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ON THE COVER: The Kauai Surf Hotel, Lihue, Kauai site of the Hawaii National Guard Association's 20th Annual Conference. Located on beautiful Kalapaki Beach the Kauai Surf will offer delegates a chance to relax and enjoy themselves while attending "Kauai Six-Nine."

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Lt Colonel DeWitt C. Bye
Chairman, Kauai Six-Nine
Conference Committee

WELCOME TO KAUAI

As Commander of the 150th ACW Squadron at Kokee and Chairman of the Kauai Six-Nine Conference Committee, it is indeed a pleasure to be afforded this opportunity to bid you Aloha. Aloha to our Garden Island and Aloha to the Twentieth Annual Conference of the Hawaii National Guard Association.

This 20th anniversary conference is the first to be held on a neighbor island since the organization of the HNGA. Something new for all of us; away from home for a couple days, a break to set aside everyday cares. Different, too, from previous years, when we were limited, in our exposure to each other, to a matter of a few hours during the formal meeting and even less at the evening banquet. However, not different in tradition for tradition is neither time nor place, it is what we believe, what the HNGA, stands for.

There will be time for fun and play, rest and relaxation, in a refreshing environment, all calculated to renew esprit in an atmosphere of comradery. A corollary to this Kauai Six-Nine scheme and an important consideration, that Guardsmen are generally prone to overlook, is the opportunity for many of our wives to finally get better acquainted with each other and the Hawaii National Guard. Without their understanding support, we can all readily admit, that attainment of the goals we seek would be infinitely more difficult.

You will find Kauai to be an excellent "thing spot," away from the hustle and bustle of Hawaii's big city, away from the concentration of business and military. A chance to get together with a purpose, for it will take the whole team to successfully meet the challenges we face.

Public acceptance and the general image of the National Guard, as well as a nation-wide anti-military under-current are all vital questions facing America today. They are equally critical in Hawaii, and make no mistake, every individual HNGA member shares a responsibility in overcoming the negatives and in helping to solve the crucial problem of reconstituting the 29th Brigade. The key to the future rests within and therein lies the primary purposes for Kauai Six-Nine, a re-dedication to work together and get the total job done.

DEWITT C. BYE, Lt Col, HANG
Chairman

As one looks around himself — no matter where he is on Oahu — he finds construction and more construction. Hawaii today leads the nation in per capita commercial construction volume. Not to be outdone by the condominium developers, office building developers, industrial developers, and other miscellaneous entrepreneurs, the Hawaii National Guard is contributing to this plethora of construction, with three major projects of its own. These projects are the construction of a new armory building in Kaneohe, a new mobile communication center and auto maintenance shop at Hickam, and an addition to the office at the Base Supply and Equipment Warehouse also at Hickam. These three projects total close to two million dollars in construction cost — a small portion of total construction in Hawaii to be sure, but a large amount for the State Department of Defense.



CONSTRUCTION RESUMES, after many delays construction is now going full steam at the Kaneohe Armory.

The new armory building in Kaneohe will be the home of Battery C, First Battalion, 487th Artillery. In addition to housing this Hawaii Army National Guard unit, the new armory complex will serve the dual purpose of acting as the gymnasium for the Samuel Wilder King Intermediate and High School on whose grounds it is located. It was originally hoped that the armory would be completed shortly after the return of the 29th Infantry Brigade to State control in December, however, unforeseen ground water flooding condition have occurred which will delay completion until early April 1970. At the present time construction is proceeding at full

NATIONAL GUARD ADDS TO BUILDING BOOM

By David Proudfoot

speed with approximately 40 percent of the building completed.

On June 27th a contract was let to Tower Construction Company, Inc., for construction of new communication center and vehicle maintenance shop for the 201st Mobile Communication Squadron. The amount of the contract was \$1,039,902.00. Notice to proceed on the project has been given to the contractor and excavation of the site has begun. This new facility will replace Battery Selfridge as the home of the 201st, and will be a welcome addition to Hawaii Air National Guard facilities. The new complex is scheduled for completion in early June 1970.

Construction has also begun on a new addition to the Base Supply and Equipment Warehouse for the Air Guard at Hickam. This addition is being built above the existing office space in the warehouse, and will provide new quarters for the Base Equipment Management Office and Civilian Base Personnel Office, Hawaii Air National Guard. These two offices will be moving from the hanger area in order to free needed space there for other sections. The contractor for this project is Robert M. Kaya Builders, Inc., and they have until early December to complete the job. Contract price for this project is \$94,230.00.

All three of the above projects are being monitored by the Engineering and Facilities Maintenance Office of the State Department of Defense. In fact, the last project, the addition to the Base Supply and Equipment Warehouse, was completely designed in house by the department's engineers and will be inspected by them.

The Engineering and Facilities Maintenance Office provides engineering and maintenance support for the Hawaii Army National

Guard, Hawaii Air National Guard, and State Civil Defense, all of the State Department of Defense. The section, programs, designs, and supervises construction and repair projects and provides for the protection, repair, and upkeep of departmental buildings and grounds. The office is composed of six full time employees — Captain Cedric Chong, the engineering and contracting officer; David Proudfoot, assistant engineering officer; Yutaka Takemoto, designer and architectural draftsman; Major Edward Kim, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor; and the two clerk/secretaries, Elsie Do and Fumiko Mitsumori. This office is located in the G. Clark Johnson Building inside Diamond Head Crater.



THE SIGNS ARE UP and construction has begun on 201st Mobile Communications Squadron's new building at Fort Kamehameha. The tower in the background is an old WW II observation post.



BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER
Adjutant General

WE SALUTE THEM

When this issue of **The Hawaii Guardsman** is distributed, there will be less than four months remaining until the return of the 29th Infantry Brigade to state control and inactive status. To say that all of us who remained behind will be delighted to welcome the Brigade back is to put it mildly. Many thoughts about the Brigade and its members come to mind as I think of what has transpired since I was informed of the activation order early in the morning of April 11, 1968. Other thoughts concern the future of the Brigade. Predominant among my thoughts are the following:

a. Many members have suffered family hardships, financial and otherwise. We are very cognizant of this problem and admire the ability of those who had these hardships to overcome them.

b. Several members of the Brigade have lost their lives and others have been wounded, some quite seriously. Our hearts go out to them and to their

families and friends. We hope and pray that casualties between now and December will be light.

c. As we look to the future, we know that reconstitution of the Brigade may be difficult. We hope that most of those who return will stay with the Hawaii National Guard even though they may have the option to leave us. I want all HNG members of the 29th Infantry Brigade to know that they are wanted and needed. A strong National Guard is still needed, and continued service to the State and Nation in inactive status on the part of our former members is greatly to be desired.

d. All of us who remained behind are truly grateful to those who did so well in maintaining and improving the stature and the image of the Hawaii National Guard. They have been a source of pride to us and they have earned the right to feel a deep sense of personal satisfaction. We salute them.

