



The VOLUNTEER





THE *Editor* AND HIS
STAFF PRESENT



THE VARSITY *Victory*

VOLUNTEERS



"Determined to undertake any task assigned to them in the line of their duty and responsibility as American citizens, one hundred fifty young Hawaiian born Japanese who had been immobilized from the territorial guard volunteered their services en bloc to army authorities the other day.

They were students from the University of Hawaii who had decided to "Do Something Practical" in demonstrating their undivided allegiance to the United States and their loyalty to their flag and the ideals for which it stands.

Many of them made great sacrifices in abandoning their plans for higher education but they considered that the call of their country was of vastly more importance than any selfish ambition or desire for personal advancement."

... Editorial in Hawaii Herald
February 28, 1942



Prologue



"This is more than an incident for passing notice.

It is an illustration of one of manifold ways in which Americans of Japanese ancestry can serve their country in time of emergency.

These times are, admittedly, difficult for Americans of Japanese parentage.

The remedy for their difficult situation is basically with these young Americans of Japanese ancestry themselves.

They must, first, realize the fact that the militaristic regime of Japan has forced this situation on them and on all Americans.

Second, they must accept the further fact that there is bound to exist, particularly among Americans who have had little to do with this "second generation" a degree of uncertainty as to their attitude in time of dire emergency.

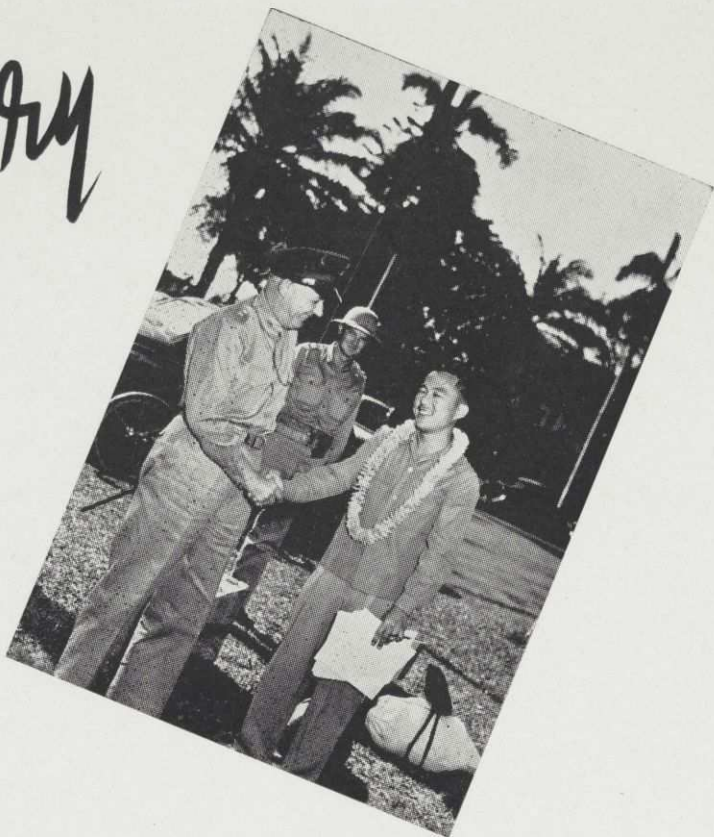
Third, they must conduct themselves loyally and with absolute regard for the spirit and the letter of our laws and regulations, bearing cheerfully the inconveniences to which they may be put.

Fourth—and this is highly important—they must do as this group of 155 young citizens has done—seek out and find a way to serve their country and their community in this emergency.

It is one thing to accept passively a difficult situation which irks and burdens and grieves you. It is another thing—a better and finer thing—to take the initiative in finding ways and means to be a definite usefulness—to be an active and not a passive citizen of our republic in wartime."

... Editorial in Honolulu Star-Bulletin
February 25, 1942

History

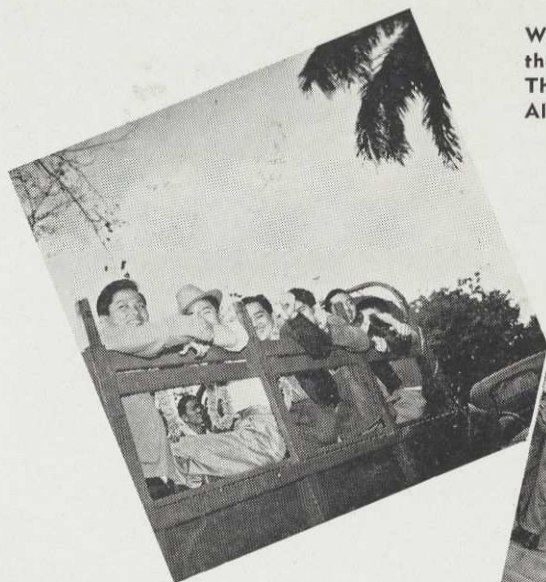


The history of this organization dates back to that black and fateful Sunday of December 7, 1941. When the University of Hawaii ROTC was called out in the emergency that day and organized into the Hawaii Territorial Guard, many of the present members enlisted. For two months these boys fulfilled the responsibilities of guarding and protecting the vital utilities and installations of the territory through the crisis. Then, a bombshell burst on January 19,

1942 and all members of Japanese ancestry were inactivated from the services of the Guard with honorable discharges.

This was indeed a terrible blow. These boys had served with loyal and earnest endeavor and with pride in being able to do their part for their country. Now, they had been told that their services were no longer needed.

After the first wave of bitter disappointment and frustration had passed, they realized that it



With thumbs up, the volunteers leave the University. The boys bid a solemn farewell to their Alma Mater.



was no time to sit passively and bemoan their grievous situation when, instead, they could actually be searching for other ways and means to serve their country; that in their country's darkest hour of need and danger, they must prove themselves useful in some other phase of the war effort.

One day during their period of ferment, a small group of those discharged from the HTG met with a few interested and sympathetic civic leaders and in the ensuing discussions, the deep-seated desire of these boys to contribute their services to the war effort, now augmented by another burning desire to demonstrate their Americanism to dispel all doubts of their loyalty and sincerity, were

plainly manifested. The next question was, "What were they going to do about it?"

Yes, the boys decided to do something about it; to do something in terms of bold, concrete action no amount of words could ever prove equal. They decided to petition the military governor to explain their peculiar situation and to offer themselves unconditionally for whatever helpful service they could contribute toward the defense of their homeland and toward the winning of the war. Thus a petition was drawn up and plans for meeting and organization were formulated, all done with due notification to the proper authorities.



There were clouds of doubt and suspicion that had to be cleared from ignorant and hysterical minds by strong, active deeds, not mere spoken words of loyalty and oaths of allegiance.

Therefore, a meeting was called to mobilize as many of the former Guardsmen as possible attending the University and those in town, and the petition, after much discussion and explanation of the critical position of the Japanese in Hawaii, was presented for their approval and acceptance. This

petition, signed and presented to the military governor, Lt. General Delos C. Emmons, appears as follows:

Honolulu, T. H.
January 30, 1942

Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons
Commanding General, Hawaiian
Department, U.S.A.
Fort Shafter, T. H.

