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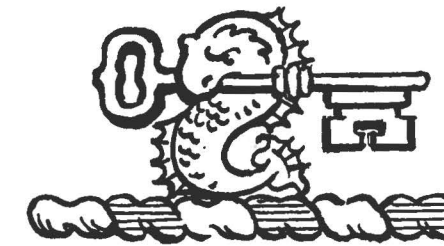
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The "Minute Men" acro-jet flying team of the Colorado Air National Guard, barrel roll in tight formation at less than a thousand feet. This team performed at the Hawaii Air National Guard Open House Air Show April 28th at Hickam Air Force Base.

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HELL, HIGH WATER and KAUAI GUARDSMEN!

By EDDIE ANDERSON

It was a bright Saturday morning and the people of Kauai rose from their beds and started a new day with their usual chores, unaware of the pending disaster which was to strike a few short hours later. The date was March 9th.

Then it came!

The seismic wave, originating in the Aleutians, hit all the Hawaiian Islands but the Garden Island received its full fury.

The time was 0855 hours.

The Red Cross, Civil Defense and Kauai police officials were alerted.

Those on the island, not effected by the high, rushing water, headed toward the disaster area to lend a helping hand to wave victims. The Civil Air Patrol emergency group was quickly organized.

At 1530 hours, Governor Samuel Wilder King and Maj Gen F. W. Makinney arrived on Kauai to inspect the damage. At 1800 hours, the Guard on Kauai was called to active duty on a voluntary basis and were moved into the devastated area to assist the residents.

At 1900, the Red Cross made an emergency request for 50 cots and 300 blankets. By 2000 hours, the Red Cross had these items in their possession. Twenty minutes later, these blankets and cots along with medical supplies, food and other necessities were flown into the area by Marine helicopter.

This was the first day of "Operation Seismic Wave."

The days to follow were much the same.

Kauai Guardsmen assisted the victims from dawn to dusk, many of them working through the night.

For the first few days, because of ruptured water mains, a bath was considered a luxury. Unshaven faces were a common sight.

The wave, with its tremendous force, toppled cement bridges, turned homes into rubble, rolled cars, took small boats and placed them in trees, and for a time, cut communications, water and electricity. And yet, miraculously, not a single life was lost.

Guardsmen, with rifles slung over their shoulders, walked their assigned posts for 18 days from Kalihiwai through Anihi and Hanalei to Haena, protecting absent property owners from would-be looters. The job was not an easy one and covered over 13 miles of coastline.

Personal property of home owners was scattered and mixed together over many square acres and the posts walked by Guardsmen were spread over a wide area.

It was a common sight in Hanalei to see Guardsmen mounted on horseback, patrolling their "Beat."

Marine helicopters, flown to Kauai from Kaneohe, flew tons of food into the disaster area where volunteer Civil Air Patrol members and Guardsmen unloaded the "chopper." Once delivered to Red Cross headquarters, the food was cooked and served hot to the homeless.

Those on duty with the Guard, messed at Hanalei school with headquarters at Waioli Mission, opposite the Hanalei courthouse.

At Kalihiwai, the wave totally destroyed the concrete bridge spanning the deep Kalihiwai river. Guardsmen, operating their amphibian across the river, landed, hauled and unloaded everything from clothing to washing machines.

On the 14th of March, reconstruction of the Kalihiwai bridge was started by the 65th Army Engineer battalion of the 25th Division. This prefabricated span, called the Bailey Bridge, was completed in 42 hours and traffic was restored through Kalihiwai valley with Governor King officially opening the bridge in simple ceremony.

Lonely Guardsman walks his beat at Haena, Kauai after tidal waves.



With the bridge re-opened to normal traffic, the Guard withdrew their water-going "Duck" from service. However, there remained the job of security which continued for seven more days.

According to reliable estimates submitted by CWO Luther Wong, Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 81 homes were either damaged or destroyed at a cost of \$675,000 and damage to roads, bridges, pavilions and beach parks exceeded \$750,000. The Hawaiian canneries sustained \$12,000 worth of damages to their sewage system. Total damages were in the neighborhood of one and a half million dollars.

A total of 250 officers and enlisted men from four companies, Headquarters, "E", "F" and "H" saw active duty during this period.

The Kauai Guard was released from active duty on March 31st and returned to civilian life.

Much can be said about gallantry, personal sacrifice, long hours and hard work of the Kauai Guardsmen but these words can not say enough for a job well done.

Garden islanders will never forget the "big wave" of the Kauai National Guardsmen.



Ques.—In April 1956, I enlisted in the Company A 299th Infantry at the age of 17. I am now 18 years of age and I want to volunteer for the six months active duty training program. Under the new enlistment program, can I volunteer for this training and, will I reduce my Ready Reserve obligation when I complete this training?

ANS.—Yes, you can volunteer for the six months active duty for training program, and you will greatly reduce your Ready Reserve obligation from age 28 to three years after the date you complete the six months training providing you enter the six months training prior to 18½ years of age. If you are not a high school student and if you enter training after age 18½, then you have a total Ready Reserve obligation of six years, composed of six months active duty for training and 5½ years in the National Guard. (Para 4 NGB Bul 15-1/57). See your Unit Commander or First Sergeant and put in an application for the six months training today.

Ques.—When I joined the Hawaii National Guard, I was told to get a Social Security account number. Where do I get such a number?

ANS.—Each member of the National Guard will make a direct application for such account number to the local office of the Social Security Administration. (Para 1 NGB Bul 46/57).

Ques.—I am an army aviation pilot in the National Guard. Is the flight pay I receive subject to Social Security tax deductions?

ANS.—Flight pay earned is not subject to Social Security tax deductions. Only the "basic pay" which a member of the National Guard earns while on active duty or active duty for training will be subject to Social Security tax deductions. (Para 4 AR 35-1811).

Ques.—In 1955, I was transferred to the inactive National Guard as a Pfc for a period of 6 months because I went to a special school on the Mainland. Is service in the inactive National Guard creditable for pay purposes?

ANS.—Yes, service in the inactive National Guard in 1955 is creditable service for the computation of years of service for pay purposes. (Para 3b and 21g AR 35-1110). When you enlisted in the National Guard, you executed dual oaths of enlistment — one for enlistment in the National Guard of Hawaii and the other enlistment as a reservist of the Army (National Guard of the United States).

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FIELD TRAINING - 1957

ARMY UNITS

Field Training as always has been the "acid test" for the Guard. Are we a well trained and efficient outfit, or have we merely been "going through the motions" for the past year? We will soon find out for these two weeks will certainly tell the tale. Remember, results not excuses!

The 1957 summer camp should provide an interesting demonstration of the ability of the Hawaii National Guard to convert units from one branch of service to another. During the past year, the Oahu units of the 298th RCT were converted from Infantry to Antiaircraft Artillery and Engineers. This is quite a feat when you consider the difficulties involved in such a task. But, as was expected, the 298th RCT met the challenge and is taking conversion in stride. A contributing factor to the success of any conversion is a well trained nucleus of officers and men who have been schooled in the techniques of their branch. To expedite this training, Antiaircraft Artillery and Engineers advisors were assigned to the Advisor Group and officers and men are being trained at Army Service and Area Schools. As an indication of the response to the educational opportunities which have been offered as a result of the conversion, thirty-five officers and fifteen enlisted men from Antiaircraft and Engineer units have either completed or are attending Army Service Schools, and 46 officers recently completed a two-week AAA Orientation Course conducted by USARPAC. Field Training will give these people a chance to put their knowledge to work.

Let's take a look at this year's field training and see what's in store for us. Here's the "Big Picture."

All Army units of the Hawaii National Guard will participate in field training at the same time this year: from the 15th to the 29th of June. Schofield Barracks will be the base camp for the 299th RCT (minus the 487th FA Bn and the Tank Co), the 227th Engr Bn (Combat) (Army) and the Special Troop units, with the combined aviation sections stationed at Wheeler AFB. Dillingham AFB will be the base camp for the 298th AAA Group which includes the 158th, 297th and 298th AAA Bns, the 121st and 122nd Sig Detachments, the 368th AAA Opns Detachment and the 628th Ord Detachment. Pohakuloa, Hawaii will be the base camp for the 487th FA Bn and the Tank Co, 299th RCT.

Officers and key NCO's will be striving to insure that their units complete all the military subjects which are necessary to accomplish this year's training objective. In addition, they must train their personnel to the level of efficiency and leadership required by their present or anticipated assignment and their units to the degree of proficiency required by their primary missions.

Infantry units will spend the first week of field training at Schofield Barracks undergoing range practice and individual and small unit tactical training. The 25th Inf Division will conduct a Fire Direction Center School for Heavy Weapons and Heavy Mortar Companies and a Communications School for all HNG Communications personnel. A demonstration in the employment of war dogs by the 37th Scout Dog Platoon, should be an interesting highlight. In addition, training in the Code of Conduct and Mobile Task Forces are scheduled. The 299th

RCT will also participate in the Governor's Day Review to be held on the 22nd of June at Lightning Field. During the second week the combat units will conduct unit tactical exercises at Kahuku training area. Night problems, Infantry-tank training and tactical bivouacs will be emphasized. Aggressors will be furnished by the 25th Inf Division to make this training as realistic as possible.

The 487th FA Bn and the Tank Co, 299th will devote their training at Pohakuloa on the Big Island primarily to develop individual technical proficiency; team training on platoon and company level for the Tank Co and battery and battalion level for the 487th. Delivery of effective fire against hostile ground targets will be emphasized. A 1½ day tactical bivouac is scheduled for both units.

The 227th Engineers will emphasize the development of individual Engineer skills including instruction and practical work with explosives and demolitions, floating bridges and heavy equipment. Assistance from the 65th Engr Bn, 25th Inf Division is scheduled to enhance the effectiveness of this training. The 230th Engineer Company will work on some practical projects under the direction of the Post Engineers.

Antiaircraft units will utilize the entire field training period to train personnel in the fundamentals of operation and maintenance of AAA equipment. This training will include tracking of aircraft and radio controlled air targets (RCATS) by radar equipment and firing of 90mm guns and .50 caliber machine guns at RCATS. A major contribution to AAA training this year will be the Regular Army Instructor Team which was selected from the 16th AAA Bn, Boston, Massachusetts. The 16th AAA Bn has an excellent record as a well-trained and efficient AAA unit which last year compiled the highest score in the Annual Army Training Tests. This team will furnish instructors for the M33 Fire Control System and the AN/TPS 1D Surveillance Radars as well as for the gun platoons. The 158th AAA Bn will undergo its gunnery phase of the Army Training Test for nomination to the special security forces.

The Army Aviation Sections training on Oahu will be combined in order to facilitate Army aviation technical training for assigned personnel and to provide a pool of aircraft and pilots to support ground units of the HNG in such exercises as message drop and pick-up, column convoy control, reconnaissance and observation, etc.

Special Troops will perform their normal support missions in addition to training in their respective specialties.

Two weeks is just barely enough time to accomplish everything which has been scheduled. But with the spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation which have prevailed in previous encampments, the 1957 summer camp is bound to be a success.

FY 57 FIELD TRAINING, HANG

With only a few exceptions, Field Training for Fiscal Year 1957 for Hawaii Air National Guard units will be conducted in much the same manner as it was last year. Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station will be utilized by the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and 199th Weather

Flight (Forecasting); the Sand Island site by Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard, certain personnel of the 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron, and certain personnel of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron; the Koko Head Radar Site by the 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron; and the Punamano Radar Site by the 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron — 4 sites in all. In addition, the Hickam Air Force Base area of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron will be utilized as a working area for Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard and certain Supply personnel.

It is felt that the forthcoming Summer Encampment will be the most successful ever conducted by the Hawaii Air National Guard, particularly as concerns training. Goals being set by the 199th, for instance, include 22 hours of jet time for each tactical pilot, an 85% combat readiness rate for tactical pilots, and 75% combat readiness status for tactical aircraft. As it was last year, the flying training will stress aerial gunnery, tactics, and Ground Control Intercepts. In addition, all ground training for airmen will be conducted so as to qualify each in his career field. The 199th is hoping to accomplish some 800 hours of flying time during the two week period.

Last year, the greater portion of the 199th's operations emanated from a quonset hut area near the flight line. This year, the 199th will be able to centralize all operations in one of the Kaneohe MCAS hangars on the flight line. Obviously, such centralization of operations will be conducive to greater over-all efficiency.

The 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron has advanced a few steps in their Field Training plans. Some difficulty was experienced during the last Encampment due to the fact that members of the 109th who trained at the Punamano Radar Site were billeted at Wheeler Air Force Base. This required a long ride to and from the training site, and resulted in an appreciable loss of training. This year, however, all personnel training at Punamano will be billeted at the site itself.

Being billeted and having mess facilities at the site itself has been made possible through recently completed construction at Punamano, which included grading work, the pouring of concrete tent slabs, and rehabilitation work on the existing water and electrical system.

Though the entire squadron will not be stationed at the Punamano Site at one time, it is planned that all operational personnel will have been rotated through the site by the end of the Field Training period. This will result in all personnel receiving the greatest amount of training possible during the two weeks involved.

The 169th AC&W Squadron, in its entirety, will be stationed at the Koko Head Radar Site during the two week Field Training period. Accomplishment of maximum training is anticipated.

Both AC&W units will be operating the radar sites on a 24-hour basis throughout the two week period. Since the fighters of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron will not be available to them during the night hours for Ground Control Intercept work, coordination has been effected with the Kaneohe MCAS Marines to utilize their F-2H "Banshee" aircraft. Use of these aircraft will afford the AC&W personnel valuable training in all-weather intercept tactics.

During the daylight hours, the AC&W units will not only be operating with the fighters of the 199th, but will also be monitoring gunnery flights north of the island. In addition, the Punamano Site will still be responsible for maintaining its Air Defense Augmentation operation.

