no harm." There was also serious talk of rounding them up and moving them to the island of Molokai.

The blows against the Japanese Americans continued, but the cruelest blow was yet to come.

It came with the announcement by the U.S. government in March of 1942 that Japanese Americans would no longer be eligible for the draft. They were classified as enemy aliens.

In the beginning of May 1942, the people of Honolulu noticed unusual military activities and aircraft movements. Something big was happening or about to happen, they surmised. They were right. The battle of Midway was on.

Japanese Americans in the 298th and 299th were recalled to Schofield Barracks; their weapons were taken away from them and they were separated from their non-Japanese buddies and formed into an all Nisei Hawaii Provincial Battalion in record time. The Nisei soldiers suspected the worst. "What's happening here?" they wanted to know.

At a still critical time when every man was desperately needed to defend the Hawaiian Islands, when the Army was racing against time to bring in as many reinforcements as possible, when Midway was under attack and its outcome still uncertain and unknown, the Nisei soldiers were abruptly told that they were being sent overseas to an unknown destination.

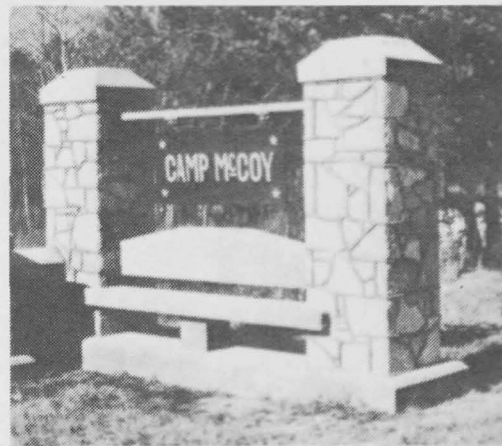
They boarded the troopship Maui. Late that night the Maui left Honolulu harbor. After a week-long, uneventful, zigzag journey, the Maui passed under San Francisco's awesome Golden Gate Bridge and docked in Oakland.

To the men, most of whom had never left the islands before, passing under the Golden Gate Bridge and looking up at the magnificent structure, was one of the greatest thrills of their young lives. In Oakland, the battalion officers learned that the name of the unit would hereafter be the "100th Infantry Battalion (Separate)."

The men were put on three waiting troop trains. Each took a different route to the destination. Five days later one of the trains stopped at a siding in Wisconsin, as if playing out a macabre scene. Across the track stood what looked like an internment camp. There were watch towers, iron fences topped with barbed wire surrounding the camp.

One of the men studied the camp very carefully looking out from the window of the train. He knew that his parents were interned in a camp in Wisconsin. He felt apprehensive and wondered whether the Army brought them here to intern the whole battalion. For all the weird things which had already happened, this was a distinct possibility. He sweated it out for half an hour. The train started to move again and as it put more and more distance away from the camp, smiles returned to the worried men of the 100th. The soldier who thought of his parents later learned they were indeed in the very camp he was looking at through the train's window.

All three trains reached their destination—Camp McCoy, Wis.—safely. A total of 1,432 soldiers disembarked. They were a strange looking lot, to put it mildly, in the middle of white America. They were way below the Army average in height and weight. They were much older than the normal infantry unit. They were cheerful



A snapshot to remember the "Camp McCoy" taken by a 100th Infantry Battalion soldier in 1942.

looking and didn't seem to carry the weight of the world on their shoulders. They were friendly, outgoing and they smiled a lot and were eager to please.

If true that they would be sent to Europe to fight the Germans, what chance would these "pint-sized Japs" have against the mighty German army? A betting man who didn't know them certainly would not have bet on them. He probably would have felt pity for them.

And yet, pathetically, it had all come down to this: Upon the shoulders of these young men rested the fate of the entire Japanese population in the United States for generations to come. It was as stark and simple as that. The men of the 100th hoped to turn things around for their people. Only time would tell whether they would succeed or not. The Army was going to use the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion as guinea pigs. They would be watched under a microscope. They would be tested, like no other outfit would be tested. The Army even kept individual dossiers on each and every one of them.

There was one bright spot. Leading the battalion were two Caucasian officers who wholeheartedly and passionately believed in the men and their mission. The officers were Lt. Col. Farrant Turner and Maj. James Lovell, men of impeccable character and credentials. They were Kamaainas (old timers in Hawaii) who could be counted on. They knew the men. They trusted and had faith in them. The men in turn felt the same toward the two officers.

One of the War Department directives which Lt. Col. Turner knew about but kept secret from the men was that no Japanese American would be allowed to command a company. Turner kept it a secret because he had already made up his mind that he would disobey this order when the proper moment came. To Turner's credit, he did just that when the moment came for a Japanese American to take over the command of a company and the Army did not make an issue about it. The "old man" was that kind of a man. He fought for his men, at the risk of being court martialed, when he believed a wrong should be corrected.

Thus began, inauspiciously, the incredible and unbelievable odyssey of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

The 1,432 men of the 100th were also only too aware of the unflattering fact that the only reason they were still in the Army was because they had been drafted before Pearl Harbor, and the federal law which had



In appreciation for the fine treatment accorded the men in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the Japanese community in Honolulu gave a big luau for all servicemen from Wisconsin in 1942.

drafted them said that there would be no discrimination. They knew also that the Army really didn't want them, didn't really trust them and really didn't know what to do with them.

If there was ever an orphan battalion, the 100th Infantry Battalion was it. The designation (separate) spoke volumes.

Webster's definition of separate: to set or keep apart; disconnect; sever; to set aside for a special purpose.

The stark reality that the future integrity of the entire Japanese population in the United States now rested squarely upon their shoulders was ever in their minds. History had appointed these Nisei to carry the load and the torch to prove the patriotism of their people. The men of the 100th rose to the occasion.

Despite criticism from many Americans, the men of the 100th knew that they were loyal Americans—that America could count on them for the ultimate test of patriotism—on the battlefield where lives are at stake. The men of the 100th also knew without a shadow of a doubt that their parents would never do anything to harm the United States. To do so would be like murdering their own sons. But they also knew that no amount of verbal protestations were going to do any good. Words were meaningless. Action was everything.

There is an old Oriental proverb which goes something like this: "A crisis is also an opportunity."

The men of the 100th seized it and claimed it as their own.

The 1,432 men of the 100th saw their travail as a unique opportunity. They knew instinctively what must be done. They must spill their own blood on the battlefield, like other Americans were doing. Nothing less would do. Nothing was too big or too small or too demeaning. Without question, every man in the 100th knew he was on a sacred mission. He could not, would not let his loved ones down. He could not, would not let the people down—the people who boldly spoke up for them and had faith in them.

It was their "enemy" alien parents who foresaw it would come to this, even before Pearl Harbor. The men of the 100th now fully realized what their parents meant when they had admonished them: "Do your duty. America is your country. Go and do your best. Do not bring Shame (haji) to the family."

