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Mr. R. B. Cozzens
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Dear Mr. Cozzens:

You will find enclosed copies of releases sent to the home-town papers of caualties from this center.

Yours very truly,

Austin Smith, Jr.

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ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
McGEHEE, ARKANSAS

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McGEHEE, Ark.--"I'm proud of him," beamed Mrs. Elsie Chomori, when interviewed at the Rohwer Relocation Center about her husband's exploits with the Fifth Army in Italy.

"He wrote me a few weeks ago and told me of his promotion, but he omitted mention of why he received it," she added.

Mrs. Chomori is the former Elsie Takeuchi and formerly lived with her parents on their farm on Wilmington Avenue near Olive, Compton, before her evacuation to the center here, where the two met and were married in June, 1943.

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Publicity

DISLOYALTY OR CONFUSION

Senator A. B. Chandler, chairman of Military Affairs special committee, stated Wednesday in the OUTPOST that Rohwer has only 20 per cent, or the lowest acknowledged disloyalty of the five centers where hearings were held.

The percentage of disloyalty was reached by tabulating the replies given to one of the questions in Form 304A, which served as the questionnaire for selective service. All negative or qualified answers to Question 28 were taken to constitute disloyalty.

But are 20 per cent really disloyal in this Center? Or does it instead reflect the trials that the people in the Center have undergone within the past year.

Evacuation was not an easy medicine to take for the Japanese-Americans, after being inculcated in our public schools with the idea that race tolerance was a primordial quantity of our government. It has cost the WCCA and the WRA $80,000,000 in one year.

But it has cost the evacuees over a hundred million in lost capital and businesses; it is costing the state of California many more millions in lost agricultural productivity; and it will cost the nation in the upwards of half a billion before the war is over.

Perhaps the cost can be justified by saying that it has helped nullify the war hysteria on the coast and that it was considered essential for the welfare of the nation at that particular time. Yet the discriminatory element that caused only the Japanese to be moved out is hard to erase.

Evacuation has not only brought economic deficits since in intangible ways, it has made itself evident. It has been especially hard on some families who have lost their lifetime work. It has meant heart break and suffering for individual families. It cannot be forgotten that all evacuees have undergone severe mental strain in the last twelve months.

It is doubtful that the answers that appeared on the forms can be taken as the criteria for disloyalty because under great emotional stress and mental confusion, the resultant replies are bound to be affected. If a similar number of people in the U.S. were to go through what the evacuees have, the results could conceivably be worse.

The results can establish only one meaning. They prove that the principles of democracy have not miscarried; for, it signifies that despite everything that has been discouraging to the residents, 80 per cent are willing to pledge allegiance uncualifiedly to the United States. It is signal proof that the Japanese-Americans are loyal.

EDITORIAL (From Rohwer Outpost)

NEWS ITEM

No. 27. 16 June 1944

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Chronicle

NEWS ITEM

No. 28. 16 June 1944

PARTY STAGED FOR RECRUITS

The Army was never like this! Only three days in Camp and the new recruits of Company "C" were treated to a party held in the company mess hall. During the party they were honored by the presence of Lt. Col. Sherman L. Watts, Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, 442d Infantry, and Captain Rusch from Camp Savage, Minnesota.

Good food and good entertainment featured the party. This included roast chicke, pork teruyaki, beef hekka, soft drinks, and beer. Entertainment for the evening was supplied by a group of boys who initiated the recruits to some Hawaiian music. Besides being entertained the recruits put out their own representatives to entertain the rest of the company. Star performer for the "rookies" was Pvt. Albert Saijo who gave out with some classy jive.

Arrangements for the party were made by S/Sgt. Ronald Ota and other NCOs who helped to make the party a success.

NEWS ITEM

No. 37. 23 June 1944

1ST BN. 442D INFANTRY ENLISTED MEN INITIATE PAPER

Through the efforts of Sgt Walter Kitagawa, T/5 Shoichi Kano and the Company Reporters, on Wednesday, 21 May, the first issues of the First Battalion Newspaper came off the mimeograph machine. It is a newspaper run by the Enlisted Men, for the Enlisted Men and advised by Lt. George K. Iwashita, the Public Relations Officer.

At present the paper has no name and consists of but one sheet, nevertheless, the men are resolved to make it bigger and better. There is a contest on at present to choose a name for the paper, and as more and more articles come in, it will gradually expand intoa sizeable newspaper.

