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HERE IS A MAN!

Editorial from The Honolulu Advertiser
Chaplain Israel Yost didn't get away with it. The wartime Chaplain of the 100th Infantry, tried to tell the veterans of that organization that he hadn't done

very much in the organization during its bloody fighting in Africa, Italy and Europe. He told them that at a luau in his honor given by the 100th Battalion Veterans Saturday night and the veterans howled him down and loaded him with gifts. *Continued on Page 2*

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For Chaplain Yost, a Lutheran pastor who describes himself as Pennsylvania Dutch and whose occasional tricks of speech prove it really did as much as one man could do for an Infantry Battalion fighting its way against some of the toughest opposition soldiers ever faced.

Israel Yost is a soldier's Chaplain. He told the men he was decorated because he was a chaplain, hence prominent and everyone could see him. The veterans laughed again. They knew him as a rugged soldier, albeit unarmed except with faith. They knew him in the foxholes and with the assault platoons. A company command post was the rear area to the Chaplain. When a man was struck down in action, the Chaplain was there. He knew the men. That they knew him was demonstrated by the ovation he received when he visited here.

Here is a man!

CHAPLAIN YOST VISITS MAUI

By Stanley K. Masumoto, Chairman Recorp. Comm.

More than fifty former members of the 100th Infantry Battalion took time off from their work to be on hand to greet Chaplain Yost and party on Friday September 12, 1947 at the Puunene Airport.

Those accompanying the Chaplain included the following: Tadashi Hatakenaka, Stanley Kimura (Photographer), Sam Sakamoto and his scrappy son, Freddy. Headquarters were made at the Maui Grand Hotel.

The motorcade proceeded to the Maui Memorial Plaque in Wailuku, where the Chaplain placed flowers at the foot of the memorial. This plaque contains 128 names of Maui men killed in service. Of which number, 51 are former Puka Puka members.



FRED YOKOYAMA, MAUI CHAPTER PRESIDENT, PRESENTS GIFTS TO CHAPLAIN YOST

Chaplain Yost and party were driven to the Lahaina district and calls were made on families of deceased men. A brief stop over was made at Lahainaluna High School, one of the oldest schools in the Territory.

At sun-down, Chaplain Yost placed a floral wreath on the foot of the Lahaina Memorial Plaque in the presence of West Maui Gold Star mothers and friends. Reception dinner by the Lahaina AJA Veterans Club followed at the Pioneer Hotel.

Masao Sato, Toshio Iwami and Poison Kamimoto led the party to the summit of Haleakala Crater early Saturday morning. The party arrived on the top of the 10,032 feet high Haleakala, just in time for an awe-inspiring sunrise. Breakfast of fruits, sandwiches and coffee was enjoyed there. The famous Silverswords were then the center of attraction, with Photographer Kimura having a field day taking shots here. Poison tells us that all the members returned with trench feet, for it was icy cold.

On the return trip, the party stopped at Kula Sanatorium where Chaplain Yost renewed acquaintances with the boys confined there.

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Club House Roundup

Shigeru Inouye (Medics) has enrolled at the Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. Shigeru misses Hawaii and like the chow-hound that he is, he misses his rice, too. He sends his fondest regards to the gang.

Chaplain Yost, Sam and Freddy Sakamoto, Tadashi Hatakenaka, and Stanley Kimura were given a TREAT when Jimmy Maeda, their Hawaii Chapter escort, whizzed around the countless road curves on their visit to the Kona district. The passengers are reported to have asked the Chaplain to administer the last rites for them, but Jimmy being quite adapted to driving in the district remained cool as a Kona sea breeze.

Pete Oshima, former Able Company weapons man, clipped in from the states after completing his art studies in a New York school. He has gone back to Hilo and his immediate plans for the future are unknown.

Horace (Junior) Sagara is back in our midst after spending his days after discharge in Denver and Los Angeles. "Junior" was accompanied on his trip home by his charming wife. The Sagaras intend to stay in Hawaii for about a year.

Club 100 war souvenirs in the form of German machine guns, rifles, uniforms, swastikas, etc., were flown to Maui for display at the County Fair under the auspices of the Maui Club 100 Chapter.