Directives from the National Guard Bureau state that the Air Defense Augmentation Program, which effects both the 109th AC&W Squadron and the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, need not be maintained during the Field Training period. However, it is felt that the continuance of the program throughout the two week encampment would afford valuable training to personnel involved. In addition, the important Air Defense capability of Seventh Air Force would not be compromised by discontinuing the program during Summer Camp.

Present planning stipulates that all combat ready pilots and alert ready pilots of the 199th will rotate through the Air Defense Augmentation Program during Field Training. This program, for the 199th, will be maintained at Kaneohe MCAS during its two weeks there, instead of Hickam Air Force Base where it is located at the present time, without exception. Thus, all flight operations will emanate from Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station.

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"MINUTE MEN" CHURN AIR OVER HICKAM

by EDDIE ANDERSON

Two screaming F-86 Sabre jets made a high speed, low altitude pass over Hickam Air Force Base, pulled up and rolled through the clouds.

This officially opened the Hawaii Air National Guard Air Show Sunday April 28th, with over 50 thousand islanders in attendance.

Highlighting the Open House Air Show, were the "Minute Men" Acro-jet Flying team of the Colorado Air National Guard, flying T-33 jet aircraft.

The five flyers, four tight formation flyers and one solo performer gave the people of the islands their first look at a flying team in action.

The precision flying team rolled, looped, turned and dove and yet, never did they stray from their tight formation.

The solo pilot, dubbed "the Clown" by local Guardsmen, put on a memorable demonstration with his low flying, looping, four and eight point rolls and his famous, low up-side-down pass over the field.

The Hawaii Air National Guard Sabre jets, 18 strong, were fired-up simultaneously and taxied out past the throngs for the take-off.

A few minutes later, the silver "birds" were thundering overhead, making a total of four passes in well-executed formations.

The timing of events was "down to the second" and every event was right on time. One week prior to show time members of the Air Guard practiced their portion of the show every day until they had every small detail worked out to the second.



Brig Gen Joe C. Moffitt, CO of the Colorado Air NG Wing, gets the "royal Hawaiian treatment" from island beauty upon his arrival.

A static display of aircraft, from the smallest planes to the largest of the sky giants, covered the entire south-East end of Hickam Air Force Base. Many of the air-planes on display were open for inspection by the public and over 2,000 persons toured the inside of the C-124 Globemaster.

Although the large jet bombers and the Regulus missile were roped off, the public gathered 40-deep around these displays.

Two contests were held during the show, "Miss Sabre Jet of 1957" and "Honorary Jet Commander of the 100th FIS."



The title of Miss Sabre Jet was won by Miss Elizabeth Mehren, a student at the University of Hawaii. She was chosen from six beauties by popular "penny" vote.

The girls toured the ramp area in the Air Guard scramble buggy and the public voted for their choice by putting a penny into her basket. The donated money was placed into the Air Guard fund.

The Honorary Jet Commander title was won by 10-year old Tommy Roof who was presented with a real Jet Pilots helmet and also was awarded a free week at a boy's summer camp of his choice.

Young Tommy is the son of Captain and Mrs. Hugh Roof. Captain Roof is a member of the 199th FIS.

At the extreme right of the flight ramp, the Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron displayed one of their large Radar sets, mounted in a van. The public was allowed to enter the van and were given a conducted tour.

Men and equipment of the 158th Antiaircraft Artillery battalion displayed their 90mm weapons along with their radar and computer vans.

The flying model show drew large crowds during the entire performance.

Two, small, fast flying models swinging in a circle, was controlled by a young man holding the end on a long control line. The model, trailing a long, colored ribbon, was chased by another model, also trailing a ribbon. The object of the "dog fight" was to cut the ribbon on the

other model. Once-in-a-while, the chasing model would chop a little of the lead plane's tail as well as chopping the ribbon.

During the model show, there was one calamity. A controller got his prize model airborne but only for a few seconds. With the engine turning at full RPM, it went straight up . . . then straight down, slamming into the pavement.

Ground maintenance crew members of the 199th FIS established a world's record for changing a hot engine in an F-86 Sabre jet, completing the task in 14 minutes and 14 seconds!

This record will stand for the Hawaii Air National Guard until someone betters the time.

To keep the younger set busy, a real 50-caliber machinegun was set up by the armament section. Armed with blanks, and under the watchful eye of Air personnel, the machine gun had such a workout that before the show was over, it was carried into the repair shop.

The Civil Air Patrol drill team put on a display of their skill for 10 minutes and received a large ovation upon completion of their fancy, well-coordinated maneuvers.

After the "Minute Men" performance, the five Acro-jet flyers taxied to a halt in front of the viewing stands and were immediately given a tremendous ovation by the thousands in attendance. The contestants for the "Miss Sabre Jet" contest placed leis around the necks of the team members.

Commanding the flying team is Lt Col Walt Williams, considered one of the hottest gunnery pilots operating today. Flying left wing is Capt Bob Cherry, an official World War II ace. Right wing is flown by Major Arthur "Ranger" Curran, Air Adviser with the 120th FIS, CANG, the only active duty member of the flying team. Capt John T. Ferrier, who flies the tough "slot" or "tail-end Charlie" position is a pilot for United Airlines.

The solo performer and alternate pilot on the team, Major Winn Coomer, is also a United Airlines employee. He has over 10,000 hours of flying time.

All members of the "Minute Men" team have seen action in World War II and are highly decorated. They all reside in Denver with their families.



Lt Col Walt Williams, leader, Capt John Ferrier, slot, Maj Art Curran, right wing and Capt Bob Cherry, left wing.

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NEW ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
by LT. COL. W. C. MEYER

During March 1957, Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker announced that, effective 1 April 1957, all non-prior service personnel enlisting in the Army Reserve components, Army National Guard and U. S. Reserve, will be required to perform an initial period of active duty for training as a condition of enlistment. The purpose of this new program is to improve the combat readiness and effectiveness of the Army Reserve components. It was determined by Department of the Army that an initial period of active duty training was required to qualify an untrained individual to become a qualified member of the Army National Guard unit which must be ready for service upon declaration of an emergency.

To properly understand the new enlistment program, it is appropriate at this time to define non-prior service personnel. Non-prior service personnel may be defined as those individuals who have had no prior active Federal service for any period in a Regular component of the Armed Forces or who have not performed at least six (6) months of active duty for training while a member of a reserve component. This also applies to members of the Army National Guard who are reenlisting with a break in Army National Guard Service.

Effective 1 April 1957 and until 1 October 1957, non-prior service personnel in the age group 17 to 18½ years, may enlist in the Army National Guard providing they agree to perform eleven weeks or six months active duty for training as a condition of enlistment. Individuals who elect the eleven weeks training program must enter such training prior to reaching 18½ years of age except that high school students may delay this training while they are in school. However, all enlistments must enter training in 1958. Therefore, election of the eleven weeks option is not authorized for enlistments after 1 October 1957. Individuals who elect this option must complete eleven weeks of active duty for training and must satisfactorily participate in the Army National Guard until age 28 in order to maintain their draft deferment — Selective Service Classification of I-D.

Effective 2 October 1957, non-prior service personnel in the age group 17 to 18½ years who enlist in the Army National Guard must agree to perform six months active duty for training as a condition of enlistment. Individuals enlisted who agree to perform six months active duty for training must enter such training within 120 days of enlistment, except that high school students may be granted a delay for a period not to exceed one year from date of enlistment or upon leaving or completing school, whichever first occurs. Individuals who enter training prior to reaching 18½ years of age are required to participate satisfactorily in Army National Guard training for three years after completion of the six months active duty for training program. This provision also applies to high school students who enlist prior to age 18½ but whose entry into such training is delayed beyond age 18½. Upon completion of the three years service after completion of the six months training, these individuals may request transfer to the Standby Reserve for the remainder of their eight year service obligation.

Individuals who enter training after reaching age 18½, except individuals who are delayed as high school students, acquire a total Ready Reserve obligation of six years which is composed of six months active duty for training and 5½ years satisfactory participation in the Army National Guard. At the end of such period, individuals may request transfer to the Standby Reserve for the remainder of their eight year service obligation.

Effective 1 April 1957, non-prior service enlistees in the age group 18½ to 25 years inclusive must agree to perform six months active duty for training as a condition of enlistment. Such individuals will enter the six months training within 120 days after date of enlistment except that high school students may be granted a delay for a period not to exceed one year after enlistment or upon leaving or completing school, whichever first occurs. In addition to the six months active duty for training, individuals who are enlisted in this program will be required to participate satisfactorily for 5½ years in the Army National Guard.

Effective 1 April 1957, non-prior service enlistees in the age group 26 to 35 years inclusive will be required to perform six months active duty for training within 120 days of enlistment as a condition of enlistment except that individuals in a Selective Service deferred status, Class III-A, who possess needed technical skills. These individuals will not be required to enter six months training but may volunteer for such training. Individuals enlisting in this program are required to perform three years of service in the Army National Guard including the six months active duty for training if they are required to take this training.

Present members of the Army National Guard who enlisted after 1 March 1957 and at that time were under 18½ years of age may volunteer for the eleven weeks active duty for training program. Non-prior service personnel who enlisted in the Army National Guard prior to 1 April 1957, may also volunteer for the six months training program. Such individuals, after completing the six months training will reduce their Ready Reserve and service obligations as stated above for the various age groups.

Prior service personnel who served on active duty for two or three years may be enlisted in the Army National Guard and they will be eligible for transfer to the Standby Reserve for the remainder of their obligation when they have participated for two or one year respectively in the Army National Guard.

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EXTENDED TRAINING PROGRAM—HANG

by MAJOR WALTER JUDD, HANG

In an effort to enhance the combat readiness of Air Guard units the National Guard Bureau has implemented a new extended training program for Air Guardsmen. Firm information has only been received for enlistees age 17-18½.

All new age 17-18½ enlistees in HANG units are now required to obligate themselves to service schooling within one year under the following options:

1. Entry into Basic Military Training Course (11 weeks) in Federal status with no subsequent active duty training upon completion, or;
2. Entry into Phase I of Basic Military Training (6 weeks) in Federal status, followed by:
 - a. Subsequent entry into a Basic Technical Course when the duration of both courses totals more than six months, or;
 - b. Subsequent entry into a Basic Technical Course and return to on-the-job training with unit of assignment for a total of six months, or;
 - c. There being no Basic Technical Course available in the particular career field assigned to, return to on-the-job training with unit of assignment for a total of six months Federal status.

This six months extended training program accrues certain Selective Service advantages. If the individual undergoes active duty for training for more than six months during his membership in the HANG, his liability under the UMT&S Act for training and service is reduced to eight years from enlistment date. At that time he will be reclassified V-A. This is contingent upon Satisfactory Participation with his unit during this period.

There is still provision for entry into Technical Courses in Territorial status as in the past for those who have completed Basic Training or its equivalent. Personnel enlisted prior to 1 April 1957 will be considered to have received the equivalent of Basic Training.

Fragmentary information received from the NGB at this writing regarding the program for enlistees age 18½-25 indicates the individual must attend Basic Training within 120 days subsequent to enlistment unless such attendance will interfere with completion of an academic year in high school, and personnel age 26-35 will be required to attend Basic Training within 120 days subsequent to enlistment.

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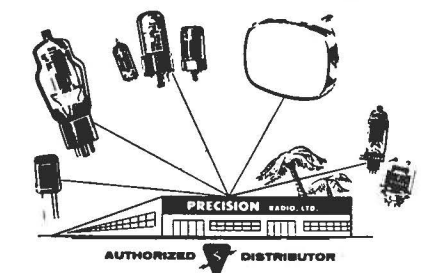
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AAA OFFICERS ORIENTATION COURSE

by MAJ. ARCHIE KENNISON

"... This was the best class that I have had the privilege of giving instructions to," commented Lt Col John B. Parrott, Commandant of the recently concluded USARPAC AAA Officers Orientation Course. Other instructors of the course concurred with similar phrases of warm praises. There were no doubt in the minds of those concerned that the mission of the two weeks orientation course, held at Ft. Ruger, was successfully accomplished.

The conversion of Infantry units to Antiaircraft Artillery early this year brought forth the problem of training former Infantry officers and key non-commissioned officers. Many officers have attended, or are attending, or have applied for AAA courses at the Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile School at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Other officers had found it difficult to avail themselves of the scheduled AAA courses at the AAA & GM School at an early date due to various personal reasons. For the latter it was finally decided that a locally conducted AAA Officers orientation course would fit the bill. Two main factors in the decision to hold it locally were: (1) extreme shortage of qualified instructors at the mainland AAA & GM School (2) enough qualified AAA instructors were found stationed on Oahu; many of them former members of the staff and faculty of the AAA & GM School.

The responsibility for conducting the course of instruction as Officer-in-Charge went to Colonel John A. Gavin, Senior Army Advisor, UH Army Advisor Group (NGUS) Hawaii. 298th AAA Group Army Advisor, Lt Col John B. Parrott was designated as Commandant of the USARPAC school, with Captain Kerwin R. Keys, HNG assisting as Assistant Commandant.

With the wheel in motion, the hub of activities centered around Col Parrott and his administrative assistants. Together they accomplished a mammoth administrative task of preparing, compiling and publishing student officers guide, schedule of instruction, and an invaluable 363-page Reference Manual, which was used for study reference throughout the entire course. This manual was published for permanent retention by each student.

Classrooms normally used by Hq Btry, 298th Group and "A" Btry, 158th AAA Bn, and the gun and radar

parks of the 158th AAA Bn, were chosen to hold classes in.