The articles featured are those concerning the doings of the Enlisted Men of the Battalion. Bits of news that each and every fellow in the Battalion will enjoy reading.

Here's wishing luck to an ambitious and laudable undertaking.

NEWS ITEM

No. 39. 1 July 1944

WEEKEND IN ROHWER

"A most enjoyable time!" with that the theme, forty-five Enlisted Men of the First Battalion, 442d Infantry, under the guiding hand of Lt. John L. Slade, bade farewell to Rohwer, Arkansas, Sunday, and returned to Camp Shelby and the old Army Routine.

The U.S.O. played a major part in the entertainment for the servicemen. Dances, informal socials, and games kept everyone happily busy throughout the visit. Needless to say, the presence of the girls with their friendly smiles and generous hospitality was the major factor contributing to a successful weekend.

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NEWS ITEM

No. 40.

1 July 1944

A BIOGRAPHY

To acquaint the public with the Officers of the First Battalion, 442d Infantry, we present below, a condensed biography of Captain Robert Y. Katsuki, the Battalion Surgeon.

Captain Katsuki was born in Honolulu, Hawaii T.H. on the 9th of June 1909. After completing his primary and secondary schooling there, he then entered the University of Hawaii where he attended the Pre-Medical school for three years. In 1931 he transferred to the University of North Dakota, Medical School, receiving his BA degree and his BS degree in Medicine.

Later, he transferred to Creighton Medical School, in Omaha, Nebraska, where he completed his studies attaining his M D in 1935 and at the same time receiving his Reserve Officer's Commission as 1st Lt., M.C.. After a year's internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, he was called to active duty to serve with the CCC in Minnesota. In 1937 he went to Eloise Hospital near Detroit, Michigan, taking two years of graduate study specializing in the treatment of cancer.

On his return to Honolulu in 1939, Captain Katsuki established a private practice which he continued until his recall to active duty on the 1st of April 1943. On his arrival in Camp Shelby on 15 April 1943, he was assigned to the First Battalion Medical Section, 442d Infantry. He received his captaincy in January 1944.

NEWS ITEM

No. 47. 19 July 1944

442D DOING ALL RIGHT IN ITALY

According to the letter received by Lt. Iwashita, S-2, First Battalion, 442d Infantry, from his nephew, S/Sgt Tami Otsu, dated 30 June 1944, the 442d Combat Team is going great guns in Italy. Sgt. Otsu writes in part as follows, "Here's a letter to inform you that we're doing all right. I guess if you were here, you'd think the same. The fellows are cool and calm and they're living up to every expectation. One thing we learned, there's no safe spot out in the front. The artillery is a terror when they spot you. I was scared stiff when the barrage picked us out the other day, but I'm still in one piece as you can see, so don't worry. I can be thankful for the training I received at Shelby and taking every instruction seriously as you advised. Just wait for official news, Uncle. I assure you that we will do our part and have you and the folks at home proud of every one of us."

In a previous letter, Sgt. Otsu wrote that they have been through the streets of Salerno, Naples, and Rome and gazed with pride upon the streamers hung prominently in every town, hamlet, and village, which read, "WELCOME TO THE ARMY OF LIBERIZATION."

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No. 49. 19 July 1944

"BOOGIE WOOGIE"

Members of the 442d Inf jammed Service Club #5 to its capacity Monday evening to cheer one solid hour of "Boogie Woogie" rythmns by New Orleans' foremost specialists, the Adam Cato Trio, and the sweet lilting melodies of the 442d Inf "Shelby Hawaiian Serenaders".

The Adam Cato Trio was brought to Camp Shelby through the courtesy of genial Mr. Earl Finch, better known as the God-father of the 442d Inf. Cheers for Mr Finch, he certainly knows what the members of the 442d enjoy.

The program opened with a selection of popular numbers played in the typical New Orlean's manner by the Adam Cato Trio, and had customers literally dancing in the aisles, "Hot" was the word for it. Playing a great number of encores it was only through pursuasion of the M. C. (T Sgt Y Nakazawa) that the GI's allowed the Trio to take a break. The tempo was changed at this point with the sweet Hawaiian melodies of the "Shelby Hawaiian Serenaders", garnished with narrations of romantic Hawaii. Then came the feature of the evening. None other than the inimitable Sgt Ken Okamoto of Co B, decked up in native hula fashion, dancing like a veteran, two typical Hawaiian comedy hulas. (Note for Sgt Okamoto: A hostess of service club #5 remarked, "What a beautiful back he has"). The Adam Cato Trio closed a very successful program playing requests made by the audience.