BRIGADE WELCOMES NINTH DIVISION

SGT. Ed Smith

29th INFANTRY BRIGADE — "Yankee, you're gonna die tonight," crackled over 29th Infantry Brigade radios during June as "enemy" forces harassed perimeter defenders during exercise "Lepper Lapin II," a full-scale joint Army-Air Force training maneuver.

For two weeks, from the 15th to the 30th of June, the brigade cut its way through the dense undergrowth in the Waiakea Forest Area and trudged the lava flats and "puus" at the Army's Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island. The result was a successfully completed training exercise leaving each of its 2,800 participants better able to handle themselves and their jobs in a combat situation.

Exercise "Lepper Lapin II" was tailor made for the 29th. It was a fair check for the brigade on its capabilities as Pacific Command Reserve. On a less gradiose but equally critical level it served as a more than adequate check on the capabilities of the individual soldiers.

According to the "play" of the exercise the brigade was called upon to assist the beleaguered forces of the mythical Republic of Kona. An island nation, Kona was being threatened by insurgents from within and hostile "regular" forces from the nearby country of "Pacifiko."

Alerted and finally ordered to move out, the brigade was transported from Schofield Barracks to Kona (Island of Hawaii) via Air Force C-141 "Starlifter" jet transports. The airlift required 89



FIRE BASE — An artillery fire base established by the 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery and protected by the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, 29th Infantry Brigade blocked the single artery leading to the Republic of Kona capital city. An enemy force of at least battalion size attempted unsuccessfully to breach the base during exercise "Lepper Lapin II." (29th Bde Photo)

simulated tactical missions to move the brigade and its equipment to the mythical republic's international airport (Gen. Lyman Field at Hilo).

The 29th's first mission after the hop from Oahu was to secure the Kona airport. Since Hilo airport is commercially active the brigade transferred about a mile to the Keaukaha Military Reserve normally used by the Hawaii Army National Guard. The Republic of Kona International Airport was simulated there. The brigade took up defensive positions as it moved in.

U.S. Army, Hawaii controllers made things tough for the 29th. Brigadier General James K. Terry, 29th Brigade commander and exercise director, ordered up some

realistic but perplexing problems for the infantry units as they arrived.

Besides the usual aggressor action, conducted by the brigade's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, the 29th was faced with every sort of civil affairs problem. For the first five days of the exercise much of the brigade's time was occupied in the evacuation of nearly 3,000 simulated civilians who were determined to get out of the Republic of Kona as quickly as possible with a variety of personal belongings.

The brigade civil affairs officer found himself deluged with such problems as what to do with 15 pregnant Canadian women, 80 Filipino cane cutters who hadn't eaten in three days, 10 U.S. merchants who wouldn't leave the island without their expensive cars and one elderly gentleman who demanded that his 300 pound pet turtle, "Horatio," be evacuated.

The 29th operated under the control of the Military Assistance-Advisory Group-Kona and the U.S. Ambassador to Kona, both mythical.

In the early stages of the exercise insurgents nearly eliminated this command level. The ambassador, threatened by prowling insurgents carrying bombs, demanded protection. A unit from the brigade moved to the capitol city of Kona (Hilo) to provide the needed protection. This action took the troops through the streets of Hilo to the now unoccupied National Guard Armory used to simulate the ambassador's home.

Just in the nick of time they caught the "bombers."

Finally the 29th had the evacuation accomplished and was given its tactical missions. Teams from the U.S. Embassy took over the civil affairs responsibility and the brigade started offensive operations.

The 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry moved out and established themselves in the Waiakea Forest Reserve where they were to assist Republic of Kona forces in the destruction of an insurgent Popular Force Battalion which, according to the play of the problem was threatening the republic's capitol city.

Meanwhile the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry and elements of the 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery headed for Pohakuloa where they established an artillery fire base blocking the only usable road through the volcanoes to the capitol. A regular Pacifiko battalion was expected to move down the road on its way to attack the capitol. The Pohakuloa lava flats permitted artillery exercises adding to the realism of the problem. The mythical enemy battalion showed up, tried to push through and received a sound whalloping.

Later the 1st Battalion, 299th replaced the 100th at the fire base and had their turn at blasting the Pacifiko regulars.

At the close of the exercise the brigade was relieved by the 13th Infantry Division which, for problem purposes, had been located on the U.S. mainland and was

airlifted to Kona for extended operations.

Everyone associated with exercise "Lepper Lapin II" acknowledged its value as a training exercise. For the 29th Brigade, it was considered a job well done.

As the 29th Brigade returned from its exercise on the Big Island almost immediately it was given another substantial mission. According to General Terry, the mission of the 29th for the months of July and August was to support the arrival and settling in of the 9th Infantry Division.

Toward this end, each unit of the 29th was assigned one or more corresponding units of the 9th for "sponsorship" purposes. Sponsorship is a broad term meaning, "do everything you can to help." That's what the 29th has done.

When the first members of the 9th Division, the advance party, arrived at Hickam Air Force Base



FOREST SERVICES — Chaplain (Major) Franklin Frost of the 29th Infantry Brigade conducts Sunday services among the thick ferns and trees in the Waiakea Forest Reserve on the island of Hawaii during exercise "Lepper Lapin II". (29th Bde Photo)

from Vietnam, they were greeted by their counterparts from the 29th and settled in. Working together, the 9th-29th team prepared for the housing, feeding and briefing of the nearly 8,000 9th Division troops which arrived in Hawaii.

The 29th Brigade staff worked nights planning and arranging hundreds of logistical problems encountered by both the 9th and their hosts, the 29th. The brigade shuffled around from one Quad to another making best use of available space. The 29th Brigade headquarters was moved to Building 500 and all of Schofield Barracks made every effort to "square things away" for the incoming troops.

The sponsors for the first actual unit of the 9th to arrive — the 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry were the men of the 100th Battalion. The newly renovated Quad C was allocated to this unit and the 100th took on the job of getting it ready.