On 14 April, Sunday afternoon, forty-five officers and warrant officers from all over the Island reported to building No. 31, Ft. Ruger. Lt Gen B. N. Bryan, Commanding General, USARPAC, welcomed the student officers, ranging from Lt Colonel down to Warrant Officer. He commended them for their enthusiasm and initiative in choosing to pursue this course of instruction. Other words of welcome followed. The whole afternoon was devoted to administrative matters.

The next day the course of instruction immediately got underway in high gear. Excellent instructions were given throughout the two weeks. But due to lack of time lessons were presented at an accelerated pace. Comprehensive exams, spot quizzes, home and class work sheets were invaluable aids in getting students to study extra hard. This was necessary due to complexity of the subjects taught.

Supervised study halls and extra instructions were also conducted during evening periods. This drew favorable comment from the students and was partly responsible for the successful completion of the course by all students.

Major General F. W. Makinney, Adjutant General of Hawaii, presented Certificate of Proficiency to all student officers during graduation ceremony held at Ruger Theater. Honor Graduates were also recognized and congratulated by Colonel Frederick A. Schaefer, III, Commander of the 298th AAA Group.

The Honor Graduates by rank are: Lt Col John M. Becker, Capt Franklin P. Hee, Capt Tom Kimura, 1st Lt Wah Sung Chun, 2d Lt Earl N. Thompson, WOJG Charles K. H. Wong.

Lt Col Parrott reports that consideration should be given by National Guard and Army authorities for the conduct of a similar course of instruction for all AAA officers of HNG who did not attend this course or have not attended a career course at the AAA & GM School. Consideration also should be given for key non-commissioned officers in the 298th AAA Group to attend.



OFFICERS CLASS



WARRANT OFFICERS CLASS

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S PAGE



Army to Support National Guard in Maintaining Strength of Units

Grave concern was felt by the staff of the National Guard Association, the Adjutants General Association, and the National Guard officers who are members of the Section V Reserve Policy Committee, Department of Army, regarding the future of the National Guard, in view of a directive from the Department of Army in connection with the implementation of the Reserve Forces Act of 1955. This implementation involved the mandatory provision that all non-prior service men between the ages of 17 and 18½ enlisting in the National Guard units after April 1, 1957, must undergo a period of 6 months of active duty for training with the regular Army.

The first three months of this year saw considerable number of hearings before the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress. These hearings resulted in the approval by the Department of Army of the "Memorandum of Understanding," which was drawn up by the Armed Services Committee. This document should be read and studied by all Hawaii National Guardsmen, as it is the most outstanding directive in support of the Army National Guard since the enactment of the National Defense Act in 1916. Great credit for the drafting of the memorandum should go to Chairman Vinson of the committee and to Mr. Overton Brooks, the Chairman of Subcommittee No. 1.

The "Memorandum of Understanding" fixes the strength of the Army National Guard at 400,000 for the Fiscal Year 1958. It further covers eight points of a new active duty training program of the Army National Guard for all newly enlisted non-prior service men. Included is the provision permitting persons between the ages of 17 and 18½ to enlist in the National Guard and to take 11 weeks of active duty training—such training to be completed by January 1, 1958. Upon return to their units after the training, the Guardsmen are to serve in their units until age 28.

The National Guard Association, during the hearings and prior to the "Memorandum of Understanding," took the stand that such mandatory provisions would hamper recruiting, as it would interfere with the progressive and continuous schooling of young Guardsmen to be graduated from high school. In lieu of the 6-months training, the National Guard Association recommended an 11-weeks training program which could take place during the summer vacation of the high school student. Upon completion of the training, the individual would be returned to his National Guard unit for further advanced unit training. This program was adopted by the Air Force

for non-prior service airmen of the Air National Guard.

President Eisenhower was personally interested in the controversy and stated before a committee of the National Guard Association which called upon him that his administration would not do anything to destroy the National Guard or to weaken its strength.

In a speech before the Adjutants General in their general conference in Washington D.C., on the 1st of April, 1957, Mr. Brucker, Secretary of the Army, stated emphatically and with sincerity that the Army would do all it could to assist the states and territories in maintaining the strength of their units. To do this, he mentioned four Categories the Army will do to support the maintenance of strength of the National Guard.

First, the use of recruiting services of the Army to recruit for the National Guard.

Second, to give the National Guard a period of 60 days to enlist a soldier who has been discharged from the Army and who has a Reserve obligation. At the end of this period, if the soldier has not been enlisted in the Guard, he would be assigned to a Reserve unit.

Third, to provide substantial additional funds to NGB for PIO activities.

Fourth, as a last resort, pre-release of personnel on active duty.

This program has had a good start in Hawaii; and under the first category, the recruiting services on the neighbor islands have started recruiting men for the National Guard units.

In connection with the second category, unit commanders will be instructed as to procedures to be followed upon receipt of information that a soldier has been discharged and is returning to his home in the vicinity of the National Guard unit. The unit commander then will take it upon himself to personally contact the discharged soldier with a view toward enlistment in the National Guard. Every unit commander should act promptly in contacting these young men to join his unit.

It is felt that the 11-weeks training program would be popular among this year's high school graduates who plan to continue higher education in September. It is felt that those who will continue with their education at the University here will eventually be the hard corps of non-commissioned officers and officers in the National Guard of the future.

Old Guardsmen Committee

In line with a Resolution adopted at the Annual Conference of the Adjutants General Association in Washington last month concerning Old Guardsmen Committees, the Council of the Hawaii National Guard Association on May 10, 1956, approved members of the Old Guardsmen Committee to Honorary Membership in the Hawaii National Guard Association. This committee, comprising former senior and retired officers of the Hawaii National Guard, was organized for the purpose of maintaining the continuity of the National Guard and keeping it in its rightful place in the National Defense Program of our Territory and country. These members include: Colonel Andrew T. Spalding, Colonel Farrant L. Turner, Colonel Wilhelm A. Andersen, Colonel Peter N. Pakele, Jr., Colonel Albert W. Duvel, Colonel Allen W. Smith, Lieutenant Colonel Frank R. Harlocker, Colonel Samuel M. Fuller, Captain Douglas E. Guy, and Major Clarence J. Olds.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Major Vernon Flake

I believe that the following report submitted to me by Major Paul Goya, Chairman of the HNGA Legislative Committee will be of interest to all members of the Association.

In addition to the items covered in Major Goya's excellent report, it should be noted that our committee was most influential in the selling of the Armory Construction program.

"1. In compliance with your request, the Hawaii National Guard Association Legislative Committee consisting of Major Paul Goya, Captain George T. Miki, and Captain Herbert S. Isonaga pursued the enactment of laws for the benefit of the members of the Hawaii National Guard during the 1957 Territorial Legislative Session.

2. The following bills, indorsed by the Executive Council, Hawaii National Guard Association, were introduced in the House of Representatives:

a. House Bill No. 400 — To provide for the payment of \$8.00 per day to each officer and warrant officer while on active duty in the service of the Territory of Hawaii.

b. House Bill No. 418 — To provide for the payment of \$8.00 per day to each enlisted man while on active duty in the service of the Territory of Hawaii.

c. House Bill No. 420 — To provide for the payment of \$1.00 per man per year to the Unit Funds of all units of the Hawaii National Guard.

d. House Bill No. 421 — To provide for increased payment to the enlisted personnel while attending field training.

3. Your committee was helpful in the enactment of all of the Hawaii National Guard Association sponsored bills; however, the Veterans, Police and Military Affairs Committee reported favorably to the House floor, only House Bills 400 and 418. House Bills 420 and 421 were "Deep Freezed." No further action was attempted on the latter two bills in view of the precarious position of the existing field training pay presently paid by the Territory to the Guardsmen attending field training. There was considerable discussion on a compromise proposal that such payment be made only to Guardsmen not employed by the Territory. Your committee stood firm on this issue by insisting that the present arrangement be retained. House Bills 400 and 418 were approved by the House of Representatives on second reading. However, both of the bills were filed in the House Finance Committee and were never reported out of that committee for further action. Every effort was exerted by your Legislative Committee to maneuver the bills to be placed on the Finance Committee agenda. Needless to say, the Finance Committee was continuously in executive meetings discussing the major budget and tax bills, and it was difficult for your committee to "sell" the proposals on House Bills 400 and 418 to the chairman, Representative Elmer Carvalho.

4. It is well to note at this time that Representative Manuel Henriques of Kauai introduced House Bill 295,

providing for the payment of \$10.00 per day to all officers and enlisted men when called to active duty in the service of the Territory of Hawaii during local disasters. Your committee unanimously concurred with the provisions of this bill. However, it was our consensus that in the light of the present drive for government economy, House Bill 295 be substituted by House Bills 400 and 418. This bill died in committee.

5. Representative Elmer Carvalho, also in the interest of economy, introduced House Bill 629, which purported to eliminate the field training pay all enlisted men are now receiving. The moment this bill was introduced, each Island Commander was immediately contacted by the Hawaii National Guard Association with instructions to persuade and recommend its respective Island representatives in the Territorial Legislature to have that bill tabled. The response from the outer islands was prompt and effective. This bill died in the House Finance Committee.

6. Although the Hawaii National Guard Association did not officially indorse administrative matters requiring legislative action by the Military Department, your Legislative Committee took an active part in furthering the cause of the Hawaii National Guard. Initially, Representative an Inouye introduced the bill creating a separate Army and Air National Guard Department in the Headquarters of the Hawaii National Guard, each headed by an assistant adjutant general with a rank no higher than that of a Brigadier General. A few other amendments to the sections relating to the Hawaii National Guard in the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955 were also proposed. Your committee was later notified that another bill encompassing the same recommendations was introduced by the Speaker of the House, The Honorable O. Vincent Esposito, by request of the Governor, and was labeled as House Bill 437, thereby eliminating the Hawaii National Guard introduced bill, although both of the bills were identical in their contents. After 1st reading, House Bill 437 was sent to the Veterans, Policy and Military Affairs Committee for study. The pros and cons on the bill was duly heard by that committee but no action was taken on it for several weeks. After much discussion with Representative Patsy T. Mink, Chairwoman of the Veterans, Policy and Military Affairs Committee, a compromise was reached wherein the Brigadier General when employed by the Military Department, will receive pay no higher than that of a Colonel. Although assurance was given that this bill, as amended, would be recommended for passage on the House floor, no action was subsequently forthcoming. Consequently, a companion bill was introduced in the Senate by Senators Takahashi and Kido on 8 March 1957, and without the statement, "by request of the Governor." This companion bill was identified as Senate Bill 417, with the proviso mentioned earlier added. After many days of follow-up action, Senate Bill 417 was placed on the House floor for action. Thereafter, it was routine; House passed third reading; Senate confirmed the proviso that the House adopted, and finally the Governor signed the Senate Bill 417 into Act 49 on 2 May 1957.

7. The above recap of the bill was intended to portray that such a venture required much time and effort on not only the committee members but the many influential friends as well, particularly in the legislature. This Committee is most grateful to them for their support.

WHAT'S NEWS?

New Uniforms — In conformation with active Army's change over to the new shade 44 (green) uniform, the Adjutant General has announced that "full-time" officers and warrant officers will wear the new Army green cap, shade 44, and necktie, tropical worsted, black, on 1 June 1957. The new accessories may be worn at the option of the individual from 1 May 1957. Effective 1 October 1957, all officers and warrant officers will be required to wear the new accessories. AR 670-5 prescribes the authorized material, design, etc. Garrison caps, shade 44 may be worn when in travel status, or when the shirt is worn as an outer garment. The issue of new accessories for enlisted personnel has not been announced as of this date.

USP&FO Exchange Store — An Exchange Store was recently established by the USP&FO at Fort Ruger. The mission of the store is to expedite the supply of TA 21-1 items to units on a "swap" basis — "a tie for a tie — an eye for an eye." The plan for an Exchange Store was conceived by the USP&FO while in Oklahoma where he observed a similar store in operation.

Sgt Richard Miki (State Hq & Hq Det) has been appointed to operate the store. Sgt Miki has reported that units are taking full advantage of this store and that a "booming" business is anticipated. Due credit should go to Sgt Miki, his assistant Raymond Sakai and all warehouse personnel who worked very hard and spent many extra hours of their own time in preparing for the opening of this store.

The continued operation of the Exchange Store will require the full support and cooperation of all HNG units. Full details have been published in Supply Procedures, HNG.



Maintenance—Volatile Corrosion Inhibitor (VCI) in paper wrapping form and in powder form is now available to the Combined Field Maintenance Shops. The VCI has been used by the military and commercial firms with considerable success and efficiency in the presentation of iron and steel parts. Various tests and usages of the VCI have proven that its protective quality is superior to that of oil, grease and other rust preventive substances. In addition, it reduces the man-hours required for preservation, storage and shipping of parts.



Mrs. Lucille "Hana" Esposito has submitted her resignation after faithfully serving the O/USP&FO for more than nine years. "Hana" regretted leaving the Hawaii National Guard but was compelled to do so in order to spend more time with her fine family.

"Hana" was employed in the O/USP&FO in April, 1948 as a clerk and had been managing the Transportation duties since February 1952. Her loss will be keenly felt by not only the USP&FO but by the many guardsmen who are familiar with the services she rendered. There was no detail regarding a guardsman's travel that was too much work for "Hana". She took a personal interest in all travelers for the Hawaii National Guard. The Transportation duties have been assumed by Miss Amy Tang, formerly the secretary to the USP&FO.



Mrs. Jane J. Reeves has been an employee of the USP&FO since Oct. 1, 1946. She has submitted her resignation to be effective July 1, 1957. This resignation is accepted regretfully as Mrs. Reeves has been loyal, diligent and extremely cooperative throughout the course of her employment. "Janie," as she is affectionately referred to by most everyone has assisted administrators, caretakers, mechanics and even Surveying Officers graciously and smilingly for ten years. Janie has earned what she is about to begin — the enjoyment of the family she has worked so conscientiously for so long. We, at the O/USP&FO, and we're sure we are speaking for all full-time employees, salute you Mrs. Jane Reeves and thank you for your friendly help. Good luck to you and your family.

