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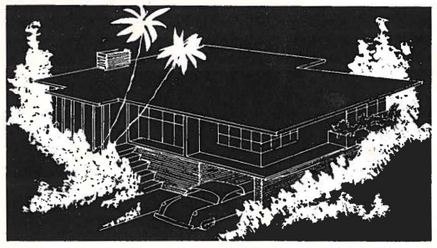
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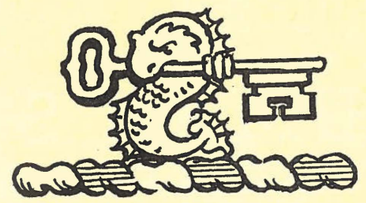
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Mission Accomplished.

By Lt. Col. John Campbell, HNG

Our training mission this summer was primarily to complete the first year subjects of the NGTP and the appropriate Army training test. In other words "learn the fundamentals". The objective was to train the individual to the level of efficiency and leadership required by his unit assignment and to train the small unit to the degree of proficiency established by its primary mission, starting with the squad or comparable unit and progressing to larger units as small components thereof became proficient but not to exceed the infantry platoon or artillery battery.

In general training during the first week stressed the individual and covered individual tactical and weapons training. Recruits were organized into provisional units and put through a special course before being permitted to join their squads. When this phase was completed, squads, sections, and platoons were organized at full strength and unit training started. Their phase consisted primarily of squad, section, platoon and battery tactical training to include appropriate tests over terrain away from the base camp.

On June 6 and 7 the special troops and 298th RCT arrived at Schofield Barracks and were followed on June 13 by the 299th RCT. The overall attendance reached 98%, a new high standard for Hawaii and one that may very well set a national record. This high attendance is attributed to the fine moral and esprit de corps that exist within the guard, the excellent training program and the outstanding coperation and support rendered by the employers of Hawaii.

Throughout the planning stages and during the encampment period, the Armed Forces' cooperation and support was outstanding. First priority on the use of training areas, ranges and aids was given to the HNG and specialists assigned to help us wherever needed. To insure a realistic field training inspection, USARPAC assigned an adequate team which devoted its entire time in observing our every action. In general we found the members of this team anxious to be of help and in many cases to have rendered much good assistance.

Some of the outstanding training activities were: the test of the rifle squads, the infantry-tank team exercises, the high angle artillery service practice, and the infantry communications training.

Each rifle squad upon completion of its tactical training was moved to an assemble area. Here the leader was given his mission and attack orders. He then moved his squad to the LD and jumped off under an enemy barrage. As he met resistance the leader sent his AR team to the flank to engage the enemy while he maneuvered the squad to an assault position. After over running the objective, the squad reorganized and fought off a heavy counter-attack.

The Infantry-Tank Team exercise proved one of the highlights of this year's training. Over rugged and heavily defended terraine each rifle platoon fought along side their tanks to gain knowledge of some of the principles of infantry-tank team. The problem was based on a simulated regimental attack in which the platoon was given an objective and assigned a section of tanks to assist them in the accomplishment of their mission. The problem illustrated how the tanks can assist the infantry when it is held up by enemy machine gun fire; how the infantry can out flank and destroy an antitank gun to free the tanks; how the team moves as a unit to assult the enemy position; and finally to reorganize and prepare to continue the attack.

Another special feature of this year's training was the high angle service practice conducted by the 483d FA Bn. Early on June 19, the battalion moved from Makua to Dillingham where they dug in their howitzers for a most exacting operation. Their mission was to fire over the 2000 foot Waianae mountain range into the Makua Valley impact area. Battery positions were along the beach approximately 600 yeards from the mountains with the target area between 7 and 8,000 yards away. Observers from the 1-19s adjusted fires for as many as three missions simultaneously.

From past experience it was clearly demonstrated that communications are questionable unless each communicator knows his fundamentals. So this year a very practical and interesting program was designed to first teach the individual his job and his part in the team. Then to test him and correct any errors, and finally to give each individual a practical mission in order to observe his performance, test his knowledge and correct his errors. Results were very gatifying with individuals showing a marked improvement over their past performances.

Staff work was in general good during the planning and operational phase. There were however indication of some things left for the last minute and in several cases concurrent training was overlooked. On the whole, programs, schedules, and lesson plans were good. It is suggested that these plans be revised to include all changes, additions, and corrections and held for next year as there is an excellent possibility that our mission will be the same.

On June 20 over 5000 guardsmen assembled at Wheeler AFB for the most colorful and impressive review to date. The major components consisted of the 298th and 299th RCTs, the 199th Ftr Intcp Sq, and 109th AC&W Sq formed as a regiment and both artillery battalions and Hv Mortar Companies formed into a motorized regiment. Governor King upon arrival was given a 17-Gun salute by Btry C, 487th FA Bn. After the salute the Governor proceeded to the reviewing stand, received the presentation and honors, inspected the troops, awarded the Eisenhower Trophy to the 120th MP Co and reviewed the troops. The 120th MP Co followed by the massed colors made a splendid impression as they marched forward to receive the coveted trophy. The pass in review, which lasted 25 minutes and included an aerial review of the liaison aircraft and F47s of the 199th Ftr Intcp Sq was a sight to see and held the interest of the estimated 5000 spectators from beginning to end.

The Infantry Tank Team

By Col. H. F. Haberman, SAI, HNG

In the last issue of your "Guardsman" we discussed some of the basic concepts, tactics and techniques of the operation of the Infantry Tank Team. The summer camp just completed, provided an opportunity for each Infantry Platoon of the Hawaii National Guard to actually participate with the tank companies of each RCT in "playing" one of the several types of action which would normally be used by an Infantry Tank Team in combat. Time, space, and safety factors being what they are, coupled with lack of appropriate areas necessitated, as is too often the case, much simulation, and much restriction of movement. However, it was the concensus of opinion that much was learned by all and a great deal was gained by at least exposing everyone to the Infantry Tank Team concept.

One of the lessons that should have been learned from this exercise was the absolute necessity for complete coordination and cooperation between the infantry and tank unit concerned. The dire necessity for good communications between the tank unit itself and between the tank and infantry unit should also have been apparent to all who participated. Bunching up (somewhat excuseable because of the limited terrain) was an error committed by some of the infantry platoons. Another was the infantry following the tanks too closely. "Bunching up" is of course actually inexcusable, for obvious reasons, at any time regardless of the situation. Following tanks too closely exposes infantry units to possible casualties from mines being detonated by the tanks.

As a reminder, before going on into the Conduct of the Attack and Exploitation, recall that there are several ways in which infantry and tanks may operate in the attack. The method used in any specific attack is determined by the mission, the terrain, information of the enemy and composition of the Infantry Tank Team. As mentioned in the previous article on this subject the usual methods of employment are as follows:

a. Tanks initially attack by fire, then move forward rapidly and join the infantry for the assault.

b. Tanks initially support by fire, then pass through the infantry and precede them to the objective.

c. Tanks and infantry converge on the objective from different directions.

d. Infantry and tanks advance together.

e. Tanks overwatching infantry.

