

Adjutant-General Johnson Is Now Brigadier-General

COL. SAMUEL I. JOHNSON, Reorganizer of National Guard of Hawaii, Who Has Been Elevated To Brigadier-General



Governor Pinkham Creates Brigade In National Guard of Hawaii, Giving Star To Reorganizer

YESTERDAY, by executive order of Governor Pinkham, the First Brigade, National Guard of Hawaii, was formed, and the commission of Col. Samuel I. Johnson, adjutant general, as brigadier general, commanding, was signed by the Governor.

This marks a long forward step in national guard history in this Territory, accomplishing as a reality which three months ago would have been scouted as a practical impossibility. That this has been the work of the new adjutant general, now General Johnson, is recognized by the Governor, as by most others who have followed the almost sensational enlistment campaign of the past few weeks, and acknowledged by the Governor in the following letter to his adjutant general, which, through the courtesy of the Governor, is here reproduced.

Complimented by Governor

The Governor wrote:

Colonel Samuel I. Johnson,
Adjutant General, National
Guard of Hawaii, Honolulu, T. H.

Sir: I have the honor of handing you a commission as brigadier general commanding the National Guard of Hawaii.

It is due to your intense energy, ability and unselfish patriotism that its numbers have been increased in a brief period to the requisite of a full brigade.

I desire here to testify to my deepest appreciation of your support and execution of the military plans and purposes of this administration, believing them in advance of any other political division of the United States.

In the further steps necessary, I
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NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS MUST DO THEIR WORK

Brigadier-General Johnson Says
Militia of Territory Will Be-
come Thoroughly Efficient

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can assure you of my most earnest
and practical support.

Respectfully,
LUCIUS E. PINKHAM,
Governor of Hawaii,
Commander-in-Chief.

Order Establishes Brigade

The executive order establishing the infantry brigade, as issued yesterday by the Governor, is signed by him both as Governor of Hawaii and as commander-in-chief of the militia forces of the Territory. The order reads:

Executive Order:

The organization of the first, 2nd and 3rd regiments of infantry, National Guard of Hawaii, having been completed, the said regiments of infantry shall constitute a brigade, to be known as the 1st Brigade, National Guard of Hawaii. Brigadier General Samuel I. Johnson, Adjutant General, Territory of Hawaii, is assigned to the command of the Brigade.

LUCIUS E. PINKHAM,
Governor, Territory of Hawaii.

At the present time there are regularly enlisted and actively engaged in the three infantry regiments and the detached troops of the guard a total of 3700 men. Six months ago, if the lists had been purged of the ineffectives and the ones who had made themselves ineligible, the total would not have been more than five hundred all told on all the islands.

Recruiting Records Broken

General Johnson, having broken recruiting records for the United States in militia matters, has now started out to break others. The Hawaiian militia today includes a greater proportion of eligible men in the Territory than any other State or Territory of the Union, with 3700 men out of a total number of citizens of military age of a few more than 14,000. The next object of the adjutant general is to bring the guard up to a higher standard of military efficiency than the guard of any other State or Territory under the Flag.

With this object in view he is remorselessly weeding out of the guard all officers who show themselves deficient in any way or who indicate that their commissions are regarded more as social or political assets than as means to promote the military welfare of the men under them.

Officers Must Make Good

"Every officer in the guard must be able to perform all the duties required by his rank," said General Johnson, last night, outlining his future plans, "and I have already made it very evident that I shall not hesitate to call for the resignation of any officer who does not show his earnestness in the work he has volunteered to perform.

"Another matter I desire to make very plain and that is that there is to be absolutely no politics in the national guard so long as I have the honor to command it. From the day I accepted the position as adjutant general from Governor Pinkham I determined that the guard should be a military organization and nothing else. Politically the guard is nothing and no man's position in the guard depends upon his political views or his political activities.

Politics Not Involved

"Personally, as everyone in Hawaii knows, I am a Republican. I have been appointed by a Democratic Governor, and that ought to show that politics has had nothing to do with my appointment, and it ought to prove that doing politics is not to be any part of my work or any part of the work of any officer or man in the guard.

"Besides, if I can carry my plans through, the guard will have plenty to do learning its own business without doing anything else."