

PLAN OF PAYING NATIONAL GUARD MEN GOOD THING

**Col. Johnson, Adjutant-General
of Hawaii, Approves Con-
gressman Hay's Idea**

"It is a most welcome thing, and the most practical means of building up the National Guard ever devised," said Col. Samuel I. Johnson, adjutant-general, National Guard of Hawaii, today, on being asked his opinion of the plan advocated by Representative James Hay of Virginia to pay national guard members a regular salary, equal to 25 per cent of that paid soldiers of the regular army, which was outlined in last night's Associated Press despatches.

"Enthusiasm is a good thing," said Col. Johnson, "but if national guard members know that they will get real money every month for attending drill, it will do a great deal more to build up the National Guard of Hawaii than mere enthusiasm and patriotic motives could do in times of peace."

Should Representative Hay's plan be put into effect, it would mean that every national guardsman in the territory will receive from \$3 to \$4 a month, where now they are lucky to receive that much in an entire year.

"With a regular salary as an incentive," added Col. Johnson, "the national guard can grow as it never has grown before, and attendance will increase by leaps and bounds."