CONDUCT OF THE ATTACK

The team commander is the commander of the unit either infantry or tank to which the other unit is attached. It is his responsibility to determine that the plan of supporting fires takes advantage of the capabilities of all supporting weapons alloted to the team, and that the fires are properly distributed upon the objective. Details of the plan of supporting fires are normally coordinated with the commanders of the units providing the fire; artillery fires are arranged by liaison officers or forward observers.

The supporting fire plan must be flexible enough to permit changes during the action; unforeseen incidents are to be expected. The fire plan includes initial fires and fires before, during, and after capture of the objective. Throughout the operation communication is maintained between the team commander and the supporting units. Supporting fires and the fires of the team are timed so that they complement each other. Troops are given complete information of all supporting fires so they can take full advantage of them.

The infantry-tank team gains fire superiority over the enemy in its zone by combining intense, accurate fire of artillery, mortars, and other supporting weapons with their own fire and with intelligent, aggressive maneuver. Any combination of fire and maneuver is used. The tanks destroy automatic weapons and armor, and breach antipersonnel obstacles while the infantry protects the tanks from enemy personnel and individual antitank weapons, and breach antitank obstacles. The infantry-tank team commander exploits diminishing enemy resistance in any portion of his zone of action. When unforeseen situations occur on the battlefield, the team commander promptly changes his dispositions to meet the threat.

Mutual support between the tanks and the infantry remains vitally important during the assault; tanks destroy enemy groups, defensive works, weapons and equipment; infantry protects the tanks from individual antitank weapons and destroys the enemy in close combat. When rifle elements assault the objective without the tank members of the team, tanks occupy hull defilade firing positions that enable them to continue close supporting fires as long as possible without unduly endangering the assaulting riflemen. When overhead fires are masked by the rifle elements, the tanks often give valuable support by firing on the flanks.

If tank obstacles prohibit the tanks from joining in the assault with the infantry, the team commander expedites the removal or breaching of the obstacles so that the tanks can join the infantry as soon as possible. In those rare instances where tanks assault alone, the team commander uses all available supporting fires from infantry and supporting weapons to cover the tank assault, and the team is reconstituted at the earliest possible moment by joining the rifle and tank elements.

After the assault has been completed and the objective captured, the infantry-tank team commander quickly disposes his team to repel a counter-attack. To provide all-around security for the position, the infantry unit occupies predetermined sectors of the objective as announced in the attack order. The tanks occupy positions covering enemy avenues of approach, especially armor, and they furnish heavy weapons support and antitank protection for the team.

While the infantry-tank team is preparing to repel counterattacks and making the necessary adjustments, the team commander prepares to continue the attack. Key personnel are replaced, and a report is sent to the team commander's immediate superior stating the effective strength of the team, the condition of weapons and tanks, and the status of ammunition supply. A new reconnaissance is made while the position is being organiz-

ed. Troop leading procedures for continuing the attack are generally the same as for starting it.

The team commander provides an opportunity for the resupply of both infantry and tank units. If possible, complete resupply of both the tanks and infantry is postponed until the final objective is captured.

Although the tank unit maintains its own tanks, the team commander is responsible for giving the tank crews sufficient time to perform maintenance. This is particularly true when the tanks have been in action for several days.

The wounded from both infantry and tank units are evacuated through the regimental evacuation system. Tanks are not used to evacuate the wounded unless the tanks are required to move to the rear for other reasons.

EXPLOITATION

Exploitation in battle follows success, taking full advantage of the enemy's disorganization to drive deep into his rear and complete his destruction and defeat. A force strong in tanks and operating as a team may exploit a local success following the defeat of an enemy force or the capture of an enemy position. This operation is directed at destroying all enemy personnel and installations in the vicinity. Tanks and infantry, reinforced by engineers, supporting weapons, and trains, are grouped in efficient combinations; a common combination is the tank company reinforced by an attached rifle company, engineers, and other supporting units.

Special operations such as River Crossings, Night Attacks, and operation in Snow and Cold, though differing in minor detail, require the same basic principles of operation as outlined in the two articles thus far presented on this subject. Again, coordination between the Infantry Tank Team is a prime requisite and an absolute must. This coordination can only be attained by training the two units together. The well coordinated Infantry Tank Team with supporting fires and good communications is a combination which cannot be beaten on the battle field.

In spite of limited time available during regular drill or week end drill periods, it behooves all commanders concerned to interject wherever possible, the combined training of Infantry and Tanks, with the ultimate goal of producing well qualified infantry—tank teams in the platoons and companies of the HNG.

OUR NEW NATIONAL BUREAU CHIEF.

Major General Edgar C. Erickson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, July 18, 1896. General Erickson began his military career as a Private in the National Guard in April, 1914, enlisting in Company "H" of the 2nd Massachusetts Infantry. He progressed through all enlisted ranks before the United States entered World War I and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1917, receiving his promotion to First Lieutenant in 1918.

General Erickson rose to the rank of Brigadier General and Commander of the 52nd Infantry Brigade prior to his appointment as the Adjutant General of the State of Massachusetts, an office he held from January, 1939, to June, 1942. From this office he accepted a demotion to the rank of Colonel to go on active military duty in World War II, with the infantry.

A Certificate of Merit from the President of the United States was received by General Erickson for service as State Director, Selective Service for Massachusetts from September, 1940, to June 30, 1942.

A veteran of three wars, the 56 year old officer saw service in the Mexican Border Campaign in 1916 and in World War I, served with the 26th Infantry Division in France during 1917 and 1918. During World War II, he served in various capacities with the Chinese Army in the Chinese Combat Command. It was during this special assignment with the Chinese Nationalist Forces that General Erickson distinguished himself in combat, receiving the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and individual recognition from the President of the National Government of the Republic of China.

Upon his return from overseas in 1946, General Erickson received a special assignment as Board Member of the Army Discharge Review Board in St. Louis, Missouri, and in 1947 was assigned to the National Guard Bureau. From September, 1950, to October 1951, he was Acting Chief, Army Division of the National Guard Bureau.

He was appointed Chief of the National Guard Bureau in June, 1953.

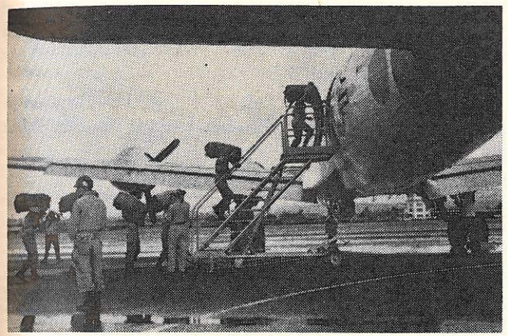
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299th RCT MOVES TO CAMP BY AIR

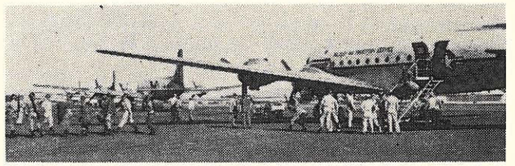
Immediately prior to our 1952 summer camp it became apparent that the ship to be used in transporting troops from Hawaii and Maui to Oahu (an overnight move) did not have enough spaces available to accommodate all the troops of the 299th RCT. To plug this loop-hole in our movement, a rush request was submitted to Pacific Division, MATS, for assistance. As a result, most of the Maui units were brought in by air. This movement worked so well that General Makinney asked Admiral Hoskins, the Commander of the Pacific Division, MATS, if it might not be possible to move the entire 299th RCT by air in 1953. Admiral Hoskins not only considered it possible, but indicated that he thought it would be excellent training for MATS as well as the Hawaii National Guard. Thus was conceived our recent movement to and from summer camp of all neighbor island units by air.



