

GUARD STRENGTH NOW ABOVE 5000 MARK; 1400 HERE

June 29

Actual strength of the National Guard of Hawaii is now more than 5000 men, and will soon be close to 5500, according to figures made public today by Brig.-gen. Samuel I. Johnson, the commanding officer.

A radio this morning to Gen. Johnson from Hilo gives the total strength of guard organizations on Hawaii, the Big Island, at 1532, including officers. The number given in today's radio from Col. J. D. Easton, 2nd Infantry, is as follows: Enlisted strength, 1255; separate company, 128; hospital corps, 22; cavalry, 75.

This report is in connection with the strength on June 30 of the guard, as required by the government to make allotments. Previously National Guard of Hawaii allotments were made on the basis of congressional representation. Under the new army bill passed June 3 they are made in direct ratio to the number of enlisted men in the guard.

Gen. Johnson this morning estimated present strength of the guard on Kauai and Maui at 1000 men each, and on Oahu at 1400. Companies now being enrolled will bring the number close to 1800.

MACHINE-GUN SQUAD WILL FIRE SALUTE AT CAPITOL ON FOURTH

Under the command of Capt. A. L. C. Atkinson, the Machine Gun Company, 1st Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii, will fire the national salute next Tuesday, July 4, on the Capitol grounds, in connection with the Independence Day exercises on that date.

A firing detail is now being arranged by Capt. Atkinson. The salute will probably be fired about noon, although the exact hour will not be announced until later.