

INSPECTION OF THE N. G. H. SHOWS STRENGTH OF 700

Companies In Formative State Seem to Satisfy Inspecting Officers, Who Return to Honolulu Tonight--Events Closed With Banquet In Lihue Last Night at Which Armories were Assured.

The tour of Kauai by Brigadier-General Samuel I. Johnson and Colonel C. S. Lincoln, N. G. H., will come to a close at 5 o'clock this afternoon when both officers will depart in the steamer Maui for Honolulu.

The visit of the officers was for the purpose of officially inspecting the newly organized companies of the National Guard, a work which was fully accomplished; and the officers are leaving feeling satisfied that the local situation is in satisfactory shape.

The last notable function in connection with the tour was the banquet given by the officers of the Kauai battalion to the visiting officers at the Hotel Fairview last night. This affair was informal in a way, but was quite pleasant throughout.

The table was arranged in a shape of a huge L, at the angle of which were seated General Johnson, Colonel Lincoln, Major Broadbent and other officers. H. D. Wishard, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, occupied one end of the table, and Captain W. H. Rice, Jr., the other.

After the banquet had been underway some little time, Major Broadbent arose, made a few introductory remarks and then turned the program over to General Johnson. The General himself was the first speaker, expressing, among other things, the pleasure felt by him on account of the successful organization of the Kauai companies. Colonel Lincoln was the next speaker, and was followed by Hon. A. S. Wilcox, who made a practical address stating that he was heartily in sympathy with the National Guard and its success and was sorry he was not young enough to enlist himself.

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Manager Frank Alexander said he was much pleased with the work that had been done at his plantation in the matter of getting a serviceable company together, and had given Captain Cooper instructions to proceed with plans for the construction of a suitable armory for the men. The armory would be a matter to be realized in the very near future.

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the Hawaiians joining for many reasons and lost no opportunity to advise young Hawaiians to enlist.

Gaylord Wilcox, manager of Makee Sugar Company, also made a few remarks, expressing his hearty sympathy with the National Guard, after which officers of the companies responded.

Colonel Lincoln arose the second time and spoke directly to the civilians present--principally the men of large affairs; and urged their undivided support of the Guard on Kauai. Armories should be constructed without delay, and the companies should have all the support they may require, until they are firmly established, and in the future. His remarks were listened to with particular interest.

Colonel Lincoln also brought up the matter of club quarters, etc., for enlisted men, which he regarded as of considerable importance; and urged that such be provided.

The matter of forming a regiment on Kauai was referred to by several of the speakers, and the proposition seemed to be generally favored. It was pointed out that with two more companies, a full regiment might be formed immediately. In this connection, the place cards on the table bore the legend "4th. Regiment, N. G. H." the suggestion being that Maui's contingent should be increased and made the 3rd. Regiment and Kauai's regiment made the 4th. The idea seemed to please everybody.

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The exact strength of the battalion at inspection was 692 officers and men. There were 705 on the roll, a few being rejected on physical accounts and the others being absent.