Guardsmen from Hawaii board a MATS plane at Hilo Airport for trip to Hickam Air Force Base, 3 June, 1953.

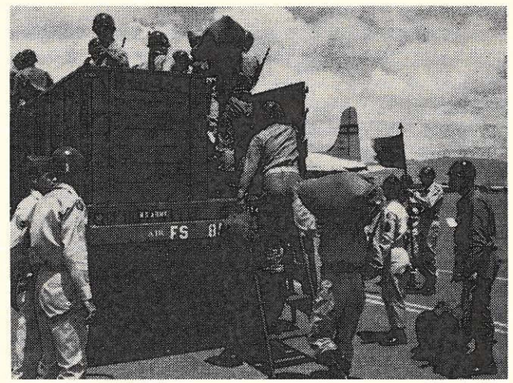
To give a clear picture of the magnitude of this airlift, we would like to present a few figures. Using C-54 Air Force aircraft and R5D Navy aircraft, the 1500th Air Transport Wing made 34 flights to Hawaii, 17 flights to Maui, 9 flights to Kauai and 2 flights to Molokai, and transported 2,368 guardsmen to Oahu. To make these flights, 18 aicraft were used; an additional one was kept as standby in Hilo and two additional planes were kept as standby at Hickam Field. To get the troops from their home armories to the point of departure on each island, the USP&DO contracted with eight different common carriers to pick up and deliver the troops on schedule. To move the troops from the point of arrival, Hickam Field, to Schofield Barracks, USARPAC used 22 12-ton personnel carriers. Each of these carriers made three round trips. Every plane arrived at Hickam Field at the blocks, i.e. unloading ramps, within 15 seconds of the time scheduled. The maximum time for unloading aircraft and loading troops into personnel carriers was 7 minutes. Hence, no guardsman was kept waiting around and all arrived at Schofield within two hours of the time they left their home island. In previous years it was usually two days.

The return schedule was exactly reversed. The only difference being that 2,427 guardsmen were transported. The additional guardsmen were those men who had arrived in advance of their units in order to attend the Food Service School. So far as we know this is the first time that a complete National Guard RCT has been moved to summer camp by air, and it is planned that this will be standard operating procedure for the Hawaii National Guard in the future.



Members of the 299th RCT unloading at Hickam AFB on the first lap of their trip to summer camp at Schofield.

The $64 question is how three guardsmen from the Island of Hawaii showed up at the Hickam Field point of debarkation and said, "Sir, I am from Hawaii. I came by commercial airlines from Maui. How do I find my outfit and how do I get to Schofield," As fate would have it, these men belonged to the outfit which was then debarking from an aircraft and loading in a personnel carrier for Schofield. How these men, properly dressed in HBT's with their duffel bags, got from Honolulu Airport to Hickam Field is still their secret, as no visible means of transportation was observed.



A maximum of 2½ minutes was allowed for the 299th RCT troopers to get off the plane at Hickam and load on to the USARPAC semi-trailer bus they took to Schofield Bks.

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HANG'S SUMMER CAMP - 1953.

by CAPTAIN ROBERT A. HITE, HANG

There was a difference, this year, Summer Camp, 1953, was just around the corner, and all units of the Hawaii National Guard felt that difference in the attitude of all officers and airmen resulting from the knowledge that new equipment would be arriving in Fiscal Year 1954.

At Koko Head, Oahu, those of the 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron, HANG, were busy. Communications gear was repaired, the radar scopes and antenna were checked and made ready for an influx of men.

The 109th commanded by Major James Ashford was a year older now. Behind them lay another year of activity—another year of learning with its resultant gain of practical knowledge. And beyond, there lay a faint glimmer which lighted the possibility of new equipment. The 109th had grown up, and was expanding its new found muscles.

More and more qualified men had returned from service schools on the mainland—this year would see three qualified controllers and more would leave for school after Summer Camp. This year saw more qualified men in radar and communications maintenance, and in other fields, with more who would be leaving for schools after Summer Camp.

At Hickam AFB, miles in the other direction, the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, HANG, under the command of Maj. Archibald M. Harrison, was getting ready for Summer Camp, too. The F-47's, one by one, were being flown to Wheeler AFB, where they were being fired in, preparatory to the forthcoming air by air gunney missions planned for camp. When this was completed, they were grounded for one week.

The mechanics worked, checked, and rechecked. There was more of it, this year. The expectancy was here, too. And for that reason, the men worked even harder on the aircraft. There was the growing hope that next year, at this time, the F-47's would have disappeared into the obscurity that had long been past due.

With the advent of summer camp, the 199th Weather Forecasting Flight, HANG, now with an authorized strength of 10 men and 4 officers, was drawing up its plans. More than they had been for the previous two years, the Weather Flight was prepared to give the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron the weather coverage they required. More than the previous years, too, they were prepared with a training program which would teach the men the fundamentals of weather, not merely through classroom theory, but through practical experience.

Pre-camp planning included personnel from all units of the Hawaii Air National Guard. The key factor that rose during each meeting held was coordination—coordination between each unit, for this year would see them working together toward one goal. More than ever before, they would be dependent upon each other.

For the 109th AC&W Squadron, the influx began on 6 June 1953. Because of the limited facilities at Koko Head, the 109th found it necessary to split its summer camp into two distinct periods—from 6 June to 20 June, and from 22 June to 6 July. The Squadron was split into two self supporting Detachments, each Detachment attending one of the periods mentioned above.

In a way, the first week of summer camp for the 109th was eventful. For the radar operators, communications men, and controllers, the work was routine. Tracking of incoming MATS aircraft was accomplished, but there was no controlling as such.

Basic military training was given to those airmen who had not had previous experience. Administrative procedures were ironed out and streamlined. By the end of the week, the 109th was ready for more serious work.

On 13 June, Headquarters, HANG said goodbye to its main office at Fort Ruger, and headed toward Hickam AFB. There it would take over the facilities of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Activities required of them during their summer camp would commence from that point.

On this same day, the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and the 199th Weather Forecasting Flight left Hickam for Wheeler AFB.