They moved in bunks, new mattresses, foot and wall lockers and office furniture. They prepared a full sized, especially cut, steak dinner for the 4th's arrival. They met the 4th Battalion at their planes, bussed them to Schofield and took care of their luggage. After a brief ceremony in Quad C the 9th Division men settled into a "furnished" home.

Throughout August similar sponsorship roles were performed by all units of the 29th. So with 29th Brigade assistance, the 9th arrived and settled into Schofield Barracks with a minimum of difficulty.

HANG MISSILEMEN "PASS THE AMMUNITION"

By Major John Beaumont

Time 0400. The ringing of a telephone disrupts the sound sleep of the Missile Shop Non Commissioned Officer in Charge. The message — early recall! "JTF-119, 'COCKED PISTOL', mass load all aircraft. This is the way an exercise starts for the 154th's Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Munitions Maintenance Section.

As his family goes back to sleep, the day is just beginning for Master Sergeant Gordon Makashima. A day that will put to test all of the training and practice of the past several years. With trained precision, Master Sergeant Makashima goes through his telephone recall listing and shortly thereafter twenty-two more members of the missile section are on the road and on the way to Hickam AFB.

The early morning job is to "break out" (take out of storage) and deliver the munitions to the flight line where they will be immediately loaded on the F-102A interceptor aircraft. In addition, munitions must also be loaded on some U.S. Army trucks for overland transport and detachments of munitions personnel are deployed to forward operating bases to establish munitions storage operations at these bases. All of this activity must be accomplished within a very few hours after the time of recall. Above all, this task must be done safely and within the guidelines required by the multitude of Air Force and Pacific Air Force directives.

Once the early recall tasks are completed, the exercise settles down to the routine delivery of additional munitions as they are required and, of course, the big job of inspecting and returning to ready storage all of the munitions that were earlier broken out for the exercise. An exercise of this type always results in more than an eight-hour day for the munitions troops.

The Munitions Maintenance Sec-

tion is almost completely self reliant. Because of the high explosive nature of their business, their area is remotely located away from all other base functions. Within this area, they maintain their own supply of spare parts, store and maintain the munitions, maintain and operate the test and transport equipment.

The day-to-day task of the section, of course, is to keep all of the missiles and transport equipment in a constant high state of readiness. So that we can, deliver a combat ready load of missiles to the flight line in the shortest possible time. Needless to say, a forklift that won't start or several flat tires could mean disaster in an early recall, mass load situation.

The F-102 aircraft carries six Falcon missiles and twelve 2.75"

folding fin aircraft rockets. Of the six missiles, the Hawaii Air Guard carries three types, the AIM-4A, AIM-4D, and AIM-26B. AIM being the abbreviation for "air launched interceptor missile." Once launched by the pilot, these missiles will lock-on and track the target until impact.

The basic difference between the types of missiles is the guidance units. The AIM-4A and 26B lock-on and track-a-radar beam provided by the firing aircraft or in some cases the target itself. The AIM-4D locks onto and tracks a heat source such as the engine exhaust of the target aircraft.

Different kinds of guidance units are used to provide the pilots more flexibility in a combat situation and to foil the enemy when they try to jam our systems.



HOLDING MISSILEMAN BADGES are nine of 11 Hawaii Air National Guard badgeholders. Top row, left to right: SSgt Earl Inouye, MSgt Nelson Lee, Maj John Beaumont, TSgt Lloyd Seki, and MSgt Gordon Makashima. Bottom row, left to right: TSgt Frederico Espina, SSgt Reginald Chun, Sgt Roy Kudo, and Sgt Loren Ichiyama. Not pictured are 2nd Lt Richard Tsuchiya and SSgt Roy Kuwahara. (Hawaii Air National Guard Photo)



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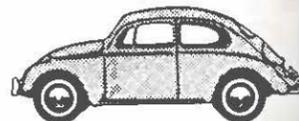
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Sgt Roy Kudo and SSgt Reginald Chun prepare to work on an AIM-26B FALCON Air-to-Air Missile. This missile is 85.4 in. long and weighs 285.5 lbs.

There are two basic skills, or military Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSCs) required to operate the missile area. They are the munitions maintenance and storage technicians and the missile guidance systems technicians. Both of these groups receive their technical training at Lowry AFB, Colorado. The munitions maintenance personnel are trained in the maintenance, storage, and transportation of the explosive components. The guidance technicians, as their name implies, are primarily electronics technicians who are trained to maintain the various guidance systems and the multitude of electronic test equipment that is required to support the missiles.



CONVOY READY TO ROLL, with all the missiles loaded aboard, this convoy is now ready to head for the flight line and load them on to the waiting F-102A aircraft.

As the famous World War II saying goes, "pass the ammunition," that is the basic job of the Munitions Maintenance Section. The mission of the 154th Fighter Group, HANG, largely depends on the ability of this section to "pass the ammunition." In this light, the HANG Missilemen, together with their many counterparts within the Hawaii Air National Guard fill a vital and indispensable role in the defense of our islands.

298TH ARTILLERY GROUP NEWS

By Capt. Alvin A. F. Kort

HHB, 298th Arty Gp

The 298th Artillery Group recently completed a very rewarding two-week period of field training. The 1969 encampment was pointed toward a three-day Defense Combat Evaluation (DCE) held in conjunction with the JTF - 119 exercise. The first week of camp was spent preparing for the exercise. A few classroom-type subjects were given and HHB troops were given an orientation tour of Battery D. The majority of training, however, was "on-the-job." At the start of the second week, the firing batteries joined HHB at camp and the DCE started with a practice mobilization. On Wednesday afternoon, the DCE terminated after seventy-two hours of sustained combat operations.

Summer Camp was not all work. There was time for play also. During the first week and the latter part of the second week, various recreational activities were held. They included bowling, fishing and golf tournaments and a unit party. A unit-run PX and beer garden contributed to the high unit morale during camp. SP4 Gilbert Streeter was the head "honcho" of the unit PX — a particular suitable job. Specialist Streeter is the Assistant

Manager of the Schofield Barracks PX in civilian life.

BTRY A

"Happenings" at Btry A seem to have come to halt — ALMOST! Btry A has completed every annual inspection except the IG, which is scheduled for September. In May, the unit underwent a Combat Readiness Evaluation by U.S. Army, Pacific and was rated "Combat Ready" — the highest rating possible. A Nike (USARHAW) and Non-Nike (HARNG)



SSG GEORGE VERSOLA, Supply Sergeant, Btry A, 298th Arty, receives the HNG Commendation Medal for meritorious service from MG Benjamin Webster during ceremonies held at Btry A on 12 July.

