

COLONEL LINCOLN QUITS GUARD POST

Inspector-Instructor of Territorial Militia Sends Resignation To Governor Pinkham

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Col. Charles S. Lincoln, commander of the First Infantry, national guard, and inspector-instructor of the whole of the territorial militia establishment, has tendered his resignation to Governor Pinkham. The letter from Colonel Lincoln was received at the office of the Governor Wednesday morning but the information was made public by a subordinate officer of the guard at national guard headquarters yesterday morning, in spite of the fact the Governor was not then ready to announce it.

A great deal of sincere regret was expressed by Gen. Samuel I. Johnson, commander of the guard, that circumstances had forced Colonel Lincoln's resignation. Colonel Lincoln is a captain in the regular army, and expects soon to receive his commission as major, which would render it impossible for him to continue his post with the guard, and for this and other reasons he felt it necessary for him to resign.

Other officers of the guard also joined in expressing their regret at the resignation of Colonel Lincoln. The consensus of opinion was that the guard as a whole is losing a capable and most efficient officer who has worked hard to bring the guard up to a high standard.

Colonel Lincoln has been in Oahu with the regular army for three and one-half years, having come to the Islands in January, 1913, as captain in the Second Infantry, now stationed at Fort Shafter. At the beginning of this year he was appointed inspector-instructor of the guard, and has been an indefatigable worker ever since, having apparently had the best interests of the organization at heart from the start.

Governor Pinkham said yesterday afternoon that he proposes to ask Brig. Gen. R. K. Evans, commanding the Hawaiian Department, for a conference at which a successor for Colonel Lincoln will be discussed. It is believed that at least a month will elapse before a successor will be found.

General Evans, in discussing the resignation, said that some time would elapse before Lincoln's successor can be appointed, and intimated that it would be some one of the officers now on duty in this department.