Sir:

We, the undersigned, were members of the Hawaii Territorial Guard until its recent inactiva-



tion. We joined the Guard voluntarily with the hope that this was one way to serve our country in her time of need. Needless to say, we were deeply disappointed when we were told that our services in the Guard were no longer needed.

Hawaii is our home; the United States, our country. We know but one loyalty and that is to the Stars and Stripes. We wish to do our part as loyal Americans in every way possible and we hereby offer ourselves for whatever service you may see fit to use us.

Respectfully yours,

The general was very pleased with the gesture and accepted the boys as a labor corps under the

Hawaiian Department Army Engineers, to be housed as a unit and to work in conjunction with the army engineers. Then followed a scant one day notice for preparation and mobilization in which they left their jobs and withdrew from classes to answer the call, and on the morning of February 25, 1942, a group of volunteers, calling themselves the "Varsity Victory Volunteers," assembled on the steps of Hawaii Hall, on the campus of the University of Hawaii, to be tendered with a simple aloha ceremony by civic leaders, college officials, instructors, and former classmates of the University.

Organization



The organization of the Varsity Volunteers is a unique, complicated, and pyramided integration of several bodies

First, the organization is officially known as the Corps of Engineers Auxiliary, attached as a company to the 34th Combat Engineers Regiment; and therefore directly responsible to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The pride of the organization is the splendid and efficient Army Personnel. The Commanding Officers are Lt. Colonel William Sexton, 34th Combat Engineers Regiment, and Capt. Richard Lum, Corps of Engineers Auxiliary. Company Commander Capt.

Lum is ably assisted by Executive Officer Lt. Thomas Kaulukukui and Master Sergeants George Aikau and William Jarrett.

Second, the men are employed under Federal Civil Service Regulations.

Third, the members are divided into twelve work gangs, each under the leadership of an elected foreman. These squad foremen are "lorded" over by Supervisor Ralph Yempuku and his assistant, Ted Tsukiyama. The foremen concern themselves chiefly with the supervision of the work projects and meet with the Army Personnel every Thursday evening to exchange ideas. Squad foremen are Richard Chinen, Junichi Buto, Richard Yamamoto, Unkei Uchima, Harry Tanaka, Masato

Master Sergeant Bill Jarrett, left, and George Aikau. 7:30 A.M.—Assembly and roll call.



Doi, Sukeyoshi Kushi, Chiyoki Ikeda, Masaichi Sagawa, Claude Takekawa, Robert Kadowaki, and Henry Oyasato.

Fourth, every first Monday of a month, a general meeting is called to order by Supervisor Ralph Yempuku. The minutes of the meetings are kept by the elected secretary, Katsumasa Tomita, and the Company Fund is in the custody of the able treasurer, Henry Oyasato.

Equality is the keynote of this assembly and foremen, army personnel, laborers debate, discuss, and disagree. All are privileged to express their views, to make



suggestions, and to initiate motions.

For the best interest and welfare of the members, two standing committees have been appointed by the Chairman. These are the Membership Committee, which interviews new members, and the Morale Committee. The last named committee is headed by Shiro Amioka. It promotes and sponsors such activities as monthly dances, conferences, and essay and oratorical contests. It also investigates complaints and suggests remedies. Other members of the committee are Edward Okazaki, Ted Tsukiyama, Katsumasa Tomita, Herbert Isonaga, Chiyoki Ikeda, Unkei Uchima, David Miura, Yutaka Nakahata, Daniel Betsui, and Takashi Shikuma.

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★ Personalities

SHIRO AMIOKA, known to his mates as Cub, he was the toughest, the sweetest and the workingest little guy in the quarry gang. Always a big hit with the girls, he was the pride and joy of Hale Laulima.

TSUGIO AOKI: "Pablo" was the biggest liar of Victory Hall. His lies were so good, he believed them himself. Baby-faced and cheerful, he never shirked in his work. Working with him was always a joy.

FRED ASANO, who lived on and for gambling. Living by the grace of Lady Luck, "Johnny" was in the height of ecstasy one day or in the depth of misery the next. His toothless smile was a thing of beauty.

DANIEL BETSUI, quiet and assuming. Never a flat note in his singing, Danny was the singiest guy in the VVV.

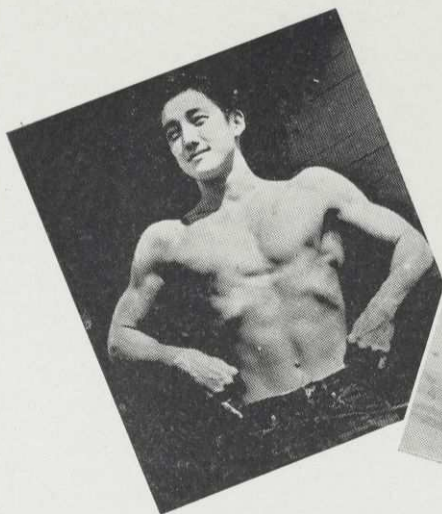
RICHARD CHINEN, the bull of the kitchen. His menacing presence in the mess hall made even the worst GI beans taste decent. A swell guy in any man's opinion.

WALLACE DOI, the problem child of Varsity Hall. Wally was the constant source of Ralph Yempuku's nightmares. He tried every trick to get out of work, but always never succeeded. His hobby was cleaning barracks.

SHUICHI HASHIZUME: Hash was never a good poker player, but he was conscientious and charitable. He got drunk on one bottle of beer and always slept early.

TAKAO HEDANI, who wanted to be called Mike. But he wasn't the type. Hedani was always a good worker, a good eater, and a good griper.

WARREN HIGA: More fat than brawn, slower than an ox cart, he was aptly named "Blubber". He had a thundering voice, full of sound and phooey. He loved to mold himself into a chair, especially at work.



Dick Uyemura shows his "beautiful hunk of a body."

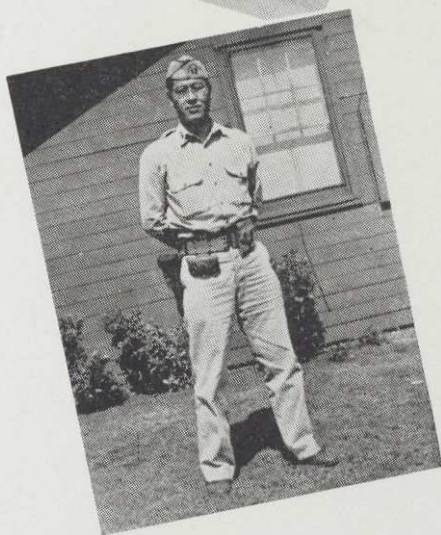
Capt. Lum, Major Beeson, Lt. Col. Sexton, and Ralph Yempuku pose for the camera. Capt. Richard Lum, commanding officer of the VVV.



EDWIN HONDA, always a better worker than a talker. Eddie was full of good habits. He always bought a bond, was always up early, and always got sick.

EDWARD IHA, the unsung hero of the kitchen crew. He looked fat and sloppy but he worked hard just the same. Mike was always there to hand the boys an extra helping.