The men knew that before the United States Army

would send them to the front, they would have to prove themselves in training. They had to earn the right to fight! Nothing ever came easy for the men of the 100th. With this in mind, they prepared themselves for combat with a vengeance and zeal seldom seen in an Army camp. Lt. Col. Turner and Maj. Lovell drove them to their absolute limit. They became so outstanding and scored such high marks in training that they attracted the attention of the top Army brass in Washington, D.C.

The 100th would become the most inspected, looked over, the most thoroughly trained unit in the Army. Each man became an expert in several different weapons so that the unit could continue to function in any situation. High Army and civilian officials from all over the country came to Camp McCoy to see for themselves and confirm what they had been hearing about this "crack" battalion. Even in training, the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion became a legend.

Their behavior in and out of Camp McCoy was exemplary. Residents of nearby Sparta and La Crosse loved them. Many families invited the men to their homes for dinners. Lifelong friendships were established. The men wrote home about the splendid hospitality and about the genuine friendliness of the people of

these Wisconsin towns. The Japanese community in Hawaii reciprocated by throwing a big luau at the University of Hawaii campus, inviting servicemen from Wisconsin stationed in Oahu. The Varsity Victory Volunteer men provided much of the manpower and the University of Hawaii coeds and the young women in the community acted as hostesses and waitresses. The men from Wisconsin had a great time and were greatly impressed. The Emergency Service Committee coordinated the luau.

Japanese Americans and their alien parents looked up to the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion, admired them, were grateful to them. The 100th became a symbol of hope. The men of the 100th lifted the morale of their people like nothing else could.

(The 100th Infantry Battalion went out of its way to prove loyalty to the United States. The battalion first gained fame with the American Fifth Army in the Italian Campaign. Over 1,400 Purple Heart medals were awarded to members of the battalion. Three Legion of Merit medals, nine Distinguished Service Crosses, 44 Silver Star medals and a Congressional Medal of Honor were awarded to 100th Infantry personnel for brilliant service to their country during World War II.)



President Harry S. Truman honors the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team after World War II on the White House lawn.

McCoy memories

Hawaiian vets return to say thanks

By BARBARA RICE
Special to the Tribune

FORT MCCOY, Wis. — Forty-five years ago, a troop train loaded with American soldiers of Japanese descent arrived at what was then Camp McCoy.

Through the windows of the train the men got their first view of the post: rows of barbed wire fencing.

On Sunday, 40 of those World War II veterans, along with some wives and widows, came back. So did their memories.

The men were members of Company A of the 100th Infantry Battalion, a unit that had its roots in the Hawaiian National Guard and that went on to serve in Europe during the war. Conscripted as a result of the National Selective Service Act of 1940, these men were in Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 that year.

For several months, the War Department in Hawaii wrestled with what came to be known as "the Japanese problem." There were those, according to Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, a platoon leader in Company A and later a company commander, who felt American troops of Japanese ancestry could not be trusted in Hawaii. "that some elements would commit sabotage."

In June 1942, 1,300 of those troops were shipped from Hawaii to Oakland, Calif., and put aboard a troop train for an unrevealed destination.

"You can imagine that the boys were not very confident," said Fukuda. "They had been shipped out under a cloud, questioning their patriotism. But we arrived quite sure that we would be demonstrating our patriotism."

They did, serving with distinction with the 5th Army in the Italian campaign. Sunday, the veterans photographed and shot videos of once-familiar terrain, noting that the firing ranges had barely changed.

However, Fukuda and his companions made it clear they were revisiting the area less to recall their military experiences and more to express appreciation for the warm welcome they received 45 years ago.

They had left for the mainland under a shadow of suspicion, and with no knowledge of what was to happen to them. "The greatest part of the war," said Fukuda, "was that the people of Wisconsin treated us like human beings. It restored our confidence."

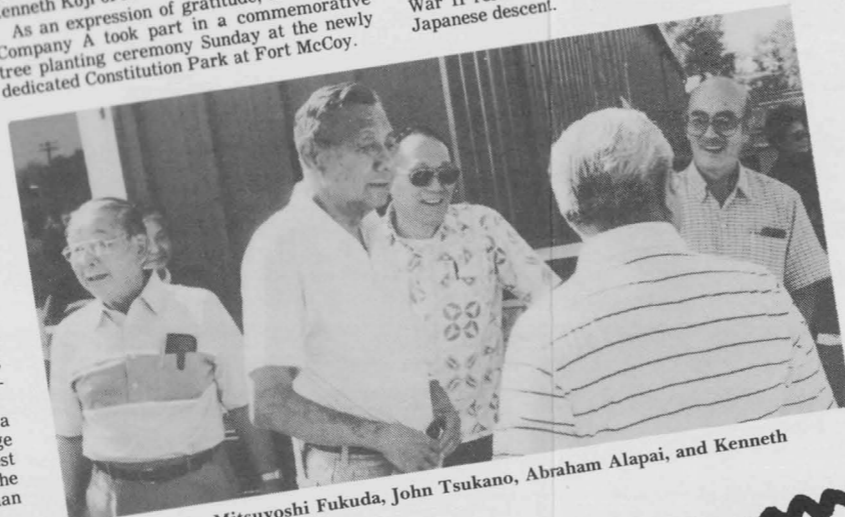
Fukuda said that although the Louisiana troops later were transferred to Louisiana and Mississippi before going overseas, "our

most pleasant visit was in Wisconsin."

Sparta residents recalled opening their homes to the men of the 100th Infantry. Julia Middleman still corresponds with members of the 100th who were frequent dinner guests in her parents' home.

Patricia Koji, Sparta, had a contact with the 100th of even greater impact. She married Kenneth Koji of Hilo, Hawaii.

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Tadayoshi Sato, Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, John Tsukano, Abraham Alapai, and Kenneth Mitsunaga.

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Today, the visiting Hawaiians were to meet with the mayors of Sparta, Tomah and La Crosse. The group then will travel to Washington, D.C., to take part in the opening of the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit on the World War II relocation of West Coast residents of Japanese descent.

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Pride, gratitude mark vets' return to Fort McCoy

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Already in service as a result of the National Selective Service Act of 1940, these men were in their home state of Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

Toshiko Fukuda, the wife of the then-platoon leader of Company A, Mitsuyoshi Fukuda,

recalled that her husband, in civilian life a teacher, reported to the closest military installation on Dec. 8. He remained on active duty until the end of the war.

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Sunday's returning veterans recalled that their first view of McCoy, through the windows of the troop train, was of rows of barbed wire fences. Some wondered if they were to be

interned as many of their relatives had been in West Coast relocation camps.

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General Charles W. Ryder, commanding general, 34th.