News of the Quarter

FROM OUR UNITS

HQ & HQ DET NEWS

The Headquarters Detachment "Green Scarf Club" recently completed a successful drive for funds with the selling of Portuguese Sausage.

The club which has sales as often as necessary to replenish depleted funds, enjoys a party each quarter.

The Detachment bowling team is near the end of the Special Troops league and it seems that the 613th Ordnance team will win the league this year.

Organized about four years ago, the team displays their skill weekly during the season at Varsity Bowl.

Out of the six members, 4 have won the individual bowling trophy. The 6 members are: Team Captain, SP3 Richard Hiu, M/Sgt Masa Abe, Sgt James Yamamoto, SP3 Richard Ono, SP3 Robert Itagiki and PVT James Akimoto.

An "Aloha" party was given for departing M/Sgt Edwin Fulk, sergeant advisor, on the 21st of May at the Detachment.

Sgt Fulk, who has been with the unit for three years, enjoyed the refreshments and pupus supplied by members of the Green Scarf Club. Sgt Fulk is looking forward to returning to the mainland. He said, "Hawaii is just great and I am very happy to have served here . . . but there's no place like home."

111th ARMY BAND

This band is presently undergoing a change in its ceremonial dress uniform. The white helmet liners previously noted will be replaced by liners finished with a glossy olive drab. Metal insignia of ranks will be placed in front of the liners and white shoulder cords will also be used by bandsmen on their shirts. Authorization has been granted from the Adjutant General for bandsmen to purchase the tropical worsted uniform from the Quartermaster Sales Store at Fort Shafter. With all of the above changes, contemplate seeing a new band representing the Hawaii National Guard.

CWO Carl S. Baptiste was recently awarded the 25-year Service Bar from Lt Col Clarence R. Johnson, Special Troops Commander. Mr. Baptiste also received the Armed Forces Reserve Medal for 10-years of continued reserve service. Other recipients of awards goes to M/Sgt Dick P. Saunders, Sfc Junius K. Kauinana, Sgt Anderson J. Camara and Sgt William P. Kuhaiki, each having received the award of the 10-year Service of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal for 20 years of continued reserve service. Sgt Jules D. Castro also received the Hawaii National Guard Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal for 10 years of continued reserve service.

613th ORDNANCE CO DS HNG

The colors of the 613th Ordnance Company are flying high for again the volleyball team came out as champions for Oahu, beating the team from Btry C 158th AAA Bn by a score of 16-14, and 15-3. Unfortunately, the territory playoff which was to be held at Kauai 17-18 May was postponed until a later date due to mechanical repairs of our NG planes. Our team will be trying for their fifth

straight territory championship in the near future. So—better get on the ball, you mechanics from the air guard and get those planes up in the air. At this time, we would like to issue a challenge to all units of the Hawaii National Guard in a game of basketball, volleyball, softball, or what have you got in the way of sports, that we can take any unit team during field training. What do you say, "YOU ALL" from the outside units? Any comers? Just give me a call when we get to camp and we'll make all arrangements. To date we have in our trophy room, seven plaques for shooting, and sixteen trophies for all types of sports. That my fellow comrades, is quite a collection for any one outfit to have.

SP2 Clarence C. W. Park will be leaving for Fort Benning, Georgia come 2d June to attend the special OCS course to qualify for a commission vacancy as armament officer in the armament platoon. Here's hoping you a successful trip and a peach-of-a-time in Georgia, Clarence.

The "Open House" of this unit which was held on 19 February was a tremendous success. Many thanks to our hard working hustler Mr. Theodore (Hot Bun) Wong and his crew. Everything from nuts to bolts were polished for display and even had a pup tent with full field equipment displayed by our amiable supply sergeant. After two two hours of "Say Sgt, What's this" and "Specialist, What's that?" by our civilian visitors everyone had refreshments at the company projectionist room. Thanks for the donation Captain!!

The reporter from the 628th Detachment has been dormant the past few months and methinks a stimulating dose of "AC" or "DC" from one of the M33 system could get him on-the-ball. Anyway, this detachment is in need of two good electrical men to fill the bill before camp. Anyone wishing to transfer in??

This is the time of the year everyone looks forward to, the time when we guardsmen attend our annual encampment. Yes, for a change the red dirt would be welcomed. And, speaking of "Red Mire", you sons-of-a-cook had better keep the cover on the kettle closed while cooking, else we'll all be eating red stew. Only six to go and our goal will be reached. Our slogan, "Attend Camp With Full Strength" is a near reality with the present strength of 167 enlisted men. This marks a gain of 14 men since the start of the recruiting drive and if each section bring a men in we can "Fill the Bill" before we leave for camp.

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120th MP CO — UNIT NEWS

Recently promoted to 1st Lieutenant was 2nd Lieutenant Edmund S. Hara. Six years ago, when first enlisted, Lt Hara formulated definite plans about his career with the Hawaii National Guard, and since then they have materialized steadily. He pursued a course at the PMG School at Camp Gordon, Ga., completed the branch 10-Series course, applied for a commission, and was federally recognized on 7 May 1954. To a very much admired and respected officer, we extend to 1st Lieutenant Hara hearty congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

Once again the 120th MP Co Pistol team invaded the roster of the HNG Pistol Team for 1957. In addition, the team won the HNG Unit Team Pistol Championships in the same match, fired on 20 April 1957. Team members that "Brought it Home" are 1st Lt Edmund S. Hara, M/Sgt Ah Sung "Chayenne" Char, Sfc Herbert "Wyatt" Panoko, and the ever dangerous Cpl Patrick "Gunsmoke" Cullen. There were no alibis.

Unit members are reminded that SP3 Gerald G. Luczkow is still in Tripler Army Hospital, recovering from an injury. His favorite magazines center around photography and body building. He is in ward 13. "C'mon Gerald, we need you back here!"

Announcement of the Unit Field Training Schedule sent instructors scurrying about for manuals and other publications. Reason—the unit will undergo intense training in Military Police Squad and Platoon Operational training. The subjects, many of which never were taught, range from the basic *MP Records and Forms* to a specializing subject on *Escort and Security of VIP's*. Successful handling of the instructional phase will mean a highly trained 120th MP Company.

P.S.—Fathers in the Unit are reminded to celebrate Father's Day prior to field encampment.

158th AAA BN NEWS



158th AAA BN NEWS

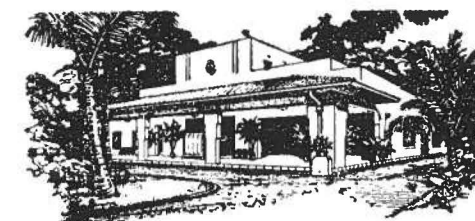
Battery C of the 158th AAA Bn recently put on a display of anti-aircraft equipment as part of the Hawaii Air National Guard Show at Hickam Field. All items of unit equipment were on display in operational form and from the compliments received to date their part in the show was very effective.

Capt. Franklin P. Hee, 1st Lt Wah Sung Chun and WO Charles K. H. Wong were three of the six Honor Graduates at the recently completed AAA Officer Orientation Course. These officers, one of whom has had some Fire Control System Maintenance Schooling at Fort Bliss, will not disseminate their knowledge among the rest of the battalion. Each agreed that the course was difficult, very concentrated and highly informative but well worth the extra hours of study that it required.

This battalion also had four other officers who acted as instructors in some of the courses, namely, Capts Kerwin R. Keys, Thomas S. Ito, and Melvin Alencastre, and Lt Melvin G. Ing.

Recently authorized for wear on unit helmet liners is the approved battalion distinctive insignia (see cut). The colors are red and yellow and the gun stones and lettering are in black. The dolphin is in white and holds a gold key in its mouth. The colors, of course, are the Artillery colors with the cone representing the Artillery "cone of fire". The three gunstones represent the battalion's participation in three campaigns in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater (Leyte, Western Pacific and Ryukyus) during World War II. The wavy line through the middle represents water, referring to the area of the battalion's activities. The motto "Makaala Oukou" means "Be Ever on the Alert."

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297th AAA BN

Recruiting Drive

In conjunction with our recent recruiting drive, the 297th AAA Bn held its 2nd Annual Military Ball at the Wahiawa Gymnasium February 23, 1957. A beauty contest, with all batteries participating, was held to enhance possibility for success by the added publicity afforded this occasion.



297th AAA Bn., Battery Queens: L to R: Elizabeth Christensen, Btry C; Hilda Mikami, Btry A; Trinidad Crocco, Miss 297th AAA Bn; Joey Brezina, Hq Btry; Maxine Jackman, Btry D.

Participating in the beauty contest were more than twenty girls from all of the rural areas of Oahu. Selected as "Miss 297th AAA Bn" was Miss Trinidad Orosco who represented Battery B of Wahiawa. Others were: Joey Brezina, Hq & Hq Btry; Hilda Mikami, Battery A; Elizabeth Christansen, Battery C; and Maxine Jackman, Battery D. The dance was a huge success, having an attendance of approximately a thousand people.

Also attending the affair were Colonel Gavin, Senior Army Advisor and Mrs. Gavin, Lt Col Kwon, Battalion Commander and Mrs. Kwon, and all Officers of the 297th. Judging the beauty contest were Bob Krauss, Barbara Lee, and Grace Fujitani.

There were more than eighty merchants who contributed prizes and cash for this occasion. We are very grateful to the merchants for their cooperation and the interest shown.

Proceeds of the dance were distributed among the units to be utilized for recruiting purposes. As a result, the battalion, in spite of many losses, enjoyed a net gain in strength of thirty-six men.

It is contemplated that this Military Ball will be an annual affair.

Training

Due to the lack of insufficient trained personnel and equipment, this unit has been fortunate in being able to train with Btry B and Btry C of the 158th AAA Battalion. Captains Ito and Alencastre have very generously given this organization much valuable training with their equipment and personnel.

It is contemplated that a limited number of 90mm Guns and M33 Fire Control System will be issued to this battalion in the very near future. With this equipment on hand, the morale and training status of this unit should be greatly improved and accelerated.

Personnel Attending Service School

Presently attending the M33-MSS FCS Maintenance Course at Fort Bliss, Texas are CWO-2 Hideo Kono Btry B; M/Sgt Hideyuki Koide, Hq & Hq Btry; and SFC Hiroshi Go, Btry C; Sgt Raymond Sato of Btry C is also slated to depart Hickam on 19 May 1957 to join the rest in studies.

We also have the "Sir Group", at present, attending courses at Fort Bliss, Texas. They are Capt Tsukayama, Bn S3, attending Associate AAA Advance Officer's Course; 1st Lt Oliveras, Btry D and 1st Lt Daguio, Btry C, attending Associate AAA Battery Officer's Course; and 2d Lt Naone of Btry C attending the AA Basic Officer's Course.

298th AAA BN

Hq & Hq Btry

Summer camp is just around the corner and we are expected to have a 100% attendance. The following officers recently completed the AAA Orientation Course held at Fort Ruger: Lt Col John Becker, Capt William Steven, Capt Hirotohi Yamamoto, Lt Richard Kalukukui and Lt Stanley Kenela. Congratulations to Pfc Serrao for being the Champion Recruiter for this Btry. He was rewarded with a jet ride courtesy of the ANG.

Btry A

With the departure of our former Btry Cmdr 1st Lt Philip King to attend the Artillery School at Fort Bliss, Texas. Alfa Btry welcomes a new Btry Cmdr, Lt Mitsugi Kamemoto. A veteran of the Korean War and being pre-

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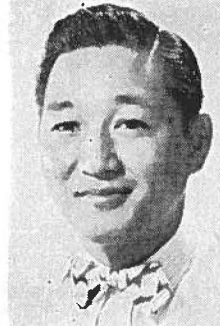
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vious CO for Heavy Mortar Company, 298th Inf, Lt Kamemoto will have no difficulty in taking over his new assignment. Besides Lt King leaving for school, another officer, Lt Paul Kim is attending the Gunnery School at Fort Bliss. He will be back with the unit within 4 months. Pfc Melvyn Kwon who has successfully completed a course in Medium and Heavy AAA Maintenance is now back with the Btry. Congratulations Mel! In the sports department, Alfa Btry has 2 men on the HNG Winter League Team. Heading the roster is Sgt "Beaver" Sid Lindo and Sgt Skippy Cruz. Sid is a pitcher while Skippy roams the outfield. Latest addition to the Alfa ringside chatta is Pvt Ray Peretz. He just won the 112 lb. crown in the OABA finals by overpowering Mel Maemori. Pfc Stan Harrington, Alfa's own, is in top shape and raring to go. Stan is an Asst Radar Operator in the Fire Control Section. The following Pvts were promoted to Pfc: G. Chu, C. Ganhinhin, M. Kwon, B. Macalino, M. Purdy, J. Rivera, D. Sevilla and C. Suan.

Btry C

Returning home recently from the AA & GM school at Fort Bliss, Texas, were 1st Lt James K. Namahoe who attended the Associate AAA Officers Course and M/Sgt Benjamin Au who attended the Heavy and Medium AAA Maintenance Course. Capt Iwao Iijima and CWO Francis Lum recently completed the AAA Orientation Course held at Fort Ruger. "Charlie" Btry will again furnish the Color and Honor Guards for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3824 on Memorial Day, May 30th. The VFW sponsored ceremony is held every year for those living on the Windward side of the island that have lost their sons or husbands in the past wars.