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CMMI (Command Maintenance Management Inspection) were received and Btry A received Satisfactory ratings on both.

July saw the start of the battery's annual youth project — conducting marksmanship training for the YMCA at Camp Erdman. Each summer, Btry A provides personnel and equipment to conduct weapons safety and marksmanship. The youngsters are taught safety precautions and the basic principles of firing the .22 cal rifle. 1969 marks the seventh anniversary of this program.

BTRY B

Congratulations are in order for two "Bravo" troopers who were named Honor Graduates of their respective Service School class. Letters of commendation were presented to SSG Timothy Y. Kajiwara, Honor Graduate of the Improved Nike Hercules Fire Control System Maintenance Class No. 7-68, Ft. Bliss, Texas; and PVT Michael T. Okada who was named the Honor Graduate of his AIT class at Battery B, 3rd Air Defense Training Battalion (NH), Ft. Bliss, Texas.

BTRY C

The week that the men of Btry C will remember for a long time began early July 7th with a telephone call from HQ USARHAW. This call announced that a Command Maintenance Management Inspection (CMMI) was to begin at 0900 hours. At 0600 hours, unit personnel were on site making last-minute touch-ups and preparations. This inspection lasted two days and was rated Satisfactory. On the 9th of July, "Charley" stood an administrative Command Inspection by Group headquarters. This also lasted for two days. The week was topped off by the "In-Ranks" portion of the inspection by COL John M. Becker, CO, 298th Arty Gp. Battery C's motto is now "One More to Go" — the annual IG inspection in September.

On 19 Jul 69, MAJ Rudolph Thomas, CO, Btry C, and a twelve-man squad led by SSG Arthur Weaver, traveled to Ft Ruger to

present four hours of instruction on Riot Control Tactics to the HNG Senior OCS class.

BTRY D

On the 10th of May, Btry D departed Honolulu for Short Notice Annual Practice at McGregor Range, New Mexico. Looking like a group of traveling business executives, dressed in business suits instead of their uniforms the men boarded their "champagne" flight for a relaxed journey to McGregor Range. Once there these "business executives" went to work and scored a 97% and received the designation of Honor Battery.

CSM

Congratulations to SGM William L. Duncan Jr, HHB, 298th Arty Gp. SGM Duncan received his Command Sergeant Majors "Stripes" from MG Benjamin Webster on Friday, 1 Aug 69 in a ceremony at Battery D. SGM Duncan and SGM Kobayashi (HHD, HARNG) are the only two senior NCOs in HARNG in the grade of Command Sergeant Major.

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CAPT KENNETH D. H. CHONG
Chairman, HNGA Legislative
Committee

This year the Legislative Committee of the Hawaii National Guard Association worked toward the enactment of two bills — one for exclusion of up to \$1,500 of military pay earned by Guardsmen and the other to allow Guard technicians who served in the military after December 7, 1941, but prior to becoming a state employee, the right to purchase one additional year of retirement credit for each five years of state employment. Although neither bill passed, a strong foundation was laid for enactment of the bills next session when both will be revived.

The pay exclusion bill was assigned top priority since it affected everybody in the Guard. First, a study was made as to the benefits afforded Guardsmen in other states. This information was compiled and a report made to the Adjutant General, who, upon being informed that 28 states gave their Guardsmen total or partial state tax exemption on military pay, authorized the committee to proceed with its legislative efforts. Later, the Director of the State Tax Department and his Research Director were consulted as to the

possible impact of our bill on potential tax revenue. It was explained that the \$1,500 exclusion we were suggesting would reduce the state's tax revenue about \$1,000,000 per year, which is about 1% of the total tax revenue normally received. Bills were prepared by the attorneys of both houses and concurrently introduced.

At this point, the assistance of the Hawaii National Guard NCO Association and other reserve organizations in Hawaii was solicited. We appeared before the Senate Ways and Means Committee to explain our proposal and answer questions. Although we had also asked for permission to speak before the House Finance Committee, our request was denied. We did, however, appear before the 154th Fighter Group at a GMT assembly, and in response to our request that a letter writing campaign be conducted, about 250 letters written by individuals were sent out to legislators asking them to support our bills.

Due mainly to pressures being exerted on the Legislature to pass a 25% government pay raise bill claim, the Senate came up with a compromise version of our bill (Standing Committee Report 740, SB 980 SD 1) which would have given our men who were overseas at least 300 days of a year total pay

exemption, and those who served here as Guardsmen an exclusion of up to \$500. This, in effect, meant that all lower grade enlisted men would still have a total exemption. The State Senate passed the modified bill.

Unfortunately, we did not do as well in the House. Despite some fine support by Representatives Richard Kawakami, Charles Ushijima, and Tennyson Lum, the House Finance Committee refused to act on SB 980, SD1. When the Senate asked that a conference committee be appointed to review the bill, the House refused to appoint conferees for the purpose. Therefore, the compromise measure died in the House Finance Committee.

House Bill 377, which would have credited a portion of a technician's military service toward his state retirement record, died in the House Committee on Government Efficiency and Public Employment. Although the dollar impact of this bill on tax revenue would have been insignificant, the fact that the measure involved relatively few people and therefore had limited public appeal probably led to its demise.

The committee was unsuccessful in getting either measures passed this session but believes the true results of its efforts can only be measured over a period of time. A firm foundation was laid for both bills, new friends won, and enthusiasm generated. Given a greater measure of support by other organization and perhaps a demonstration by more Guardsmen of their interest and concern in the measures proposed, the committee feels there is an excellent chance of the next legislature passing both bills.

POSSIBILITIES

At the very onset of our Guardsmen careers, we were told, then we learned, and hopefully most of us developed, a deep feeling for our obligations as citizen-warriors. Then came the realization that our role and mission to defend our great nation, to defend our lovely state, and most of all to defend our precious families is IMPORTANT! Allow me to pose a question to each of you individually — Have you developed the courage to live up to your obligations as a modern day Hawaiian-Warrior?

Specifically, as officers of the National Guard, our responsibilities and obligations extend far beyond our basic and necessary patriotic motivations. An excellent starting point may be found in our HNGA By-Laws which states that "The purpose of this association shall be to strengthen the National Defense; to further the interests of the Hawaii National Guard; and to promote the sound organization and development thereof". As a group, your Hawaii National Guard Association could become the most effective way for each of you to participate, to get involved and to develop dreams into reality. I believe our Association, could develop into one of the most influential organizations within our community. For the benefit of our troops and our individual companies, batteries, and squadrons, there are many betterments which we should instigate and fully cultivate.