Lineage and Honors

100th BATTALION, 442d INFANTRY

Constituted 4 June 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate)

Activated 12 June 1942 at Oakland, California, with personnel of Japanese ancestry from the Hawaiian Provisional Infantry Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 25 November 1943 as the 100th Infantry Battalion, (Separate)

Reorganized and redesignated 10 August 1944 as the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry

Inactivated 15 August 1946 at Honolulu, Hawaii

(442d Infantry allotted 27 March 1947 to the Organized Reserves)

Activated 31 July 1947 at Fort DeRussy, Hawaii

(Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve)

Reorganized and redesignated 29 May 1959 as the 100th Battle Group, 442d Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1964 as the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry

Ordered into active military service 13 May 1968 at Fort DeRussy, Hawaii; released from active military service 12 December 1969 and reverted to reserve status

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- Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered GOTHIC LINE

Charlie Chapter News

George Hagiwara

The most welcome news for Charlie Chapter members, was the announcement of their Reunion, scheduled for Nov. 20th thru the 22nd, at the Waikiki Marina Hotel, after 45 years since the inception of the 100th, and some 20 years since their first reunion, that only a few remember. Hopefully, this reunion will be the beginning of others to follow in our twilight years.

An almost non-stop itinerary from arrival pickup at the airport to departure time has been scheduled by Ken Higa, Warren Iwai, and Shimizu with key members die hards of Charlie Chapter. A busy schedule from pickup at the airport, golf, excursions, shopping tours, luncheons, teahouse party, including a chartered bus to take everyone, locals also, to board the bus at the Clubhouse at 0400 PM for the stadium to watch UH vs Airforce, Saturday evening.

Sunday will be left open for last minute shopping, visits to friends and relatives, with a bento lunch at the Clubhouse and refreshments, to recall fading memories of those days when with inevitable inquiries of where's so and so? What happened? When? How? and so it goes until departure time. OUR COMMON HERITAGE.....

SOLDIER

"I was that which others did not want to be.

I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.

I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness...should I fail.

I have seen the face of terror; felt the stinging cold of fear; and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.

I have cried, pained, and hoped...but most of all, I have lived times others would

say were best forgotten.

At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I wasa soldier"

by GEORGE L. SKYLARK

ON THE MOVE, WERE:

Stanley and Yuki Akita, with Tadashi and Takako Umamoto visited the Smithsonian to see AJA exhibit with a tour of the East Coast and Washington, D.C.

Traveling down under to Australia and New Zealand were Mike and Betty Tokunaga, and Masayoshi Nakano.

George and Hazel Hagiwara attend the 34th Division Reunion in Des Moines, Iowa participating in the dedication ceremonies of the Marble Monument at the entrance of Camp Dodge, Iowa, outside Des Moines. The inscription of the 100th and 442nd as intregal units of 34th Division will be viewed with pride by AJAs in that part of the country. The rest of the vacation was spent with our daughter and her family. Highlight of our visit to Virginia was our visit to Fredercisburg, one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, and a visit to General Stonewall Jackson's grave where his arm is buried.

Off to the land of the rising sun to further seek their roots were Saburo Ishitani to Nagoya and a tour of Nothern Japan. Richard and Marian Yamamoto visiting with their daughter in Wajima, Ishikawa Ken, Japan, learning the ways of the natives.

CHARLIE CHAPTER CELEBRATION

Charlie Chapter members were elated to learn that Doris Kimura, wife of Stanley Kimura, was recently selected as one of the 3 winners from a Karaoke competition by KOHO TV Station, and sent to Japan to represent Hawaii at the ASAKURA MATSURI. They performed with three top amateur singers from Japan on their National TV Circuit.

Earlier, this summer, Doris placed first in another Karaoke contest sponsored by Times Super Market, for which she was awarded a trip to Maui and the Big Island.

FAMILY REUNION

The Miyashiros, Chicken and Loraine are entertaining their daughter Allyn and her child from Tokyo, Japan, while Allyn's husband, Neil Horikoshi, son of James Horikoshi from Headquarters Chapter, attends a conference in New York City. Neil, an employee of IBM, is a recent transfer to Japan from Connecticut.

FROM THE INFIRMARY.....We learn that Jimmy Oshiro has recently been released from the hospital. Tom Matsumura is doing fine, hopefully, he will be able to get away from his Family parties to join us for a short visit. Understand by the grapevine that Mario Kidani is completely blind.

Dog Chapter News

Helen Nikaido

October was a very busy month for many of us travelwise.

Attending the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit at the capital were Mildred & "Doc" Hosaka, Rhoda & "Charlie" Kawamata, Florence & Ken Mitsunaga and Jane & "General" Matsunami. They traveled with the Able chapter group.

Sue Kondo was off to Australia and New Zealand with Agnes Nakamoto.

Mary Hamasaki was in Berkeley to attend her class reunion, later visiting relatives and friends in San Diego, etc.

Stella Nakayama was on a ten-day shopping tour to Hong Kong and Korea.

Lillian & "Fuzzy" Fujimori visited Japan. Also George & Mitsuko Kurisu. Ruth Watanabe, Irene & Eric Abe (Dog chapter, Los Angeles), "Nick" and I joined "Biffa" Moriguchi and "Opu" Hiranaka's Hokkaido onsen tour. It was very cold but nice. We had the same JTB guide, bus driver and bus guide. It was really "na-tsu-ka-shi-i" to see them after five years. "Biffa" and "Opu"

sure had a scary experience this trip, worried, too. Several days after the tour began, "Biffa's" room mate had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital. I hear he passed out so Dr. Ernest Tanaka (retired dentist) applied CPR. With medication and a couple days rest, he was fine and able to continue the tour. Half way through the tour, Elsie Oshita's room mate got sick, really sick in Sapporo and had to be hospitalized. Her appendix ruptured and had to be operated on. "Opu" stayed back in Sapporo for the rest of the tour.

Other club members and wives on this tour were Priscilla & Yoshio Hirose, Alice & Kiyoshi Kami, Nancy & Bob Nakamura, Elsie Oshita, "Stu" Yoshioka, "Candy" Tanaka, "China" Yamashina and Kaneme Yui. "Candy" loved his coffee so much that we now call him "Mr. Coffee". We enjoyed the karaoke singing by "Stu" Yoshioka, Eric Abe, Nancy Nakamura, Elsie Oshita, "Biffa", "Opu", Joe Ebisu and "Majo" Uyehara. Nancy's and Elsie's voice came better and better as we went along, they've been eating this special senbei and ame the bus guide and driver gave us.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to "Biffa" and "Opu" for taking good care of us and making our trip most enjoyable.

Our get-well wish goes to Katsumi Nakayama who underwent surgery on Oct. 12th at the Kuakini Medical Center. He's back home and is doing fine.

This year Dog chapter changed their chapter meetings to Saturday mornings with breakfast served after. We had a good turn out and the wives also came out to help prepare the breakfast. It would be up to the next president to decide whether to continue the same schedule next year.