HERBERT ISONAGA, born and bred a gentleman. He got rough, he got drunk, but he was always a gentleman. The boys all liked him, the girls more.



ROBERT KADOWAKI, who knew every corner and every girl at Hale Aloha. Wacky was the undisputed leader of the wolf pack that haunted Hale Aloha on Sundays. Too bad he wasn't as good a worker as a lover.

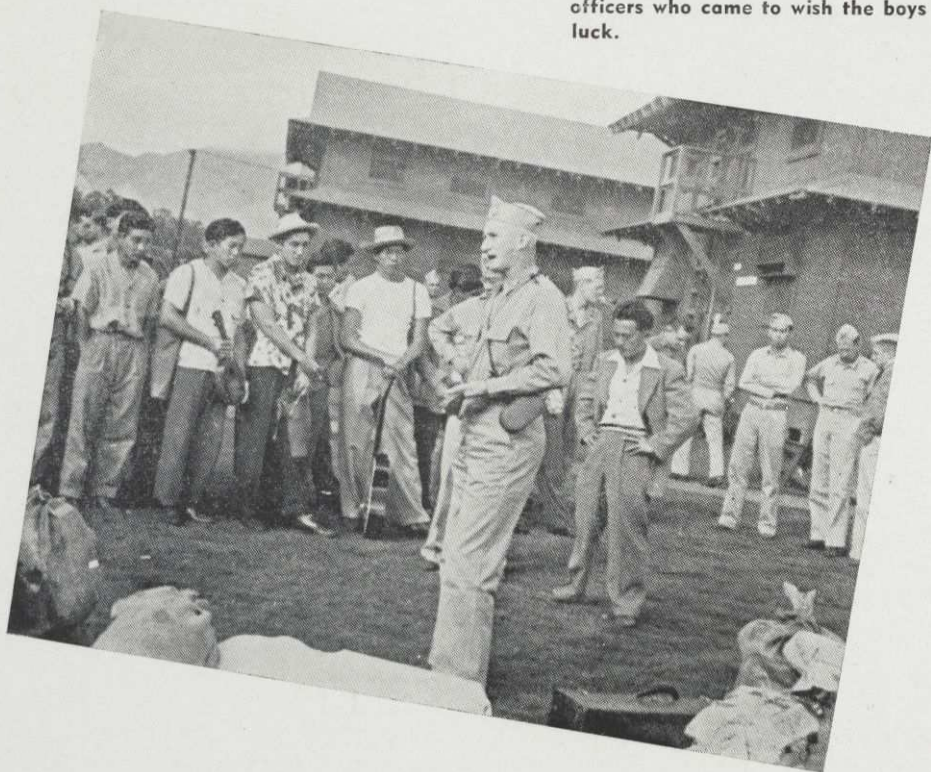
SUKEYOSHI KUSHI, who lived with his golf clubs. Goosie golfed every afternoon but he could never keep his waist line down. He drove the boys nuts with his phonograph but they all liked him for his industriousness and cheerfulness. He never had a girl but he always talked about them.

JOSEPH MATSUNAGA: Joe was all noise and no sense. His intentions were always better than his deeds. He loafed at every opportunity and worked only on his days off. Care free and humorous, he was nice to have around.

ROY NAKAMINE, the sleeping beauty of Victory Hall. He slept in the morning, he slept at work. He slept at noon. And he slept at night. He just slept.

YOSHIO OKUBO: "Rowdy" was never happy unless he was working or talking in his sleep. He hardly spoke a word at work and did his job cheerfully. But at night he was a terror. He cussed at everybody and sang, "Johnny Doughboy" all while sleeping.

Lt. Colonel Sexton, commanding officer of the 34th Engineers, bids the VVV farewell and Godspeed. In right background are regimental officers who came to wish the boys luck.



HENRY OYASATO, who had the thankless job of trying to keep busy in the office. He was always popular on Pay Day. Hank loved to worry and the boys' welfare came first with him. He was never grouchy and his hair was always in place.

MITSURU ONAGA: Poor David! His body outgrew his legs. He could never live down his shortness. Even Ralph called him Shorty. But David made up for the height he lacked with voluminous talking.

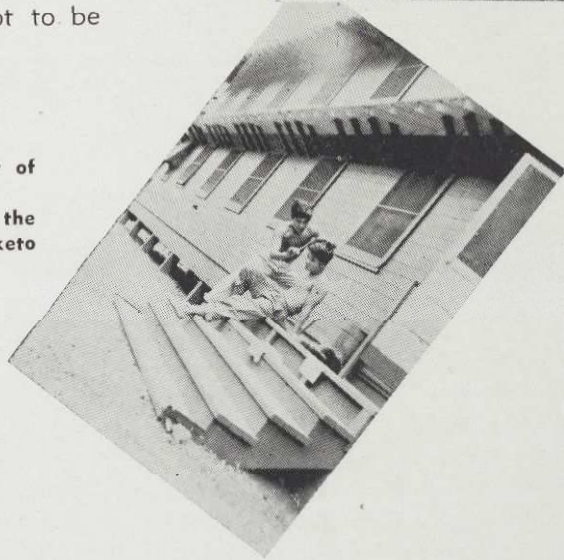
KENNETH SARUWATARI, 170 pounds of belly and hot air. His favorite pastimes were bragging and playing poker, but he was never good at both. Saru could work when he wanted to, but he never wanted to. He was a good truck driver while he lasted, but he didn't last long. He loved to smoke, but he never carried his own cigarettes. Wherever he went, he never forgot to be

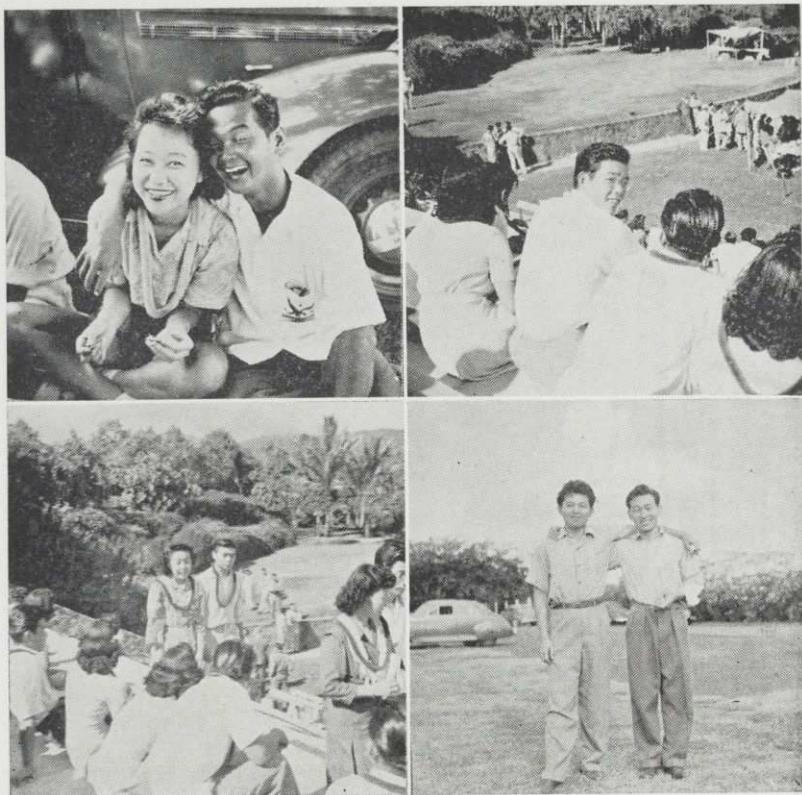
himself — noisy, mischievous, bothersome, but nice.