Barking Sands AFB on the island of Kauai (now designated Bonham AFB in honor of the late commander of the 199th Major Charles W. Bonham Jr.) was the site for the Annual Summer Encampment for the 199th during 1952. However, since that time, the 199th had gained its new classification of "Interceptor" in place of the old "Fighter Bomber." Because of this, ground control intercepts were of paramount importance for the Squadron. With the 109th AC&W Squadron based on Oahu, it was only logical that the 199th should be on Oahu also during the Summer Camp period. This would naturally facilitate the Operations between the two Squadrons. Needed time would have been lost had the 199th been required to fly a hundred miles or so before starting a ground control intercept mission with the 109th.

The 199th, with a thousand-man barracks at Wheeler AFB at their disposal, moved in. The large barracks not only housed the men of the Squadron, but also the offices of Administration and the Air Police element. Food Service was located here, too, with a complete mess hall and kitchen at their disposal.

Operations and Engineering were located in a hanger on the flight line. Located next to them were the 199th Weather Forecasting Flight, Armament, Communications, the fire and crash equipment, Installations, and the Motor Vehicle Element.

In all respects, the encampment was successful for the 199th. Air to air gunnery and GCI missions held priority over all other missions. However, a great deal of time was spent on instrument flying, appropriate transition flying for the newer pilot officers of the Squadron (with four pilots checking out in fighters), and on night flying.

Air to air gunnery during Camp resulted in gratifying scores which were maintained throughout Camp.

Over twenty-seven thousand rounds of 50 cal. ammunition was fired during the two weeks of Camp. At the end of the encampment, when the averages were figured out, it was found that the Squadron average was 20.7%. The highest score for an individual mission was 59%, made by Lt. Donald J. Seiler of "B" Flight.

The highest Flight air to air gunnery average was made by "D" Flight, led by Capt. George T. Harris, with a comfortable 25.7%. Capt. Harris' flight also won the flight competition, along with the honor of being taken to dinner at the expense of the other three flights.

The air to air gunnery trophies for the three highest averages at the end of Summer Camp went to Lt. Frank Smith of "D" Flight, who copped first place with a high average of 31.1%. Lt. Lorenz L. Kumeilike of "B" Flight placed second with an average of 29.8%. Lt. George W. Fitzgerald of "A" Flight placed third with an average of 27.3%.

Pilots of the Squadron flew an average of 31:40 hours each during Summer Camp, an increase of almost six hours per pilot over that flown duing summer camp, of 1952.

The Squadron averaged three ground control intercept missions a day, with an average of 1:30 hours per mission. One of the Squadron's two B-26 type aircraft was used as the target. This aircraft made simulated runs against the island, and was intercepted by F-47 aircraft controlled by the 109th AC&W Squadron. Only one flight of four ships was used at one time. 109th Controllers split these flights into two interceptor elements, with each making intercepts on the B-26—one as it came toward the island, and one as it left. In using this method of intercepting, more intercepts were accomplised, benefitting both the pilots of the 199th and the Controllers of the 109th.

Credit goes primarily to the airmen and the supporting elements of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron for its successful Summer Encampment. It was because of them that the entire operation of the Camp ran so smoothly. They worked willingly for long hours on the line after the last mission each day in order to keep the planes flying.

The 199th Weather Forecasting Flight, under the command of Capt. Allen D. Pearson, received valuable training in synoptic codes, upper air codes, weather observations, pibal observations, studies of weather instruments, and map plotting. Along with the accomplishment of this, of course, the flight furnished pilots of the 199th with weather information prior to each mission.

Much credit is due to Capt. Pearson, for it was learned that before Summer Camp had ended, he had enrolled 100% of his flight in USAF Weather Schools. They are due to leave for the mainland in the very near future.

Personnel of the 109th AC&W Squadron benefitted greatly from the GCI Missions during Summer Camp. Major James R. Ashford, Commander, Capt. Robert E. Paine, and Lt. Edward D. R. Casper were able to put into effect those principles learned at school on the mainland. The former two officers had only recently completed the USAF Aircraft Controller's course at Tyndall AFB, Florida.

With the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron working daily in conjunction with them, the personnel of the 109th received invaluable training in tracking, R/T procedures, controlling, and maintenance in all phases of radio and radar.

For all units of the Hawaii Air National Guard, it had been one of the most successful Annual Summer Encampments of their entire existence. Much was learned, especially the fact that there was, now, even more to learn. Even now, new plans are being formulated for next year's Summer Encampment.

But why had this year's Summer Encampment been so much more successful than those held during previous years? Perhaps with the knowledge that the possibility of new equipment—both for the 199th and 109th—was forthcoming, all wanted to show that the best could be done with the old, before the advent of the new.

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298th INF CHANGES COMMAND

A loss for the 298th RCT was a gain for the State Staff on 1 August, when Colonel Robert L. Stevenson assumed his new duties as Chief of Staff for the army units of the Hawaii National Guard. Colonel Stevenson relinquished command of the 298th RCT which he had held since October of 1946, in order to join the AG's staff. He had led the 298th through its post war organization to its present state of efficiency which compares favorably with any other combat team in the Guard. Colonel Stevenson was born and raised in Honolulu, where he attended McKinley High School and the University of Hawaii. He first joined the Hawaii National Guard, in the old 298th Infantry, in 1931, and served steadily in that organization until 1940. In October of that year he entered Federal service with the 298th as a Captain. After a year at Schofield with that regiment, he was transferred to Hq 25th Infantry Division. He served there as Asst. G-2, and as G-2, in the Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, and Luzon campaigns. During the latter campaign he was relieved as G-2 and served as a battalion commander in the 27th Infantry. Col. Stevenson



left the active service late in 1945, and returned to his position as a fire insurance engineer with the Home Insurance Co. of Hawaii, a position he has held since October 1937, following his graduation from the University of Hawaii.

Colonel Frederick A. Schaefer III, of Kaneohe, assumed command of the 298th RCT upon departure of Col Stevenson. Col Schaefer was also born and raised in Honolulu, and attended Punahou and Cornell University. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt Inf-Res in 1942 and was assigned to the 27th Infantry of the 25th Division. He accompanied that regiment to Guadalcanal where he was wounded in action and evacuated to the mainland. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions there. Upon recovery, he was assigned to the 66th Infantry Division as an Asst G-3, and served with that organization in the European campaigns. After the war he returned to Honolulu and joined the 298th Inf in 1947 as commanding officer of the 1st Bn. He held that position until September 1952 when he was assigned as Regt'l Executive Officer. He



was promoted to Colonel on 1 August upon assuming command of the RCT. In civilian life, Col Schaefer is Asst Manager of the Plantation Dept at Theo. H. Davies Co., Ltd.

Col Schaefer's position as Regt'l Executive Officer was taken by Lt Col Clyde W. Woods, Jr., who was promoted to that grade upon assuming his new duties. Col Woods has been in the 298th Inf since 1949, serving in various staff capacities in the 1st Bn and also as Regt'l S-4. For the past year he has been acting commander of the 1st Bn in the absence of the Bn Cmdr. Col Woods was born in Louisiana and was raised there and in Texas. He joined the U. S. Marine Corps early in the war, and was separated as a major in 1946. He first came to Hawaii early in 1942 with the 6th Defense Battalion, and he participated in the Battle of Midway with that unit. He later served in various capacities throughout the Pacific with the 2nd Marine Division. Col Woods is a full-time employee of the Guard, as Contracting and Engineering Officer. Prior to taking that position in October 1952, he was with Lewers & Cooke Ltd. for six years.

