

## KUKAILIMOKU

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## THE ORI STORY

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2400 Hours, 19 June 1959.....By this time, the men in the Squadron were talking to one another. They knew it was going to happen and happen soon. Tension was growing among the men. Getting off for Father's DAY looked good. These thoughts also raced through my mind as I attended to my duties as CQ. It was hard to keep awake.

0300 hours, my relief arrives. I said good night, (I guess it should have been good morning) and left. Transportation to the barracks area was not available. I decided to sleep in the crew chief's room next door. Using a stack of papers for a pillow and sleeping on a large table, I managed to doze off. My eyes were hardly closed when I heard the shuffling of feet outside. Dozens of men were coming into the room. They knew exactly what to do and where to go. They set up the first aircraft to scramble and then prepared the remainder for standby. The tension was gone. This was it. They worked like a football team, all dedicated to one goal, and all doing everything possible to obtain that goal. By H hour plus one almost 90% of the aircraft were operationally ready.

SCRAMBLE! The birds were going out. Others moved up to take their places. Again and again the planes were scrambled.

The days were long. The men were tired, but there was no sign of unsteadiness.

The pit crews that reloaded the rockets, replaced dropped wing tanks, and refueled the aircraft, also set records during the ORI. The Air Force wanted it done in fifteen minutes, so we did it in less than thirteen.

Supply and their "Red Ball Express" did a wonderful job, having most of the parts delivered to the flightline in less than five minutes.

Days passed and the hustling and bustling of these men doing their duties when called upon continued. They laughed, they played, and sang in their spare time. This was not just a typical squadron in operation, this was a living example of what the Air Guard of Hawaii is. What happened during the ORI is history now, but it proved that we are ever-ready to perform the role that we are here for THE AIR DEFENSE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII !

Be SURE to Cast YOUR "VOTE" on Tuesday, JULY 28th.

PREUSS  
TO LEAVE

Brig. Gen. Paul T. Preuss is being transferred to the Pentagon in Washington.

Preuss, now Hickam Air Force Base Commander, will join the office of the Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff for Development.

He is slated to report to the Pentagon on September 15th.

He has been Commander of Hickam for about a year. His successor has not been named.

Preuss, who has worked extensively with the Atomic Energy Commission, is an expert in the field of nuclear weapons and development.

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## GENERAL NEWS

## PROMOTIONS:

To A/1C: Wayne A. Hurter, and Raymond W. M. Loo.

To A/2C: Leonard K.W. Chow, Vernon K. C. Chong, John M. Chapman, Kenneth K. Inuma, Wallace T. Nakamura,

## NEW ENLISTMENTS:

A/3C Stanley I Nakamoto, A/B Clifford H.L. Yuen, A/B Henry W. Mailolo.

## RE-ENLISTMENTS:

A/2C Norman Tkachenko, A/1C Andrew Berard, SSG Rudolph Q. Luat, A/2C Robert Otake.

PIN-UP below is Sandra Edwards who had a small part in "Up Periscope".



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## AIR ADVISOR.....

The NEW Sr. Air Force Advisor that you have seen around the Area is M/Sgt Frank Metasavage. His last assignment was at Suffolk County Air Force Base, Long Island, New York. He has had 14 years of regular service plus a few with the reserve. His Career Field: 43000. He, his wife, Ada, and their three children are currently living in Waikiki awaiting quarters on the Base. Welcome to the 199th Frank.

## COMMUNICATIONS SECTION:

S/Sgt Clement K. Kaonohi, NCOIC, had a recent addition to his family, a baby girl.

A/3C Allen Watt has been appointed to the Air Force Academy.

A/1C Ernest Shiraishi has completed his home (by himself) and moved into it.

## FOOD SERVICE:

Mr. Lee took the time recently to tell us of his units activities during Camp. This year, Food Service had the time necessary to train the men and see that they still had the "On the Job Training that is so vital to their job. He said also that the K.P.'s assigned during Camp did a wonderful job and also deserved credit.

(EDITORS NOTE: ..... Mr. Lee and his men have always been noted for their splendid work; their meals prove this.)

## MEDICAL SECTION:

With the completion of Summer Camp came the New Medical Office. Equipped with just about everything they could need, including a brand new 1959 DODGE Ambulance.

## P &amp; A SECTION:

Capt. Thoene's remarks on performance during camp are short and to the point: "EXCELLENT".