English

NEWS ITEM

No. 2. 22 August 1944

171ST ENTERTAINS

"A G.I. dream come true!" With that theme, the enlisted men of the 171st Infantry Battalion (Separate) were host to sixty-five lovely, captivating beauties from Rohwer, Arkansas, over the weekend.

Saturday night was a gala affair at Service Club #5 where an invitational dance was held. A jolly time was experienced by all, dancing to the music of the 272d Infantry orchestra. Once Again, the Shelby Hawaiian Serenaders, just back from their successful musical engagements at Veterans' Hospitals in Washington D.C. and New York, entertained during the intermission.

Highlight of the weekend was the all day picnic at Lake Shelby. Outdoor services conducted by Chaplain George Aki preceded the games and swimming which filled the program for the afternoon.

Credit is largely due Lt. Edward Nicholson and Sgt. Walter Kitagawa for promoting such a successful weekend.

Pat Frayne

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to Valley News, Gardena
California)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
War Relocation Authority

Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

June 29, 1945

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ROHWER --- The Rohwer Relocation Center received its first casualty notice from the South Pacific recently when Tsurukichi Tamura was notified that his son, Staff Sergeant Tamura, was seriously wounded in action.

The 24-year-old sergeant entered the army as a volunteer in January, 1942. Prior to that time he was employed as a radio technician by the Samura Company at Gardena. Sgt. Tamura is a graduate of Leuzinger High School at Lawndale. He has a brother, Asaka Tamura, who is also in the army and stationed at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota. The Tamura family formerly lived in Gardena at 3800 Compton Boulevard.

SCHOOL LIFE IN A WAR RELOCATION CENTER

DICK HASHIMOTO AND FRED OSHIMA

Rohwer Relocation Center, Relocation, Arkansas

IN thanking the national association for the privileges of membership and *Student Life* for its variety of information, this Council thinks that fellow secondary students throughout the states might be interested in school life in a *relocation center,* an identifying phrase born of war.

When the Pacific Coast area was evacuated by people of Japanese ancestry, Stockton, Los Angeles, Lodi, Gardena, Norwalk, and thirty-seven other California towns in very small per cents, occupationally representing seventy per cent farmers and thirty per cent business and professional people, contributed 376 students to a junior high school for a second school year in Relocation, Arkansas, one of the ten places called *centers,* designated by the national government.

The physical site, or school housing of this group consists of six army-style barracks, each of which is divided into three or four classrooms. Each classroom has one door which serves both as entrance and exit. In the interior, arm chairs have displaced crude benches used in the beginning. The usual books, maps, and some blackboards have been acquired. In each unit or classroom, light and ventilation are obtained through sliding glass windows in the upper half of the walls and a door, and sliding wooden vents in the lower half of the walls; artificial lighting aid is a double socket in the center of the ceiling. In the cold months the room is heated by a typical army coal stove. A large barrack constructed for a mess hall and equipped with tables and seat combinations, very similar to the typically styled outdoor picnic tables, serves for a study hall, assembly room, and library. Classes are exchanged between units of all barracks in open air over dirt and gravel walks.