Recent club correspondences to James Horikoshi, Masao Oshiro, Takayuki Sasaki, Jenei Tokujo, Seiji Kimura, Seichi Tengan, Charles E. Uchima, Jack T. Nakasone, James T. Oshiro and Shigeo Tanabe have been returned to this office due to change of addresses. Anyone knowing the latest locations of these members are requested to call the clubhouse.

John Ko, former officer with Charley Company, is now residing at 1115 North 38th Street, Omaha, 3, Nebraska. He and his family cordially invites any Puka Puka man to drop in at their home if you are in the vicinity---"We have rice."

Walter Gora, Able-ite, spent a few weeks vacationing here in town from his duties in San Francisco. Walt reports that his brother, Clarence, of Baker Company is a full fledged merchant marine.

Seiko Arakaki returned to the islands from the mainland for a short stay. He is a student in diesel engineering in one of the institutions in Salt Lake City, Utah. Seiko looked plump and was jovial as ever on his visit to the clubhouse.

Kiyoshi Teshima, Kauai Chapter member, was a stop-over visitor in Honolulu on his way home from the Maui County Fair. Kiyoo is well remembered by the Able softball team members as the generous fellow who "donated" his fine mullets to the Able-ites on their softball trek to the Garden Island.

Our Scribe from Tokyo reports that Tadayoshi (Wah-Wah) Sato was recently married to a fair damsel in Nippon. "Action" Odo "Bulldog" Nakasone, and Robert Furuta are there, too, and cutting quite a swath among the ladies.

What's this we hear about an Able Company groom and his best man "passing out" on the night of his wedding? 'Tis reported that the Able boys are roughing it up plenty these days.

Tsugio Watanabe of Dog Company departed to study at the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Tsugi will take up law during his stay on the mainland.

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Saturday afternoon, Chaplain Yost participated in the unveiling of the memorial plaque at the Paia School sponsored by the school alumnae.

The Valley Island Puka-Puka-ites, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shinobu Tofukuji in the Sandhills for a bullsession. During the course of the evening, the European battles were fought all over again.

A beautiful memorial service was held Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1947, at the Iao Congregational Church in Wailuku. The church was beautifully decorated and attendance was large. Members all turned out in uniforms; families of deceased boys and friends filled the church.

After the services, refreshments were served on the church lawn and everyone was given a chance to get acquainted with Chaplain Yost. Group pictures with all gold star parents were then taken.

All the Maui members of Club 100 gathered at the Wailuku Central Grill, Sunday night for an Aloha party. Speakers included President of the Club Fred Yokoyama, James Koya, former member of the Emergency Committee, Harold Stein, Scout Executive, and Chaplain Yost. Gifts were then presented to Chaplain Yost and family by the Maui Club 100 and the Lahaina AJA Club.

Monday morning was spent calling on KIA families in the central Maui district. Chaplain Yost and party were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Teiichiro Maehara of Puunene, parents of the late Lt. Saburo Maehara.

At 2:45 p. m., Monday afternoon, September 15, 1947, our beloved Chaplain Yost and party left for the Big Island, thus ending three full days of activities on the Valley Island.

CHAPLAIN YOST'S BIG ISLAND VISIT

One look at Chaplain Yost as he was coming down from the plane at Hilo Airport on Monday, September 15, after a visit with Maui veterans and the Big Island Puka Puka-ites knew, that he was warned about our dependable "liquid Sunshine". However, it was disappointing to see Sam Sakamoto, a good kamaina of the territory, coming to Hilo with his raincoat. It was an honor and a pleasure for this writer to be the driver and guide for Chaplain Yost and group.



MAUI CHAPTER MEMORIAL SERV.

Former aid man Hatakenaka was surprised to find that here on the Big Island, there are terrains, resembling that of the middle west, Wisconsin, France Africa, and last but not least ITALY. The driver had to bear the remarks given by the 4 passengers regarding the poor roads of Hawaii.