Many thanks to the following ladies for coming out to help prepare the breakfast: Rhoda Kawamata, Tami Hara, Kay Harada, Mary Hamasaki, Ruth Watanabe, Edith Imai, Jane Matsunami, Ruth Tsutsui, Gloria Tamashiro and Helen Nikaido. Special thanks to Kenji Nikaido for donating the delicious soups he made for us and to Tami Hara for the various foods she prepared. Merry Christmas to you all! May you all have a happy, safe, healthy holiday season.

Fox Company News

Kenneth M. Higa

At last year's reunion, the F Company gang decided to go on a mainland tour instead of holding the reunion in Honolulu. So, on Sept. 16th, with Honcho Hakaru Taoka leading the group, they flew to Boston, the first stop in the itinerary of the 17-day tour. The tour ended in Washington, D.C. but most of them extended their stay in Las Vegas for a few days before returning home on October 5th.

In all, there were thirty-nine in the group. From Hawaii were M/M Masao Fujimoto, Hiromu Kobayashi, M/M Yasuyuki Kurokawa, M/M Charles Nishimura, M/M Nobuo Okinaka, and Shinsuke Shimabukuro.

Representing Maui was M/M Yeihō Higa and Kauai by M/M Sadao Kawamoto.

And from Oahu were M/M Sakuji Amano, Mrs. Kiyoko Aoki, M/M Oscar Fukino, James Higa, Mrs. Edith Hirata, M/M Kiyoshi Jinnohara, M/M Seiso Kamishita, M/M Satoshi Kashimoto, Mrs. Jane Kawaguchi, M/M Jay Miyagawa, Mrs. May Miyashiro, M/M Susumu Ota, M/M Tadao Seo, M/M Mataka Takeshita and M/M Hakaru Taoka.

The long and unforgettable journey by bus began in Boston then continued on through seven northeastern states, two provinces in Canada, and finally, Washington, D.C., the most important leg of the F Company tour.

The primary purpose of the tour was to attend the opening ceremonies of the Japanese American Exhibit and to see the displays of the Exhibit in the newly created museum.

The following account of the group's stay in the Capitol was written by Hakaru Taoka.

The schedule in Washington, D.C. area was developed around the schedule that our U.S. Senator Spark Matsunaga prepared for us. The first scheduled tour arranged by Sparky took us on a VIP tour of the capital building followed by buffet

luncheon co-hosted by Senator Spark Matsunaga and Dan Inouye and Representatives Dan Akaka and Patricia Saiki. We enjoyed the special buffet luncheon in the just completed SH-216 room and we were told that we were the first group to use this room. All four Hawaii Congressional delegates mingled freely with all those there making for an enjoyable and meaningful visit on the occasion of the bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution.

For that same afternoon, Sparky's arrangement took us to the Kennedy Center. When we arrived at the center, we were told that the reservation was cancelled. However, there was this very nice elderly volunteer worker who graciously volunteered her services and guided us through the Kennedy Center.

Next day we returned for another VIP tour arranged for us by Sparky. This time we toured the FBI Building.

The opening ceremonies of "A More Perfect Union - Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution" was held at 10:00 a.m. on October 1, 1987 at the U.S. Capitol West Lawn. The keynote address was delivered by our own Sparky, with the guest speaker being The Honorable Arthur Goldberg, Former Justice U.S. Supreme Court.

The Japanese experiences exhibit is located at the National Museum of American History building. The exhibit is on the third floor, east wing. We got passes to view the exhibit on Thursday, October 1, 1987 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The waiting line was relatively long and the exhibit area crowded.

Besides those mentioned above, we toured other points of interest in the D.C. area, mostly by bus, except on one occasion some of us walked to the Vietnam Monument. Here we witnessed two flower wreaths conspicuously placed for two Americans of Japanese ancestry, namely Medal of Honor Winners Kawamura and Yano. After looking over the place, I still can't comprehend the true meaning of this monument being built on excavated ground in the very, very large mall area. The monument is hardly visible to people traversing the streets on vehicle and even to those walking

on the sidewalks constructed all around the edge of the mall.

There was much more to see in the D.C. area but our schedule called for us to depart on Oct. 2 for Las Vegas, so off we went to Las Vegas and stayed at the Californian. We finally headed for home on October 5, 1987 leaving behind much of our money to earn interest so that we could return later on to claim both principal and interest.

Have you noticed a new svelte-looking Fox? Well, Kenzo Endo has slimmed down to his "fighting weight of yore" having knocked off fifty or more pounds. He underwent eye cataract surgery a couple of months ago but funny I didn't lose much weight after I had the same kind of surgery last year. All kidding aside, Kenzo had to trim down for health reasons.

Herbert Miyasaki had major surgery in August and all of us wish the best for him. Before taking ill, Herbert was greatly instrumental in the preparation of the itinerary for the F Company tour. He and his wife, Akiko, thank those who went on the tour and the coordinators for the omimai and the expression of concern for him.

Aloha to you all. Have a nice and enjoyable Holiday Season.

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Headquarters Chapter News

Kenichi Suehiro

Our Christmas Party on Dec. 13, Sunday. I'm sure the notice was received timely and that you responded as requested. If not, please do so without delay - Toshio Kunimura & Mike Takahashi co-chairmen, will appreciate hearing from you.

It will be turkey and ham with all the trimmings prepared by our chef Arthur Tamashiro and his helpers. This may be our last clubhouse cookout. It's costly to cater the cooking to some commercial firm but we'll be too old soon so we could figure on changes.

Fred Takahashi's mother is still doing fine in Wainae. I'm sure she'll be about our 1st centenarian.

Professor Otagaki & Mrs. will be on a Far East trip for 3 weeks. Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong, P.I., etc. I told Doc to be extra careful in the P.I. - afterall, he's not agile as in the past.

Elmo Okido is doing fine considering his age of 83. So is Carl Shinoda - we missed him at the clubhouse for a few weeks but I'm sure he'll be around soon as usual. His son Randy became married recently - Congratulations Randy and the best to you both.

Dr. Isaac Kawasaki underwent a major operation recently - some form of "blockage". He planned to retire at the end of this year, but he'll now have to postpone retirement plans. He can't just retire and leave us without a doctor. He "took care" of me in the Army and right through to now. I'll sure be lost without his services. I'm sure there are others who still depend on him. Get well soon Doc - your friends and patients need your services.

TV station KHAI has a rice give away program. One night while watching a Japanese program the name "Hideo Ueno" appeared as winner. You know, I tried calling Hideo 3 times to let him know, but I guess all his friends were trying like me. I hope you win the grand prize Hideo!

