

# ENGINEERS AND MACHINEGUN CO. JOHNSON'S PLAN

These, in Addition to Cavalry,  
Will Bring National Guard  
Up to High Standard

**BUSINESS MEN OFFER  
TO FINANCE SCHEME**

**No Thirteenth Company Will Be  
Formed, But Men Can Enlist  
and Be Detailed at Choice**

A machine gun company will soon be added to the 1st Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii, if tentative plans of Col. Samuel Johnson, the adjutant general, work out according to present prospects. The local guard is fortunate in that it has most of the material and equipment on hand for the formation of this special unit, and that the men can be enrolled and equipped immediately.

Another plan of the new adjutant general for increase of the guard, which promises to be productive of results in the near future, is a pioneer company of engineers, which the war department is very anxious to have added to the organized militia of the territory.

Before leaving for Hawaii last Saturday Col. Johnson interested a number of prominent business men in the proposed machine gun organization, and secured the promise of their hearty support and cooperation, even to the extent of financing the new organization at their own expense if federal funds were not immediately available.

Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, has taken over the organization of the engineer company, and already has received many applications from those who are anxious to enroll.

According to war department rulings, the machine gun outfit cannot be recruited as a separate unit, to form a thirteenth company of the regiment, but must be composed of men detailed from the companies of the regiment. However, these men can be enlisted and assigned to companies of the 1st Infantry with the distinct understanding that they be assigned to the provisional machine gun company. The company, by regulation, is commanded by the regimental commissary.

The officers of the provisional machine gun company must be detailed from the regimental and battalion staffs of the regiment, and must have an enlisted personnel of 50.

Mr. Forbes leaves this afternoon for Kawai, but expects to return within a few days, when he will take up active work of signing men. Correspondence with the Division of Militia affairs has already provided for the equipment of one extra company of infantry out of unallotted funds, and of one troop of cavalry. It is expected that further special appropriations will be made in the near future.

Mr. Forbes has taken up the national guard work with enthusiasm, and estimates that he will have the minimum strength required for a militia engineer company inside of two weeks. The company, according to the tables of organization, will have a captain, first lieutenant, second lieutenant and 65 enlisted men.