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HILO: The itinerary for the Island of Hawaii started immediately upon arrival of the Chaplain with a visit to Jack Conley's home on Reeds Island. Mr. Conley had to leave for the mainland that week on family business.

The Hawaii banquet was held at the Izumoto Tea House on September 15, from 6:30 P.M., with good old Japanese food galore. Former members of the battalion who attended the affair enjoyed seeing the Chaplain using the chop sticks to devour the fancy Japanese food, including "sashimi" (rawfish). A guide from Honolulu, who does not eat "sashimi" had an ear full throughout the trip from the Chaplain regarding good food, especially "sashimi".



HAWAII CHAPTER KONA GATHERING

To add to the atmosphere of the banquet, Japanese folk dancing and singing were provided by a group of young school girls. Later on, the singing was taken over by the veterans.

HONOKAA: Early Tuesday Morning, September 16, by way of the beautiful seacoast of Hamakua, the Chaplain Yost and his group traveled to Honokaa. There, we were the guest of Vic Morita at the Honokaa Club for the night.

A get together was held on the same evening with the veterans of the Hamakua district.

For awhile, we thought that our Chaplain had the ambition of going down to explore the Waipio Valley—a distance of 1 mile down and another one up. I hate to say it but some of us were thinking about our weak aching back.

KAMUELA AND KOHALA: Around the ranch country of Parker Ranch, Chaplain Yost met up with T. Ryusaki and Niroku Dochin, both boys were working hard. After climbing the Kohala Mountains, we entered the district of Kohala, where Rodney Oshita took us to visit the parents of our fallen comrades. There in Kohala, our friend "Hatake" found the reasons why Kohala couldn't keep Jun Enomoto down.

COFFEE LAND OF KONA: After a day of hard riding up and down the Kohala Mountains the party regis-



HAWAII CHAPTER FAREWELL PARTY AT "CAFE 100", HILO, HAWAII

tered at the Kona Inn about 4:30 P.M. A memorial service was held that night September 17, at 6:00 P.M. at the Central Union Church Kealakekua, Kona under the sponsorship of the American Legion Kona Post #20 and the Kona Veterans.

All day Thursday, Chaplain Yost and the group visited fami-


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On August 23, Harry Shinichi Moromisato and Miss Rachel Toyoko Gima.

On August 26, Edward Kaname Nashiwa and Miss Elsie Tomiye Mori.

On August 30, John M. Masaki and Miss Eve Marie Kneeland.

BIRTHS

August 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Okayama, 3161 Castle St., son.

September 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Seiji Nomura, 1620 Leilihua Ln., daughter, Naomi Aiko.

September 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Kunio Fujimoto 285 Paoakalani Ave., son.

September 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tadao Ige, 284 N. Beretania Street, daughter, Sharon Sumie.

September 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Nihei, 1575 Kokea Road, daughter

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a letter from— Chaplain Yost

From the moment the reception committee found me on board the S. S. Matsonia on September 10, until the United Airlines' Mainlander took off on October 6, the members of the One Puka Puka treated me royally. Now was my family forgotten—in addition to the gifts there were the flowers and the leis sent directly to my wife. We shall never forget your Hawaiian hospitality.

Someone has asked me what was the most striking thing about the visit to Hawaii. Without hesitation, my answer is: the mingling of the various races everywhere in the Territory. It was a treat to preach in a Japanese Christian Church, to hear Hawaiians sing in their own language, to eat Chinese food, to see Filipino planting pineapples so expertly. Elsewhere we talk about such a desirable situation in the Islands you are so used to it that you scarcely noticed it.

Next to this, I believe I would list as the second distinctive feature of the trip, the enjoyment of so much beauty with out any dangers. That is not possible elsewhere; just after I arrived home I read in the newspaper that, while lying in the grass, watching a football game one of the local highschool boys was bitten by a snake! In your fair land, you can see tropical beauty without end, and without fear of reptiles or beasts or insects.

So far as I am concerned, the most important feature of the vacation, was meeting old friends and the families of old friends. The parents of KIA comrades opened their homes and their hearts with an inexpressible kindness; I knew that they considered me as one of their own, and that is the highest respect any person can show another. I was sorry

that I could not speak directly to these folks in their own tongue, and that I could not spend more time in each house.