Hawaii Chapter News

James S. Maeda

1987 MEMORIAL SERVICE - Hawaii Chapter's annual memorial service commemorating the anniversary of the first-day-of-combat on September 29, 1943 of the 100th Inf. Bn. was held on September 27 at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery. Dr. Kenneth Otagaki, member of Club 100 Honolulu gave the memorial address. Rev. Junji Suginoara of Hilo Meishon Mission was in charge of the Buddhist service. Hawaii County Mayor Dante Carpenter gave the eulogy. The Hawaii County Band was able to participate in this year's memorial service. In spite of the absence of members of Company "F", their wives and few others who were on the mainland the service was well attended. We thank the gold-star parents and relatives for their continued support.

Yasuo Iwasaki, Stanley Ushijima and Motoyoshi Tanaka coordinated the memorial service project. The committee is grateful to Ken Otagaki, Edward and Kazumi Harada of Honolulu for assisting with the anthuriums pick-up at Pahoa and Mt. View on Friday; and the decorating of the grave markers on Saturday afternoon. The Hawaii Chapter Club 100th extends our heartfelt thanks to the anthuriums growers for their generous donation each year to decorate the graves.

ANNUAL GET TOGETHER - Hawaii Chapter end of the year get together will be held on Sunday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the AJA Veterans Hall, on Haihai Street. Lunch and refreshment will be served. It will be a member and spouse affair. Election of new officers for year 1988 is on the agenda also. Please make plans to attend the get together

45th ANNIVERSARY Fort McCoy Visit & Smithsonian Tour - Company "A" 45th Anniversary visit of Fort McCoy and Smithsonian/Dedication display tour under the leadership of Mits Fukuda and Chicken Hirayama was an interesting, enjoyable and memorable one. Jack Coffey, public affairs director, Fort McCoy did an excellent job arranging our schedule while at La Crosse. John Tsukano went

ahead - few days from Honolulu to handle the publicity for our visit of the area. The visit was a very touching one for the men of the 100th Bn., 45 years later we were actually visiting the barracks, the camp, the towns and people which were part of our lives. We were surprised to find Col. Rodney K. Morris and Lt. Col. Dennis Yamasaki both from Honolulu greetings us at Fort McCoy. Both men are with the Army Reserve Training Center at the camp. The visit of the 'ole camp (tent city), the railroad tracks, the firing range, the camp headquarters and wooded areas brought back memories. In the afternoon of that Sunday, Mits Fukuda and the commanding officers of the camp planted a tree in Fort McCoy's Constitution Park.

The Ramada Inn where the group stayed is located about 8 miles out of La Crosse. The town was observing Octoberfest during our Saturday night visit. The town was full of young people having fun with plenty of noise. On Monday morning while going up the elevator to pay a courtesy call to Mayor Patrick Zielke, a group of people got stuck in the elevator due to overloading. Guess who was the heavy one? A former newspaper boy who sold and delivered newspapers at Camp McCoy, 45 years ago came by at the hotel to express his "thank you". He was 10 years old at that time. He ended up in fellowship with some of our guys in the bar.

We were happy to see Abraham Alapai formerly, Co. "F", now a resident of Tomah, Wisconsin at the tree planting ceremony and at Mayor John Rusch's office at Tomah. Mrs. Patricia Koji, wife of the late Kenneth Koji (Co. D) came to the camp for the tree planting. One of her daughter's and grandchild came to Sparta from Madison to say "hello" to her father's friends at the Sparta Park. Sparta's Mayor Patrick Zielke greeted us at the beautiful Sparta Park. There is a plaque on the park pavillion for our monetary contribution several years ago.

The high point of our tour was the Smithsonian Institute's lead exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution. It can be called a project -- Educating a Nation; A Journey Back to 1941". We the members of Company "A" tour were fortunate to be

sitting in the front row at the dedication ceremony, in the front of the Capitol Building. It was a rather chilly morning for us Hawaiian. The organizations handling the ceremony did an excellent job. The speakers did a good job of handling their areas of interest. The 4 members of Congress: Akaka, Saiki, Muneto and Matsuo had to run into meetings and cast their votes and return to the ceremony to make their speeches. Judge Arthur Goldberg, retired U.S. Supreme Court justice was the principal speaker.

The Smithsonian exhibit at the American History Building; "the story of the 100th which broke ground as the first Nisei fighting unit in Europe was told accurately in the exhibit." The display gives a true picture of the 100th Infantry Bn., and the 442nd Regiment. To the thousands of mainland Isseis, Niseis and Sanseis gathered at the dedication ceremony, the internment and camp life during World War II is real to them. October 1, 1987 was a day of recognition -- "A day of educating our

nation". There were many tears of happiness and memories.

The members of the Company "A" and "F" Company tours would like to extend sincere thanks to Senator Matsunaga and his staff for making our stay in Washington, D.C. a memorable and enjoyable one. To Senators Inouye and Matsunaga; Representatives Akaka and Saiki our thanks and arigato for the delicious lunch and fellowship at the Senate's Hart Building. It was certainly a treat for us to be the first to be invited into the Hart Building's new dining room.

The bad which ended in good. Upon reaching our nation's Capitol, Hakaru Taoka's Company "F" group found themselves without hotel room. The hotel which they had reservations went bankrupt -- a sad situation. Thanks to Mike Frazer, bus driver, a Yankee Line Inc. from Boston, they were able to stay at a hotel with better accommodations about 20 miles away in Maryland for their 3 nights. Mike Frazer had to transport two groups while at Washington, D.C. "F" and "A".

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We thank Mits and Toshiko Fukuda for staying back at the nation's Capitol while the rest of the group went down to Jamestown, Williamsburg, Monticello, Gettysburg and etc., to learn more American history. Mits had to speak at a banquet on Saturday night, October 3, representing the 100th Infantry Bn. We regret we couldn't get together with the Los Angeles Club 100 members on tour. It was a case of "hello and goodbye" on the steps of the Capitol building. For lunch at the Williamsburg cafeteria about 6 bus loads of Buddhaheads and Kotonks went in for lunch at the same time. The workers in the cafeteria for the first time saw so many Japanese faces at one place.

The members and wives of Company "A" tour (including Co. D) extend our heartfelt thanks to Mits Fukuda and "Chicken" Hirayama for putting this historical tour together for us to share and enjoy.

The Big Island Company "F" travelers thanks Hakaru Taoka for coordinating the 1987 Smithsonian tour.

Kauai Chapter News

Ben Morimoto

Our meeting held 8/20/87 was just like a Board of Directors' one with only 9 members and 8 wives present. However much was accomplished for the coming Memorial Service for all the programs were lined up. There was no need to call for volunteers among the wives to offer their services to be hostess for this event. Mrs. Kazuto Yoshioka, Mrs. Renee Moritsugu and Mrs. Katsumi Yoshida prior to the meeting offered their services.

It seems one cannot retire so easily from Club functions for once again I was named by Club President Wally Takemoto to be the M.C. for the Memorial Service.