New recruits enlisting this past quarter were: Pvts: Frank R. Andrade, Carlos C. Canubida, Paul K. Featheran, Joseph K. Kapanui, Harold T. Kagawa, Ollney K. Naipo, Francis H. Shiroma, Stanley S. Shiroma, Arthur K. Watson and Thomas H. Yagi. Transfers from the Army Reserves were: SP3 Kiyoshi Arakawa, Pfc Kazuki Kamei and Pfc James I. Noijima. From the Utah NG came Pfc Norman W. Faldmo who is presently attending the Church College of Hawaii in Laie, Oahu. "Charlie" Btry now has four of the six Naipo brothers. They are: Sfc Gene K. Naipo, Sgt Calvin K. Naipo, Sp3 Merrill Naipo and Pvt E-1 Ollney Naipo.

Btry D

Since our last report things have really started humming around Delta Btry. Main topic among the men has been the coming camp and also the new equipment which we hope to be using. Eagerness to learn and try the new equipment has turned all ears to classroom instruction and by camp time we should be well on our way to becoming an efficient and able battery. Stressing the importance of recruiting new men by Capt Kimura at our regular meetings has produced good results. We welcome to Delta Battery the following men: Larry Dumlao, Jeffery Lee, Kurt Moderow, Simon Wong, and Clarence Bush. Also returning to the fold after a short absence are 2d Lt Ernie Lau, back from Ft. Bliss and Pfc Ken Phillips back from six months active duty training. At our last meeting, the officers and men were treated to a steak by Sfc Seichi Shigetani who celebrated his 10 years continuous service in the HNG. Congratulations goes to the following men who have reenlisted for another hitch: M/Sgt Ronald Abe and SP2 Danny Hisao.

227th ENGINEER BN (COMBAT)

Our battalion has just completed its basketball tournament. Company "B" won the championship on Sunday, March 31, 1957, when they won their fifth game in a row. The teams participating and their members are as follows:

Hq, Hq & Svc Co

San Juan (41 points)	Tom (44 points)
Abby	Camat
Kahapea (63 points)	Okami (41 points)
Saito	Kamealoha (32 points)
Kelly	Agao
Martin	A. Naone

Company A

Lopes (17 points)	Bajet
Umeda	Kapule
Ii	Lee
Kane (26 points)	Agao
Lenchanko (103 points)	Poligrates
Nakatani	

Company B

Castro	Ferreira
Kaahaina	H. Kanamu
Keolanui	H. Akana (33 points)
Vanderford	Kahue (38 points)
Wong	A. Akana
T. Koanui	Smith
Pellerin	C. Koanui (49 points)

Company C

Ysabral	S. Keolanui
Reyes	Germano (59 points)
Kaonohilani	Kahapea
Domingo	Niheu (32 points)
Uhrle (41 points)	G. Kahapea

Congratulations are also in order for 2nd Lt Kenneth Ching of Alpha Company, who through his moral support, great sportsmanship and love of the game, helped to make the tournament a success.

Hq, Hq & Svc Company welcomed Privates W. Davis, Stanley Kea, and Charles Akina to their company. Congratulations fellows. Sergeant Kelvin Lau was also promoted to mess steward.

Returning from the Engineer Equipment and Maintenance Officers Course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, was Warrant Officer Bright. Mr. Bright said that the schooling was very good and that everything was up to date. P. S. He also enjoyed his stay on the mainland. Let's get some of your friends to join the Guard and make use of the opportunity of getting a free trip to the mainland while learning something constructive.

The 227th Medical Detachment is commanded by Capt Johnson Lau and is made up of 11 enlisted men. They are presently at full strength with SP2 Thomas Suzuki returning from the Advanced Medical Aid Man Course at Fort Sam Houston.

Alpha Company enlisted Franklin Abraham, John Kupahu, Wendell Ferreira, and Boris Lenchanko in the last quarter. Keeping up the Guard's Esprit de Corps, we have SP2 Kenneth Chow, SP3 Wesley Ng, Sfc George Nakamura, SP3 Stephen Nakano, and SP3 Thomas Nakatani, re-enlisting for three more years. Congratulations.

Pfc Floyd Gatiuan, fighting for Hawaii Youth Organization, was recently crowned the 125-pound champ of the Oahu Amateur Boxing Association. Gatiuan was also the 125-pound Maui Champion.

Sharing the sports spotlight with Gatiuan was SP3 Elmer Graham. Elmer participated in the 26-mile Hawaiian AAA Marathon on March 17, 1957. Even though Elmer ran only 22 of the 26 miles, he is consoled by the fact that only 3 of the 9 participants completed the race.

Promotions in Alpha Company elevated Pfc's Roy Imaguchi and Stephen Nakano to the rank of SP3. Also Ii, Edward Kane, Sylvester Jenks, Gordon Lee, and Benjamin Lum.

Bravo Company welcomed these new enlistees on March 24, 1957. They are Stewart Medina, Earl Kealoha, Bernard Kauai, Peter Smith, Walter Teves, Wallace Codes, Anciv Correio, and Thomas Chun. We hope these men enjoy their stay with Bravo Company.

Newly promoted from SP3 to SP2 are Henry Akita, and Walter Kanamu, from SP3 to Sergeant is Bernard Vierra, and from Sfc to M/Sgt is Abraham Smith.

Five men from Charlie Company received perfect attendance badges. They were J. Hamamoto, C. Yamamoto, E. Shimabuku, Wataru, and 2nd Lt Kanehisa. Let's see more of you fellows receiving these badges in the future.

Taking advantage of engineer schools on the mainland are Sfc Spencer and Sgt Chan. At the same time Pvt's Enos and Miyamoto, who have just completed the six months active training program at Schofield, returned to the Company.

Furthermore, 13 men recently joined Charlie Company. These men are Stephen Domingo, George Meka-hana, S. Ellis, T. Furtado, H. Hawawahine, C. Hew Len, D. Kurisu, J. McMoore, C. Melvin, L. Mow, M. Starkey, F. Thomas, and S. Yamaguchi. Domingo should be congratulated for bringing in 5 of his friends.

Decorated at a battalion ceremony for 10 years' service was the CO Lt Chang and M/Sgt Niheu.

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199th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQ

Hats are off to the "Minutemen" from the Colorado Air National Guard, who put on a superb and well executed performance of precision aerobatics at the Hawaii Air National Guard Open House on 28 April 1957. After such a fatiguing demonstration, many were amazed that the pilots looked as fresh as they did after landing. Five to seven G's were pulled during some of their maneuvers. Mahalo, Colorado! That was a great show, and we "sold" lots of Air Guard to Honolulu.

Eyes opened a little wider when the squadron formations came by, too! There's no doubt in anyone's mind that the boys in the cockpits have what it takes.

A great pat on the back goes to Open House Project Officers, Lt Colonel John "Da Hawk" Giraud. It went off as planned — the actual timing was right on the button. His nickname, by the way, comes from the fact that he's the most avid "go-get-'em" jet bouncer.

The boys in the Armament Section are still shaking their heads over their Open House .50 caliber blank cartridge firing display. Understand that some of the machine gun barrels used will never be the same again.

By the way, did you notice the F-86 that Lt Colonel Ashford was flying? It really gleamed with the terrific polish job its crew chief, S/Sgt Kenneth Camara is responsible for. That's really showing interest and pride in your work!

You can be sure that the 109th is proud of its F86E jet engine change team. The nine men who comprised the team, changed engines from a hot F-86, for a world's record of 14 minutes and 14 seconds flat! The team was composed of M/Sgts Norman Ault, Anthony Kim, Clyde Sullivan; T/Sgts George Joaquin, Lewis Kono; S/Sgt Gordon Martin; A/1C Samuel Saffery, Harry Awana and A/2C Clement Crowell.

The Air Police of the 199th did a great job handling the overwhelming traffic and parking. Three parking areas were being filed at one time, and all the spill-over areas were used. Lt Henry Lee said that the newspapers' estimate of 50,000 in attendance was a "conservative figure." Hickam was required to call out their entire Air Police Force, since the roads were saturated.

Doc Caver's harem aroused much interest . . .

The pilots came in for compliments on the new paint job and snazzy insignias on their helmets. All the old bizarre designs and patterns are no more. Incidentally, Lt Tokunaga wasn't satisfied until his helmet gleamed with sixteen coats of paint and untold amounts of elbow grease. It's chromed, too.

Aside from the Air Show, the paper shufflers of Squadron Headquarters stood down from work one day and changed their AFSCs to that of painters. Instead of Kaiser Pink and Fire Engine Red, the offices of the headquarters section were painted a turf green and light lime. Easy on the eyes, and yet bright.

In competition with the other Hawaii Air National Guard units, the 199th was tops in drill attendance, January through March, and won the new Hawaii Air National Guard Hi-Attendance Trophy. The trophy is perpetual and will be awarded after each quarter. It was presented to Lt Colonel Ashford at the 5 May drill by Colonel Siefermann. The 199th averaged 96% drill attendance to win it for the first time; the 109th and 169th were only a couple of points behind.

M/Sgts Toshio Oshiro, Tom Kato, Steve Vayda, and Simanu Afoa enjoyed their recent visit to some of the California Air National Guard installations to observe their maintenance techniques and to pick up the latest "tricks" of the trade. They visited the Fresno, Van Nuys, and Ontario outfits on their two week trip. All said that we're not standing short. Some of the "systems" the Hawaii Air National Guard uses are better, they feel, and a higher aircraft in-commission rate is maintained here.

Because the 199th has been going all out and now has twenty individuals in flying school, the National Guard Bureau reluctantly forwarded word to discontinue the aviation cadet program.

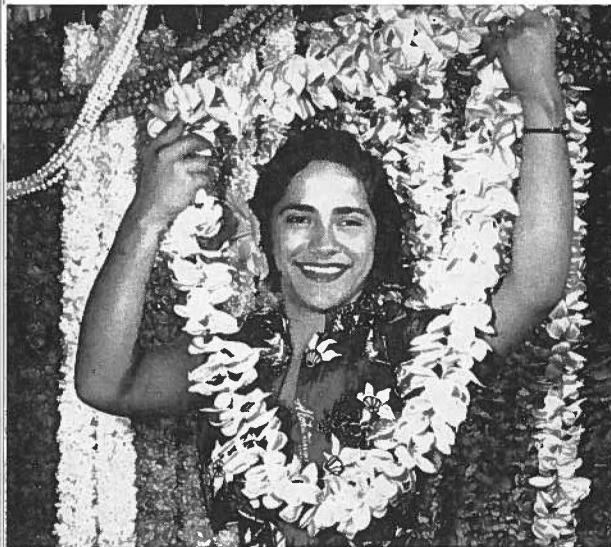
Mr. William O'Brien, Technical Representative from the AC Spark Plug Company, is now with the 199th for approximately three months, assisting the Armament Section in problems concerning the F-86 gun sight. He will instruct and advise on trouble shooting, proper maintenance, calibration of test gear.

Recent returnees from Service Schools include Captain England from Jet Instrument Instructor's School at Moody Air Force Base; and new Tigers, Lts C. Hutton Smith and Lawrence Mosher. Following the "Tiger Trails" are Calvin B. T. Hoo, Franklin H. Fukui, and Rexford F. Hitchcock, who are off to Lackland Air Force Base for Pre-flight.

109th AC&W SQ

The April 1957 issue of the 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron Newsletter marks the start of a new method of communications which is designed to keep each member of the squadron fully informed. It is felt

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that a fully informed person does a better job than one who is kept in the dark as to what is happening in the squadron. This Newsletter is striving to provide information which affects every member of the organization, including official announcements, as well as personal news items.

In the past, high morale and excellent esprit-de-corps have been trademarks of the 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron. In keeping with tradition, it is hoped that the unit will maintain the same high standards and will set the pace for other Air National Guard units. This Newsletter may provide some means toward this objective.

The editors are 1st Lieutenants Theodore K. C. Soong and Henry H. C. Lau.

106th AC&W SQ

The most exciting recent event for the squadron was the active participation of the unit in the Hawaii Air National Guard Open House activities. The unit manned a display of teletypewriters, radar scopes and radio sets. Visitors were given the opportunity to view the equipment, which is similar to the actual equipment utilized by the Air National Guard in the defense of the Islands.

Many compliments to those personnel of the unit who manned the refreshment stands during the Show! They worked hard to earn the honor of selling the most hot dogs!

The following is a letter of appreciation to Maj Gen r'. W. Makinney from Brig Gen Joe C. Moffitt commander of the Colorado Air National Guard wing.

Dear General Makinney:

On behalf of the officers and airmen of our team which recently were fortunate enough to visit your installations, I wish to express the sincere gratitude of each member who had the opportunity to be on this trip. Without exception, each of them has expressed to me their appreciation for the wonderful treatment that was afforded them by the members of your command. I assure you that each of them and definitely myself are looking forward to the day we might return to the land of aloha.

Sincerely,
Sgnd. JOE C. MOFFITT

299th RCT HAWAII NEWS

PROV BN

Hq & Hq Co

M/Sgt Mitsuki Matsunaga, quietly returned from the Small Arms Repair Course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland after an eight weeks vacation.

We'll expect some results from SP2 Stanley Yoshiyama and SP2 George Otani recently promoted. With their capabilities, Mess Steward Masaji Ozeki and SP2 Koichi Kanno shouldn't have any trouble this year at camp. In the event that they do a good job this year, the Skipper says that he'll award them individually with the "Ladle of Honor" or at least with the "Order of the Pots & Pans" and for each Superior rating attained, the "Mongo Leaf Cluster".

Tk Co (90mm Gun)

Camp is around the corner and every tanker is raring to hit that mountain training camp, "Pohakuloa". Although you may find the morning, a little chilly, it's an ideal training area for the tankers.

Pvt James F. Boostrom Jr will undergo the 6 months active duty for training on 15 June 1957.