Lt Col Francis S. Takemoto returned to Honolulu early in August, after attending the Regular Course at the Command and the General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth. He will resume command of the 1st Bn 298th Inf.

President's Column



On June 17 the delegates met and elected your officers for FY 54. I will not repeat their names for they are duly listed on the masthead of this issue. As your new president, I wish to thank the delegates for the confidence they have placed in me, and for their excellent selection of the other officrs and councilmen, and on behalf of the officers to promise all that we will fullfill our duties to the best of our abilities.

The delegates after careful consideration selected the following officers to act as our delegates to the National Guard Association's Annual Conference which will be held at San Diego, California during 19-22 October 1953:

Maj John M. Becker (298th)
Capt Reginald K. F. Lau (299th)
Capt George T. Harris (HANG)
CWO Fred K. Robello (Sp Trps)

Our heartiest aloha to this representative group.

One of the most impressive affairs was the gatheriing of the clans which took place after the delegates meeting. From Makua, Kahuku, Koko Head, and Schofield Barracks came the officers from the Special Troops, the Air Guard, the 298th RCT and 299th RCT to assemble for the annual dinner-conference. Of the 305 officers of the HNG, 272 were present for this great event. Several fine speeches on NG and NGA activities were given and well received, for many of us had never realized what an important part the Association played in NG affairs. I sincerely hope that next year we may have the opportunity to assemble again as one great body.

Our membership for FY 53 amounted to 326 officers and warrant officers, a decline of 22 in comparison to FY 52. The loss is contributed mainly to the inactive and some of the RFHNG officers failing to renew their memberships. The forecast for FY 54 indicates a 100% membership of active and RFHNG officers.

The Hawaii Guardsman also faired well during the year with subscription increasing from 2500 to 3000. In nearly every mail our editor receives a complimentary letter from a mainland or local reader. In the local and some mainland newspapers have appeared excellent editorials about the Hawaii Guardsman and a mainland library ordered all back issues to hold as a historical record of Hawaii and the HNG.

Throughout the coming year we shall do our best "To strengthen the National Defense, to further the interest of the HNG, and to promote the sound organization thereof," to attain 100% membership in our Association as well as the National Association and to continue our magazine on the high level it has attained.

Service Schools As I See It

by Sfc Robert Anina, Radio Chief Hq Co. 298th

I made reservations at MATS Terminal at Hickam Field and boarded a MATS transport and it took me at least 12 to 13 hours to Travis Air Force Base, California. There we were indoctrinated by Air Force Pesonnel and cleared. I caught an Army transportation bus to San Francisco to the Southern Pacific Railway, and made reservations for my journey to Fort Benning Georgia. Took a ferry to Oakland to catch the train to Los Angeles, got off and caught another train to El Paso, but due to an error by the conductor my ticket was not returned to me until I passed El Paso, so was rerouted to New Orleans, then to Birmingham, Alabama, then to Columbus, Georgia. My regular route was supposed to be from El Paso to Shrevport to Meridian then to Birmingham, Alabama, to Columbus, Georgia. It was roughtly about 4½ days by train alone, seeing nothing but desert especially through Texas.

As far as the training I received at Benning, it was very good. It was based on a regimental level, learning the functions of a Commo Chief and what he is to know about communication. It included training in message center, wire, and radio. The training here covers the broad aspect of communication from company level up to division and above. It also included drill and command, physical training (only in the instructional phase), a little of everything that an infantry man should know, also basic map reading, and that is one test you must not fail. If you fail it once you have another try, if you fail then you're out and sent back to your unit, also if you fail three or more tests in one particular phase like message center or 5 or more of the whole phase of communication, you're out. If you are really interested in this field as Commo Chief, I would recommend that any one having a chance to go to Benning, it would do him well for the training is very good.

As far as Benning and the surrounding areas it is just like Schofield. You have the same recreation facilities, but I won't say it is the best. It's up to a man's judgement to get along in any place or environment, but the area is very big including some training areas out side of Benning. We always ride buses to and from our classes.

The town is just like back here in Honolulu, but then they say you can't beat home. If you got some cash and especially if you have a car—boy you have it made!!

Editors Note: Sfc Anina attended the Infantry School's Communication Chief's course this past January to June, returning in time for camp. He is the 298th Regimental Radio Chief and also graduated from the USARPAC Radio Operator's and Repairman courses previously.

The Adjutant General's Column

This issue of the Hawaii Guardsman which contains a number of important items should be of great interest to all guardsmen. Such items as the new shoulder patch for the 298th RCT, the change in commanders of the 298th RCT, and the appointment of the new Chief of the National Guard Bureau are current news for the information of the entire command.

The principal subject matter of this issue is the 1953 Field Training recently completed. I consider this year's training the most successful since the reorganization of the National Guard in 1946. The attendance record, the successful air movement of all units from outside islands to and from camp on Oahu, the impressive Governor's Day Review of all units and the interest and enthusiasm displayed at training were the highlights of this year's camp. On the Air National Guard side, outstanding results in Aerial Gunnery and fine team work at intercept problems between the Aircraft Control and Warning Unit and the Fighter Squadron were noted. The excellent disciplinary record of our troops was particularly noticed by officers of the Regular Army and Air Force Inspection Teams. This was the subject of a very fine letter from Lt General John W. O'Daniel, Commanding General, U. S. Army, Pacific, in which he complimented the Guard and stated that this splendid record indicated superior leadership and standard of Esprit de Corps.

The officers and men of all units have set a high standard at this year's camp. You cannot relax on your laurels and expect equally good results next year. Planning for next year's camp must start immediately and should include maintaining the fine record established and steps to be taken to improve those items in which the units appeared weak.

I desire to take this occasion to express my sincere appreciation to all concerned for a job well done. I am looking forward with a great deal of confidence for another successful camp next year.

In closing, I would like to remind all officers that it is again time to support our two associations, the National Guard Association of the United States and the Hawaii National Guard Association. If any officers have not yet joined these associations, I hope they will send in their dues as soon as possible. Both associations are essential to the Guard, and it behooves all of us to support them.

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QUESTION: Are National Guardsmen authorized to obtain DECALS for private vehicles to permit entry into Military Posts and/or Reservations?
ANSWER: Only those full-time officers and enlisted men who are required to operate their private cars on military reservations during the performance of their duties are authorized to register their vehicles. Applications for such authority must be submitted through normal command channels.

QUESTION: Why doesn't the Hawaii National Guard sponsor a Non Com' or Enlisted men's Club?
ANSWER: There are no funds available to the Hawaii National Guard for the operation of clubs of this nature.

QUESTION: May National Guardsmen attend OCS courses in other than the Branch of Infantry?
ANSWER: Yes. The Artillery and Engineer OCS are open to National Guardsmen. Information on other branch school officer candidate courses is expected soon.