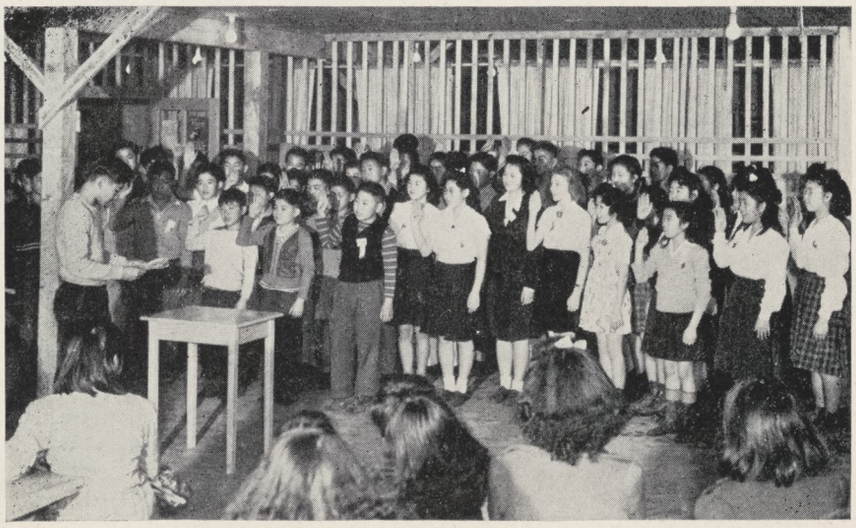
In this unique setting the usual required and elective courses of grades seven, eight, and nine are pursued. Activities consist of a Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, newspaper staff, nine home rooms, and twelve clubs of which art and athletics claim the heaviest membership. Although club membership is voluntary, more than ninety-five per cent of the enrollment is found participating. In the program of studies one hour each day of the week is devoted for three days to home-room activities, for one day to club activities, and for the remaining to a general student assembly with Council officers presiding. In the struggle of an abnormal situation the school appreciated its attainment of an A class rating.

The Student Council has proved itself a nucleus counciling organization. Its membership consists of home-room presidents and representatives, presidents of all clubs and student organizations, and five officers—president, vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary—elected-at-large, and all teachers and the principal. Weekly business meetings are conducted in which there is unified planning for the aid of the school. Experiences of the year have consisted of clean-up campaigns, weekly home-room banner award for religious attendance, returning of misplaced articles, behavior improvement in congested areas, announcements of school events, rolls of relatives of students in the Armed Services by home rooms, escort service to parents for open house, and leadership in the general drives conducted throughout the department of education as stamps and bonds, March of Dimes, and Junior Red Cross.

Many fellow schoolmates with their parents have left to establish their homes again in normal community living; others are rapidly following. By these and all the remaining students the hospitality of secondary-school friends throughout the states is appreciated.

This is a reprint from page twenty-three of the December, 1944, issue of "Student Life," a monthly student-written magazine published for high school students by the National Association of Secondary-School Principals, a department of the National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

The interior of a barrack schoolroom in the Rohwer Relocation Center, Relocation, Ark.



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Twice, when his platoon leader was wounded in the midst of intense fighting around Castellina, Chomori assumed command, directed his men in repulsing several German counterattacks, and withdrew his platoon to more tenable positions.

Later, when his platoon was subjected to more than two days of concentrated artillery shelling, Chomori displayed extraordinary coolness in controlling his men. And early in the morning of the third day, he led his platoon and company in an attack which smashed forward 1200 yards.

In all subsequent action, for a period of almost three weeks, he remained in sole charge of his platoon during some of the bitterest fighting for the approaches of Pisa and Leghorn.

Lt. Chomori formerly attended Montebello High School, where he played on the varsity baseball team. He was graduated in 1935.

For six years prior to his induction at Fort MacArthur in January, 1941, he lived in Glendale, Calif., where he was a produce truck driver.

His wife, Mrs. Elsie Chomori, lived in Compton, Calif., before she was evacuated to the Rohwer Relocation Center, Arkansas, where the two met and were married in June, 1943.

His parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Kinsaku Chomori, and four brothers and two sisters live in the Manzanar Relocation Center, California.

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A former Glendale truck driver, Lt. Chomori only recently received his commission on the battlefield after displaying his leadership and gallantry under fire.

His wife, Mrs. Elsie Chomori, resides in this center, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Chomori, and four brothers and sisters live in the Manzanar Relocation Center.

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Pfc. Kuroiwa's wife, Kiyo, and their recently-born baby girl are residents of this center, while his parents are living in the Central Utah Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah.

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Prior to his entry into the service, Cpl. Sakai was managing his father's grape ranch at Sacramento. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yasuke Sakai, are residents of this center.

Wounded in action on October 17 was Cpl. Hideo D. Yoshimura, former Sacramento truck driver, also with the fighting 442nd. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Yoshimura, are residents of this center.

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A former gardener, 31 year-old Cpl. Takaoka was born in Marysville, where he attended high school. His sister, Mrs. Fujiko Sakata, is a resident of this center.

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Among the 30 casualties officially reported in the last two weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, was Pfc. Shigeru Muranaka, of Long Beach, who was wounded in action on October 16 in France while fighting with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

The 25-year-old, former Long Beach vegetable grower was inducted into the army in December, 1941, and sent overseas in September of last year. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yasaku Muranaka, are residents of this center.

