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GREAT MILITARY RESERVE ON BIG ISLAND PROPOSED

Group of Prominent Army and Militia Officers Will Leave for Hawaii Tomorrow

To determine upon the feasibility of establishing a big military reserve on Hawaii somewhere near the volcano, to which both army men and men of the National Guard may go for training periods, a group of prominent army and militia officers is leaving for the Big Island tomorrow on the Mauna Kea.

Included in the party will be Brig-gen. Robert K. Evans, commanding the Hawaiian department; Adj-gen. Samuel I. Johnson, N. G. H.; Maj. M. J. Lenihan, acting chief of staff at army headquarters; Capt. Charles G. Mettler, head of the local ordnance department; Lieut. Hornsby Evans, aide-de-camp to Gen. Evans, and Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Lenihan.

While a visit to the volcano is also one of the primary features of the trip, it is planned by the officers to spend considerable time in tracing out plans for a military camp.

The idea of such a camp is not new to tropical countries in which soldiering is done, but it is new to Hawaii. If it goes through here, the camp will be similar to Baguio in the Philippines, where troops are stationed at intervals in the hot season, and where the summer capital is located.

In India also the English army has found it advisable to establish camps on higher elevations to afford soldiers a change of climate.

In Hawaii, besides giving this change, the camp will allow army men to become familiar with another island other than Oahu, this being one of the reasons why the local department has always encouraged trips away from here.

The camp will be available for troops of the Hawaii guard, and it is likely that when it is established companies from here will take advantage of it at frequent intervals. One of the provisions of the new army bill that is now in the hands of the president is that guardsmen shall be in camp 15 days during the year, so that it is likely outdoor work will in the future become more and more important.

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