GUARD BAND WILL HAVE BIG CROWD AT BALL TONIGHT

About 650 Tickets Sold For Event to Be Held at Armory; Receipts to Go to Band

With 650 tickets already sold of the original allotment of 800 the military ball to be given tonight in the armory by the 1st Infantry band, National Guard of Hawaii, will be one of the best attended held in the big hall this year.

Dancing will start at 8 o'clock, and music will be furnished by the band, under the direction of Chief Musician A. A. Feiereisel. Decorations will be of a unique nature, consisting of the National Guard's field guns, two of which will be stationed at the door and two more at the sides of the bandstand, with other equipment of a military nature here and there to lend a martial appearance to the scene.

Much credit for the large sale of tickets is due, according to Chief Clerk J. K. Evans of National Guard headquarters, to the hard work put in on the affair by H. E. Westcott, chairman of the ball committee, who has striven diligently to advertise and boost the affair in every way possible

There will be 16 dances on the program and four extras. The big hall will not be overcrowded should 800 couples attend, as last June, when a free dance was given in the armory, 1500 couples danced without overcrowding the floor.

Receipts from the ball will go toward a fund for maintenance and repair of the band's present instruments and purchase of more as the need arises. Col. Samuel I. Johnson, the adjutant-general, hopes to bring the band's membership which is now 20 to 40 men, and intends, if possible, to obtain a special appropriation for the additional instruments necessary. A number of good musicians are now in the guard who will join the band as soon as new instruments are provided.