The tour was very well arranged, and those who planned the itinerary deserve praise. I have discovered that I saw a lot of things that many of the men of the 100th have never seen. In spite of the seventeen months of indoctrination you gave me, I found that there were some very worthwhile features you forgot to tell me about, someday I would like to take a trip on horseback through the Waipio Valley or hike into the Kahalau section of Kauai.

Many thanks to you for the most pleasant vacation possible.

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OAHU CHAPTER ALOHA LUAU LUAU AT LAU YEE CHAI CLIMAXED CH. YOST VISIT

Chaplain Israel A. S. Yost was guest of honor at the Oahu Chapter, Aloha Luau, attended by 750 Puka Puka Ites, next of kins and friends of the Club 100 at the Lau Yee Chai, on October 4, 1947.

James Lovell, president of the Club 100, presented the former Chaplain with a photo record of his island activities.

Speakers at the luau included Chaplain Yost, Governor Stainback and Lt. Colonel Earl D. Compton, AGFPAC Chaplain.

The Governor called the 100th "One of the greatest fighting units that ever shouldered a musket or carried arms of any description".

Chaplain Yost termed Hawaii "A sociological phenomenon" and reviewed the highlights of his first trip to the Islands and spent the evening renewing old

acquaintances with the members of the 100th Battalion.

Eddie Yoshimasu, Oahu Chapter prexy, added more gifts on behalf of the Chapter, next of kins, and rural Oahu members of the Club.

Entertainment was furnished by the Shelby Serenaders, the Fujikawa hula dancing sisters and Miss Rolly Wray, Hollywood pianist. Bob Taira ably MC'd the event.

Kengo Otagaki and his hustling luau committee members made the luau a highly successful one.

Chaplain Yost departed on the morning of October 6, for the States, aboard an United Air Liner after spending 27 day's "vacation" on the Territory.

CLUB 100 AMPUTEES RECEIVE 1947 OLDS- MOBILE

Club 100 members who were presented shiny 1947 Hydramatic Oldsmobile are: George Kawamura, Kengo Otagaki, Tadao Ono, Richard Yoneshige, Sidney Oshiro, Kaichi Igawa, Jinichi Miyashiro, Yasuo Yasui, Kisuke Kusaka, Yoshio Koji, Masakichi Gushi and Jovani Higa.

Purchase of the cars which are built with special controls for different disabilities for island veterans, was stymied by the fact that the federal government allotted only \$1600 to each veteran--not enough to buy new cars in Honolulu.

These funds were supplemented by a territorial appropriation of \$25,000 for freight and additional charges.

The chief advantage of the Oldsmobile for amputee veterans is the hydramatic drive, which has no clutch and makes shifting unnecessary.



OAHU CHAPTER ALOHA LUAU CHAPLAIN YOST VISITS RURAL OAHU

Chaplain Israel Yost was the honored guest in Wailua, Oahu on Tuesday, September 23, at a luncheon at the Sea View Inn.

Before luncheon Chaplain Yost, the gold star mothers, relatives of the boys who lost their lives, guests and hosts performed a memorial service at the memorial tower in the Wailua Park. A floral presentation was made by Chaplain Yost at that time.

Chaplain Yost's Wailua visit was climaxed with a dinner at the Kemoo Farm with 75 attending.

CHAPLAIN AT HANAIEI VALLEY



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Club House Roundup

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Seian Hokama, proprietor of New Emma Cafe, was granted a general dispenser's liquor license. Besides the liquor delicious meals are served daily at his Cafe. The place has been remodelled completely and of late has become a popular gathering site for Puka Puka boys.

Raymond Sato (Hq), minus his vacation-pal, Art Shinyama, established his headquarters at the dorm and commuted from date to date on his leave from duties on the Valley Island.

Henry Nakasone (Med) and Kaoru Akamatsu (C) have gone into farming in the Kuliouou region. The enterprising farmers have been hard at work to produce and harvest a bumper cucumber crop.

