

PRACTICAL JOKE ON FILIPINOS ROUSES WRATH

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National Guardsmen on Big
Island Told That They Are
Ordered Off to Mexico

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HILO, July 7—Either through a per-
verted sense of humor, or an act of
stupidity, there has occurred a regular
mix-up at a certain Hamakua village
—in fact at a couple of villages.

On a certain night last week two
men went to the trouble of driving
around to various camps in an auto-
mobile and announcing to the Filipino
and other members of the national
guard that war had been declared
between the United States and Mex-
ico, and that the militia of Hawaii
were to embark at once for the main-
land. The humorists also told the
Filipinos to change their clothing and
get into their uniforms at once. This
was done by the Filipinos, who even
went so far as to sell their civilian
clothing and other effects. The Fili-
pinos were fully convinced that they
were under orders to proceed to the
coast at once and that their terms of
plantation labor had ended.

The would-be funny men stirred up
two or three camps in this manner
and returned to their own sugar estate.
The "joke" was on the poor unfor-
tunate Filipinos and that was enough
joy for the evening. It is also re-
ported that the whole countryside was
aroused and that great excitement
was exhibited by all the plantation
laborers of the district.

It is probable that the military au-
thorities will take steps to uncover
the whole affair and try and have
some punishment dealt out to the two
who engineered the whole show.