Here on Kauai Sept. 27 was another day of sunshine with a cool breeze of tradewinds. The main cemetery path was lined up with flags to the flag pole and so the graves with flowers were

beautiful. The attendance of members and wives were well in numbers. The invocation was done by the Rev. Uyeda of the Waimea Honpa Hongwanji. Breaking our tradition of just male guest speaker, Mrs. Shirley Akita - District Superintendent Department of Education, was our guest speaker. She candidly did some research and have had some help from Ben Tamashiro. She was surprised when informed that Ben Tamashiro is Kauai Boy from Eleele. In her speech relating to the incidents of war she mentioned the rooster crowing in Anzio and less hekka ingredients, hekka. I am in wonder where or from who she got that affair.

The laying of the wreath was done by Muggsy Morikawa and Larry Sakoda past presidents of the Club. Taps were blown by 2 Kawamura boys (no relation). Mitsuru Doi led the group in singing God Bless America. The refreshments plentiful indeed, fit for light lunch was served and enjoyed by all. Time came for a break up for our lunch reservation at Green Garden. All in all, about 40 heads were counted at the luncheon. The Club acknowledges in thanks to Fujimoto Florist for the donation of the wreath for this Memorial Service.

On Oct. 7 my wife and I left for a 22-day tour to Australia and New Zealand. You never realize how small the world has come with modern transportation and so many people traveling.

Example (1) the first night in Sydney we met a couple from Eleele whom we know at nearby hotel on the street; (2) in Christ Church in a Chinese Restaurant whom do we meet, none other than Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tokunaga with a group led by Vernon Nunokawa. It was the most wonderful trip, perfect weather with all the expectations coming true. Snow on the roadside, beautiful cherry blossoms and park gardens. No rain or extreme cold and all the foods served where it was the case that you cannot escape the gaining of extra pounds.

The last general meeting was held on 10/22/87 at Green Garden. I was absent from this meeting and the information I got is from Tsugi our secretary. The annual Xmas Party will be Dec. 10 at Kauai Westin. It is a very expensive affair and so once in a lifetime affair.

Maui Chapter News

Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter members held a family picnic on Sunday, August 9, at the Kanaha Beach Park, Kahului, with hard-working Johnny Miyagawa in charge. Under clear blue skies, grandmothers and grandchildren participated in games with great encouragement from the spectators. Other wives were busy cooking the teriyaki chickens and meat dishes. Members were gathered in groups enjoying cold beer under the shade of the kiawe trees. At noon everybody helped themselves to a plateful of the delicious food, and played bingo games later under the shady trees. Akira Ishikawa was in charge of bingo with adult children of members assisting. A total of 43 members and wives, 2 guests, 19 sons and daughters and spouses, and 26 grandchildren were in attendance.

Maui chapter member Edward Kaname Nashiwa passed away on August 16, 1987. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

Our general dinner meeting was held at the Sheik's Restaurant at 6 PM on Thursday, September 3rd. After a delicious dinner, chapter president Jack Gushiken opened the meeting by introducing Leonard Oka, representing the Maui 442nd Veterans Sons and Daughters. He informed us that A&B Company had donated land to the Sons and Daughters in Kahului for the purpose of building a cultural center. He asked for our moral and financial support toward the building of this center. During the discussion that followed, members felt that due to our advanced age, we could offer only limited financial support, but full moral support. Other business included a report of the family picnic by chairman Johnny Miyagawa, and announcement of the September 27 KIA Memorial Service by co-chairmen Goichi Shimanuki and Kiyoshi Ikeda.

Sunday, September 27, dawned bright and sunny. At 2 PM a Memorial Service was

held at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery with members, wives and guests in attendance. Plumeria leis made by the wives of members were placed on the veterans graves as well as the beautiful red anthuriums sent to Maui from Hilo members Yasuo Iwasaki and James Ushijima, courtesy of Aloha Airlines. Goichi Shimanuki and Kiyoshi Ikeda were the co-chairmen of this outstanding memorial service. Shimanuki was also MC for the program and Reverend Howard Yoshida of the Kahului Union Church conducted the service. The singing of the hymns was led by the Reverend Kalani Wong, also of the Kahului Union Church. The Welcome Address was given by president Jack Gushiken. Ikeda was in charge of refreshments as well as picking up the anthuriums from the airport. Toshio Iwami and Akira Ishikawa were in charge of transporting the large framed pictures of the deceased members.

The Kahului Community Center was the gathering place for an evening of dining and socializing for members and wives on the evening of October 12. Charles Mizoguchi and Eichi Endo were the co-chairmen for the evenings chicken hekka dinner, and they were ably assisted by their wives and Mrs. Johnny Miyagawa. The Ben Takayasu's were welcomed to the club at this time, and the rest of the evening were spent in eating drinking, conversation and playing bingo with Willie Goo, Toshio Iwami and Akira Ishikawa in charge.

Hanele Chapter 10 News

George Hagiwara

The 100th Battalion Chapter 10, has finally received its colors, to join the rest of the Hawaiian Department of Disabled American Veterans in their Massing of Colors on this Veterans Day, Nov. 11th, 1987. To date, the Hanele Chapter numbers 60 members, the smallest of the Hawaiian Department Chapters, yet supposedly the largest in number of battlefield casualties.

Southern California Chapter News

Tad T. Hashimoto

On July 26th, it was the M.I.S. steak bake. The following men of the 100th were the cooks for this occasion: Sam Fujikawa, Buddy Mamiya, Ben Tagami, Monte & Wayne Fujita, Young Oak Kim, the ladies helped too, Teri Fujikawa, May Fujita, Fumi Sakato, Nora Kim, Jean Tagami and Lily Mamiya. New aprons worn by the workers were donated by Monte Fujita.

The 47th annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival Grand Parade was held on August 9, 1987. Once again the 100th/442nd R.C.T. color guard participated. The following men proudly carried the colors. Hiro Takasugawa, Robert Ichikawa, Nobu Ikuta, Sam Fujikawa, Ben Tagami, Monte Fujita and Sat Nakamura.

August 9, 1987 was the 100/442nd Fund Raiser Dinner held at the Taix French Restaurant. In attendance were: Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Dr. Harold & Chiye Harada, Monte & May Fujita, Henry & Fumi Sakato, Albert & Connie Takahashi, Lloyd and Checkie Seki, Eric Abe, Ben & Jean Tagami, Harry & Fuji Fukasawa, Ed & Amy Nakazawa, and Young Oak Kim.

One of the big winners for a \$1,000 prize was Teri Fujikawa. There were many mini raffle winners too besides the five \$1,000 and five \$100 prizes. It was an exciting and fun evening for all!

Frank and Haru Nishimura of Seattle Washington flew into attend the J.A.N.M. dinner September 10th honoring retired Colonel Young Oak Kim.