QUESTION: Is a Hawaii National Guardsman entitled to any type of GI Insurance?
ANSWER: Yes. While a Guardsman is on any training duty of 14 days or longer, he is covered up to $10,000 by the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951. This insurance protection is free, but it only protects the individual during the period he is attending training. See PB 16/51 AGO-HAW for details.

QUESTION: May Guardsmen request payroll deductions to their Quarterly checks for Defense Saving Bonds?
ANSWER: No, there is no authority for such deductions.

QUESTION: Are the Blue discs that were issued prior to the Armed Forces Day parade a part of the CKC uniform to be worn at all times, or are they issued for wear only during ceremonies and reviews?
ANSWER: The blue discs are to be worn whenever the collar insignia is used.

QUESTION: Where may I receive information regarding Retirement?
ANSWER: From your unit commander, from NGR-23, or from AGO-HAW. NGR-23 has the answers to most questions about retirement.

QUESTON: If I have an accident during Armory Drill or Field Training which is fatal, am I entitled to burial in the National Cemetery?
ANSWER: Yes, but only if you have had active Federal service. See Par 3a(6) NGR-63.

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UNIT NEWS

Hq & Hq Detachment, HNG

Depletion in the ranks of the Detachment marked the months of June and July 1953. Col Lester W. Bryan, Chief of Staff, HNG, after 20 years of faithful service went into the inactive National Guard beginning 30 June 53. During the 1953 Governor's Day Parade held at Wheeler AFB, Col Bryan was presented with a 20 year service bar by Governor Samuel W. King.

Cpl John Ho and Cpl Robert Yee let the Detachment on 6 July 53 to matriculate at the Northrop Aeronautical Institute, Northrop Field, Hawthorne, California. Cpl Ho who entered the Detachment on 23 June 48, was chief clerk in the message center section of G-1 at the time he was discharged. He will be training to become an aircraft maintenance man while at Northrop. Cpl Yee came to our unit on 3 Oct 49 and served in G-4 specializing in Class III at the time he left for school to become an aeronautical engineer.

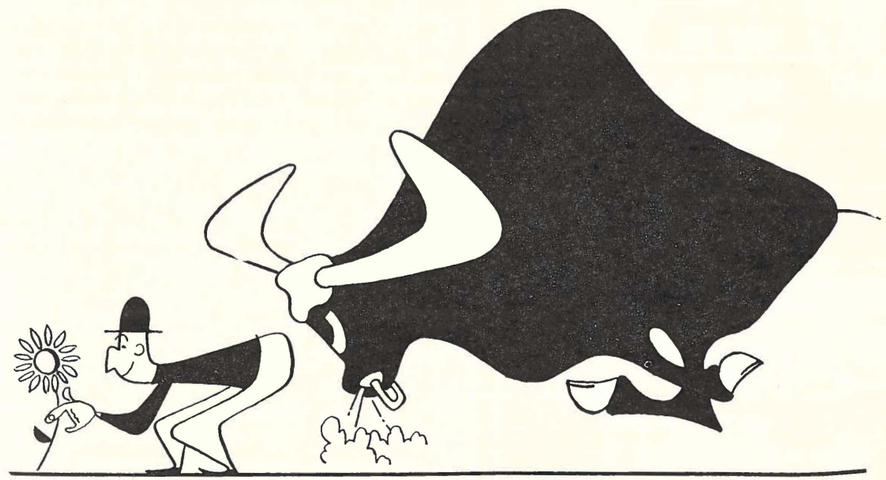
Also leaving the Detachment was Pfc Ernest Burlem. However, unlike the Cpl's mentioned above, Pfc Burlem shedded one uniform only to don the uniform of the Marine Corps on 6 July 53. Pfc Burlem a '53 graduate of Punahou Academy, enlisted in the Detachment on 17 Mar 52 and served with G-4 specializing in Class I. To all these "soldiers" the Detachment gang wishes a most successful career in their new adventures.

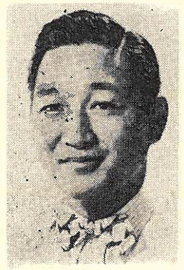
It was not all loss in personnel for the Detachment however. For on 22 May 53, we welcomed to our ranks Pvt John Lopez. Pvt Lopez enlisted in time to get a taste of summer camp at Schofield. At camp, he was assigned to the PIO Section, aiding Sgt Roger Young in taking shots of the Guardsmen in action. A '53 graduate of Kaimuki High School, Pvt Lopez is planning to matriculate at the University of Hawaii this fall majoring in engineering.

Mentioning of the 1953 summer camp brings back to our mind the jolly time had by all Detachment personnel at the luau had on the eve of breaking camp. All of the enlisted men kokuaed in preparing the wonderful food.

Lt Homer Kau and SFC Peter Kaaialii received attendance badges for three years perfect attendance while at the summer encampment. The badges were presented by Brig Gen Fred W. Makinney at a retreat ceremony held at Schofield.

Congratulations to Sgt David Mahukona, Cpl Merle Kelai, Pfc Edward Tomoyasu, and Pfc Reuben Cockett who were promoted to SFC, Sgt, Cpl and Cpl, respectively.


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UNIT

Hq & Hq Co. 298th Inf. HNG

by M/Sgt THOMAS N. SEE

This unit missed the 100% field training attendance mark by 1.48 points as one officer and one enlisted man were authorized leave during this period. Although we failed to equal the 100% of 1952, the morale of the men in attendance was extremely high. It is believed that the experience gained from Armory Drills and past encampments is beginning to take form, as personnel performed their duties with a great deal of zest and proficiency. Reports indicate that this year's two week training period was the "best" to date.

The first week of the encampment was climaxed by a Company Luau, M/Sgt Henry Niheu, Sgt Edward Miyata, and the entire Antitank Mine Platoon are to be congratulated for a most enjoyable gathering. Our thanks to Danny Kaina and George Wilcox from the 111th Band who entertained us after the meal. In the free for all program which followed many talented young men were unveiled, to include crooners Auld, Miranda, Ching and G. Bloemen; hepcats Hodai, Niheu, Miranda, and Ysabel; and jokesters Auld and Wright. Honorary enlisted guests at this affair were M/Sgt Thomas Iyamatsu and Sfc Valentine Peroff, former members of this unit who are now tied to the 277th Engr Company (Combat) and Service Company, respectively.

At a formal ceremony which included Hq & Hq Co and Service Company, Col Robert L. Stevenson, Regimental Commander, presented Badges for Three Years of Perfect Drill Attendance to the following individuals: M/Sgt's Joseph Kalahiki, Albert Loebenstein, and Thomas See, and Sfc's Edmond Brighter and Kay Louie. Worth mentioning is the recipient from Service Company, Sfc Valentine Peroff, as he became eligible to receive this honor while a member of this unit. We can claim one-third of the men in the entire Regiment who received these badges and are very proud of their accomplishments.