HARRY TANAKA, who took many baths but could never get the dirt off his face. "Nigger" was a paradox. He read the best books and he drank the worst liquor. He was the best orator



Lt. Kaulukukui poses in front of the mess hall.
Akio Nishikawa works without the aid of a bowl on bunkmate Taketo Kawabata.





Why Shiro is the darling of HaleLaulima. Hiroshi Kato and friends have a lofty view of the luau. Jimmy Miyake and guest seek out friends. Clarence Hamaishi and Herbert Isonaga, comrades in kitchen service.

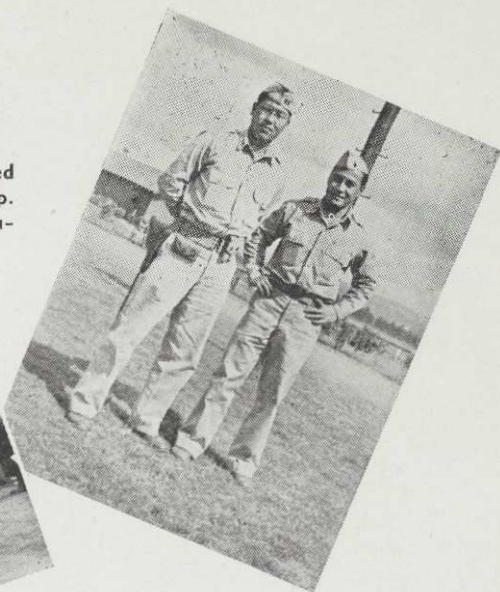
and he used the vilest language at work. He was the hardworking foreman and an irresponsible rowdy. He was serious one moment, corny the next. "Nigger" was just plain unpredictable.

KATSUMASA TOMITA, the paragon of goodness. Kats had his lighter moments but he was usually serious. He took his baking seriously. He took his reading

seriously. And he took his girls seriously.

UNKEI UCHIMA: "Five by five" Unkei was a mass of gentleness. Only on the football field did he utilize his massive physique. He was always ready with a kind word or a helping hand. Popular with his men, he worked the hardest and the longest.

Four clocks and a radio are raffled off just before the boys leave camp. Capt. Lum, C. O., and Lt. Kaulukukui, executive officer.



JOSO UYETAKE, the tragicomic figure of Victory Hall. He made a sad picture trying so hard to make his hair behave. Jo tried everything from vitalis to axle grease to keep his hair down. He was always plugging.

EDWARD WATASE, whose familiar sight as he limped off to sick call, was known to everybody. Funny how he used to get sick so conveniently. His lifelong ambition was to outbluff Wally Doi at poker. He did a good job of fooling Ralph though.

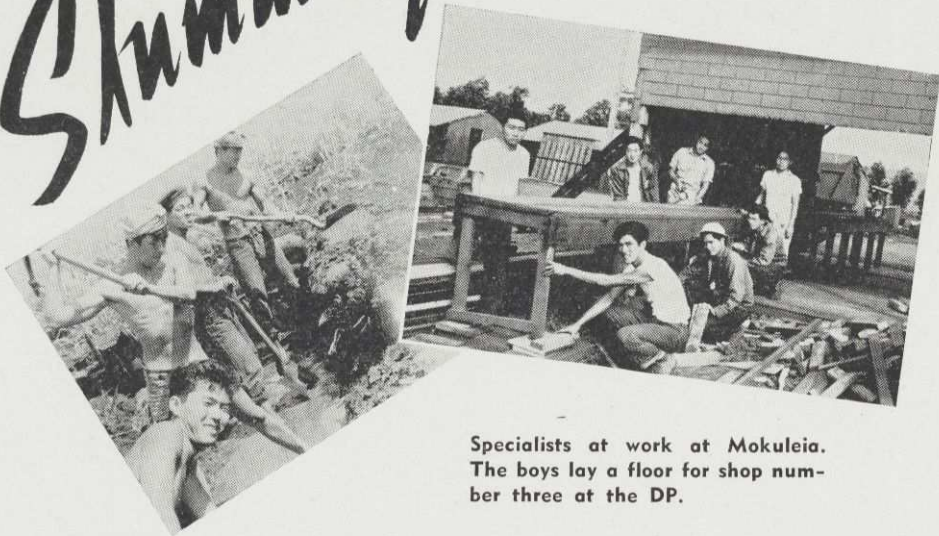
TED TSUKIYAMA, whose New Year's resolution was to concentrate on one girl, but never quite

succeeded. His wolfing expeditions were the talk of the camp. His chores were to talk about girls, talk to girls, and to be talked to about girls.

GEORGE YAMAMOTO, the human encyclopedia. He was so unobtrusive that no one realized how much he knew until he came out with some incredible knowledge. George was full of appropriate repartee and made a delightful companion.

RALPH YEMPUKU, who never scolded, never frowned, never said no and never overslept. Ralph's hobby was to get the boys out of bed. He loved big cigars like all other little guys.

Shumming with



Specialists at work at Mokuleia.
The boys lay a floor for shop number three at the DP.

"Ta-ta-ta-ta!" The clear call of the regimental bugler heralds the break of another day. At that instant the buzzer in the barracks jangles noisily that it is 6:15 AM and time to get up. Gradually the barracks come to life. Squeaking of beds, clatter of shoes and slippers, mumbling of voices and music from radios begin to be heard.

Going to the washroom, the familiar sight greets the eyes: people waiting in line—sometimes three deep—to reach the wash basins. Breakfast is served at 6:30. Really G. I. at that!

Nowhere else can one taste such coffee and bacon except in the Army. Making up the bunks—the first chore of the day for each member—is undertaken. Sloppy bunks, neat bunks—all express the person's personality. As a whole the bunks are well made.

The 7:30 assembly buzzer rings. People pour out from the three barracks, respectively named Varsity Hall, Victory Hall, and Volunteers Hall. Roll call is taken and whatever announcements there are to be made are given to the whole group at this time by Captain Richard Lum or

The 3V's ★



The sun, and soil, and their brothers. Capt. Lum, center right, proudly poses with his office staff.

Supervisor Ralph Yempuku. Work assignments are handed out and the group disperses to the various jobs—some to Kunia, others to the 3W road project, and others to the Engineer DP.

A shrill whistle announces that it is 11:45 and time to go back for lunch. The lunch buzzer rings precisely at 12 noon. What's on the menu today? The boys are so hungry they are ready to eat anything. Pork and beans—the Army's delicacy greets their eyes. The boys fall to with vigor. For the next 15 minutes or so, the silence is unbroken except by the clatter of plates, knives, and forks. Gradually conversation is heard. Somebody tells the latest rumor he has heard. The next person questions it or adds to it.

