

REPORT
on the
CONDITIONS AND OPERATIONS OF THE TERRITORIAL
MILITIA DEPARTMENT
for the
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924.

TERRITORY OF HAWAII
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
HONOLULU

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July 23, 1924

Honorable Wallace R. Farrington
Governor of Hawaii
Honolulu, T. H.

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to submit to the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, and Commander-in-Chief of the Hawaii National Guard, the following report on the conditions and operations of the Territorial Militia Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

ORGANIZATIONS

The Hawaii National Guard is organized under the provisions of the National Defense Act of the National Congress into units as prescribed by the Secretary of War, and allotted to the Territory of Hawaii by the War Department at Washington. This allotment is as follows:

ISLAND OF OAHU--

Headquarters of the Hawaii National Guard.
Adjutant General's Department.
Inspector General's Department.
Judge Advocate General's Department.
Quartermaster Corps.
Ordnance Department.
Medical Department.
One Regiment of Infantry, less two (or more) companies to be stationed on the Island of Kauai.

ISLAND OF HAWAII--

One Regiment of Infantry, less one Battalion.

ISLAND OF MAUI--

One Battalion of Infantry.

ISLAND OF KAUAI--

Two to Five Companies of Infantry.

Attention is called to the difference in allotments of troops to the Territory of Hawaii and the various islands of the Hawaiian Group as mentioned above and shown in the fiscal year reports of this office as of June 30, 1922 and 1923. The statements contained in those reports were somewhat erroneous in that during those years mentioned above the allotments of troops to the Hawaii National Guard were greater by twelve companies of infantry, than as contained in The Adjutant General's reports for 1922 and 1923.

The Hawaii National Guard is a little more than 50% organized under the allotments as now prescribed. Great efforts and heroic measures by these Headquarters are being put into effect in order to bring the organizations to the strength authorized by authority of the War Department.

The present organizations of the Hawaii National Guard, with their stations and personnel, are as follows:

ORGANIZATION	STATION	OFFICERS	WARRANT OFFICER	ENLISTED MEN
Staff Corps and Departments	Honolulu	<u>8</u>	-	<u>25</u>
Regimental Headquarters, 298th Inf.	"	5	-	-
Headquarters Company, 298th Inf.	"	2	-	67
Service Company, 298th Inf.	"	3	1	63
Howitzer Company, 298th Inf.	"	1	-	59
Medical Detachment, 298th Inf.	"	<u>4</u>	-	<u>31</u>
Total Regt.		<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>220</u>
<u>1st Battalion, 298th Infantry</u>				
Headquarters Co. and Hqs.	Honolulu	3		33
Company "A"	"	3		65
Company "B"	"	3		68
Company "C"	"	<u>3</u>		<u>66</u>
Total 1st Bn.		<u>12</u>		<u>232</u>
<u>2nd Battalion, 298th Infantry</u>				
Headquarters Co. and Hqs.	Honolulu	3		39
Company "E"	"	2		62
Company "F"	"	3		67
Company "G"	Waipahu, Oahu	2		60
Company "H"	Honolulu	<u>3</u>		<u>67</u>
Total 2nd Bn.		<u>13</u>		<u>226</u>
Forwarded		40	1	747

ORGANIZATION	STATION	OFFICERS	WARRANT OFFICER	ENLISTED MEN
Total, 298th Inf. brought forward		40	1	747
<u>3rd Bn., 298th Infantry</u>				
Headquarters Company	Hilo, Hawaii	2		40
Company "I"	Honolulu, Hawaii	2		62
Company "L"	Aiea, Oahu	3		78
Company "M"	Hilo, Hawaii	2		67
	Total 3rd Bn.	<u>9</u>		<u>247</u>
	Grand Total, 298th Inf.	49	1	994

299th Infantry

Company "A"	Lehaina, Maui	3		67
Company "C"	Pala, Maui	3		65
Company "D"	Wailuku, Maui	2		61
Company "F"	Hilo, Hawaii	3		68
Company "G"	Olaa, Hawaii	3		62
Company "L"	Honokaa, Hawaii	3		67
	Total 299th Infantry	<u>17</u>		<u>390</u>

