

GUARD NUMBERS MORE THAN 3000; STILL GROWING

Maui Plantation Owners Show Every Disposition to Aid; Fix Rifle Ranges

More than 3000 men are now listed on the rolls of the National Guard of Hawaii, and new organizations and enlistments are coming in rapidly. Colonel Samuel I. Johnson, the adjutant-general, has just finished the work of forming and taking into the National Guard three companies in Maui, which brings the total of companies there to five. One of the companies has 135 men, which is nearly enough for two, the usual company being 80 men. This company will be split and a machine gun platoon formed from part of it.

Most of the men taken into the companies on Maui, Colonel Johnson says, are skilled workers and are permanent residents of the islands. They will make the best kind of soldiers, he thinks.

Today's orders formally announce the completion of the organization of two companies in Honolulu, one of them being formed entirely by alumni of the Kamehameha school. The other is the 1st Separate Company of Engineers.

Maui men jumped into the military work with plenty of energy. Work was begun today on three rifle ranges which will be used in practise shooting. L. Weinzheimer, manager of the Pioneer Mill Company at Lahaina, promised to put a force of men to work preparing the range for the troop there, and Frank Baldwin has given the guardsmen the old custom house building at Kahului for an armory and drill shed. He has promised also to prepare a rifle range. Harry Baldwin has volunteered to construct a building for an armory at Paia.

Designations for the new companies and changes in designation of several other companies are given in today's orders from headquarters, together with a number of transfers and promotions of officers.