

COL. JOHNSON MEETS GUARD OFFICERS AND TELLS PLANS

Last night practically every officer of the National Guard of Hawaii stationed on Oahu was present at the armory to welcome Col. Samuel I. Johnson, who took office as adjutant-general yesterday, and to take part in a general get-together session that promised well for the future welfare of the guard. Col. Johnson asked for the unanimous and hearty support of the entire guard in carrying out his plans for recruiting and increased efficiency, and, judging from the hearty applause and the interested discussion which followed the talks of the evening, he struck a popular chord and can be assured of absolute cooperation.

Col. Johnson laid particular stress on the recruiting feature. It is his desire to see every company in the 1st Infantry brought well over the minimum strength requirements, and he made some very practical suggestions for getting the men. He had personal

company commanders who were shy of men, promised them his help. "We want to get the men first," said Col. Johnson. "When we have them we can get down to the business of making them good soldiers."

Col. Johnson was on the retired list for eight years, but with 15 years' active service in the national guard behind that he found many familiar faces last night. The meeting was opened by Lieut.-Col. Riley, commanding the 1st Infantry, who introduced the officers to Col. Johnson. Lieut.-Col. Cooper, surgeon-general, also made a short talk.

Governor Pinkham had planned to attend last night's meeting, but was prevented from doing so at the last moment. He sent his good wishes to the officers for the success of the organization.

Col. Johnson leaves for Hawaii this afternoon. He will be gone at least two weeks, and during that time will take up the matter of mustering in a new infantry company. The formation of a troop of cavalry on Kauai will also be taken up, word having been received from the Division of Militia Affairs that equipment for these organizations can be purchased from unallotted funds.

During the absence of Col. Johnson Capt. Laurence Redington will be in charge of the office as acting adjutant general.