Reserve Officers	4			
State Officers	4			
Unassigned Officers	<u>3</u>			
Total Reserve Officers, etc.	<u>11</u>			

--RECAPITULATION--

Staff Corps and Departments	Officers	Warrant Officer	0	Enlisted Men	25
298th Infantry	" 49	" "	1	" "	994
299th Infantry	" 17	" "	0	" "	390
Reserve Officers, etc.	" <u>11</u>				
Total H. N. G.	<u>85</u>	" "	<u>1</u>	" "	<u>1409</u>

During the past fiscal year, two companies of the National Guard have been disbanded and Federal Recognition withdrawn by The War Department, through a lack of attendance at drills and camps of instruction by the members of the organizations. The organizations disbanded were Company "L", 298th Infantry, with station at Waimea, Hawaii, disbanded March 5, 1924, and Company "K", 298th Infantry, with station at Kohala, Hawaii, disbanded June 30, 1924.

A new company was at once organized at Aiea, Oahu, to replace Company "L", disbanded.

Five new companies have been mustered into the service during the past year as follows:

Company "F", 299th Infantry, stationed at Hilo, Hawaii Federally Recognized March 7, 1924.

Company "L", 298th Infantry, stationed at Aiea, Oahu, Federally Recognized April 13, 1924.

Company "L", 299th Infantry, stationed at Honokaa, Hawaii, Federally Recognized April 20, 1924.

Company "C", 299th Infantry, stationed at Paie, Maui.

Company "G", 299th Infantry, stationed at Olaa, Hawaii

Federal Recognition has not as yet been received for Companies "C" and "G", as these companies were inspected and mustered at practically the end of the fiscal year. The Guard shows a net gain of four companies of Infantry during this period.

There are at present four new companies being organized, and it is expected that they will be mustered into the service before the end of the calendar year, 1924.

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, the National Guard of Hawaii has increased from sixty-four (64) officers, one (1) warrant officer, and one thousand, three hundred and six (1306) enlisted men, to seventy-four (74) officers, one (1) warrant officer, and one thousand, four hundred and nine (1409) enlisted men, a total gain of ten (10) officers, and one hundred and three (103) enlisted men. Nineteen officers have been discharged from the Guard for various reasons and eight hundred and eighteen enlisted men have been discharged for the usual military reasons, which do not include those whose terms of service expired.

The approximate racial composition of the Hawaii National Guard as of June 30 is as follows:

Filipinos.....	824
Hawaiians.....	197
Forwarded	1021

Brought forward.....	1021
Part Hawaiians.....	160
Anglo Saxons.....	104
Portuguese.....	100
Koreans.....	46
Chinese.....	30
Porto Ricans.....	20
Japanese.....	6
Negroes.....	3
Spanish.....	2
Indians.....	2
Total.....	1494

ARMORY INSTRUCTION

The Regular Army personnel of instructors has been increased as of June 3, 1924, from one (1) commissioned instructor to four (4) such instructors. We now have as Regular Army personnel with the National Guard, one Lieutenant Colonel, two Captains, one 1st Lieutenant, and three Sergeants, all of the Infantry Branch of the service. Schools for officers of the organizations stationed in Honolulu are held one evening per week under the supervision of the Regular Army Instructors. Schools and correspondence schools are now being organized on the other islands where units of the Guard are located. Such schools are to be supervised by the Regular Army instructors who will be permanently located on each island. Several attempts have been made to conduct a noncommissioned officers' school on Oahu but have never proved very successful. It is now hoped that with additional Regular Army instructors on duty with the Guard that all schools will prove of great benefit to the organizations.

CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION

Ten (10) over-night camps of instruction have been held in the past year throughout the islands, the larger ones being conducted on the Punchbowl Target Range by the organizations stationed on Oahu. A total of eight (8) over-night camps of instruction and target practices have been held throughout the Guard on Oahu during the past year. Three (3) annual field training encampments of fifteen days each were held as follows:

Island of Maui, September 15-29, 1923.
 Island of Hawaii, November 14-28, 1923.
 Island of Oahu, October 15-29, 1923.

