

ARMY RESERVISTS ARE BARRED FROM MILITIA

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Soldiers On Furlough Or Transferred Cannot Join Guard

No person seems to be so immune from military training as a member of the army reserve. Authoritative decisions have been rendered in numerous cases that enlisted men who enter the army reserve at the end of three years' regular training cannot reenlist for a further period of service in the regular army until their enlistment has expired, or until they have spent their four years in the reserve. Thus, they are excluded from further regular army service in time of peace, and according to a decision recently rendered, their enlistment in the organized militia, or their accepting a commission as an officer of the national guard will not be permitted.

Recently the question was raised as to whether a soldier who had been furloughed and transferred to the reserve could enlist in the National Guard of Hawaii or accept a commission therein, and the Hawaiian Department has just been informed "that the enlistment or commissioning of an army reservist in the organized militia is prohibited."

This would seem to put a quietus upon the military ambitions of any member of the army reserve in Hawaii who desires to enlist in or receive a commission in the local guard.