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Pvt. Sasaki volunteered in April, 1943, from the Tule Lake Relocation Center and went overseas last April. Twenty-two years old, a graduate of Placer Union High School, he has an older brother, Harry, who is a prisoner of the Japanese, having been captured on December 8, 1941, on the liner President Harrison.

His mother, Mrs. Yuki Sasaki, and two younger sisters are living in this center.

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He was graduated from Montebello High School in 1938 and drove a truck till his induction into the service in January, 1941.

His wife, Mrs. Elsie Chomori, resides in this center, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Chomori, and four brothers and sisters live in the Manzanar Relocation Center.

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Among the 30 casualties officially reported in the last two weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, was Pfc. Frank I. Mizufuka, who was seriously wounded in action on October 21 in France while fighting with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Twenty-five-year-old, ex-nurseryman Mizufuka was graduated from Whittier High School in 1938 and from Fullerton Junior College three years later, won letters in football at those two schools. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaburo Mizufuka, are residents of this center.

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Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, were Pfc. Kay K. Masaoka and Pfc. Ko Tanaka, formerly of Lodi, who were killed in action while fighting in France with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Pfc. Masaoka was previously wounded last month and had returned to action only a week before he was killed. He was inducted in January, 1942, at Lodi and shipped overseas last August. While his parents are living in Japan, he also has three brothers in our service. Surviving him here is his sister-in-law, Mrs. Chiyeko Masaoka.

Pfc. Tanaka was born in Lodi, attended Lodi Union High School, was inducted into the army in January, 1942. He has two brothers also in the service. Surviving him also are four others, brothers and a sister.

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Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, was Pfc. Bob T. Kameoka, formerly of Hanford, who was killed in action on October 20 in France while fighting with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Pfc. Kameoka volunteered for combat duty last year from the Jerome Relocation Center and embarked overseas last May. He has no relatives in this country, but his close friend, Mrs. Margaret Yamashita, is a resident of this center.

Another ex-Hanford resident was a slight casualty, when T-Sgt. Masakazu Nishi received his second wound in four months on October 28 while fighting with the 442nd Infantry in France.

Sgt. Nishi was inducted into the service in February 1942, at Hanford. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Magajiro Nishi, and two sisters are residents of this center.

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Killed in action on October 31 was Pfc. Minoru M. Yoshida, 24 year-old, Stockton-born, former Stockton Junior College student. He was inducted into the service in January, 1942, at Stockton and shipped over last August. He is survived by his bride of a few months, Mrs. Kiyoko Yoshida; his father, Mr. Toshiro Yoshida; and three sisters and one brother, all of this center.

Seriously wounded on October 20 was T-Sgt. Lou S. Tsunekawa, former College of Pacific football player. Sgt. Tsunekawa entered the service in August, 1941, at Stockton and went overseas last August. He was graduated from Stockton High School in 1934. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tsunekawa, reside in this center, while his wife, Mrs. Alice E. Tsunekawa, lives at the Central Utah Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah.

Also seriously wounded was Pfc. Robert T. Kishi on October 26. He was born in Stockton and attended Stockton High School, where he played baseball. He was inducted in August, 1943, and embarked last April. His father, Mr. Frank Kishi, and a younger sister, Jeanne, reside here, while a brother, T-Sgt. Yukio Kishi, is with the Army Air Corps in England.

Pvt. John S. Oki was seriously wounded on October 16, his sister, Mrs. Kazuyo Ishimaru, was notified here. His parents are at Tule Lake.

Pfc. Kenji Akaba was slightly wounded on October 15, his Mrs. Dorothy H. Akaba of this center, was notified. Former Stocktonian Akaba also has a mother and sister living here.

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Killed were Pfc. Bob T. Kameoka, Sgt. Seichi Nakamoto, and Pfc. Masaru Tashima.

Pfc. Kameoka volunteered last year from the now-defunct Jerome Relocation Center and shipped overseas last May. At the time of evacuation of Japanese Americans from the west coast in 1942, Kameoka and his Hawaiian serenaders were broadcasting regularly over a Fresno station. He is survived by his close friend, Mrs. Margaret Yamashita of this center.

Sgt. Nakamoto entered the service in 1941 at Sacramento, where he was employed by the Department of Vehicles. Fresno-born, he was 30 years old and a 1933 graduate of Fresno High School. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moritaro Nakamoto, and three brothers here.