To conclude our discussion of field training it must be said that the Military bearing and appearance, marching and discipline, and interest displayed by all members of this unit reached significant high. The cooperation offered by individual Platoon Leaders assisted greatly in coping with the many work details and no outstanding gripes were registered from the enlisted ranks. We feel that we are ready to match wits as well as stamina with any existing Regimental Headquarters Company, whether it be National Guard or Regular Army.

Congratulations go to Captains David F. deCosta, Company Commander, and Howard G. Christ, Asst S3, who were promoted to their present grades recently. We also are proud to announce that Sgt Robert Chang received his "gold bar" and is now assigned to Company M.

For the information of our readers, total subscriptions to the Hawaii Guardsman now equal 68 with additional subscribers to supplement this number forthcoming. I sincerely hope that I can report 100% subscription (118 EM) in the next issue! Until then, "Aloha"!

NEWS

Heavy Mortar Co. 298th Inf.

by Pfc HENRY B. C. CHUN

Now that our summer camp is over, perhaps it's time for a post mortem to see how well we did on that two weeks of active duty training.

As far as training goes we did all right. This opinion is shared not only by our officers but also by the officers inspecting our unit while we were at Schofield Barracks and at Makua. For instance, our barracks were rated by Colonel Stevenson as being the best in the battalion, and our behavior out in the field as well as the conduct of the classes by our instructors were highly praised. The classes on the mortar platoons in defense and in attack were especially interesting. The men had a lot of fun hiding in the bushes and ambushing each other with blank ammunition; they jumped in the bushes and fired away like mad even though the field was wet and soggy. Several of the men (like Pvt Hirata) ripped their pants in the process. Some of the officers looked like the wanted to dive in the bushes and shoot, too.

Some of the men had the oppotunity to fire the 2.36" and the 3.5" rocket launchers. They're nice weapons. The 3.5" has a slight kick, but it's more of a push rather than a sharp punch.

The firing of our 4.2" mortars was done at Makua, where combat situations were similated. Again the platoons had to keep on the alert for ambushing desperadoes like Corporals Luna and Kahalekai. This year we were fortunate to have a hundred and ninety rounds of H.E. ammunition to fire. Every man in the company had the opportunity to drop in a few rounds. All the platoons did very well in the tests and received high ratings.

While at Schofield we were awarded a plaque for the highest rating on the Annual Armory Inspection attained by this unit last year.

We had our fun, too. While at Schofield, of course, there was no lack of amusement if one had the energy to walk down to the lower post, while at Makua we could go swimming or spear fishing. The officers brought rods and did some casting but didn't catch any fish. We had plenty of music. Corporal Oshiro brought a guitar, others brought ukes and harmonicas and Pvt Yonemitsu brought along his voice.

Before closing, this author would like to give credit to some people whose talents have not yet been adequately appreciated.

First, recognition should be given to Sgt Wilfred K. P. Chun and his valiant band of firefighters, including Corporals Oshiro, Kekahuna, Maeda, and Pvts Balag, Navares, and Yap for putting out the blaze which was started by our 4.2" mortar H.E. shells.

Second, thanks should be rendered to the truck drivers who took us to Schofield and Makua and brought us home alive. This is greatly appreciated, truck drivers.

Third, credit should be given to Sfc Miyoshi and his gang for the excellent latrine they dug at Makua. It was a marvel of clever engineering. Scientifically designed for ventilation and yet affording sufficient privacy, it was a project worthy of the son of a contractor.

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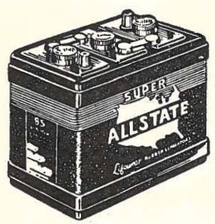
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Hq & Hq Co. 1st Bn 298th Inf.

by Pfc ARTHUR YAMAMOTO

After about a month of hospitalization at Tripler General Hospital, Pvt Barney Shiotani returned to drill on July 13. When your reporter inquired about his stay at Tripler, Barney answered, "It was right on the ball with excellent medical care, good food and lots of beautiful nurses who were *officers*." Poor kid!

The stork must be working overtime and behind schedule because the Wong family living on Wilhelmina Rise expected their baby to arrive last week but it seems that Sgt Wong sweated it out in vain. Here it is the week of July 12, and still no baby. By the time this issue is printed the company hopes that we will be receiving cigars with ribbons on.

This article is full of happiness but a little saddness has creeped in during the annual summer encampment. This company came in third place in the race for the coveted "Best Company Award" by a close margin of three points. We may have lost the award but sure won the consolation prize for the highest moral support. Nevertheless, congratulations go to Dog Company from the men of the Hq and Hq Company.

The running up and down from the second story of Quadrangle E at Schofield has not changed the structure of the Guardsmen of this company during summer camp because Sgt Afalla is having a terrible time fitting the men with new fatigues. The trouble lies in the fact that the men added on, rather than took off weight. Yes, every meal that Sgt Sabate and his crew cooked seemed to be a feast with all the delicacies, rather than just an ordinary breakfast, lunch or dinner.

It was unanimously voted that this company hold a little get together sometime in August. Rumors have been confirmed by Sgt Milimai that he will supply all the spirits for that party and also ice-cream for all men who do not indulge in the spirits.

Company A 298th Inf. HNG

by M/Sgt SAMUEL A. CHING

Summer camp has just ended and the "No Scared 'Em" gang are busy preparing everything for the coming IG Inspection.

It seemed to us that our morale and performance had picked up a 100% while we were out on bivouac. It could have been that we work better without having a nightly bath.

Chow was excellent (maybe we were too hungry but everybody ate to their hearts content)—many thanks to Pfc Primo (Beer) our mess steward and his gang.

Congratulations to the officers and men of Able Company for their excellent performance at camp. Rudy Valentino (Pfc) really kept up the morale and kept the men rolling with laughter.

In the Weapons Section we find grandfather Sato and his little offspring, Shomura, who constantly kept the boys on their toes. Literally speaking, they kept the boys up all night.

Company D 298th Inf.
Bark From Dog Company

by 1st Sgt WILLIAM M. PAZ

The Best Company of the 1st Bn for 1952 retained its title during the 1953 Annual Summer encampment. Dog Company was awarded the Best Company Award for the second consecutive year by Major Clyde W. Woods, Commanding Officer 1st Battalion.

Again the award was based on an enviable record of achievements scored throughout the year culminating in what many have considered as superior performance during the Summer encampment. Attendance at camp was 100%.

The Company would like to extend its sincerest congratulations to its CO and Executive officer who have been extended Federal recognition as to their Captaincy and 1st Lieutenancy respectively. Captain Robert J. Neves and 1st Lieutenant Eli K. Fountain have been with the company for a number of years and have steered and guided it to its present stature. They have won the respect and admiration of the men of the company.

After hours highlights at camp saw an impromptu "Latin and Hawaiian combo" lead by Pfc Robert Hoopii and Pvt Muller, on the ukulele and guitar respectively. Other members of the "band" were Pvt Philip Caban—spoons, Cpl Delmar Plunkett—tenor guitar, Pvt Leonard Dias—Bongo drums, Pfc Gordon Lau—2nd Ukulele, Pfc Anthony Scott—soprano (his doctor is the one that worked on Christine Jorgensen), and M/Sgt Jose Saromines—caretaker of ashtrays and butts, cigarette that is.

