

GUARD OFFICERS OFFER SERVICES TO GEN. JOHNSON

Company Commanders From Every Island Volunteer For Duty With Regulars

Offering their services to the United States army, both as individuals and organization commanders, many officers of the National Guard of Hawaii have both in person and by mail in the last 48 hours notified Brig.-gen. Samuel I. Johnson, N. G. H., of their willingness to go at once for active service on the border as soon as needed.

"I have had many offers in the last few days from officers of our National Guard, both as individuals and company commanders, offering their services and those of their companies, to the government, through me, for active service," said Gen. Johnson this morning. "The offers come not only from Oahu, but all other islands on which there are National Guard organizations."

National Guard authorities today said there would be no difficulty in mustering in a very large proportion of the National Guard of Hawaii into the federal service from those who have volunteered their services this week.

"On Hawaii I found the greatest interest in the Mexican situation," said Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, who returned from the Big Island this morning on the Kilauea. "There are large numbers of guardsmen willing and ready to offer their services right away."

"My own company, the engineers, is anxious to take a crack at actual service," added Capt. Forbes, who is its commander. "I am due to leave on my vacation next week, but I'd call it off in a holy minute if my country calls for the services of my men and myself down there."