As I look back over the past nine months of our Association, I find that many members have come forward to serve on our various committees. However, those of our members who volunteer always seem to be the same familiar faces. Where are the rest of you? Here is your chance to really prove your salt and become truly effective leaders for the sake of furthering the interests of the Hawaii National Guard.

We must find ways to minimize apathy and get our entire membership involved in all of our activities and undertakings. We could find many truths in the adage "there is strength in numbers." When our Association goes before the Legislature next year, your support in the form of letters and contacts will be needed. When Hawaii in '71 is upon us the following year, maximum effort will be required from every member. When the 29th Brigade returns, all of our ideas and help will be required to assure a smoother transition back to State status. These endeavors may try our patience and will certainly require our complete D&D (Dedication & Devotion). These could be some of the extracurricular activities which will make our Association a giant in National Guard affairs. And as our Association grows in stature, so will each of us as members. But remember, our Association will only grow if each individual member is willing, able, and actually participates.



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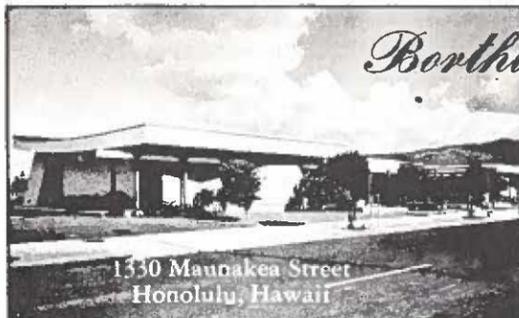
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NEWS FROM THE 150TH

TSG TOSHIO NAGAI RECEIVES HOKU AWARD

TSG Toshio Nagai received the 150th ACW Squadron's Hoku Award for the fourth quarter FY '69. The Hoku Award is presented to an airman quarterly for his outstanding performance of military duties, initiative, leadership and attitude; for self-improvement efforts as well as efforts towards improving the unit; and finally for motivation, loyalty, interest and participation.

TSG Nagai won the coveted award for the outstanding performance he demonstrated while a crew chief of a maintenance flight. His C&E officer, 1LT George J. Koga, best describes him as, "An individual who accepts all responsibilities with a positive spirit, he is a valuable asset to the section, squadron and the Hawaii National Guard."

TSG Nagai enlisted in the 150th in January 1962 after serving four years in the Air Force. He now resides in Waimea with his wife Eileen, and a daughter Kelley.

150TH AWARDED SECOND CONSECUTIVE OJT UNIT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The 150th received its second consecutive OJT Unit Achievement Award, for an outstanding On-The-Job Training Program that produced an above average Air National Guard Skill Manning and Specialty Knowledge Test Passing Rate during the period 1 January 1968 through 31 December 1968.

The 150th is one of the very few squadrons in HANG to receive the award twice in succession. Squadron OJT Supervisors are striving hard to maintain this record.

TSG MELVIN KAUAAHI COMPLETES PHASE I ANG NCO ACADEMY

TSG Melvin Kauahi recently graduated from the ANG NCO

Academy at McGhee Tyson AFB, Tennessee. The academy offers a 5½ week course to selected NCO's for preparation in more advanced leadership and management responsibilities.

When asked for a comment about the school, SGT Kauahi replied,



Lt Col DeWitt C. Bye and TSG Toshio Nagai are welcomed to dinner by Mr. Kenneth Arashiro owner of the Wailua Marina Restaurant. Mr. Arashiro invited them to be his guests at the restaurant after TSG Nagai had won the 150th's HOKU award.

"All senior NCOs should make it a part of his career development to attend this school, as it provides all the tools and background knowledge for more effective leadership and sound management practices."

TSG GORDON KIRETO DONATES RARE MOTH TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In June 1969, a rare green moth, "the Fabulous Green Sphinx of Kauai" was caught by TSG Gordon Kireto while working on radar equipment. TSG Kireto's discovery is only the fifth Green Sphinx to be caught since the early 1900's. Of the five caught, three are in private collections; one is in a British Museum; and Kireto's will be kept in the Department of Agriculture's collection. According to Zimmerman's "Insects of Hawaii," an insect collector once offered \$100,000 for the capture of the rare green moth.



MAJ MELVIN G. ING
 Chairman, HNGA 29th
 Brigade Committee

The 29th Brigade Committee was formed for the purpose of maintaining contact with the Brigade officers who were activated and are serving in the Continental United States (CONUS), Korea, and the Republic of Vietnam (RVN). Each of the eighty Brigade officers who returned the committee's information sheet was assigned a Hawaii National Guard Association member who was asked to correspond with the officer, keep him informed of local and National Guard news, answer his questions, and take care of special requests he may have.

The response and cooperation of the members who were asked to become sponsors is gratifying. Many have called me to report that they have begun to write to their Brigade member and have arranged for a newspaper subscription to be sent to them. All of us in the military have experienced separations from our families, friends and homes and can appreciate the wonderful feeling a person gets when he receives mail. Many replies have expressed

29TH BRIGADE COMMITTEE

gratitude and appreciation for the support, interest and concern which we have shown. One Brigade officer said that it makes him feel that he is still part of the Hawaii National Guard family.

Understandably, the Brigade members who found themselves in Vietnam have mixed feelings about being there. It's sometimes difficult to remain objective and relate one's personal problems to National Policy and the rationale of military planning when you're ducking 122mm rockets in a hole someplace. However, many of the letters from Brigade members express feelings about service in Vietnam which reflect a truly professional attitude. This was expressed very well by one officer who said, "I hate being away from my family but I feel that I belong here. I've been in and around the military all of my life and a soldier's real calling is in a combat area. A person can drill and train forever but unless he puts that training to use it's like water down a drain. Being over here really tops my military career and I have a deep feeling of pride and satisfaction."

Another officer said, "This is what being in the Guard is all

about. All Guardsmen train for an M-Day mission. If we are not prepared to serve, we have no business in the Guard!"

We should all take great pride in the performance of the 29th Brigade members in Vietnam, Hawaii and other parts of the world. They are doing their full share and are a credit to the Brigade and the Hawaii National Guard. One member said, "I will do whatever I can to further the Guard spirit here." Let's do whatever we can to further this Guard spirit by informing the members here and overseas that we support them, are interested in their welfare, and stand ready to assist in whatever way we can.

