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May Number of Our Navy Has Fine Article By Honolulu Man; Many Island Views

"Hawaii First in Preparedness," is the title of an article from the trusty typewriter of A. P. Taylor, director of the Promotion Committee, appearing in the May number of Our Navy, copies of which arrived this week. The cover design shows surf-riding at Waikiki, with Diamond Head looming up in the background.

Many handsome views of Honolulu, including a large full-page engraving showing the ill-fated F-4 lying in drydock here, the K submarines and armored cruiser Maryland, also the U. S. S. Saratoga, lying at their docks here several months ago, accompany the article.

Speaking of the naval phase of the preparedness question in Hawaii nei Mr. Taylor writes:

"On that barren coral stretch at Pearl Harbor has been created the model naval station of the American government; with industrial buildings of the highest type and to be equipped with the most modern machinery for the repair of ships-of-war of the navy; where a drydock is in course of construction capable of caring for the largest superdreadnought which may be built by the government; where Uncle Sam's marines are housed and drilled.

"Upon coral stretches, such as Pearl Harbor, formidable batteries have been erected; in the craters of extinct volcanoes fortresses have been created; even almost in the midst of the famous bathing beach at Waikiki, the largest army guns now built have been mounted; upon the high mesa, twenty miles from Honolulu and in the midst

of the large alluvial deposits from the mountain ranges where the Hawaiian pineapple has made itself famous, has been established an army post where nearly 6000 troops are in garrison. Coast Well Fortified.

"From Diamond Head, the extinct fortress upon which and in which Fort Ruger has been established; to Pearl Harbor, where Fort Kamehameha's guns cover the wide approach to the naval station, the Honolulu frontage of the island of Oahu fairly bristles with cannons of huge caliber.

"Though the American navy has its naval station and is yet without adequate battleship or cruiser support at the present time, the citizens of the territory of Hawaii have shown their interest in the welfare of their adopted mother country by training a naval militia, and the amateur sailors are rapidly acquiring the art of seamanship, but without the necessary equipment, principally of a war vessel. Advocates Naval Militia Vessel.

"First of all, then, is required a warship for the use of the naval militia. When the parent body can place at the disposal of the naval militia of California a historical battleship such as the Oregon, the naval militia of Hawaii, where such an organization is more absolutely required than possibly anywhere else, should have a vessel for its schooling, and without delay.

"The government at Washington, if it shows a serious inclination to respond to the undoubted patriotism of the people of the Hawaiian Islands, should place the proper equipment and appropriations at the disposal of both the national guard and the naval militia of Hawaii. There may come a time when this foresight on the part of the American government will be found to have been absolutely sound."