A joke—laughter. The scene is like any gathering of healthy young boys enjoying life.

A truck takes lunch out to boys working on the road. Passing a steam roller on the road one receives a hearty smile from the operator. With that vacancy in his mouth he looks just like "Jack O'Lantern" Yasuda. He is James Nishimura who recently made a trip to the regimental dentist and was scared out of his wits when the lieutenant asked the captain how to pull his tooth. Passing a gang spreading rocks on the road one goes further and sees a group of boys here and another further on laying culverts and building headwalls. The lunch wagon is always a welcome sign for these boys.

Exactly 4:30—the boys come home. Half an hour until supper is served. Showers start going full blast; wash basins are overcrowded. Mailman Yoshiharu Mikami comes around with missives for the lucky ones. Again he shouts, "Kikuji Himeda. Letter for you!"

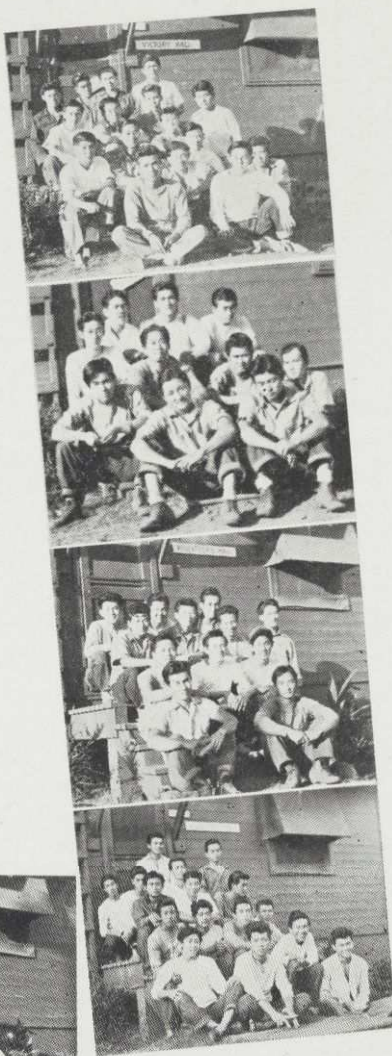
Yum! Yum; Chicken a la king for supper. The hungry boys fall to with eagerness and store away great quantities for food in a short period of time. The way the food is downed gladdens the heart of any good cook.

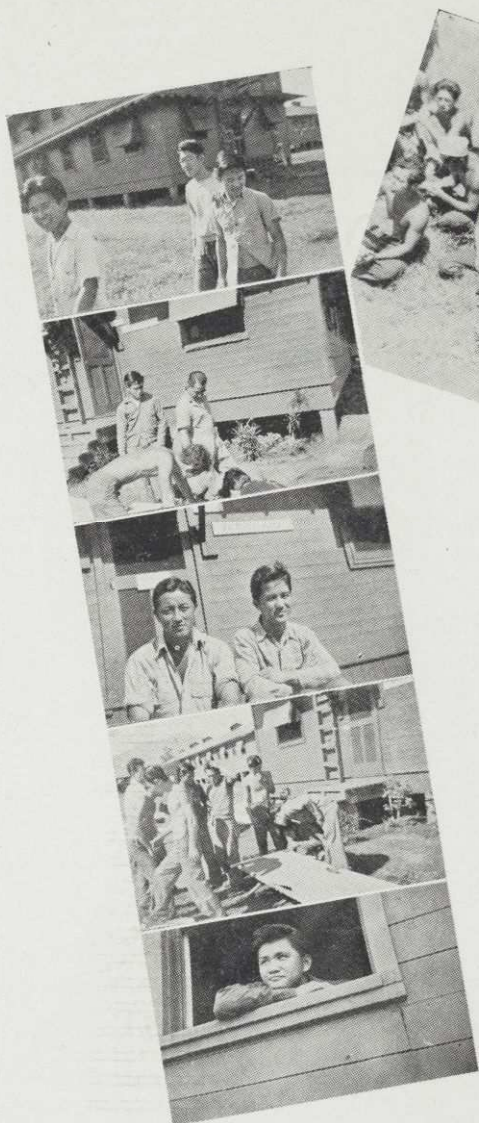
"Orchestra Wives" starring George Montgomery, Ann Rutherford, and Glenn Miller's band is playing at the Post Theatre 4 at 5:30. After finishing supper boys with gas masks can be seen hurrying to the show.

Other boys play basketball in the inter-barracks tournament. The passing and shooting combination of Claude Takekawa and Joe Okumoto of the Volunteers Hawks draws acclaim. Other

boys play golf on the neighboring golf course. The drives and putting of Sukeyoshi Kushi, 1942 Maui champion, serve as models for golf enthusiasts like Grover Nagaji and Ted Tsukiyama.

Reading from top: Harry Tanaka's gang; Sus Yamamoto's gang; Robert Kadowaki's and Masato Doi's gang; Claude Takekawa's gang. Bottom right: Ma Sagawa's gang; and left: Junichi Buto's gang.





Claude's gang have pop and sandwiches for lunch at Mokuleia. Surveying the scene is "Blubber" Higa, center, in size 38 shorts. Informal shots caught by the candid.

Hunting for bed bugs.



Taking a peek into the bar-bell room one may see Akira Hashimoto, Akio Nishikawa, and Ranceford Matsumoto building up their muscles.

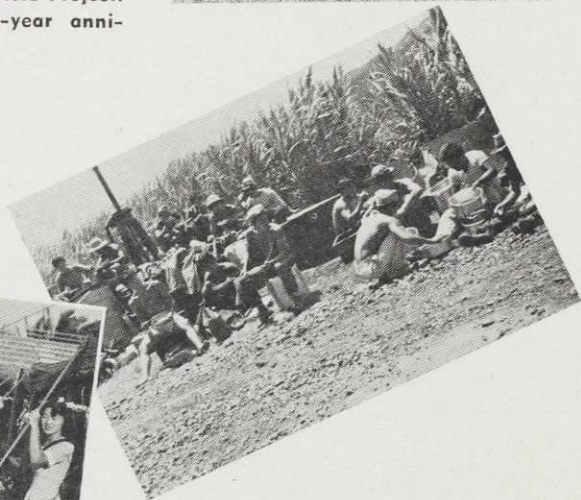
Twilight and gradually evening creeps on. Lights from unblacked out barracks go out one by one until no lights are seen after 7 PM. People crowd into the reading rooms—some to read magazines and books; others to play friendly games of poker. Quite a number of boys can be seen in Boomtown—an amusement center for the 34th Engineers—playing billiard, ping pong, and African golf. Cold drinks are served there every night.