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169TH AC&W NEWS

GEORGE T. MIKI TROPHY

Major Kazuo Yamamoto was presented the George T. Miki Memorial Trophy as the Outstanding Weapons Director in the Hawaii Air National Guard during FY 1969. Major Yamamoto is the first drill status weapons controller to receive this award since its origin. Since leaving the air technician program in October, 1963, Major Yamamoto has consistently maintained his "Expert" weapons controller rating. His weapons controller skill and proficiency exemplifies the spirit and intent of the George T. Miki Award.

OUTSTANDING NCO AWARD

TSgt Donald T. Hashimoto was presented the Outstanding NCO Award of the 169 ACW Sq for FY 1969. In part his nomination read "since his assignment to this squadron, Sgt Hashimoto has developed into one of the finest non-commissioned officers in the unit. His patience and genuine interest in people is reflected in the fact that he has never been known to turn anyone away who has approached him, no matter how busy he may have been. Sgt Hashimoto is truly one of the finest examples of a career guardsman."

HNG COMMENDATION MEDAL

During fiscal year 1969, the 169 ACW Squadron continued to conduct the PACAF Weapons Controller Requalification Course. For their outstanding performance of their duties at the school, Major Nelson T. Moriwaki and Capt Roy D. Mendes received the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal. The two officers planned, formulated, and conducted the school. The first class convened on 25 Mar 68 and since the first hectic class, the requalification school has matured into a professional school the Hawaii National Guard can be proud of.

HANG AIRMAN AWARD

Sgt Walter T. Sakuda was nominated for the HANG Airman Award for the period 1 Jan 69 through 30 June 69. Sgt Sakuda distinguished himself during this period by assuming control of the Food Service Section and "Supervising the 15 airmen assigned to his section in an outstanding manner."

OTS GRADUATE

Jerry M. Matsuda, a weapons controller with the 169 ACW Squadron recently returned from

Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas, where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Hawaii Air National Guard and as a reserve of the United States Air Force.

2nd Lieutenant Matsuda enlisted in the Hawaii Air National Guard in June 1968 and after completing 6 weeks of basic training at Lackland AFB, as an enlisted man, returned to the 169th for additional training. In April 1969, SSgt Matsuda left again for Lackland and after completing a rigid 12 weeks schedule of academic study and field training problems, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Matsuda is a 63 graduate of Hilo High School. He received a BS degree from the University of Hawaii in 1968, where he studied structural civil engineering.

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LTC Robert T. Stanek, nominated for President of the HNGA is the State Air Defense Officer for the HARNG.

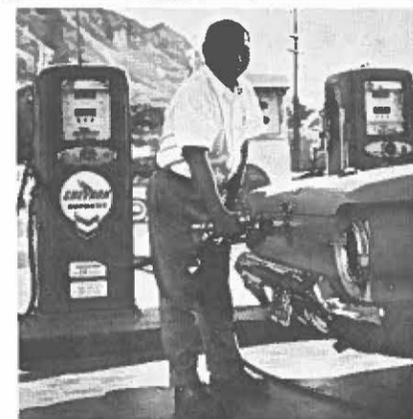
LTC Stanek, retired from the Active Army with over twenty (20) years service on 29 Feb 60 and joined the Hawaii Army National Guard on 21 Apr 60 as Air Defense Officer, a position he holds to date. He is presently serving as Vice President of the Association and Chairman of Special Projects in the General Arrangements Committee for Hawaii in 71. He served for two (2) years as Business Manager of the Hawaii Guardsman.



Major Donald M. O'Day, Operations Officer for the 169 Aircraft Control and Warning (ACW) Squadron, is nominated for Vice President of the HNGA. He graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1953 and was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program. In 1956, after completing two years of active duty in Japan, he joined the original HANG Air technician detachment of the 109th ACW Squadron involved in the first Air Guard round-the-clock Air Defense Augmentation Program. Since then he has served in all three HANG ACW units. In 1965 he graduate from residence Air Command and Staff College (ACSC). He also earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration through the George Washington University off campus Master's Program during his year at ACSC. He is a past member of the Editorial Board of the "Hawaii Guardsman." He has also served two years as chairman of the HNGA Legislative Committee. In recent years he has devoted his off duty time to pursuing golf, Lions and PTA work in that order. Although his golf handicap is nothing to brag about, he has done well in serving as President of the Liholiho School PTA the past two years and as a current Vice President of the Diamond Head Lions Club.

1st Lt DAVID F. HOWARD, nominated for Secretary of the HNGA, joined the 109th AC&W Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard in February 1958 and was an enlisted man with the 109th until 1964 when he received a direct commission from TSgt to 2nd Lieutenant.

1st Lt Howard is presently assigned to the 201st Mobile Communications Squadron where he is Maintenance Control Officer. His previous assignments have been with the 109th AC&W Sq, 150th AC&W Sq and the 169th AC&W Sq. Lt Howard has been an air technician with HANG from March 1959 to February 1964, and from July 1966 to the present time. He is a member of the Communications-Electronics Association.



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SEA SPIRIT

By Captain Jiro Arakaki

"SEA SPIRIT" was the name of the exercise and the 201st Mobile Communications Squadron of the Hawaii Air Guard was there. The 201st fast gaining the reputation of being "where the action is" recently participated in the South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) exercise, "SEA SPIRIT." The exercise which took place in late May and early June, consisted of the deployment of an armada of ships from the Philippines bound for the Gulf of Siam off the coast of Thailand. Command and control for the operation was centered at Sattahip Royal Thai Naval Base where elements of the 201st and its active counterpart, the 1st Mobile Communications Group, set up and operated all headquarters communications for the exercise. The primary reason for the 201st participation in this exercise was to give their personnel the opportunity to train along-

side regular Air Force personnel in an environment similar to what they would expect should they ever be mobilized.

The gaining command for the 201st MCS is the Pacific Communications Area of the Air Force Communications Service. As the probable parent unit, PAC Comm Area is most anxious to see that the 201st MCS has every opportunity to exercise as much unit capability as possible in order to make it a fit and able resource that can be counted on in any emergency.

Aside from the training benefits the 201st received from its participation in "SEA SPIRIT" there were many other additional benefits, both to the 201st and to the Air Force. The USAF by utilizing the 201st was able to save personnel in critical skills for other requirements in South East Asia. The 201st on the other hand was able to give unit morale a shot in the arm



A1C MILTON MORIKONE, left, telephone operator, and A1C Jon Okudara, telephone maintenance technicians, both of the 201st Mobile Comm Sq install a telephone switchboard on location at Sattahip Royal Thai Naval Base, Thailand.

by offering their personnel a chance to perform their annual field training in exotic Thailand.