Pfc. Tashima was also born in Fresno and graduated from Fresno High School. He worked as a mechanic previous to entering the service in January, 1942. Surviving him are his brother, Frank Tashima of this center, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Genjiro Tashima, who reside at Tule Lake.

Another ex-Fresnan to become a casualty was Pfc. Takeo Kaneichi, who was seriously wounded in France while with the fighting 442nd. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kaneichi, are residents of this center.

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Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

For Immediate Release

Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, was Pfc. George Omokawa, of San Pedro, who was killed in action while fighting in France with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Pfc. Omokawa was inducted in April, 1941, at Fort MacArthur and embarked last August for overseas duty. He was graduated from San Pedro High School and later worked as an engineer on a fishing boat operating out of Fish Harbor. Surviving him are his father's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Kanichi Omokawa and family of this center.

Another former San Pedran to become a casualty was Cpl. Misao Sakauye, who was seriously wounded in action while fighting in France with the 442nd. Cpl. Sakauye entered the army in March, 1941, at MacArthur and went across last September. San Pedro-born, 26 years old, he was graduated in 1936 from San Pedro High School, where he played football. Prior to induction, he worked on a fishing boat operating out of Terminal Island. His mother, Mrs. Haru Sakauye, and two brothers and two sisters are residents of this center.

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Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

For Immediate Release

Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, were S-Sgt. Frank K. Yamasaki and Pfc. Spud M. Harada, former Norwalk residents, who were wounded in action while fighting in France with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Sgt. Yamasaki was inducted in January, 1942, at Norwalk and went overseas last February. He was graduated in 1939 from Excelsior High School, where he played football. He was a truck driver previous to induction. His mother, Mrs. Yuka Yamasaki, and a sister live in this center.

Pfc. Harada was inducted in October, 1941, and embarked overseas last August. He was graduated in 1936 from Excelsior High School, where he played football, baseball, and basketball. Prior to induction, he worked on his father's vegetable farm. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kiichi Harada, are residents of this center.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Rohwer Relocation Center

For Immediate Release

Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, were Pfc. Sakai R. Sugimoto and Pfc. Tadashi Arimura, formerly of Lemoore, who were wounded in action while fighting in France with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Pfc. Sugimoto went into the service in February, 1942, after having been honorably discharged the year before. He attended high school in Lemoore, where he played baseball and worked on his uncle's farm. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yuitsu Sugimoto, and a brother live here.

Pfc. Arimura entered the service in January, 1942. Born in Hanford, 26 years old, he is a 1937 graduate of Lemoore High School, where he cavorted on the track and basketball teams. Prior to induction, he was a truck driver. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yotaro Arimura, and five sisters and four brothers live here.

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McGehee, Arkansas

For Immediate Release

Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, was S-Sgt. Minoru Sumida, formerly of Palos Verdes, who was wounded in action while fighting in France with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Sgt. Sumida entered the army in August, 1941, at Fort MacArthur and embarked for overseas duty last May. He was graduated from San Pedro High School in 1936 and worked as a grocery clerk in Terminal Island prior to his induction. His father, Mr. Jinjuro Sumida, and two brothers and a sister reside here.

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For Immediate Release

Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, was Pfc. George Yamada, of Elk Grove, who was wounded in action while fighting in France with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Pfc. Yamada entered the service in October, 1941, and embarked for overseas duty last April. Born in Elk Grove, 29 years old, he was graduated in 1933 from Elk Grove Union High School, where he played baseball. He was a wholesale produce worker before donning the olive drab. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tamekichi Yamada, a sister and two brothers are residents of this center.

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McGehee, Arkansas

For Immediate Release

Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, was Pvt. George Takahashi, of Artesia, who was reported missing in action while fighting in France with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Pvt. Takahashi entered the service in November, 1941, at Artesia and went across last August. The 24-year-old soldier was a vegatable and chicken farmer prior to his induction. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Takahashi, and two brothers and two sisters reside in this center.

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For Immediate Release

Among the 40 casualties officially reported in the last four weeks of soldiers who have families living in the Rohwer Relocation Center, near McGehee, Arkansas, was Pvt. Noboru Tanihara, formerly of Santa Maria, who was seriously wounded in action while fighting in France with the Seventh Army's 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Pvt. Tanihara was selective-serviced in October, 1941, and sent across last August. Prior to induction, he was a grocery store clerk. His sister, Mrs. Yaeko Nobusuye, and a brother are residents here, while his mother resides in Japan.