The following evening some of the 100th members and wives got together for dinner for Frank & Haru at the Golden Pheasant Restaurant. Present were: Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Monte & May Fujita, Harold & Chiye Harada, Nora Kim, Henry Sakato, Buddy & Lily Mamiya, Young Oak Kim, and Ben & Jean Tagami.

Frank & Haru Nishimura presented Ben Tagami (president of 100th) with two

bottles of wine and a bag of beef jerky from Washington. They were presented with a pair of 100/442nd license plate frames.

On September 10, 1987 the Japanese American National Museum presented a "Spirit of Friendship" dinner honoring Colonel Young Oak Kim (retired) at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

Keynote address was given by Senator Art Torres (Calif.). Mistress of ceremonies was co-anchor of KCBS-TV Tricia Toyota. Other speakers were Bruce Kaji president of J.A.N.M., and David Hyun architect and chairman of the Japanese Village Plaza.

J.A.N.M. raised approximately \$100,000.00 from donations and from the crowd of about 650 persons who attended the \$150.00-a-plate dinner. The museum is expected to be completed in a couple of years. The museum will be located on the corner of First Street and Central Avenue in Los Angeles, California.

The "Spirit of Friendship" dinner brought over 60 Koreans who joined with the Japanese Americans Community members to honor Young Oak Kim, and for the J.A.N.M.

Senator Spark M. Matsunaga (Hawaii) and Senator Daniel K. Inouye (Hawaii) spoke via video tapes on a very large screen and it seemed as if both senators could not praise Young Oak Kim enough. Both senators also served with the fabulous 100th/442nd R.C.T. Among other things Matsunaga commended Kim for saving hundreds of lives of the Battalion members. Among other praises Inouye describes Kim as a "Hero of Heroes" and thanked him for his patriotism, courage and outstanding service to others whether in wartime or peacetime and in his years of retirement.

Kim received from the J.A.N.M. a calligraphy (a one of a kind) done on a very large folding screen, done in full view of the entire audience, on stage by Reverend Koen Mishima amidst the chanting of "IROHA" by Reverend Kaizan Kosaka. It was fascinating.

Young Oak Kim was one of the most respected officers in the Battalion. From the beginning he never wore a steel helmet. Everyone wore a helmet but not Kim who appeared to know no fear at all. No matter what the situation, while others may be in confusion or panic, Kim was calm and alert and gave orders quietly without raising his voice. Kim wore a G.I. wool knit cap pulled down over his head, therefore he was so easy to spot no matter where he went. Imagine the unbelievable! Fighting a war with just a little knit "Beany" on your head!

When it was Kim's turn for a speech he humbly acknowledged everything, gave credit to others and said everything significant achieved is a team effort.

Kim also thanked the Korean members of the audience and said it must have been a struggle for you to come here tonight, you are also to be commended for opening the way for all Koreans and Japanese.

President of the 100/442nd Veterans Association of Southern California Sam Fujikawa presented Kim with a proclamation. Ben Tagami (president of 100th in L.A.) Monte Fujita & Sam Fujikawa carried the colors for the pledge of allegiance. Kim wore a lei which was presented to him by Fumi Seki. Kim is vice president of J.A.N.M. and Buddy Mamiya is treasurer of J.A.N.M.

Serving on the dinner committee were Mike Miyake chairperson with help from Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Dr. Harold & Chiye Harada, Buddy Mamiya, Ben Tagami and others. Special thanks were given to Harold Harada, May Fujita, Nora Kim, Lily Mamiya, Amy Nakazawa, Fumi Sakato, Jean Tagami and others for their help.

Attending this \$150.00-a-plate dinner were: Al Takahashi, Eric Abe, Kiyoshi & Bonnie Horino, Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Dr. Harold & Chiye Harada, Nora Kim, Ed & Amy Nakazawa, Lloyd & Chuckie Seki, Douglas & Jane Tanaka, Henry & Fumi Sakato, Sat Nakamura, Lloyd & Michi Toda, Hank Yoshitake, Matsu Furuye, Toe Yoshino, Ken & Yoshiko Muranaga, Monte & May, and Wayne Fujita, Kei & Chisato Yamaguchi, Buddy & Lily Mamiya Chip & Terri Mamiya, Henry & Elsie Hayashi, Harry & Fuji Fukasawa, Mike-Mike Jr. & Doris

Miyake, Young Oak Kim, Ben & Jean Tagami, Mas & Elma Takahashi, Dr. William & Irene Sato, Frank & Haru Nishimura from Seattle Washington, and Tad & Sue Hashimoto.

Donating to the J.A.N.M. and unable to attend were: Masaru Abe, Takeshi Teshima, Taylor Inc., Kenji & Eileen Yoshino and George & Mei Teranishi from Tracy, California.

100/442nd business meeting Saturday, Sept. 19th at the 100/442nd Memorial Hall. 100th members prepared the nasu, corn, onions and fabulous steaks.

Working very hard as chefs were Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Ben & Jean Tagami, Harry Fukasawa, Henry Sakato, Henry Hayashi & Mike Miyake.

100th members in attendance were Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Nora Kim, Ben & Jean Tagami, Matsu Furuye, Harry & Fuji Fukasawa, Tommie Otsuji, Monte & May Fujita, Henry Sakato, Albert & Connie Takahashi, Henry Hayashi, Eric & Irene Abe, and Mike Miyake.

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Majong Yoshimura: A Green Thumbs Legend

Majong was named Masayuki by his parents. The problem was his parents never called him by his name. Instead, THEY CALLED HIM "Machan", short for Masayuki-san. Majong's playground playmates were not interested in the spelling of his name. As far as they were concerned what Majong's parents called their son sure sounded like "Majong", and the name stuck with him through all these years.

This year will be Majong's 32nd year of presenting the Club 100 Green Thumbs Orchid Show for the benefit of the public. Majong says, "All I need are flowers. If I have the flowers, I can put on an orchid display."

So to get the flowers for the November 28 and 29 Orchid Show Majong announced at the monthly meeting of the Green Thumbs that every member should bring every blooming plant in his collection. Members should also ask their orchid growing friends and borrow their blooming plants for the show. Majong points out that there are many friends who are willing to loan plants to the Green Thumbs for show purposes. People like Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Fujiwara, Bob Kato, and Chester Shimizu show their plants each year.

One rule that Majong religiously observes is that he will not allow commercial growers to display their plants at the Green Thumbs Show. He regards the Green Thumbs Show to be a hobbyist type show and not a professional show.

This year the laying out for the show actually begins on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Green Thumb members will report to Majong early in the morning and start LAYING POLYETHYLENE SHEETS ON THE FLOOR OF THE HALL for each island! The grouping of plants are called 'islands'. The final



Majong and his beautiful flowers!

grouping of plants cannot be determined until all the flowers are delivered. However, through past experience, Majong has a pretty good idea of the size and number of islands that he will require.

The members then will shovel wood shavings into the hall and place them on the polyethylene sheets.