Stops enroute to and from Thailand included Clark AB, Philippine Islands; Tan Son Nhut, Republic of Vietnam; Kadena AB, Okinawa; Chiang Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan; Wake Island; and Guam.

As one of eight member nations, the United States is committed to support the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) in cooperative economic development and collective security of the treaty area. The military portion of this obligation has been placed on the Pacific Command. The Commander-in-Chief Pacific (CINCPAC) is the U.S. Military Advisor to SEATO and has a vital interest in seeing that this mutual defense organization is able to function at a high state of readiness. Exercises are held periodically to test the ability of the member nations to work together.

A site survey of the exercise area was conducted jointly by USAF and HANG personnel. 1st Lt David F. Howard and SMSgt Walter T. Furuyama represented the 201st MCS on the six-man survey and at preliminary planning sessions in Thailand and the Philippines. The survey team inspected the exercise location and determined what material and personnel would be required to accomplish the mission.

An advance party of seven wire maintenance men was sent to Sattahip, Thailand on the 29th of April to install telephone cables and prepare for the installation of equipment by the main body of deployment personnel. SSgt Ronald H. Ikeda, Wire Maintenance NCOIC, a Hawaiian Telephone Company employee in civilian life, and five of his wire specialists worked with TSgt Charles H. Martin of the 1st MOB.

The main group of 201st, telecom personnel and Deployment Team Commander, Capt Jiro D. Arakaki, departed for Thailand on 15 May 69.

All 1st MOB and 201st MCS team members were quartered at U-Tapao Air Base in Southern Thailand on the Gulf of Siam. The SEATO exercise site at the Royal Thai Naval Base in Sattahip is approximately ten miles from the

quarters at U-Tapao. The men lived in corrugated iron "hootches" and had Thai maid service doing the housekeeping and laundry. Operations were carried on 24 hours a day seven days a week but everyone got time off to do some sightseeing. Most of the personnel spent a weekend in Bangkok sampling some of the famed night life of that city.

"SEA SPIRIT" was favored with good weather and although Thailand is hot and humid in most places, the exercise location at Sattahip always had a refreshing sea breeze blowing in from the gulf. The monsoons were late in coming this year and fortunately "SEA SPIRIT" was over before they came.

Participation in this exercise was most beneficial to the Hawaii Air Guardsmen, it gave them practical experience in dealing with the problems a unit would encounter should they be called upon to serve within the active Air Force. Unit personnel gained a variety of knowledge, more than they ever would have learned at field training exercises in Hawaii. Being far away from home base and in a totally new environment, individuals learned to use their own ingenuity and initiative and above all learned to appreciate the value of careful planning. Having to install, maintain, and operate equipment in an actual field situation gave the men of the 201st the needed confidence in their ability to perform in any situation.

"SEA SPIRIT" was one of those exercises and it involved naval and air forces of six nations; Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Part of the requirements for "SEA SPIRIT" called for communications support from the United States Air Force. The Pacific Communications Area was tasked to provide it. PAC Comm Area in turn tasked the 1st Mobile Communications Group (1st MOB), Clark AB, P.I., to provide part of the requirement with the balance to be made up of selected volunteers from the 201st MCS, Hawaii ANG. In all, the 1st MCG provided 29 people and the 201st provided 28.



LT COL Paul S. Mori, center right, 201st Mobile Communications Squadron (HANG) commander, accepts an Award of Honor on behalf of the entire unit from BGen Harold R. Johnson, Commander, PAC Comm Area. The award was presented at formal ceremonies recently in recognition of outstanding 201st support of the joint SEATO operation "Sea Spirit."

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The rumbling sounds reminiscent of artillery, firing at a distance, heard in the halls of Fort Ruger's former coastal artillery buildings are somehow indicative of the present concern over the National Guard and its public image. The return of the 29th Brigade in December: What will readjustment back to the civilian way of life mean to the men of the 29th and their families? What of the foreseeable demands of future recruitment and the need for junior officers? What about the "poor image" created about the Brigade last November due to a few members who didn't appreciate being ordered to active duty? How have the comments made to reporters by a few wounded Brigade guardsmen returning from Vietnam affected the National Guard's public image? These are but a few of the echoing questions that are resounding from one building to another.

In an attempt to begin to analyze the present public image situation, two members of the 117th Public Info Det asked people in an "In and About Town" survey conducted on 3 August 1969, this question: "What is the Public's Image of the National Guard?" SP5 Harold Higashi and PFC Leonard Lueras selected eleven individuals at random and gathered the following comments.



Cathy Monaghan, 23, a nurse from Kaimuki — "I don't think it has a very good image among people our own age. For one thing, because of the present view of military activities. And for another thing, so many young fellows look at National Guard and reserve units as a

IN AND ABOUT TOWN

By the 117th P I DET

waste of their time. That's the impression I get from people that are involved, but that's just what I've heard."



PSG Michael Connick, 1970 OCS candidate from Lahaina, Maui — "I really don't think that regular civilians think too much about the National Guard. I think when they heard the Guard was called up that was the first time people thought about the Guard. I think it (the call-up) brought attention to the Guard and showed the public that there were a lot of outstanding citizens in the Guard. Before that people didn't know anything."



Peggy Medeiros, a dental assistant from Tantalus — "I've never come across any problem with the Guard. We don't have any riots that National Guard comes in for,

but when they had the tidal wave, the Guard was right there. As far as I'm concerned, I think they did a good job when we had the tidal wave. As far as the islands are concerned, I think it (the Guard) has a very good image."



Norman Rieho, 22, a lather from Keehi Boat Harbor — "It's just like a weekend thing, isn't it. And I guess it's a good thing if somebody doesn't want to go full-time. I imagine people think it's all right. I don't know anything about the Guard really, but I guess it's all right. But it is good to have the Guard around to keep some of these idiots calmed down—like in riots. I don't see them using brute force or anything and that's good."



2LD Wayne Honda, Tactical Officer, HARNG OCS — "I think the public here has a good image of the National Guard, because when the

29th Brigade was activated there was a good public response. It's sort of been a tradition that anytime you get a boy from Hawaii that has anything to do with the military, everything comes off well. I think this tradition started with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (in World War II). They have a very distinguished record, and with that sort of precedence when the boys from the islands go into the service they say, 'I want to do well.'"