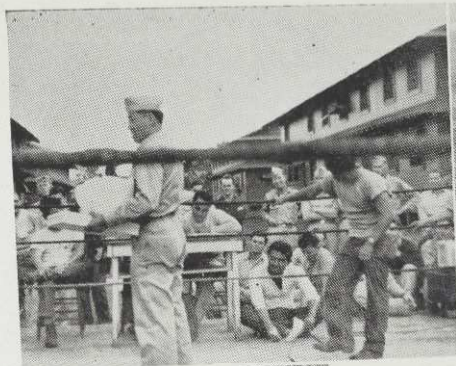
As the short hand creeps around the clock, the squeaking of beds and finally only the soft breathing of sleepers can be heard. Another day has gone by and the VVV faces the morrow with anticipation—to do their best, come what may.

Activities ☆



Supervisor Yempuku poses for the camera.
Chow time at Mokuleia Project.
Scene at the half-year anniversary.





Captain Lum, a proud papa, expresses his thanks.

Work well done deserves respite from sun.

Colonel Silkman, right, and Lt. Kaulukukui.

The intent of the VVV being to produce for the winning of the war, the first concern of the group was the work that lay ahead. Starting with the building of pre-fabricated houses, its first major project, the group has laid by

within a period of one year, the following record of achievements: Six warehouses, large and small, and a large repair shop built; several miles of barbed wire strung; tons of rock quarried; numerous cabinet shop articles such as chairs, desks, tables, lamps, blackboards, bulletin boards, mess hall articles, trophy cases, and recreational facilities produced and being produced; a road job completed, two new roads under construction; and odd jobs continually engaged in, such as barracks maintenance and general construction and repair. Under the latter head came such jobs as building a washing ramp, renovation Regimental Headquarters, the Regimental Supply Office and Officers' Quarters, building a reviewing stand and blacking out the Post Bowl. The above, though brief, represents forty-eight hours spent per week for a period of one year and constitutes the major activity of the VVV.

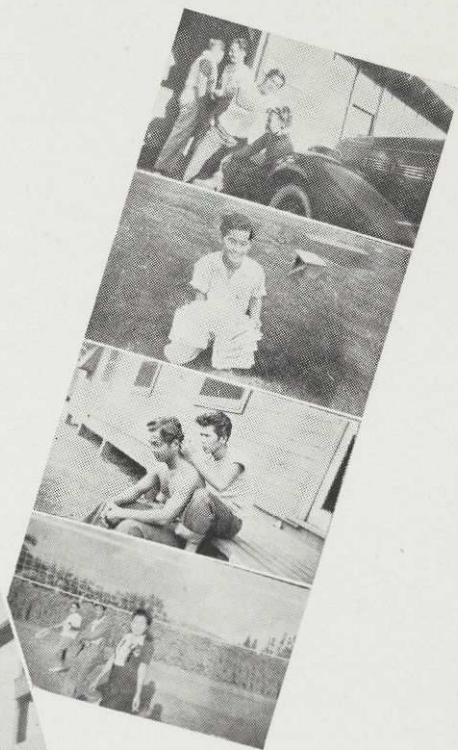
Foremost in popularity and participation among recreational activities was Sports. Sports in the VVV was divided into the follow-

ing classes to encourage as much participation as possible by the group: Inter-Barracks competition; Intra-Regimental competition; Regimental teams and the VVV teams.

At the half-year celebration medals and trophies were awarded to VVV members for outstanding participation in sports. The Varsity Hall Tigers won the team championship. Hiroichi Tomita, Stanley Watanabe, and Seichi Ono received medals for individual competitive ability.

With the advent of the football season, the VVV organized two teams, one to enter the Citywide League 135 lb. barefoot league, and the other, unlimited in weight, to take all comers for the sheer love of the game. The two teams, both of them coached by Lt. Tommy Kaulukukui, gave a very good account of themselves, the 135 lb. team finishing with three wins against two losses, and the unlimited team breezing

through its schedule undefeated. Besides winning several minor skirmishes, the unlimited team laid away a record of a 12-6 win over the Governors of Farrington High School and a 13-0 victory over the Rough Riders of Roosevelt High—both members of the Honolulu Interscholastic Conference. The 135 lb. team went



Chinen demonstrates a new hold on Ralph.
Hank and a month's supply of bonds.
Soji "chops" Shiro.
Grover and Pat at the luau.
Work program on Repair Shop.

through its 1942 season in the following manner:

Sept. 19	Diamond Packers	12	VVV 0
(a pre-season game)			
Oct. 4	Waialae	6	VVV 7
Oct. 11	Moiiliili	0	VVV 13
Oct. 24	Diamond Packers	13	VVV 0
Oct. 31	Sheridan A.C.	13	VVV 0
Nov. 15	Nalo O Maumau	0	VVV 21
Jan. 1	Chow Hounds	0	VVV 27
(In the Pineapple Bowl)			

Elated with the successful conclusion of a tough season which was topped by a brilliant victory over the Chow Hounds from the 47th Engineers in the opener of the New Year's doubleheader, and having been infested with spirit of competition, the VVV entered a team in the American Division of the Post Basketball League.

The VVV has thus far won five games and lost three.

Engineer Red Men	12	VVV 53
Signal Corps Hawkeyes	25	VVV 22
Engineer Volcanoes	18	VVV 43
Q.M.C. Aces	20	VVV 41
Ordnance Tarheels	18	VVV 39
Hq. Braintrusters	38	VVV 28
Brown Bombers	17	VVV 49
Infantry Wheelmen	29	VVV 27

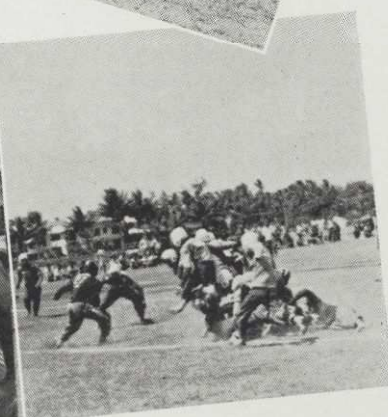
Overshadowed by sports, but none the less fully participated in and enjoyed, were social activities such as community sing, glee

club, indoor games, movies, and dances which served to acquaint members with one another.

Monthly dances for VVV members and their guests were held on Sunday afternoons in Hemenway Hall on the campus of the University of Hawaii. These were informal dances to which residents of Hale Aloha and Hale

130 pound team poses for the camera.

Half time—Tommy holds a brief pow-wow.



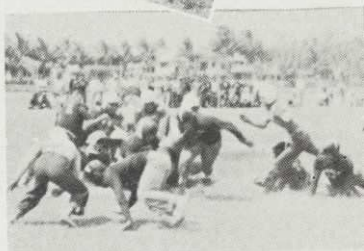


Final instructions before the Wai-
alae game.

Four galloping horsemen l. to r.:
Ikeda, Higashino, Kawate, Oku-
moto.

A slashing off-tackle play. . . .
Get that man!

A bulwark defense stops this
plunge.



Laulima — University women's
dormitories—were invited. These
affairs were planned and spon-
sored by the members to fill a
need for social activities during
the weekends.

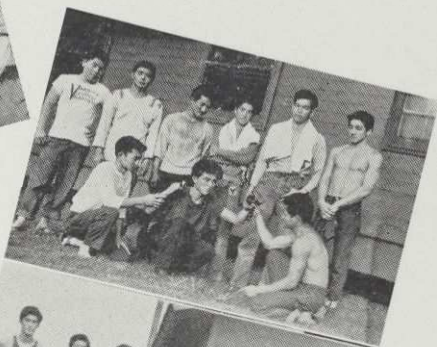
Hale Laulima, in turn, staged
several Saturday night socials to
which VVV members were invited.

