

# FINE SHOWING BY GUARDSMEN

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## IN PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

### Army Officers Comment Favorably on Work: Kamehameha Grads Win Honors

Plans being formulated today in detail begin preparation for the big military contest of the 1st Infantry, N. G. H., to be held June 11, the competing companies having been chosen from the preliminary drill of yesterday morning.

Those who will take part next month are as follows: 1st Battalion, Companies A and D; 2nd Battalion, Companies F and G; 3rd Battalion, Companies K and M.

From now until June 11 extra drills will be held in the armory and at the palace grounds several nights each week, and every effort will be put forward to make the June contest a big affair. It is not definitely decided as yet where the contest will be held, but a grandstand will be provided for spectators and invitations sent out to army men and civilians.

National Guard officials are at work today endeavoring to secure Athletic Park for the staging of the event. With a big grandstand already there, and with ample room for extended order drill which has been added to the program for June 11, this would be a place especially suitable for the tournament, which is to decide what battalion of the 1st Infantry is strongest.

Hard drilling will be the feature from now on to the June date, both for yesterday's winners and for the other companies. The latter companies will begin work immediately in preparation for target practise and field work.

With 800 men swinging about in drill to no sounds save the tread of their own feet, the sharp cries of officers, and the click-click of rifles as they dropped into place, the old Palace grounds, usually quiet and sedate, appeared yesterday forenoon as a young training camp.

It was the big preliminary competition preparatory to the final day, June 11, and every one of the 800 went into the work with vim and determination. There was no slouching and no shirking despite the fact that a broiling sun shone down upon them with a

fierceness hardly beaten by any previous day this spring.

#### Fine Training Shown.

No one that saw the marching columns swing by watched the accuracy with which the well trained fellows carried out their drills, or held his breath as they scurried over the wall in the scaling contest, but felt a thrill and a sense of gladness that the Territory of Hawaii has just such an organization. No one but remembered that for its size little Hawaii far outranks in National Guard numbers any state in the union.

Like clockwork went the drill — a sign of real military discipline, and while much of the credit for this is due to the company officers, most of all perhaps is due to Col. W. R. Riley, master of ceremonies, who kept things on the move from the first appearance of the guardsmen before the judges' stand until the last shoe had been pulled on in the shoe race.

#### Work Highly Praised.

Army officers who judged the drill, and those from the side lines who were there merely as spectators, commented favorably upon the spirit and work that the men put into it.

Adj-gen. Sam Johnson, hot and dusty, commented favorably upon it too, emphasizing his favor with his smile.

"We have crowded a whole year's work into six weeks," he said, "and we are going ahead and crowd some more work into the next month."

According to the official score Company K, which is composed of old grads of Kamehameha school under Capt. John McCandless, held the lead with 85 per cent, while Company M, consisting of Filipinos, was a close second with 83 per cent. This company is commanded by Capt. W. J. Hampton. Other scores follow:

- Company F, Capt. Edward Hopkins, 79 per cent;
- Company A, Lieut. Harold Godfrey, 78;
- Company G, Capt. Louis K. Kane, 75;
- Company E, Capt. Charles E. Coster, 74;
- Company H, Capt. Ching K. Amona, 70;
- Company I, Capt. Samuel H. Ware, 67;
- Company D, Capt. Gustay E. Schaefer, 59;
- Company B, Capt. Alan J. Lowrey, 57.

# BIG INCENTIVE TO GUARDSMEN IS WEST POINT

News that West Point is to be opened to young men of the territorial militia, as printed in the Star-Bulletin on Saturday, is one of the biggest incentives for eligibles to join the guard that has come in a long while, according to guard officials.

These men point out that while the privilege may not mean so much to the guard this year, it will mean more and more in years to come. Owing to the fact that most of those who belong to the guard are more than 22 years of age, or have not been in the work for a year, it is likely to prove difficult in finding eligible persons for the present.

There are, however, a few who will be able to come under the regulations, and Adj-gen. Samuel I. Johnson is busy today looking up the standing of these. He would appreciate being informed of eligibles by company commanders.

"This news should mean much to young men," said a guard officer today, "and beyond a doubt it will bring a large number into the guard at once who will look forward to getting appointments next year."

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