Enlistments during the quarter are: SFC Samuel N. Gaison, SP3 Henry M. Peralto, SP3 Leroy Correa, SP3 Alfred Furusho, Pvt Samson Brown, Pvt Gilbert Ebanies, Pvt Rody H. Enos, Pvt Manuel Fontes, Pvt Monico Nelmda and Pvt Myles T. Tamanaha.

Promotions: To SFC—SP2 Tamotsu Kusano and SP2 Anthony Phillips; To SP2—SP3 Gilbert Benevides, SP3 Yoshiaki Hamamoto, SP3 Teruo Kitamura, SP3 Henry L. Teixeira and SP3 James K. Torigoe.

Svc Co

We welcome M/Sgt Alexander E. Carvalho who was transferred from Hq & Hq Co 299th Inf. All the former Company F men are happy to see that familiar face around this unit.

Recent promotions—To SP3: Pfc Cedric C. Berganio and Pfc Frederick H. Nakamura; To Pfc: Pvts George K. Ahuna, William Apele Jr, Ira C. Kekaulua, George W. Vessell, James M. Villanueva and Thomas Ynigues. After this summer encampment, many of the men who will prove themselves worthy of another strip will be soon getting them. So men, do your best.

Med Co (less 1st & 2d Med Plats)

Second Lieutenant Makoto Katada will leave for Med Field Svc School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas on or about 1 June 1957. Course: MSC Off Orientation Crs No. 8-0-33.

First Lieutenant Hideo Nakashima will meet us in camp upon return from Med Field Svc School, Ft Sam Houston, Texas, after completion of the MSC Off Orientation Crs No. 8-0-33.

Enlistments for Quarter: Pvt Isaac M. Pua and Pvt Rufino C. DeVillaneuva.

Promotions: To SP3—Pfc Henry L. Bray Jr and Pfc James Y. Hatami; To Pfc—Pvts Wilbert Y. L. Lau and Pvt Theodore H. Sasamura.

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Hv Mort Co

Hv Mort Co welcomes 1st Lt James N. Kuritani as the new Commanding Officer. Lt Kuritani succeeds Capt Katsuki Arita who was transferred to Hq 3d Bn as S2.

Returning recently from 6 months Active Duty for Training was Pvt Harold S. Santiago. Indications are that we may have a squad to attend 11 Weeks Active Duty for Training come 15 June 1957.

New enlistees were Pvs Edward Z. Gushiken, Miche-wo Hanashiro, Lawrence K. Ishikawa, Roy D. Soares, Shuji Tatsutani and Ralph Uchima.

Promotions were: To SP3—Lawrence C. Ayala and Manuel M. Feliciano; To Pfc—Richard T. Mizuire, Harold S. Santiago, Ernest J. Sasaki and Willis Yamaguchi; To Pvt2—Catalino Gragas, Marvin J. Angelo, Kenneth H. Fusato, Aaron K. Hedge, Alejandro Mamhot Jr, Douglas K. Santos and Herbert Y. Takeya.

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110th Army Band

It is expected that the Bandsmen will be in full swing once again—summer encampment. Though the brass section won't be as loud as it should be, we'll be able to sound off from one end of Area "X" to the other.

A former member of Btry C 158th AAA Bn, Pfc Stanley T. Sato was recently transferred to this unit. Welcome and glad to have you aboard Stan.

Deserving individuals recently appointed to grade are as follows: To Pfc—Ernest Abaya, Donald J. Carvalho, Enrique Defiesta, Abednigo B. Guevara, Julio Rosario Jr, Elmer T. Shiraiishi; To SP3—Frank P. Lafita Jr; To Sgt—Barr Canario.

230th Engr Co (C)

The CG USARPAC Trophy was awarded to this unit on 27 March 1957 by Lt General Blackshear M. Bryan, Commanding General, USARPAC for being the outstanding unit of the Hawaii National Guard during Fiscal Year 1957. Commanded by Capt Daniel Wela, we are indeed proud and honored to receive this award.

A certificate from the National Guard Bureau for attaining a rating of Excellent for efficiency in training during calendar year 1956 was presented to this unit by Colonel Frank A. Alameda, Commanding Officer, 299th RCT on 27 Mar 57. Again, we are indeed proud and honored to receive this award.

Newly commissioned a Second Lieutenant was Marcelliano K. Villaverde. His appointment brought the strength of officers to its authorized TO. Congratulations Lt Mac . . . here's wishing you all the luck and success in your role of being an Engineer Officer in the Hawaii National Guard.

Recruiting!!! On 27 March 1957, since its activation in June 1947, this unit has attained a strength of 111 enlisted men, the authorized reduced TO. We have waited nearly 10 years and the prediction, "Some day, our strength would be up to the top", has finally appeared. In the beginning of the intensive recruiting drive, this unit had a total enlisted strength of 98 EM. Now, the present strength is 109 EM. During the period, the following status was affected—36 new enlistment, 5 transferred to other units, and 10 losses through separation, etc. To date, the 1st Platoon presently is holding the first prize with 12 new members, followed by the 3d Platoon with 9, Hq Platoon 9, 2d Platoon 6. For this unit, recruiting drive ends on 31 May 1957. To the members of 230th Engr Co, here's a friendly tip, don't let down on the recruiting drive . . . just remember the cash awards donated by the officers and NCOs, to be given to the platoon that brings in the most recruits.

Promotions have been plenty this quarter. Sgt James Tehada was appointed SFC, and SP3s Stanley Araujo, Tadashi Haimoto, Kitsumi Sumiki, Satoshi Sumiki and Seiji Tsugawa were appointed SP2s. Congratulations.

Sgt Frank Feliciano is at present undergoing the Combat Engineer Bridging and Construction Supervision Course at the UH Army Engineer School. Completion of course is in August 1957.

In sports, this unit took high honors in the intra-battalion tournament and lost in the RCT Play-Off (Island of Hawaii) to Hq & Hq Btry 487th FA Bn. A pat on the back to Sgt Susumu Ishida for his work in getting the Engineers to represent the Prov Bn.

MAUI NEWS**HQ 1st BN 299th INF**

Good news were received during the month of March when General Orders Number 11, from The Adjutant General's Office, designated Company D, 299th Infantry as the most outstanding company-size unit of the Hawaii National Guard for calendar year 1956. This means that "Delta" Company will be honored at summer camp by being presented with the Eisenhower Trophy during the Governor's Day Review at Schofield Barracks.

This battalion has the distinction of having two Eisenhower Trophy winners. Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn 299th Infantry, received their award in 1953.

To the officers and men of Company D—Congratulations.

Company "Delta" was again greeted with good news when their able Company Commander, 1st Lieutenant Isao Joyo was promoted to Captain on April 25. Major August M. Nascimento, battalion commander of the First, pinned the "railroad tracks" on Captain Joyo's collar during a company formation at the Wailuku Armory.

Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Infantry and 1st Bn Med Plat Med Co 299th Infantry were honored by being presented with Gold Certificates for efficiency in training for having received a comparative rating of "Superior" on NGB Form 115 during Field Training 1956. Colonel Frank A. Alameda, 299th R. C. T. Commander made the presentations at their drill formations on February 18, 1957. And on this same night Colonel Alameda also presented SFC Oliver H. Cummings, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Infantry with a first place shooting medal he earned during the 1956 USARPAC Major Commanders' Rifle Match at Schofield Barracks.

The following named individuals were awarded with the Hawaii National Attendance Badge for having attained the required consecutive years of perfect attendance credit at all scheduled training:

9-Years:**Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf**

Major August M. Nascimento, Capt Claro R. Capili, CWO-2 Peter O. Sierra, M/Sgt Frank R. Carvalho, M/Sgt Agapito R. Palafox.

Co B 299th Inf

M/Sgt Christian E. Bal, M/Sgt Gabriel P. Moniz.

6-Years:**Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf**

Capt David D. Anderson, M/Sgt Harold H. Nako, SFC Louis Moniz, Sgt Richard English.

Co B 299th Inf

SFC Edwin T. Silva, Cpl Frank D. Bal, Jr., Cpl Lawrence Fernandez.

1st Bn Med Plat Med Co 299th Inf

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Avn Sec, Hq & Hq Co 299th Inf

SP2 Harry W. Ferreira.

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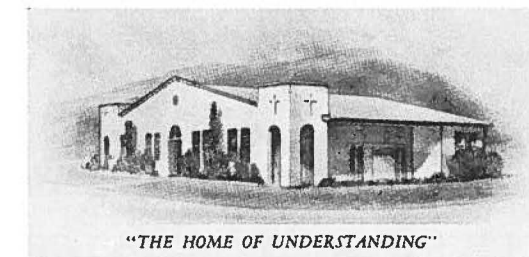
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Privates E-2 Domingo R. Corpis and Aloysius J. Wong, both of Company D returned to Maui on March 9, 1957, after successfully completing the 6-Months Active Duty for Training at Schofield Barracks. When asked how they felt after this rough training, they replied that they are satisfied with the course and recommend more Guardsmen to attend. These two Guardsmen had a surprise waiting for them upon their return to their parent unit, as they were promoted to Private First Class on March 10.

Pvt-1 Martin J. Kalani and Pvt-1 Simeon Uu, Jr., both of Co C departed for Schofield Barracks on April 18, to attend the 6-mos Training.

Enlistments:

Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf

PFC Philip J. Guerrero, Pvt-1 Francis A. Badiang, Pvt-1 David L. Kong, Jr., Pvt-1 Herman K. Kele.

Co A 299th Inf

Pvt-1 George R. Reyes, Richard N. Siangco, Damien K. Kaaihue, Aldiorico Carba, Norbert S. Hinau, John F. M. Kaatea, Rodney A. Auwae, James M. Makekau, David M. Naeole, Benjamin C. Laborte, Edward K. Reimann, Abraham N. F. Kam, Adrian H. M. Shim, Adam C. Thomas, Joseph Sarol.

Co B 299th Inf

Pvt-1 Donald M. Kalehuawehe, Stanley J. Kuloloia, Harold M. Feliciano, Harry K. Fujita, Hitoshi Oshiro, James L. Santos, Edward L. Galarita, David W. Tallant, Jr., John M. Venhuizen, August P. Leval, Joseph K. Poe-poe, George T. Shimizu, Arthur K. Hoewaa.

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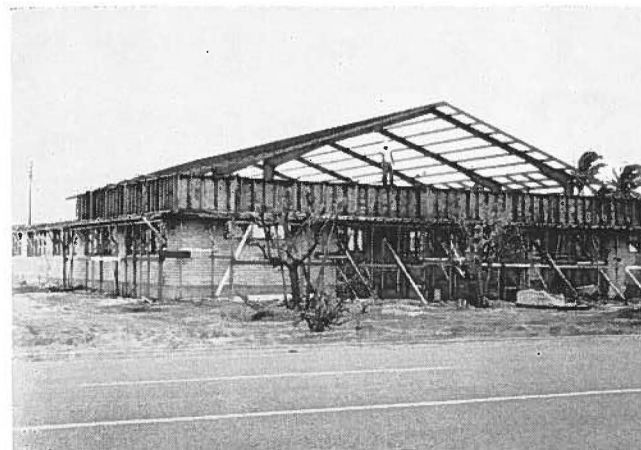
Pvt-1 Rudolph A. Kehano, John K. Kukaua, Jr., George R. Medeiros, Jr., Mateo G. Cagasan, Eugene J. Fernandez, Juanito D. Felipe, Walmer M. Holokai, John Nishioka, Jr., Severino Piligrin, Richard Amadeo, Jr., Joseph Kajalau.

Co D 299th Inf

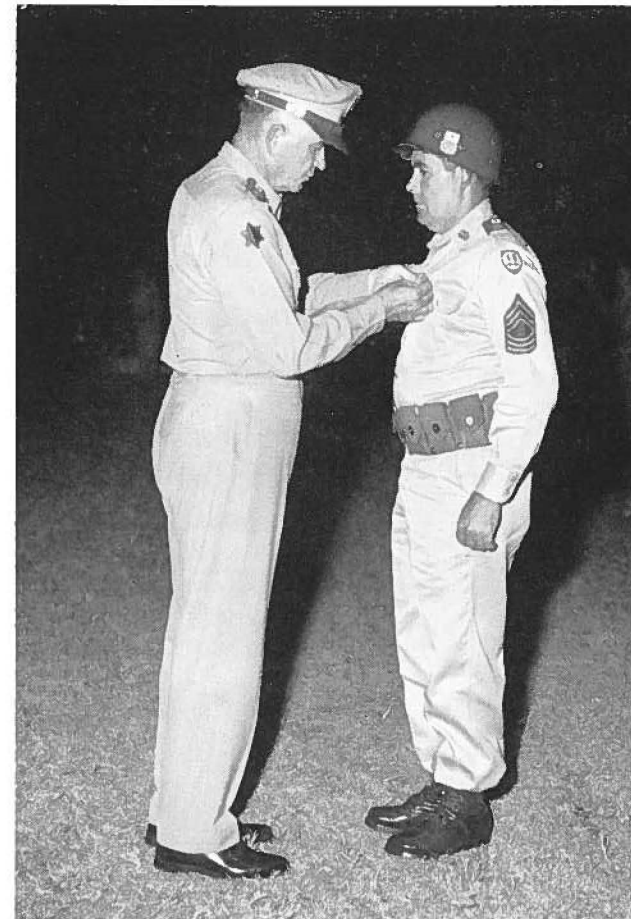
Sgt Cipriano G. Yago (Korean War Veteran), Cpl Gonio Guillermo (WW II Veteran), Cpl Teodorico C. Cabalo, Pvt-1 En Lin Chong, Pvt-1 Ronald R. Ferreira.

1st Bn Med Plat Med Co 299th Inf

Pvt-1 Adam A. Costa, Bobby H. Thompson.



HNG ARMORY at Kahului.