Every orchid show has a central theme. Majong plans to use a waterfall as his central theme this year. The waterfall will be against the Ewa wall of the hall.

Friday is the big day. Plants are delivered that day. Ornamental plants to be used as FILLERS ARE ALSO DELIVERED THAT DAY. Majong will take a look at the flowers and the fillers and he will visualize the groupings in his mind. Then he will direct his helpers in moving plants and fillers to the 'islands' as he pictures the 'islands' in his mind.

The only exhibit that Majong will not touch is Kazuo Kamamoto's display. Kazuo has almost as much experience as Majong in displaying orchid for show purposes. Kazuo's display is the main display each year. His plants are usually award winning plants. Orchid enthusiasts usually spend the most time viewing Kazuo's plants. He usually has a few new crosses that he displays.

Many of plants exhibited in the show are award winning plants. However, Majong cautions, "if you have an outstanding plant, you have to display that plant so it will catch the eyes of the judges. Push it Up Front, or display it so that the plant is the most noticeable plant in the grouping".

Majong will place individual plants according to variety and color and size. Once he is satisfied that he has the proper grouping of plants in his 'islands', the members will help put in the filler plants and cover the whole 'island' with fern dust and MOUNTAIN FERN. BY FIVE O'CLOCK ON Friday night all of the plants should be in place and the judges will begin judging the plants. All the members and helpers will be ohing and ahing at the beauty of the display.

So another Green Thumbs Orchid Show is ready to be opened to the public on SATURDAY MORNING AT 9 o'clock. And Majong will be there at the opening of the show. He will TELL YOU WHICH ARE THE OUTSTANDING PLANTS IN THIS YEAR'S SHOW. AND HE WILL ENCOURAGE YOU TO BUY AN EXTRA BAG OF WOOD SHAVING BECAUSE THE MONEY RAISED FROM THE SALE OF WOOD SHAVING WILL PAY FOR PART of the expense of putting on the Orchid Show next year. He will also tell you that most of the crosses on display can be purchased at the plant sale which will be going on in the Lounge Area.

Majong is truly a tireless Green Thumbs legend.

Saburo Hasegawa is the general chairman of the Green Thumbs Orchid Show and Plant Sale to be held on Nov. 28 and 29. Majong Yoshimura will supervise the orchid show and Chick Miyashiro will be in charge of the plant sale. Jack Mizushima will be feeding members during the show. Kazuo Kamemoto will be handling the judging of plants.

Two persons were tentatively named as honorary members of the Green Thumbs Club for their many years of volunteer service to the club. These two are Chester Shimizu and Mike Gonsalves. Final action will be taken after the proposal is cleared with the Club 100 Board.

After many years of frustrating efforts to get a speaker system that will make the speaker be heard by the members, Tom Fujise has finally come up with a portable, battery operated unit that seems to meet the needs of the club. The total cost should not exceed \$50 with speaker, microphone and microphone stand. Thanks, Tom, for your perseverance.

It was announced that the two members of the Green Thumbs Club who are permanent honorary judges for all orchid judging in Hawaii are Majong Yoshimura and Kazuo Kamemoto. Congratulations!

Edna Kamemoto, chairperson of the nominating committee, announced the following slate for officers for 1988.

President.....Bob Aoki
Vice President.....Saburo Hasegawa
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Bonsai Club News

Richard Yamamoto

This past summer has been especially hot and dry. The potted plants took a beating and most of them required watering twice a day. Prior years, I have faithfully fertilized and applied insecticide regularly and the plants showed the results. This year, I have been off schedule and the plants don't reflect the tender loving care I neglected to give. Plants are like humans too; you give them love and they respect with love.

The officers for 1987 did an excellent job for which we are very grateful and we know the newly elected officers for 1988 will do their best in leading us. They are:

President --- Yoroku Ito
Secretary --- Dr. Kenneth Otagaki
Treasurer --- Takeichi Onishi

The Club 100 Bonsai Club members wish you all the best of holiday cheers.

Golf Club News

Tom Nosse

CLUB 100 GOLF CLUB dinner meeting was held on November 6, 1987, for the purpose of election of officers. We are very fortunate to have members willing to serve our club. There were no opposition, squawk, or complaint. The officers for 1988 are same as 1987.

President-----Sus Kunishige
Vice Pres. & Tournament
Chairman-----Kats Maeda and
Assistant-----Masa Kigawa
Sec.-Treas.-----Fred Kanemura
Handicap Chrm.-----Kazuto Shimizu
Starting Time
Scheduling-----Hajime Yamane
Social Chrm.-----Sei Oshiro

Tom Nosse was appointed a poopsheet writer, but plan to be away for a month during the coming

holiday seasons. Next June he will be away for his grandson's graduation from high school in the Bay Area, San Francisco. Hope to have willing replacement during those months.

After the meeting we were treated to witness 1½ hours of video taken by Ed Ikuma during the Hilo-KMC GOLF SAFARI on August 27-29. We thank Ed for going through all the trouble, and wonder whether he had the chance to enjoy the golf game himself.

Thus far the big winner is Tak Tak Takahashi. Back in July he was the winner of the CLUB 100 MATCH PLAY. In October he beat one up over Larry Amazaki for the CENTURY GOLF CLUB match play championship.



"DOUBLE WINNER" Tak Tak Takahashi

(Photo was taken by kindness of Sonsei Nakamura)

In October we were without a dozen golfers. They were gone to Washington, D.C. with Mitsuyoshi Fukuda or Ray Nosaka groups to the Smithsonian Institute for the AJA Exhibit. We were happy to hear "Chicken" Hirayama was well enough to attend. He hasn't been around to participate in the golf games. Take care "Chicken", we all miss you!

Karaoke Kai News

Blue Nagasaki

CONGRATULATIONS DORIS! What an experience to be able to sing before a TV live audience along with the Japan singers at a TV studio in Asakasa area on Sept. 21, 1987.



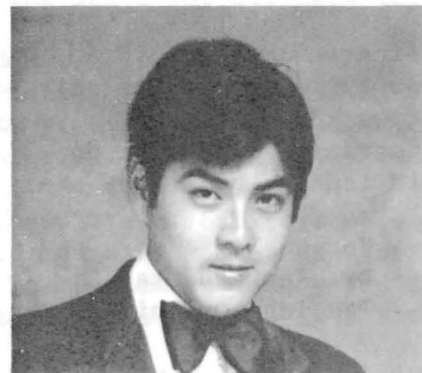
It all happened when Doris Kimura of Aiko Karaoke Class along with two other singers from Hawaii won a free one week trip to Karaoke land when they placed in the 1987 23rd annual KOHO KARAOKE contest held in Honolulu in late August.

First place winner Doris Kimura of the KHAI TV - Times Karaoke Contest which was held in early July, won herself a free trip for two to the other islands besides a trophy. As of this date, haven't decided which island she will visit.

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