Life in the VVV was by no
means confined to athletics and
social activities. The members of
the VVV being predominantly
from the University, intellectual
activities were shown a lot of in-
terest. Coming first on the list of

such activities were the extension
courses which were offered the
VVV members by the University
of Hawaii. Four such courses were
taken and completed. They were
Post-war Worlds—a course in po-
litical science; Religion and Lit-
erature; Mathematics; and Phys-
ical Education.



**"Buta" Hamaguchi obliges with a close-up.
Richard Chinen and his boxing proteges.
The Volunteer basketball squad.**

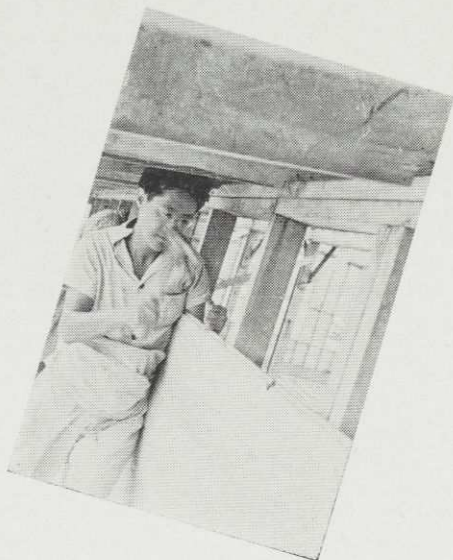


Required by the Army were lectures and instruction on first aid and on gas warfare. These the VVV learned with keen interest. The lectures were delivered intermittently by members of the medical staff and dealt with fractures, hemorrhage, shock, and their

treatment. The description and detection of poisonous gases were taught the VVV through lectures and movie film.

Other phases of activities were model airplane construction and the maintenance of a Victory garden.

★ Highlights



Danny Betsui adds another sheeting to the repair shop. Foreman Unkei Uchima reviews work for the day.



Lovely hostesses for the six months anniversary luau and Captain Gordon Fisher, former recreation officer of the 34th

Reminiscing during idle moments, VVV men will recall the many memorable experiences they have had during the past year in service. In their minds, members will experience anew their outstanding achievements. No one will find it difficult to place outstanding events in a cozy nook of his cranium to be brought out during his "pipe and chair" age.

The prick of a needle will doubtlessly flash back and bring recollections of the trips made to the blood bank. Three times during the past year, the VVV's made a call at the bank, each man giving from 350 to 500 cc. of precious blood each time. Some went to escape from work for the day and the meal that came after the operation, but the great majority

went because they wanted to do their bit for a worthy cause.

While not outstanding, for everybody seems to be doing it, the VVV is nevertheless, proud of its bond parade. Every month, the members of the VVV sank a sizeable sum in war bonds ranging in denominations from \$25 to \$125. As of January, 1943, the VVV showed a record of \$27,850 worth of bonds bought in a period of ten months beginning in April, 1942.

Serving on an entirely voluntary basis and without pay, Masato Doi and Tamotsu Ono acted as supervisors for the Junior Victory Brigade during a six-week period in the summer of 1942. The Brigade, composed of young boys between the ages of 12 and 15, was organized to aid in the



Scenes from the anniversary luau and dance.

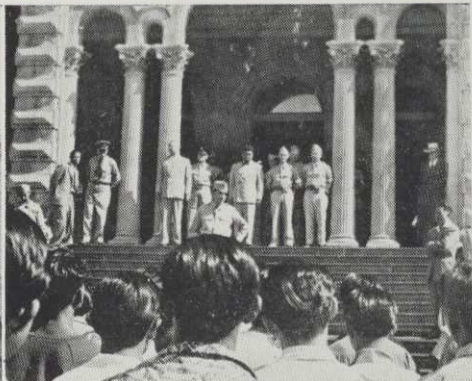
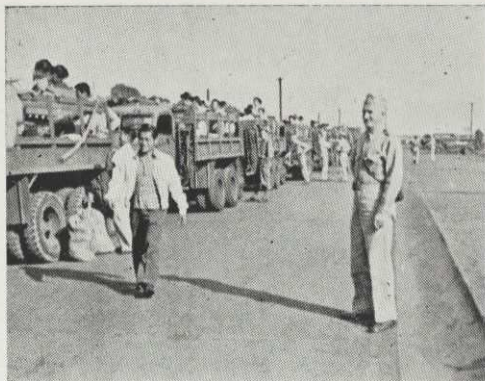
war effort. With capable Doi and Ono at the helm, the Brigade had a successful campaign during the summer.

Harry Tanaka won the Annual Berndt Extemporaneous Speaking Contest on May 21 at the University of Hawaii speaking on the "Preservation of Free Speech." Tanaka also copped the VVV First Annual Oratorical Contest on July 16, speaking on "The Road Ahead" as being one "drenched with blood, sweat, and tears." Grover Nagaji took second place in the open division. On the same night, Hiroshi Minami convinced the judges that he was the best orator in the novice division with his talk on "Physical Fitness for

Victory." Trailing him were two fellow members of the Quarry Gang, Ryoji Namba and Richard Uyemura. The first place winners of both divisions received \$25 war bonds as their prizes.

In the literary field, Masato Doi distinguished himself when he received honorable mention in the Charles Eugene Banks Literary Contest held at the University of Hawaii. Doi's entry was a letter entitled "Frankie."

Kenichi Uyeda ran off with the grand prize in the Slogan Contest held in May, 1942, by the Morale Committee. His winning slogan was: "Work up a sweat, and the Sun will set." Stanley Kimura's "Cleanliness leads to Healthi-

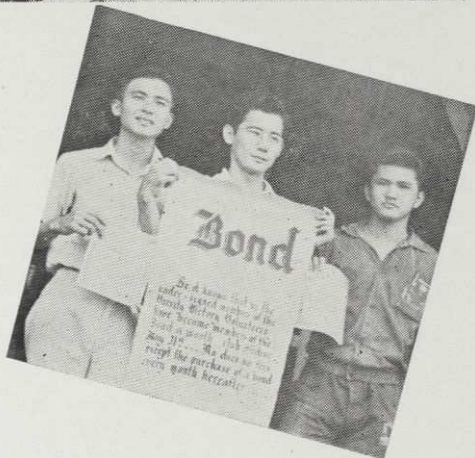


Richard Chinen struts before Lt. Col. Sexton just before leaving. Brig. Gen. Hans Kramer, Department Engineer, bids VVV aloha and good luck. Office staff exhibits bond-a-month-club roster.

ness" won for him a prize while Walter Iwasa's "Let not our efforts be in vain" was adjudged the best for general use.

When it came to celebrating occasions, the VVV's went all-out for a good time. The first big blow-up came on August 22, 1942, after six months of hard work when everyone took time off to celebrate the half-year anniversary of the organization with a big luau staged at the University of Hawaii amphitheater. Many distinguished guests were present that day representing the Army, University of Hawaii, and the community. A dance on the following day at Hemenway Hall wound up the festivities for the occasion.

