

NATIONAL GUARD SOON WILL HAVE STRENGTH OF 5000

First Result of This Force Will
Be Equipment of Cavalry Troop

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS
CONSIDERED OFFICIAL

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All Companies Not Passed
Before March 31

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Equipment Will Be Found

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In view of the peculiar conditions existing in the Territory of Hawaii, says one communication recently received here, the war department has decided to approve requests that the special inspections held by Lieutenant Bonesteel and Colonel Lincoln be considered as official and as counting in the census of the guard's actual number. The department, it is declared, will recognize all special inspections that have been made by Colonel Lincoln or unrecognized companies on Maui and Kauai, and is making arrangements for the special inspection of the other companies on those islands and elsewhere throughout the Territory.

Recognition Is Extended

Recognition will be extended after March 31 to such companies as have not yet been recognized in the Second and Third regiments of Infantry and the troop of Cavalry, provided they are able to meet the federal requirements. No equipment can be sent to the Territory for any commands other than the Cavalry troop, as there are no funds available.

The ruling of the division of militia affairs regarding the territorial guard, and based upon the "peculiar conditions prevailing" in these Islands, also will affect the action of the militia pay bill now pending in congress. It is generally believed that this bill will pass, as the last serious opposition is thought to have vanished with the resignation from the cabinet of Secretary Garrison.

This pay bill provides that twenty-five per cent of the pay given to regular army men and non-commissioned officers of corresponding rank, shall be paid to militiamen. Officers are to receive from two hundred to five hundred dollars per annum, if they are able to pass the examinations for their grade in the service. The bill also provides for the federalization of the guard by the appointment of specially selected officers to command it, and removes all possibility of local politics playing any part in the affairs of the militia.

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Efforts are being made to eliminate the knockers in the guard, some of whom have been making trouble of more or less seriousness, and the loyalty of the officers to the guard and to their positions is going to be considered in making future appointments.