

BLOOD BANK PROJECT

"Old Man" Sato was drafted one day five years ago, to donate blood to Naoji Yamagata's sister-in-law. While waiting in line at the Honolulu Blood Bank, he dreamed up the idea of a blood bank for members of Club 100. He sold the idea to Richard Mizuta, then chairman of the Mutual Assistance Committee, and Richard donated the first pint of blood . . . and made the dream come true.

During the nearly five years that this project has been in existence, a total of 274 pints have been utilized by the eligible users of our organization. Converted to dollars and cents value at the present rate of \$42.50 per pint, the monetary savings to the recipients reaches an astounding figure of \$11,645. In addition, the ease of mind which was accorded to those concerned in their hour of need cannot be measured by any existing yard stick.

The blood bank privileges have been used by former members of the 100th Infantry Battalion and members of their "immediate family". A study of the 274 pints utilized to date indicates that wives, children, parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents of members, and wives' parents have been given aid from the time the project was initiated. This privilege is extended to the following also: persons other than blood relations for whom members are financially responsible, Honorary Members and their immediate family, widows of deceased members who have not re-married, parents of deceased members, and members and their immediate family residing on the outside islands.

The Club 100 mutual assistance committee in charge of our blood bank is especially proud of the service that has been extended to eligible recipients on Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and even on the little island of Lanai during the past five years. Mutual aid of this sort goes a long, long way toward perpetuating comradeship among the men of the 100th Bn. no matter where a member resides in the islands.

There is no limit to the amount of blood a member or members of his immediate family may draw as attested by the fact that a Company "B" member's father was administered 26 pints with no strings attached. In fact, blood bank officials have been heard to remark, "Your policy is one of the most generous on our file."

The Club 100 Blood Bank Reserve furnishes only the necessary blood. The service charge of \$10 charged by the Honolulu Blood Bank for each pint of blood used will be paid by the receiver of said blood.

Every member when desiring blood will personally clear with Club Headquarters immediately whenever possible. As defined in our dues policy, only ACTIVE members who pay their annual operating dues (\$8 on Oahu \$2 elsewhere) are eligible to receive this aid.

Where a member is not physically fit to be a donor, he may have someone in the family only give blood in his place if he so chooses. This is entirely optional.