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On Sunday, a day before Labor Day, Hq Co went over the Pali to Kailua. The day was perfect for a picnic. Before 9 o'clock, the gang occupied a place under a pine tree. As usual the Pioneers were the first ones and the Personnel section the last to report. Suehiro and Komiyama didn't waste anytime for they went fishing.

While the card games were going full blast, Dick Sakaba, the social committee chairman, introduced the first event of the day. The game was a blindfolded marshmallow eating contest--Mr. and Mrs. Okamura vs George Izuta and Gary Uchida. All of the contestants were blindfolded and the idea of the game was to feed the marshmallows into the partner's mouth. They were nearly choked before the game was over. The winners were Izuta and Uchida. The Okamuras were disqualified for cheating.

The next game was a jumping race in a bag. Nosse was leading a half-way mark, but he was interferred while making a turn and Kajikawa and Kunimura breezed the way to the finish line.

When the lunches were cleared away, the gang went for a swim. Andy, Harold Tamashiro, George Izuta, and some semi-pro drinkers were nursing the Old Grand Dad. While swimming, Kiyabu and Ohta came up with several Portugese-man-of-war on a stick. Year old Nosse, a regular water baby, was busy swimming with his dad. Everyone was amazed at the way he took to the water. Baby Winifred Ohta and two year old Carol Suehiro were behaving like ladies.

When the swimmers returned, Harold Tamashiro was already in a prone position. George Izuta was busy posing for pictures with three girls, imagine! Andy usually gets pale but this time he

was red. It must have been the burns from inside and outside. However, he is till the champ.

Little Warren Tonaki, Jr., was rather quiet for a boy, but two year old Alvin Shimogaki spent nearly all afternoon trying to open a bottle of soda from the vendor. He succeeded once but the daddy was right there on the job.

The final event was the Tug of War. Captains Komiyama and Okamura chose their teams. Four men and four women were on each team. After about five minutes of struggle, Komiyama's team upset the highly favored Okamura's team. However, there were some arguments as to Captain Komiyama's physical coaching instead of verbal coaching from the side line. His hands had to be examined by the defeated team.

It was about five thirty, but nobody was anxious to go home. Later, couples with babies were just forced to start for home. Everyone enjoyed the get-together. Dick Sakaba and his social committee deserve a word of praise for the success of the event. (Editor's Note: This article has been contributed by a Headquarter-ite. We are not responsible for any slanderous remarks.)



CHAPLAIN AT WAIKIKI

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lies of next of kins and took in the sights of Kona. Stanley Kimura and Roy Hatakenaka had some classes in Hawaiian History, especially while visiting the old heiaus at the Honaunau Beach. While in Kona, we were in good hands with the following as escorts: Pete Kawahara, Y. Okazawa M. Towata, Takahashi Harai, M. Aoki, Chas. Yoshida and M. Fukunaga.

Chaplain Yost was warned while in the Coffeeland, where the air is supposed to be very romantic to speak highly of the district, because while in Honolulu, he'll come across many former citizens of Kona, mainly, Naoji Yamagata and Mits Fukuda.

KAU AND VOLCANO DISTRICT: On the way to the Volcano House, Friday September 19th; we stopped at Naalehu to say "Hello" to Asami Okimoto (Hqrs. Co), Satoru Shiraishi (Co F), Y. Sumida (Co A), and Sato in Pahala. After touring the Volcano area during the afternoon and a visit with the world famous Halemaumau Crater, the Chaplain had a quiet evening and a good rest at the Volcano House. Stanley Kimura had a corner in the lobby catching up with his letter writing. We wonder who the lucky girl was to receive letters during such a busy trip.

One thing the Chaplain Yost and group, no doubt enjoyed at the Volcano House is the nice meals, especially the fried fish and steaks served to us for breakfast.

On Sunday, September 21st beginning at 1:30 P.M. an impressive Memorial Service was held at the Hilo High School Auditorium with Chaplain Yost delivering the Memorial address.

For the farewell get together with the officers and committee members, an informal dinner was held at Richard Miyashiro's CAFE 100TH on Kamehameha Avenue on Sunday night.