Earns Distinguished Marksman Gold Award

The Distinguished Marksman Badge, highest award attainable in national shooting competition, was presented to Master Sergeant Gabriel P. Moniz, Platoon Sergeant of Company B, 299th Infantry, at a company formation at Wailuku Armory on April 22, 1957, by Colonel Frank A. Alameda, Commanding Officer of the 299th Regimental Combat Team.

Sergeant Moniz, a 22-year career veteran of the Hawaii National Guard, holds the distinction of being the first member of the 299th Regimental Combat Team to achieve this award, and is only one of four riflemen in the Hawaii National Guard to earn the distinguished gold badge.

Lt Colonel Daniel H. Lansing, former commander of 1st Bn 299th Infantry in 1948, was the Territory of Hawaii's first distinguished marksman in 1927.

While Sergeant Moniz gained his first "leg" in the Pacific Army Area Rifle Match at Schofield Barracks in 1954, he has been in National rifle competition since 1938 when he made the All-Hawaii Camp Perry Rifle Team for the first time. He also participated in the National Rifle Matches on the mainland in 1940, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956. His last two credits were earned last year in the Army Area competition and in the National Team Trophy Match at Camp Perry.

Sergeant Moniz who has a collection of "about 60" trophies and medals from shooting competitions, has nothing more to aim for except bars to add to his Distinguished Marksman Badge, "But" he quipped, "I'm shooting better than ever now".

Two other members of the 1st Bn 299th Infantry, SFC Oliver H. Cummings, of Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf and SFC Tom F. Oda of Co B 299th Inf hold two "legs" towards this badge.

PFC Melvin D. Cummings, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf, earned his first "leg" during the past Army Area Rifle Match held at Schofield Barracks, on May 5, 1957. PFC Cummings placed third highest with a score of 236 with 20 Vs. Winning score was 238 with 11 Vs.

Volleyball

Company "Alpha" was crowned Champions in the 1st Bn 299th Inf Volleyball League on 26 March 1957 and will represent the 1st Battalion 299th Infantry in the HNG Territorial Volleyball Tournament to be held on Kauai at a later date.

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CO. D. 299th RCT

The purpose of the Personnel Status & Progress Chart is to give the unit commander and other personnel an up to date information of each enlisted personnel in the unit.

The Personnel Status & Progress Chart is composed of two (2) sections, The Basic and Training Section. Entries in the basic section are self-explanatory with a few minor exceptions which are shown in notes below. The Training Section is similar to the present Training Status Chart which was issued to each unit by AGO-HAW. Entries in the training section will be transcribed from the training status chart at the end of each fiscal year. Constructive credits are given to all veterans and other prior service personnel at the discretion of the unit commander and are current entries.

Chart is equally spaced according to enlisted strength and platoons authorized in respective TOE's. Extra spaces should be provided for platoon and/or section headings, e.g. Co Hqs, MG Plat, etc., and are printed with red grease pencil. Two (2) additional spaces should be provided for entries, "HRS ATP" and "HR SCH", which are entered in the far right margin of the training section, (See progress chart), and the first heading which is normally Co Hqs, is entered on the third line.

All lines and columnar headings are printed with LeRoy Pens or by other means on ordinary wrapping paper. Chart is covered with acetate and all columnar entries are with grease pencils.

NOTES:

1. Entries in TRAINING COLUMN: Green denotes Basic Combat Tng; Blue denotes Advance Individual Tng; and Brown denotes Basic Unit Tng.
2. Entries in DATE OF EVENTS: Green denotes date EM eligible for promotion to next higher grade.
3. Entries in DATE OF EVENTS: Red denotes date of discharge of current 3 year or 1 year enlistment.
4. Entries in TO QUALIFY column, both individual & crew-served weapons: marked "X" with red grease pencil.

All other entries are with black grease pencil.

To Hawaii Guardsman Magazine:

Upon assuming command of Co D, 299th Infantry HNG, on 16 October 1956, Captain Isao Joyo felt the need for a chart whereby the current status of enlisted personnel of this unit could be readily available for all purposes. Working on the idea for a few days, Captain Joyo improvised a chart that has proven invaluable to this unit. Initial postings from personnel records and training status chart involved a tremendous amount of work. However, the end results have been more than satisfactory.

Captain Joyo was commended on numerous occasions for devising this chart. One worthy of mention is a commendation from Lt General Blackshear Bryan, Comanding General, USARPAC. General Bryan was impressed with the chart, moreso, when all information pertaining to enlisted personnel were readily available without looking through numerous files.

Advantages of having this chart are:

1. It shows the assigned MOS, date of enlistment, date of ETS, date of present rank, date eligible for promotion to next higher grade, field training exercises at-

tended, phase of training (e.g., Basic Combat, Advance Individual, Basic Unit Tng, etc.).

2. Training status section shows the type of training completed, etc.

All who have seen this chart questions whether the training section is a duplication of the Training Status Chart, issued to all units by G-3, AGO-TH. The answer is no. All who are familiar with the Training Status Chart knows that at the end of the fiscal year, all entries thereon are erased and new entries made at beginning of new fiscal year. This is where the training status section of the Personnel Status & Progress Chart comes in. To keep a record of subjects completed by each man for the preceding year, entries are transcribed thereon from the Training Status Chart. This information is then readily available to the unit commander when he plans his training for the new fiscal year.

Units desiring to maintain a chart similar to this, may contact Co D 299th Infantry, HNG, Wailuku Armory, Wailuku, Maui, T.H., for a mimeographed prototype of this chart.



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KAUAI NEWS

CWO L. K. WONG

Units of the 2d Bn 299th Inf have been very busy with disaster relief activities, weekend firing sessions, unit schools, inspections, preparation for the annual Battalion Field Day Tournament, and preparations for the summer encampment.

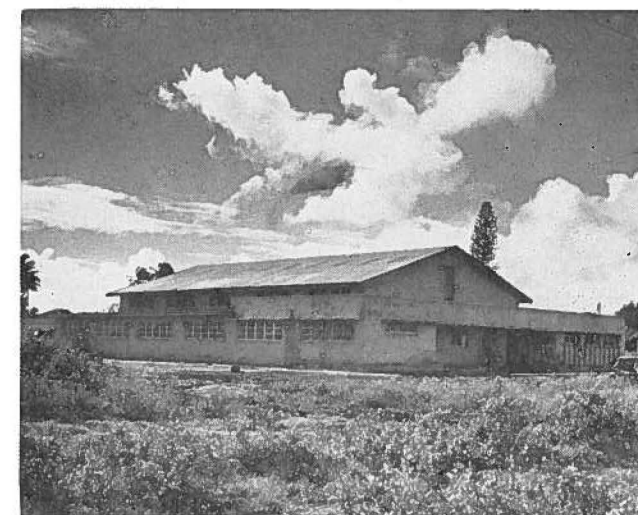
Units of this battalion have finally completed weapons firing of personnel for qualifications, and, looking over the scores, our units have a pretty fair chance of copping the Pershing Trophy. That requirement out of the way, preparations for the Armed Forces Day, 18 May 57, is now under full swing. This battalion has planned for an evening of activities, an annual Battalion Field Day Tournament and Parade to be held at the Kekaha H. P. Faye Park, to begin at 1800 hours. Weapons and equipment of an Infantry Battalion will be on display for public inspection. A program of events during the evening will be conducted, which will consist of a Best Soldier Contest, a Tug-Of-War, Equipment Race — one man per company to start in shorts and dressing to complete combat uniform with all items of clothing spaced 5 yards apart from the starting point. Soldier must be fully

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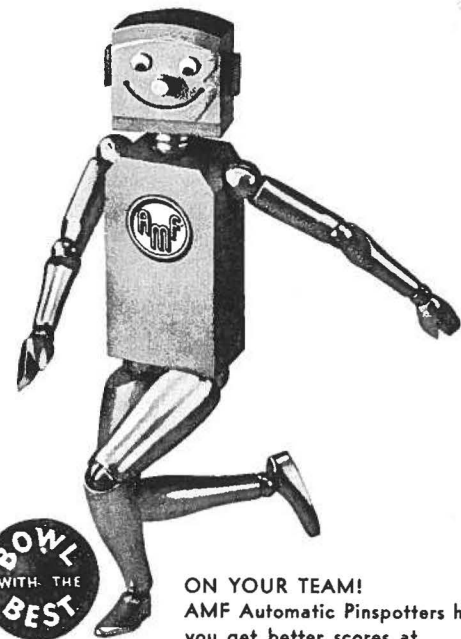
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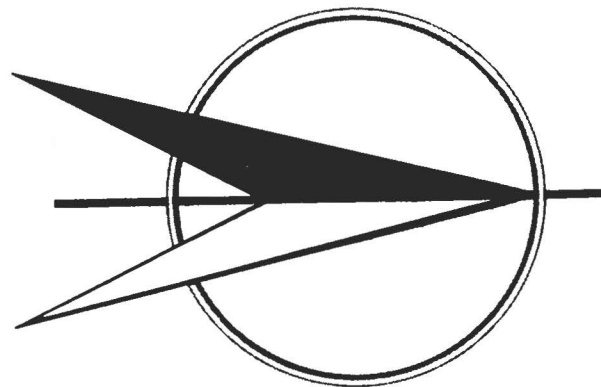
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dressed and ready for inspection at the end of the line. Wheel changing of a 2½ ton 6x6 truck is also listed, and so is Shelter Tent Pitching Contest, Trailer and Jeep Parking Contest. In the latter contest, the assigned driver of a jeep with trailer will attempt to back into a parking stall marked off by tape, with a clearance of not more than 2" on either side. Not at any time must jeep and trailer touch the tape. First driver to back both jeep and trailer completely into the stall will be declared the winner.

A chariot race is included in the program — 5 men to include the 1st Sgt of each company using a jeep trailer. Each 1st Sgt will ride the trailer and if desirable, may use reins leading to the four men pulling or pushing the trailer around a prescribed course. A Grenade Throwing Contest from distances of 15, 20 and 25 yards, each thrower must follow the techniques as described in the FM. Five grenades for each distance will be heaved by each thrower and making every effort for placing in a barrel. Throwers with the most grenades in the barrel will be declared the winner in this contest.

Gun drills by the 60mm and 81mm Mortar Squads will demonstrate placing of weapons in action. Only the 60mm Mortar will re for effect, using a sub-caliber training device. There will be presentation of awards, and speeches will follow by Col Frank A. Alameda, who is the 299th RCT Commander, and by Col David P. Silva, the Assistant Adjutant General of the HNG. A battalion parade will conclude the program for the evening.

Already, invitations have been sent to the various industrial heads and other prominent citizens, and it is agreed that this affair will go over big with the community.

While waiting for the Armed Forces Day program to take effect, preparations for Summer encampment are also underway by units of this battalion. Training schedules are being cut, NCA troop schools conducted and clothing issues are being made. Preparations for transporting of troops to camp has been initiated and we now await the decision of the USP&FO. Full time unit employees hopping over to battalion headquarters with queries pertaining to camp — "what's the poop on Field Training Pay Rolls?". As far as this office knows, we can only quote from the class given by Col W. E. Meyer, G-1 Section, and from directives by AGO-HAW. But the whole idea of these queries is based upon the revised pay roll form that is contemplated for use by units during the field training, and we pass information to units as we receive them.

With all the foregoing preparations being made, recruiting is still the problem in this battalion. A periodic visit to the local board by the writer is maintained for a listing of all those made 18 and a roster is drawn by district or sectors and submitted to units for their action. In this way, units have enlisted quite a few members over the years. Comes July, it is expected that more will enlist in the HNG, in which case it will afford those now attending school, to complete their schooling in the time they can be deferred as a condition to complete school. Much help in our recruiting program has been given by the Army Recruiting Sergeant stationed on Kauai and it is indeed fortunate for us that he has personally called upon individuals which we have referred to him.

On 12 April, M/Sgt Wilbur A. Taylor of the Unit Advisor Detachment left this fair island and was replaced by M/Sgt George B. C. Sur. Sgt Taylor had been with us for two years in which time he acquired many friends. M/Sgt Sur comes to us from the 297th AAA Bn on Oahu, and already he has acclimated himself to this environment.

MOLOKAI NEWS

CO G 299th RCT

During the last quarter, G Company had thirteen new enlistments. Two of the men had prior service with the National Guard and Army. They are Sgt. George W. Aiwohi and PFC Ronald K. Kalilikane. The other eleven men are PVT's Melvin Ah Ho, Eduardo G. Angel, Herman P. Arcia, James K. Kaai Jr., Aram K. Kalimoku, Henry K. Kamalo Jr., Richard K. Morris, Ronald R. Rapanot, Eligio Reyes Jr., Pio Shafer, and Paul K. Shito.

We lost M/Sgt Gary M. Adachi, our illustrator and second platoon sergeant. PFC Thomas E. Fernandez has transferred to Company C, Maui. M/Sgt Joseph P. Medeiros Jr., has moved to the mainland. PVT-2 Willy K. Naki was transferred to Battery C, 158 AAA Bn. PVT-2 Victorino C. Oliveros was transferred to Second Battalion Medical Platoon, 299 RCT.

During the first week in May, the annual range firing for the company was held. Trophies for high score with M-1 were awarded to PVT Richard Negrillo who shot a 230, and PVT's Ronald R. Papanot and William P. Sullivan who shot identical scores of 213 each. Many thanks go to the personnel of the 1st Bn who arrange for ammunition detail, pit details, target, etc.

Lt. Col. Blake, Battalion CO and staff visited the company during its Sunday drill on 17 February 1957. Col. Blake inspected the training and gave a brief talk to the men of their responsibilities.

The following men were promoted to their present ranks, PFC's Moses L. Espaniola, Vernon K. Puaa, and Francisco Sumait.

3d BN 299th INFANTRY

The big news from the Third Battalion for the last quarter is the movement of Company K into their new armory. This fine new edifice will contribute much to this Puna Company and to their training program.

