

GARDEN ISLAND WARMLY PRAISES FILIPINO GUARD

Lieut.-col. L. D. Timmons, 4th Infantry, National Guard, and editor of Garden Island, praises the Filipino members of the guard in an editorial regarding recent homicides on Kauai. The last issue of his paper says editorially:

"Sheriff Rice states to the Garden Island that no member of the National Guard was directly or indirectly involved in the Filipino homicides which jarred this community a few days ago. He states further that, on the other hand, Filipino members of the guard were the first to step forward and volunteer assistance to the police department in bringing the accused men within reach of the law, and that their services in working up evidence have been most valuable.

"These statements are interesting for they bear out information obtained by this paper some time ago to the effect that the National Guard had done much to bring out the better portion of Filipino character. Joining the guard seems to have definitely aligned the Filipinos on the plantations to the side of law and order, and would once in the companies they not only behave themselves but encourage others to do so.

"We do not know what observations, if any, have been made on other islands along this line, nor do we have any positive assurance that the good influence of the guard on the habits of the Filipino will continue, but certainly an excellent start seems to have been made."