

MILITIA SIGNAL CORPS SOON TO BE INSPECTED

Captain Hickman, Regular Army, Detailed To Make Report

According to advices received from the war department, which contained instructions to the commanding general of the Hawaiian Department to detail an officer of the Signal Corps of the regular army for the purpose, the new company of Signal Corps, National Guard of Hawaii, recently organized and designated as a field company, Type B, will undergo an inspection within the next few days.

Before the issuance of equipment to an organization of this kind the war department requires that the organization be inspected by a regular army officer, and such inspection is made under Section 3, of the Militia Law. In the case of the Signal Company, N. G. H., the war department has designated that the inspection cover the following:

Personal, uniformed as foot soldiers; former status of the officers; storage facilities for further valuable equipment.

Capt. Edwin A. Hickman, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Shafter, who is in command of Field Company E, Signal Corps, of the regular Army, has been designated by the war department to make the inspection.

The main purpose of this inspection is to find out whether or not the conditions existing in this new organization are such as to justify its recognition by the war department as organized militia, with a view to the issuance to it of such articles of equipment as may be necessary for the proper instruction of the personnel. When the inspection is completed a report will be made by the inspector, direct to the chief division of militia affairs at Washington.