

MILITARY SPIRIT IN HAWAII MAKES GOOD IMPRESSION

Major Lenihan of Second U. S.
Infantry Tells Ad Club of
National Guard Needs

ORGANIZATION INTENDED FOR FIRST-LINE DEFENSE

Confirms Increase of Regular
Army Here To Strength of
Complete Division

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The prime necessity for a suitable training ground was featured by the speaker, who urged the business men of Honolulu to assist in completing the Punchbowl rifle range and camp site. Not only will Punchbowl be available for guard organizations, but it will be an invaluable asset for citizen training camps, and for civilian rifle clubs receiving government support.

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Another point, perhaps not clearly understood by the general public, was carefully emphasized by Major Lenihan. That is that federal support for the national guard comes in the form of an annual appropriation which can be used only for the purchase of supplies and equipment. Not one cent of real money is available, and many essential items, such as overhead charges for administration, freight, transportation for sergeant instructors, and the construction of water and sewerage systems for semi-permanent camps, such as Punchbowl, must be met by the Territory.

The great advantage of combining pleasure with the real business of preparation, whenever possible, was made plain by Major Lenihan, in speaking of armory training and equipment.

"Unless a man can chin himself on a horizontal bar, he can't handle a rifle properly," said the speaker. "If you can turn work into play, by gymnasium equipment in the armory, you are getting the desired training result, and at the same time giving the soldier a good time."

Needs of Militia Explained

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"My purpose this morning, gentlemen, is to bring to your attention some of the needs of the territorial militia, and to impress you, if possible, with the necessity of devising means of supplying those needs. What means may be available, I do not know. With the available resources of the Territory, you representative business men are familiar; and you know best the ways and means of securing funds needed for useful public purposes. My object is to state to you the requirements of the problem, leaving its solution to you.

"Hawaii, with its garrison, is, tactically speaking, a detached post of the mainland garrison. The strength of the garrison to be stationed here eventually has been fixed at one division of troops of the mobile army in addition to Coast Artillery troops, whose strength is determined by the fixed armament they are to man, and the navy contingent. The national guard will, in time of need, become part of this garrison. In fact, it may be said that it now forms part of it.

Army Division Analyzed

A division is a complete tactical unit, composed of troops of all arms. It is the unit of organization. It consists, in round numbers, of 22,000 men, of whom about 1200 are non-combatants (medical and sanitary troops, chaplains, veterinarians, teamsters, farriers and horseshoers.) It is composed of Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Signal Corps troops, and trains for ammunition, rations, tools and ambulances. It requires about 4500 horses, and 3200

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Need of Men Urgent

"Knowing the needs here, and it be

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