Luau seem to be the Triple V's favorite way of celebrating, for



another one headlined the Christmas feast in the mess hall. Through the generosity of George Higa, proprietor of the Honolulu Cafe, delectable Hawaiian dishes were enjoyed by the members and their guests. Christmas felt like the Christmas of old that night with appropriate decorations adorning the mess hall, carols ringing out from many voices, and the spirit of giving manifested through a grab-bag.

Letters



I think something like this may do as a message to the VVV's on their first anniversary. It is not long, but it is heartfelt.

V.V.V. — The Most Honored Initials in Hawaii!

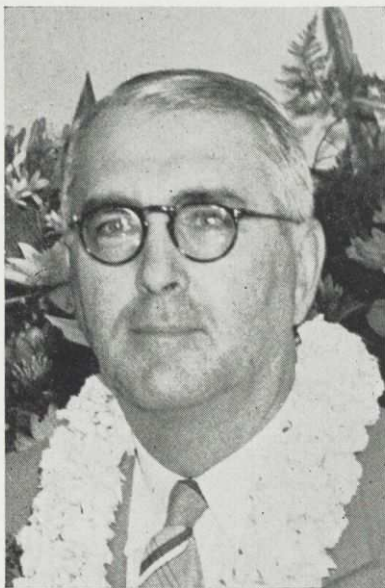
These initials stand for a way of meeting a serious crisis, and that way will redound to the credit of all Americans. The Varsity Victory Volunteers and their wholehearted effort represent more than a mere episode in our history; they represent the high quality of our civilization. Let the ringing words of praise by General Emmons stand for Hawaii's appreciation of these Americans.

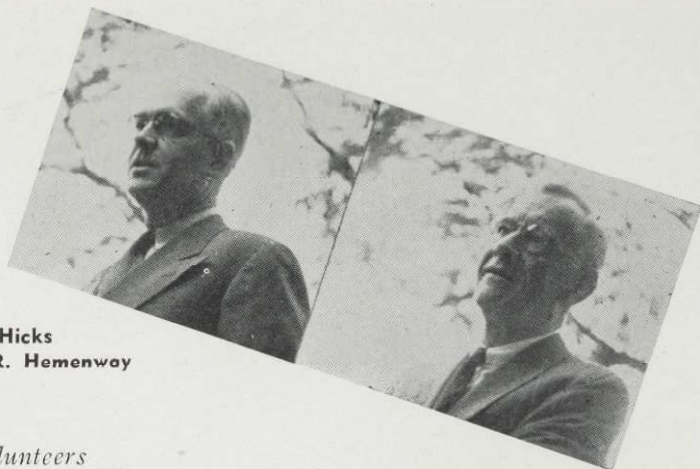
With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Signed:

GREGG M. SINCLAIR
President (U. of H.)





Left—Mr. Leslie A. Hicks
Right—Mr. Charles R. Hemenway

To the Varsity Volunteers

Much has happened since we met on the steps of Hawaii Hall and you began your service to our country as an organized unit. It was not the kind of service which you would have preferred to give, but it was service of a kind which you could give and it was needed. You have carried on through your first year with the same spirit of loyalty which was the basis for your offer to serve in whatever way the Commanding General could use your help. You have held fast to your ideals. You have made an outstanding record and have won the respect and admirations of many who were doubtful of the stand which you citizens of Japanese ancestry would take. You have fully justified the confidence of those of us who knew that you are as loyal as any other citizens of different racial descents. I am proud of what you have done.

To you all I send my congratulations and aloha!

Signed:

C. R. HEMENWAY

January 23, 1943

Varsity Victory Volunteers
 34th Engineers Regiment
 A.P.O. 957

Gentlemen:

In the year that has passed, the VVV's have amply demonstrated their loyalty and devotion to their country and to their fellow Americans by their cheerful and enthusiastic performance of the duties entrusted to them. They are rendering a valuable and honorable service which is all the more difficult because it lacks the glamor and excitement of combat.

Because of the sacrifices made and the high spirit maintained in the performance of their every day tasks, the VVV's have made many friends and have provided a shining example for all of us. I know they will carry on with constantly improving efficiency and the same high morale until the war is won.

Good luck VVV's!

Sincerely yours,

Signed: L. A. HICKS



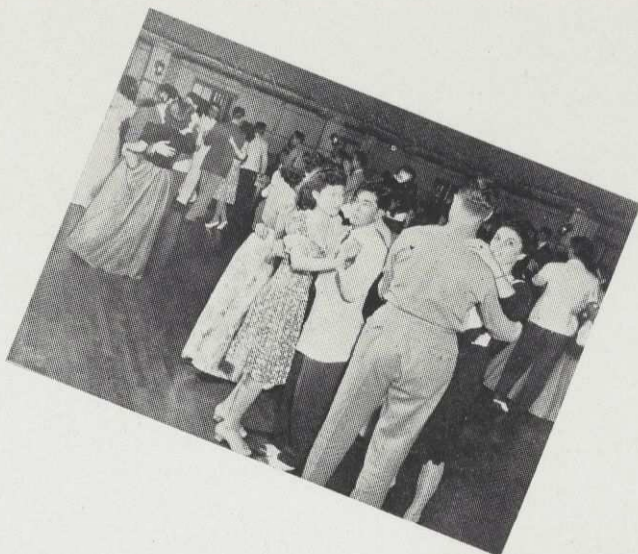
Richard Yamamoto receives a certificate of service from Lt. Col. Sexton at the farewell banquet at the South Seas. Below: Mr. Charles R. Hemenway.

January 30, 1943

To: All Members of the Varsity Victory Volunteers

Approximately a year ago, I had the rare opportunity of becoming associated with you all in the capacity of being your Commanding Officer. With this assignment, came the responsibility of your conduct and behavior, performance and actions as well as the remunerations for your voluntary services. During this short span of one year, I've had daily contacts with all of you and can truly say that you have more than demonstrated your loyalty, love and devotion to your country, the United States of America.

You have met a challenge, your achievements no doubt have ultimately resulted in a very recent change in policy by the War Department towards all Ameri-



cans of Japanese descent illuminating their outlook by enormous proportions. It is my great pleasure to congratulate you.

Now we have reached a point where the armed forces have a more urgent need for your voluntary services. This is essential in bringing forth a speedier victory for our United Nations.

On the occasion of the inactivation of your organization, the Varsity Victory Volunteers, after which all of you will make an important decision, it is my chief desire that you shall have a free course and full support in your embarkation. The "rudder" is in your charge—God Speed the Ship! ALOHA AND GOOD LUCK.

RICHARD T. F. LUM
Captain
34th Engineers
A.P.O. 957



Dancers at the South Seas. Inactivation ceremonies at Iolani Palace.

After more than 11 months of service with the Army Engineers the Varsity Victory Volunteers were inactivated on January 31, 1943.

The demobilization was requested by members of the VVV who asked to be released in order that they may enlist for service in the United States Army with the American-Japanese combat unit.



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