The Third Battalion recently completed two week ends of range firing at the small arms range at Keaukaha Military Reservation and at the Pohakuloa Training Area. The Battalion racked up an excellent record in their small arms firing with a large percentage of the men firing as Experts and Sharpshooters in the M1, Carbine, and Pistol. Up at Pohakuloa the crew served weapons of the Battalion were fired successfully, and even though the companies had to get up in the wee hours of the morning, the men thoroughly enjoyed the shooting up in the saddle. The showing on the ranges is a credit to the men, many of whom spent hours in the Armories of the Battalion, training on their own time.

In the individual units of the Battalion we have news from Co I of Paauilo. Their strength has been boosted by the enlistments of Pvt-1s Marcelo Acob, Julio Amay, Luciano Augustin, Nemicio Batino Jr, Kenneth S. Oku-

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nam, Arthur Talaro, William A. Travis, Ronald Y. Yanigasawa, and Kenneth Yokoyama. These men are being trained by two of the top NCOs, M/Sgt Emeterio Regidor and Sfc Albert C. Velez. At the range firing, Pvt-1 William C. K. Mills, with no prior service, fired a red hot 231 with the M1. Old timer M/Sgt Juaning Regidor posted a score of 232. Two 60mm Mortar Men qualified as experts; they are SP3 Raymond Ebero and Pfc Richard Tahara.

In Co K, six deserving NCOs with fine records of achievement have earned promotions. Promoted to Sfc were Enoch Kahaloo, Hayao Sanekane and Minoru Shintani. Benjamin Duyao, Faustino C. Hernandez Jr, and Manabu Soga received promotions to the rank of Sergeant.

Up at the Northern tip of the Big Island, Kohala's Company L, lists the following promotions to Pfc: Antone Cazimero Jr, Yoshiki Osaki, Bryant M. Yamanaka and Richard Solomon Jr.

The officers and men of Co M at Laupahoehoe have been very busy of late with their new 106mm Recoilless Rifles and are looking forward eagerly to firing these powerful weapons at summer training. Promotions to Pfc were awarded to Lawrence J. Ignacio, Mitsuo Nakamoto and Norman C. Stevens.

Hq Co in Honokaa gave a very successful luau which was well attended and supplied with kalua pig and all the trimmings. Congratulations are in order to Maj Sunny S. G. Kim, who recently received his appointment to Major. The following men were promoted to SP3: Allan Paiva, Randolph Nakoa, Edward Walker, and Takashi Domingo.

The Battalion has just had one of their non-commissioned officers become a Second Lieutenant. Congratulations are extended to Romaldo Madarang, formerly a Sergeant in I Company.

As a last item, we of the Third Battalion are very proud of the many men who are making quite a name for themselves as amateur boxers. In Paauilo, Company J lists the following boxers: Julio Amay, William Travis, Cristitoto Bailado, Basilio Yagong, Earl T. Saito, Augustine Martinez and Pedro Ebanes. Pedro Ebanes recently won a novice championship bout in Hilo. Over in Kohala, Gilbert Martin and Victor Rivera are coming along well as boxers under the tutelage of SP3 Haruo Maekawa of Company L. It certainly looks as if the Third Battalion will boast the best boxing squad of any battalion in our armed forces.

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Hq & Hq Btry

The Command of Hq Btry has changed hands once more. We regret the transfer of Capt Chuck Vannatta Jr to the Staff, but welcome 1st Lt John Mahuna as our new CO.

Hearty congratulations to our boys for copping the island NG volleyball championship. Our team withstood the challenges of both Prov and 3d Bn.

M/Sgt Sam Kumukahi and Sfc Vince Belanio and Lionel Boskie were exchanging handshakes with the boys. Reason? They were promoted to their present grades.

During the recent Bn range firing, SP2 John Ide and SP3 Takayoshi Kadota recorded the highest scores in the unit with both M1 and Carbine with 227 and 194, respectively. Nice shooting, men!

Bravo Btry

2d Lt Alan Edwards, FO, is now at Fort Sill furthering his military knowledge and experience through the FA Off Basic Crs.

Recent losses included Mess Steward Frank Kamimura, one of the most efficient in the business we've known. He left us to assume new duties as manager of a well-known restaurant in LA. Others were Ed Fujita, Marshall Baji, and Roy Tanoue. New additions were Sgt Modesto Savella, Jr, ex-110th "cat", SP3 Ronald Goto, former Svc Co cook, and recruits Derick Matsunami and Junji Kasamoto.

Btry Clerk Gary Ichinose is not only a versatile athlete at Hilo Hi. He made the local headlines again by being named King of the HHS Jr-Sr Promenade.

Deserving EM sporting new stripes are SFCs Joe Correa and Glenn Horiuchi; Sgts Gil and James Aguiar; and SP3 Robert Aoki.

Sfc B. Villaverde, Sup Sgt and ASMT, became the first Bravo recipient of the coveted HNG Svc Medal.

Service Btry

Back from ACDUTRA was Pfc Wallace Matsuda. A Certificate of Achievement was awarded to him in recognition of his outstanding service while a member of the 90th FA Bn during his six-months tenure of service with the 25th. The certificate in part states, "Pfc Matsuda has shown a fine attitude, military bearing, and exemplary behavior, willingness to learn, strong moral character and attention to details, to reflect great credit upon himself and the service." His comment upon receiving the award was an emphatic "I strongly recommend the 6-months active duty to all young Guardsmen."



Four (4) members of the HNG Pistol Team fired in the 14th Naval District Match last Saturday, May 18, 1957.

Stephen Heu, placed in three (3) of the four (4) Individual Matches; Herbert Panoke, placed second expert in the Center Fire Timed Fire Match; A. S. Char, placed first expert in the aggregate of the three guns; and Clarence R. Johnson, placed first expert with the .22.

The team won first place in the .45 Caliber Team Match, setting a new Island record with the .45. Total score 1144 - 26 X. The old record of 1129 - 18 X was held by the Marines.

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So much has transpired in the past few months in the local shooting world that in a one page article such as this it is impossible to do more than give a brief resume of those activities. A run down of the major events recently held or scheduled in the immediate future in which there was National Guard participation is as follows:

- Small Bore NRA Regional, Koko Head, 2-3 March
- Major Commanders' Pistol Match, Schofield Bks., 9 and 10 March
- Major Commanders' Rifle Match, Schofield Barracks, 23 and 24 March
- Commanding General USARPAC Pistol Match, Scho. Bks., 6 and 7 April
- Commanding General USARPAC Rifle Match, Scho. Bks., 13 and 14 April
- Army Area Pistol Match, Scho. Bks. 27 & 28 April
- Army Area Rifle Match, Scho. Bks., 4 and 5 May
- Pistol NRA Regional, Wailuku, Maui, 11 and 12 May
- High Power Rifle NRA Regional, Scho. Bks., 18-19 May

Add to the above events, the regular monthly Police and 14th Naval District Matches, the All-Service Rifle Match in Hilo in July, the National Matches in Camp Perry in August and September and it is easy to see why the shooters complain sometimes that they hardly have time to earn a living.

Much of this intense shooting activity stems from the determination of USARPAC that never again would the Army be in bottom place as they were for so long in small arms competition. They started out about a year ago intending to get results and what they have achieved in a year's time is spectacular. They took a clean sweep of the team events in the Pistol Regional and also most of the individual events. It just goes to show what can be done if there is a determination to succeed and it also shows that if you keep plugging away and practicing you just cannot help but improve. From the recent results, I feel that our National Guard teams, both rifle and pistol, will have to devote even more time and effort than they have done heretofore if they are to regain the dominant position in the shooting world that they held for so long.

It is gratifying to see that the pistol team has finally

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managed to interest some very good young shooters, principally from the Military Police and Ordnance Companies and got them out shooting in the matches.

New shooters are the lifeblood of any shooting organization and with the incentive of Camp Perry trips on active duty status beckoning them, there should be lots of applicants for position on the shooting teams. The HNG pistol Championship results as published in General Orders No. 14 lists the following shooters as members of the 1957 HNG Pistol Team:

John Beaumont	Stephen Heu	Clarence Johnson
George Roberts	John Aiona	Edmund Hara
Anthony Conti	Ah Sung Char	Herbert Panoke
Eckley Yim	Patrick Cullen	Henry Yamada

From the above twelve individuals, the Adjutant General will select those who will represent the Hawaii National Guard at the National Matches in Camp Perry, Ohio, in August, providing that funds are made available from the National Guard Bureau as they were in 1956. The Hawaii National Guard Pistol Team has quite a reputation to maintain at Camp Perry since they have consistently defeated all other National Matches since 1952.

Also selected during the Pistol Championship was the winning HNG Unit Pistol Team; the 120th Military Police, the organization which makes the winning of pistol matches a habit. For their victory, the MP Company is awarded the Adjutant General's Trophy.

ODDS AND ENDS: Members of the HNG Pistol Team have recently been hosts to the Pistol Teams from the Presidio of San Francisco and from the 6th Marine Division. Included in the ranks of these teams were many old friends and kamaainas, among whom were Colonel H. B. Rau, former Director of Civilian marksmanship, Gunner Hazlitt, and Master Sergeants Jim Davis, Donald Henry, and Jim Wade. The Presidio team came here to fire a match with the 25th Division in which they won handily and highlighted the event by a spectacular 10 X possible (at timed fire) with the service .45 by Master Sergeant Lincoln.

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THE PENTANA CONCEPT

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EDITOR'S NOTE. *This very advanced thinking article is of vital importance to every member of the Hawaii National Guard. It should be read by every one. It is hoped that an organizational chart can be published in the future.*

What is Pentana? It is a new word, coined to describe a new Army concept. Army Reservists, as well as active Army personnel, are vitally concerned with this new concept, which is described as follows in "56 Progress, The United States Army Reports." Here is what the office of Secretary of the Army says about Pentana:

After many years of study, experimentation, and tests, the Army in 1956 combined its new weapons and equipment with advanced techniques in an atomic-age concept of organization and tactics which it calls "Pentana." Above all else, the "Pentana" concept is designed to exploit the atomic weapon, the guided-missile, and the Army aircraft. The word "Pentana" was coined to describe two principal features of the new concept, including a five-sided organizational structure (Pent) and a merged capacity for atomic, non-atomic operations (Ana).

The Pentana concept visualizes that the combat zone in an atomic war will be greatly extended in depth. Combat action will be very fluid. Units will disperse to avoid detection and destruction by atomic weapons and converge to fight. Its decisive margin of strength lies in mobility and fast reaction time so that it will be able to live on the atomic battlefield and exploit the shock and devastation of the atomic weapon.

Tactical units must be small, independent battle groups capable of operating for extended periods at long distances from higher echelons.

In its simplest form, Pentana is a plan for exploiting the latest technological advances in: Firepower, Mobility and Communications.

Pentana provides for extensive use of atomic firepower. A never-increasing range of sizes and yields permits the firing of atomic warheads in most of the Army's missiles and some of its cannon.

The atomic-bearing missile gives a commander almost unlimited flexibility and crushing firepower. His longer range missiles have the capacity of supporting his far-flung and fast-ranging battlegroups over the vast distances of the atomic battlefield. This combination of range, accuracy and punch permits him to mass his firepower without necessarily massing his forces.

Pentana visualizes greatly increased firepower as well. We have made remarkable progress in the design of high explosive non-atomic warheads for smaller missiles and conventional weapons. Also, the elimination of headquarters and the streamlining of its organization gives a pentagonal division higher proportional firepower than the older divisions.

Pentana recognizes that the Army must develop additional ways and means of discovering targets or otherwise its devastating firepower will lie idle. A number of effective location devices are under development and are scheduled for use by the reconnaissance elements of the Pentana divisions.

Pentana requires what might be called hypermobility. To fight successfully on the battlefield of the future, the

Army must no longer be roadbound and tied to a ponderous logistical tail, but rather it must develop improved cross-country mobility with lightly armored personnel and cargo carriers plus increased use of air vehicles. Much of the supply to and within the field army must be delivered by aircraft of the assault cargo and convertiplane type. Transport of units into the battle area and back and forth within the battle area must be accomplished in a large part by aircraft. Much of the increased mobility of the Pentana division comes from the leanness of its basic structure. Nonessentials have been stripped away. Much equipment and some units have been removed and pooled at higher command levels. This stripping leaves the airborne division and battle groups of the infantry division light and completely air transportable, and gives other elements improved mobility and air transportability.

Good communications mean that we have a faster reaction time than our opponents. We beat the enemy to the punch and step out of the way before he can hit back.

Army scientists are developing electronic communications equipment that is lighter in weight, durable, dependable, with longer range than present equipment and largely impervious to enemy jamming. This equipment includes small radios built into helmets of individual soldiers and television units in aircraft and drones.

Following quickly on the heels of the 101st Airborne Division's reorganization, the Army is accelerating its plans to improve its infantry divisions and it may soon reorganize its other airborne divisions. The changes required to align the divisions with the Pentana concept if made will be the most drastic and significant since World War II.

Any new infantry division will be organized with primary consideration of its capability for sustained ground combat, as opposed to air transportability, and as a result will have heavier fire support than the airborne divisions and will also have tanks and armored personnel carriers whereas the airborne division has neither. Such an infantry division, like the airborne division, will be a truly atomic-age unit, fully capable of fighting successfully and surviving on the modern battlefield.

With greater mobility and increased firepower, the new organizations under consideration will contribute greatly to the Army's ability to intervene quickly and effectively, if need be, in limited wars. The fact that such divisions may be more quickly moved over long distances by air increases their deterrent value in connection with both limited and general war. The airborne division particularly is able to fulfill the role of the "fire brigade," moving quickly to troubled spots wherever they may arise and stamping out aggression before it has a chance to expand into the general war which the whole world seeks to avoid.

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