The total number of men to attend these fifteen days encampments were nine hundred and ninety-one (991). Three annual encampments will again be held during the fall of the year 1924 at Wailuku, Maui; Hilo, Hawaii; and Schofield Barracks, Oahu.

RIFLE PRACTICE AND TARGET RANGES

Enthusiasm in all branches of marksmanship has taken renewed interest in the local Guard, owing to the main fact that we are preparing to send a rifle team of sixteen (16) members to the National Matches to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, during the month of September, 1924. Past experience shows that there is nothing that operates to create better interest in rifle shooting by the Guardsmen than the fact that we can send a team annually to the National Matches. This will be the first rifle team to leave Hawaii, representing the Guard, for the past nine years. Authority was granted last year to send a rifle team but no action was taken by these Headquarters to put it into effect. An excellent demonstration of how greatly the Militia Bureau believes in encouraging target practice is shown by the recent allotment to the Guard of fifteen thousand, five hundred and forty-seven dollars (\$15,547.00) for improvements of the Punchbowl Target Range, and eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for repairs to the Hilo Range. Gallery practice has been held throughout the year by all organizations and is the greatest factor in the first stages of forming an excellent rifle shot. Efforts are now being made by these Headquarters to obtain a rifle range on the Island of Maui that will be the property of the Territory. Such a need is absolutely essential to the promotion of rifle shooting on that island. The units of the Guard on Maui are rapidly increasing and expanding and the need of a suitable range is considered urgent.

ARMORIES

The following armories are owned by the Territory of Hawaii

Honolulu Armory, main construction, concrete.
Hilo Armory, main construction, frame.
Kohala Armory, main construction, frame.
Honomu Armory, main construction, frame.
Wailuku Armory, main construction, frame.
Lahaina Armory, main construction, frame.
Kapaa Armory, main construction, frame.

For several years erroneous reports have been made by the Headquarters that the Territory owned the Lihue, Kauai, Armory.

This armory is owned, as is also the ground upon which it is situated, by the County of Kauai, and was formerly leased to the National Guard. This armory lease lapsed in the spring of 1918, when the 4th Hawaiian Infantry was consolidated and mustered into the Federal Service.

The Legislature of 1923 appropriated three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) each for improvements to the Honoum and Kohala Armories. Bids have been received for improvements to both of these armories and the contract awarded for the reconstruction of the Kohala Armory.

In addition to the armories listed above, units of the Guard are using the following armories which are leased to the Territory for a period of three years, at an annual rental of one dollar (\$1.00) per year each:

Honokaa Plantation Armory, construction, frame.
Olaa Plantation Armory, construction, frame.

In addition to the above listed armories, units of the Guard are at present occupying the following armories, which are loaned to the Territory and for which we are now endeavoring to secure signed leases:

Aiea Plantation Armory, frame construction.
Waipahu Plantation Armory, frame construction.
Paia Plantation Armory, frame construction.

The Honolulu, Lahaina, and Wailuku Armories are in a deplorably delapidated condition owing to the lack of funds for many years for their upkeep and it is considered absolutely essential that sufficient money be secured from the next Legislature to repair and paint these buildings.

It would be of great benefit to the Territory could a large and modern armory be constructed in Hilo to house Headquarters Company and other companies of the 299th Infantry. At present there are three companies in the Hilo Armory, but there is sufficient room for only two companies. In addition to the three organizations at present using the Hilo Armory, we are now attempting to organize three more companies in that city, which will be necessary in order to complete the Headquarters of the 299th Infantry.

It is my recommendation that the Territory should build and own armories at the following locations:

Waipahu, Oahu
Waiialua, Oahu
Lihue, Kauai
Waimea, Kauai
Honokaa, Hawaii

During the months of April, May, and June, 1924, there have been several minor strikes for financial reasons, of plantation laborers on the Islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii. Order has been maintained by the civil authorities throughout this strike and no calls have been made on the Hawaii National Guard for any assistance in preserving the peace and freedom of the people.

Respectfully yours,

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The Adjutant General.