

Territory of Hawaii Congratulated On Its Militia By High Army Officers

LETTER Received By Adjutant-General of Territory, Extolling National Guard Activity Here, and Brig.-Gen. Albert L. Mills, Chief of Division of Militia Affairs, Who Wrote Missive

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
DIVISION OF MILITIA AFFAIRS


WASHINGTON, June 10, 1916.

Brig. Gen. Samuel I. Johnson,
The Adjutant General of Hawaii,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear General:

I have examined the "Preparedness Edition" of the Honolulu Advertiser which you sent me and have been greatly interested in the evidence of the sentiment which has developed in the Hawaiian Islands in favor of adequate preparedness and particularly in the steps taken by the citizens to prepare themselves to become efficient defenders of their homes and institutions. The development of the National Guard of Hawaii during the past year has been remarkable and should contribute materially to the security of one of the most important links in our system of national defense.

Very respectfully,



Brig. Gen., G.S.,
Chief, Divn. Militia Affairs.



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THREATENS 'STRIKE'**

Generals Mills and Macomb Pleased With Growth of National Guard

BY yesterday's mail, Brig. Gen. Samuel I. Johnson, commanding the National Guard of Hawaii, received letters from high army officers complimenting Hawaii upon the remarkable development of the National Guard throughout the Islands since General Johnson took charge. The letters are from Brig. Gen. Albert L. Mills, chief of the Division of Militia Affairs, at Washington, and Brig. Gen. Montgomery M. Macomb, president of the Army War College, also at Washington. General Macomb, before he became head of the war college, was commander of the Hawaiian Department, preceding Maj. Gen. William H. Carter, and is therefore very familiar with conditions here.

The congratulations, from these high sources, are much appreciated here as showing that the national heads of the army are keeping in touch with the

work in Hawaii, and are thoroughly appreciative of the remarkable showing that has been made in the National Guard since General Johnson began his campaign for an increased militia.

General Macomb's letter contains the remark that Hawaii is "setting a worthy example to all of the States," and such a statement from the head of the war college is highly appreciated as a tribute to the work done. The general's letter is as follows:

"I am astonished at the rapid progress made in the developing of the guard in the Territory of Hawaii. It appears to me that you are setting a worthy example to all of the States.

"I would be greatly obliged if you would give me the exact data, as shown by your records, June 30, 1916.

"I want to convey my congratulations to Hawaii on the result already accomplished."