Ann Carlson, 26, an Eastman Kodak employee from Kaimuki — "I don't think they (the Hawaii Guard) are really in the public eye, because they're usually not called out for things. There aren't riots or things, so they aren't called out for that. But they're there when you need help."



1LT Robert Johnson, Admin Officer, U.S. Army Advisory Group — "I understand that the activation of

the 29th Brigade wasn't too popular and didn't help the Guard's image. I hear there were some petitions signed and people protested against the activation."



Alan Bolton, 30, a swami (religious instructor) from the Haiku Meditation Center, Haiku, Maui — "I don't know anything about the Guard. And I'm probably not qualified to say anything, because I don't associate with the general public that much. If I had an opinion, I'd give it to you, but I don't know enough about you to form an opinion."

While the number questioned appears small, these opinions give us a fairly good sampling of the general reaction and attitude of the public.

The National Guard is our oldest established military organization and one which has survived through all the trials and triumphs of the long history of our United States. The Guard is, in fact, older than our nation. Yet, with this long and distinguished background, has the National Guard become so much a part of the "establishment" that we are in danger of becoming a forgotten institution remembered by only a few and or only when necessary? Is this perhaps an opportune interval to stop, to weigh and evaluate these points?

And after we have pondered these questions we are confident that the Hawaii National Guard will emerge a leader in this community and in the State.

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MG BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER visiting Vietnam wounded SP4 Roy Y. Sugiyama at Tripler Army Hospital on 28 May. SP4 Sugiyama was formerly a member of the 227th Engineer Company, HARNG. (TUSAH Photo)



MR. HOWARD M. INOUE PROMOTED — COL E. M. Yoshimasu is shown pinning Warrant Officer Inoue upon his promotion to WO2. Mr. Inoue is with HHD.



SGM Mitsuo Kobayashi of HHD, Hawaii Army National Guard was promoted on 1 August 1969 to the rank of Command Sergeant Major. Command Sergeant Major is the highest enlisted rank of the United States Army, rating E-9. Kobayashi was formally promoted in a small HHD ceremony in the office of LTC E. M. Yoshimasu, Chief of Staff, Hawaii Army National Guard.



NEW HARNG COLONEL — Colonel Paul K. Nakamura is congratulated by MG Benjamin J. Webster after having received his Silver Eagles.



THE 111th BAND of the Hawaii Army National Guard helped the people of Kailua celebrate the 4th of July by marching in Kailua's annual parade. Other National Guard units in the parade came from Battery C of the 298th Artillery.



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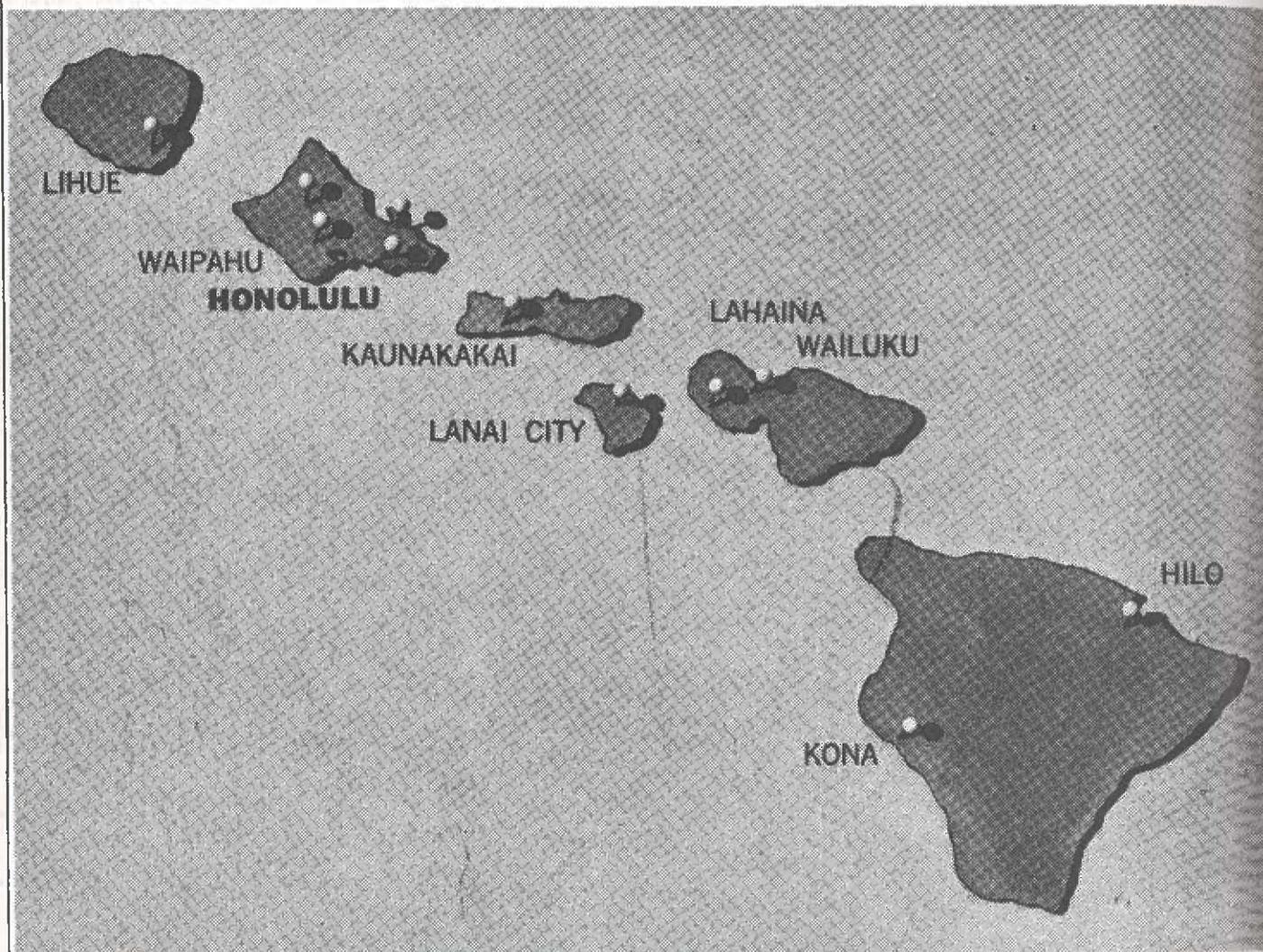
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