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May 11, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Two former Torrance residents have recently been wounded in Italy, according to War Department messages received here. Pvt. Kazuo Kubota was seriously wounded on April 5, and Pvt. Teruzo Hata was slightly injured two days later. Kubota was a vegetable grower, and was inducted into the service at Little Rock, Arkansas May 16, 1944. The parents of Pvt. Hata, Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Hata, and Pvt. Kubota's wife, are living at the Rohwer Center.

As the result of the final drive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Relocation Center during the past three weeks total 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Pvt. Tatsuo Yoshizaki, former resident of Norwalk, was killed in action in Italy on April 6, according to a War Department message recently received by his father, Ryunosuke Yoshizaki, who is now living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas.

Another former Norwalk resident, Pvt. Takeo Fujii, was slightly wounded in Italy on April 25. He attended Excelsior High School, and was employed at the Linderboom Dairy before evacuation. His father, Frank Fujii, is now living in Maywood, Illinois.

As the result of the final drive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Center during the past three weeks total, 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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May 11, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- T-3 Stanley T. Ichiki, formerly of Lodi, has recently been killed in action, according to a War Department message received by his father, Kinzo Ichiki, who is now living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark. Young Ichiki was killed on March 29, while serving with the Army Air Force in Germany. He is survived by his father, one brother and 3 sisters.

Another former Lodi resident, T-5 Monte Matsueda, was slightly wounded in Italy on April 8. His mother, Mrs. Tsukano Nishimoto, also lives at the Rohwer Relocation Center.

As the result of the final drive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Relocation Center during the past total: 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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May 11, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- T-4 William I. Imamoto, formerly of Port Orchard, Washington, was killed in action in Italy on April 8, according to a War Department message received by his mother, Mrs. Suyeko Imamoto, at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark.

Young Imamoto was one of 40 Japanese-American soldiers who were awarded a 34th Infantry Division commendation for successfully completing a 30-mile reconnaisance patrol in Italy last July. He was 26 years old, formerly attended Walla Walla College, and was working at the Bremerton Navy Yard when he was inducted in November 1941.

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May 11, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Cpl. Hideo Yoshimura, a former resident of Sacramento, was wounded for the second time in Italy on April 5, according to a War Department message received by his father, Hajime Yoshimura, who is now living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas. Cpl. Yoshimura was previously wounded on October 17, 1944 in France.

As the result of the final drive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Relocation Center during the past three weeks total 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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For Immediate Release:

ROHWER --Pvt. Robert T. Kishi, former Stockton resident, was killed in action in Italy on April 8, according to a War Department message received by his father, Yakumatsu Frank Kishi, who is now living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas. Young Kishi had been seriously wounded in France on Oct. 26, 1944 but had recovered and returned to combat duty. He was 26 years old, had attended Stockton High School, and was working in a hotel at Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, when he was inducted in August, 1943. His wife, Josephine Kishi, works at the El Tovar Hotel, Grand Canyon National Park. His younger brother, T-Sgt. Yukio Kishi is with the Army Air Corps in England.

Two other former Stockton residents have been recently wounded in action in Italy. They are Pvt. John S. Oki and Pvt. Jim Tanaka. Pvt. Oki's sister, Mrs. Kazuyo Ishimaru, and Tanaka's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Megumi Tanaka, are at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas. Pvt. Oki had been previously wounded in France on October 16, 1944.

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For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Pvt. Takao T. Ninomiya, formerly a resident of Fowler, was killed in action in Italy on April 6, 1945, according to a War Department message received by his mother, Mrs. Misayo Ninomiya. The Ninomiya family formerly lived at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas, but has recently moved to New York City.

As the result of the final offensive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Relocation Center during the past three weeks total 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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May 11, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Three former Gardena residents have been recently reported by the War Department as having been slightly wounded in action in Italy. Pvt. Shoichi Kajimoto was injured April 5, Pvt. Shiro Nagaoka on the 7th, and Pvt. Isao Sakamoto on the 19th.

Sakamoto was graduated from Gardena High School and attended Compton Junior College in 1941 and 1942. Nagaoka graduated from Gardena High School in 1942.

