

MILITIAMAN'S PAY FROM UNCLE SAM BEGINS THIS MONTH

July 2
All Companies of National Guard
Automatically Benefited By
Provisions of New Law

RATES OF REMUNERATION ARE MADE PUBLIC HERE

Defense Act Imposes Certain Conditions Which Must Be Complied With

Every officer and enlisted man in the National Guard of Hawaii went on Uncle Sam's payroll last Saturday, July 1, when the new militia pay bill went into effect. Hereafter every first class private will receive pay from the national government at a rate of a little better than a dollar a week, provided he attends at least forty-eight drills a year, or one every week for forty-eight weeks in the year.

Col. C. S. Lincoln, inspector instructor of the national guard in the islands, said yesterday that all the companies automatically become beneficiaries of the new militia pay law. All can receive their wages for the first six months' work early next January, provided each man, and the company of which he is a member, lives up to the regulations and have twenty-four drills before December 31 next.

Rates Of Pay Good

The rate of pay will be as follows:

First sergeant, \$11.25 a month, or \$135 a year; sergeants and cooks, \$7.50 a month or \$90 a year; corporals and artificers, \$5.25 a month or \$63 a year; first class private, \$4.50 a month or \$54 a year; privates and musicians, \$3.75 a month or \$45 a year. Payments are to be made semi-annually, immediately after June 30 and December 31.

The companies and men must meet the following conditions however: A company must consist of not less than three officers and sixty-five men. There must be at least forty-eight drills a year, each drill to be not less than an hour and a half in duration. At each drill there must be present not less than the minimum prescribed by the President; the number not yet set, but probably will be forty-two men.

Must Attend Drills

To receive pay for the first half year period a member must have attended twenty-four drills at which the required minimum number of members was present. If he has not attended the required number of such drills, his attendance for that period will be carried to his credit in the next period.

All enlistments from this time forward in the national guard will be for a term of six years, three years of this time being in the active service and the remaining half of the period in the reserve. Heretofore enlistments have been for three years of active service only. The reserve will not be required to drill or give service of any kind except in event of emergency, when it may be called out for war.

Means Much To Islands

In the past the national guardsmen received pay only when participating in the annual encampment and maneuvers, which lasted only two or three weeks. For such periods of service they received the same rate of remuneration as the regulars.

It is estimated that the working of the new law will mean distribution of at least \$130,000 annually among the guardsmen of the islands by the federal government. And this does not include the pay to officers, which may add \$20,000 to the amount mentioned.