

THIRD NATIONAL GUARD REGIMENT, IS NOW REALITY

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HAWAII IS CLOSE SECOND

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Best Individual Rifle Shot in
Guard, Army or Navy of the
United States Since Victory

When 65 more men enlist in the National Guard of Hawaii, it will have an actual strength of 3,000 men.

This notable fact was made known today by Lieut. W. C. Whitener on his return from Maui, where the efforts of Col. Samuel I. Johnson, the adjutant-general, have resulted in the enlisting of three new companies, making the 3rd Regiment, N. G. H., a reality.

On Maui there are now, including the old companies and the three new ones, 435 men. On Hawaii, the Big Island, the 2nd Regiment has 1100 men. On Oahu there are 1300 men, including the new Engineer Corps and the Filipino company.

This brings the total number of men in the National Guard of Hawaii up to the imposing figure of 2,935 men, which speaks more loudly than words of the activity of Col. Johnson, Lieut. Whitener and other National Guard officials.

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Sent to Sgt. Thomas J. K.
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To say that Col. Johnson was pleased would be putting it mildly. He was delighted. This morning he flashed a radio here from Wailuku, as follows: "Cable my congratulations to Tom and Ho. Well done, Tom. Signed, Johnson, adjutant-general." The congratulatory cable was sent to Jacksonville today.