Next of kin are Mrs. Tamayo Nagaoka (Mother), Mr. and Mrs. Kanoroku Kajimoto, and Mr. and Mrs. Otojiro Sakamoto. All of these live at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark.

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May 11, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Pvt. Hachiro Kanow, a former Long Beach resident, has been slightly wounded the second time, according to a War Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hide Kanow, who are now at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas.

Pvt. Kanow was first wounded on April 10, and again on April 19. Both injuries were received in Italy. Kanow has three brothers in the service.

Another former Long Beach resident, Pvt. Roy S. Shimazu, was slightly wounded on the 19th of April. His mother, Mrs. Shizuka Kanow, is also at the Rohwer Relocation Center.

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May 12, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER: -- Pvt. Kiyoshi Tanouye, formerly a resident of Delano, was slightly wounded in Italy on April 21, according to a War Department message which was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Masaki Tanouye, who are now living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas. Private Tanouye attended Delano High School, and was inducted into the service at Little Rock, Arkansas in 1944.

As the result of the final offensive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Relocation Center during the past three weeks total, 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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May 12, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Pvt. George Y. Kawana, a former resident of Hollywood, was wounded in Italy April 23, and died of his wounds two days later, according to a War Department message which was received by his wife, Mrs. Joyce Kawana, who is now a resident of Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas.

Private Kawana attended high school at Davidson, Colorado, and at the time of evacuation was working in Hollywood as a taxidermist. He was inducted into the service in May 1944.

As a result of the final offensive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Relocation Center during the past three weeks total, 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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May 12, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Pvt. Aido Nakamichi, a former Fresno resident, was slightly wounded in action April 5 in Italy, according to a War Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matsuichi Nakamichi, who are now living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas.

As the result of the final offensive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Relocation Center during the past three weeks total, 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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May 12, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Pvt. Thomas S. Asaki, a former resident of Hanford, was slightly wounded in action on April 9 in Italy, according to a War Department message which was received by his father Masuji Asaki, who is now living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas. Private Asaki graduated from Hanford Union High School in 1935, and was inducted into the armed forces in 1942.

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May 12, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Pvt. Nagao Hamada, a former resident of Whittier, was slightly wounded in action on April 6 in Italy, according to a War Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Masakichi Hamada, who are now living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark. Private Hamada attended Whittier Union High School before evacuation, and was inducted into the armed forces in June, 1944.

As the result of the final offensive in Italy, casualty figures for the Rohwer Relocation Center during the past three weeks total, 7 killed and 23 wounded.

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May 12, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Pvt. Tokko Fukuchi and Pvt. Yoshio Honbo, both former Stockton residents, have been slightly wounded in the recent drive in Italy. Pvt. Fukuchi was injured April 14, and Pvt. Honbo was wounded April 6.

Honbo's brother, Shizeo Honbo, and Fukuchi's father, Tokuichi Fukuchi, are living at the Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas.

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May 12, 1945

For Immediate Release:

ROHWER -- Private Bob Shoda, a former resident of Pasadena, was slightly wounded in Italy April 9, according to a War Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Motogiro Shoda, Private Shoda graduated from Pasadena High School in 1937, and was inducted into the army early in 1944 from Michigan. His parents are now living at Farmingdale, Long Island.

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Mr. Pat Frayne

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McGehee, Arkansas

June 15, 1945

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ROHWER---Pvt. George Takahashi, formerly of Artesia, California, returned to his family here after seven months of captivity in a German Prison Camp near Munich.

Pvt. Takahashi, who is a graduate of Garden Grove High School, enlisted on November 5, 1941 and went overseas with the famous 442nd Combat Team on August 23, 1944. He was captured in the Bruyeres sector in France in October of 1944 as he was trying to lead three litter bearers back to his own line.

In connection with prison life, Pvt. Takahashi reports that thin soup and bread were their daily diet, that there was only one shower for the entire camp and that Red Cross parcels literally saved their lives because they were able to barter cigarettes and chocolate for more bread and potatoes. He grinned as he said that they spent a lot of their time cussing about the good treatment Nazi prisoners were receiving in the U. S.

Although they were put to work repairing railroad tracks, American bombers constantly demolished them.

He was rescued early in May when the Americans crashed through. They were immediately given clean quarters and stuffed with K-rations.

In reply to a query as to how it seemed to be back in the U. S., he said with feeling, "Just like heaven back here."