This little combo can turn out the sweetest music this side of Schubert and will do so at the drop of a case of beer.

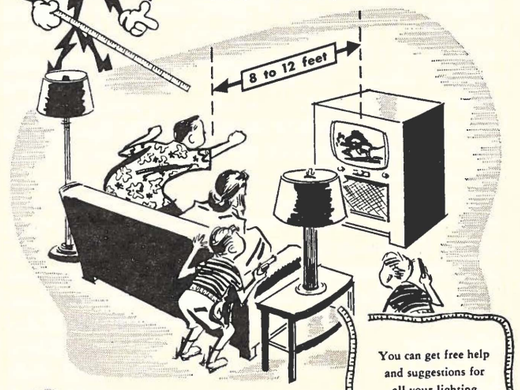
This Summer encampment saw a strange metamorphosis in a recently promoted Cpl. Henry Hongo (who by the way has been pestering me to get his name in print). Said Pfc Anthony Calistro of Hongo, "He can set up that 81MM Mortar so fast you'd think 10 guys were working on it instead of one." Could it be because Cpl Eric Tamura is now driving a truck?

Pfc John Coston Jr and Pfc Harry V. Daniels (HMG) were outstanding in the performance of their duties. M/Sgt Ilac has remarked many times that they are strictly top non-com material. Incidentally, that sharp guideon bearer is Harry.

Napoleon once said that an Army moves on its stomach. That statement is as true today as it was then, and no one can extend anything but praise to the culinary staff of Chef d'Gourmet (Sgt) Harry Masuno, Souse Chef (Pfc) John Rodriges, Gardemanger (Pfc) Robert Mana, Fry Cook, (Pfc) Richard Kiyota, Chef de Lequer (Pvt) Philip Caban, and Chef dela Guardia de Lamau (slop Keeper). (Pvt) Roland Shim did a bang-up job in spite of all the moving that the company did. Of course due praise must be given to Supply Assistant Pvt Stanley Sasaki, who was Official food taster at camp. It has been said of blubber boy that we attend camp for two reasons, the first is to eat and the second is to "shoot craps" . . . both statements I know are emphatically false.

Again it is my belief that the outstanding platoon in the company, as it relates to morale, performance, promptness, and cleaniness (area) is the 75MM Rifle Platoon. Running at close second is the HMG Platoon with truly superior training. The 81MM Mortar Platoon retains its coveted third place. It has the opportunities and material to excell but never seem to get started until the 2nd week of camp. And although overall performance during the 2nd week was tremendous it was not able to close the gap between it and the other two platoons.

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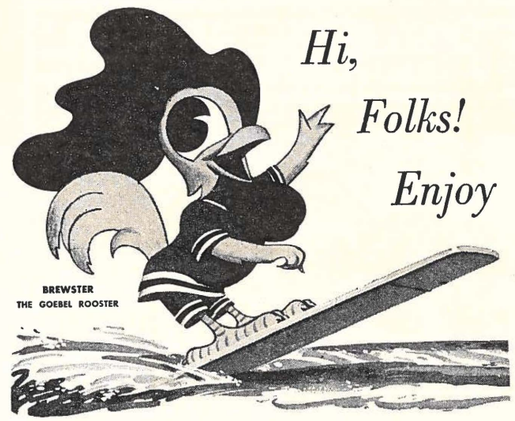
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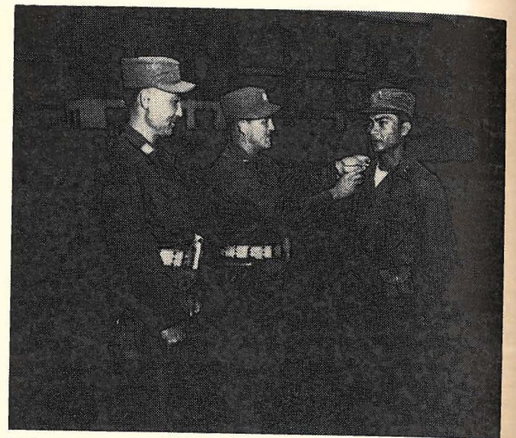
Hq 2d Bn. 298th Inf.

by M/Sgt SOTERO A. BAILADO

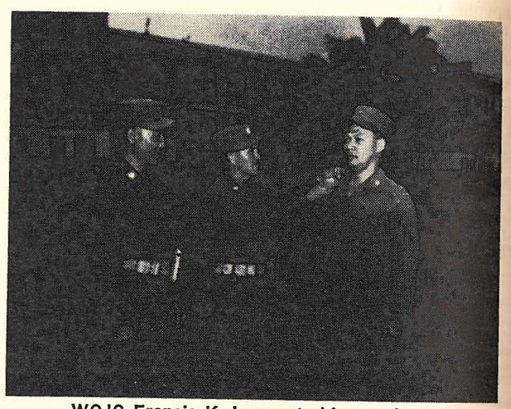
Second Battalion, 298th Infantry, commanded by Major Manuel Kwon has just concluded a most successful annual summer encampment. We want to sound off with pride that our goal of 100% attendance was actually achieved and such an attendance record is indeed commendable. Much credit goes to all the unit commanders, officers, and men in achieving this perfect attendance. In addition, our thanks go to our Army Instructors, Major Richard A. Beyer and M/Sgt Douglas Kim for their assistance and cooperation in realizing a very successful encampment.

Spotting new bars and indicating a much deserved promotion is CAPTAIN HINO, Heavy Weapons Commander. Congratulations Captain. Also awaiting Federal recognitions as Captains are Lts Richard M. Hendricks, Commanding Tank Co, and Lt Issac K. Mahelona, Commanding Company F. Appointed as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry during summer camp was former Master Sergeant Wilbert Aranaydo of Company F. Sgt First Class Frances K. Lum, who in civilian life is Unit Administrative Supply & Maintenance Technician for Company G, was appointed as a Warrant Officer and assigned as Unit Administrator. To these two fine young men goes the congratulations and very best wishes from the officers and men of this command.

Personnel from units of the Second Battalion plus Tank Co (90mm Gun) practically represented the entire HNG at the Special NG Officer Candidate Course at Fort Riley, Kansas. The following men were selected and are at present attending the special OCS class. M/Sgt Minoru Hirabara, Tk Co, and Sergeants John D. Castro, Rosario Daguio, and Roland Y. Kanemanu of Co H, 298th Inf. They departed for the mainland on 16 June 1953 and will be back on or about 29 August. Our best wishes are extended to these future officer guardsmen.



2d Lt Wilbert Aranaydo gets gold bars from Major Kwon.



WOJG Francis K. Lum gets his new bars.



At a recently held Fair and Bazaar in Wahiawa, Tank Company distinguished themselves by participating in the affair. Led by Capt. Richard M. Hendricks, Lt Moses G. Palacio, M/Sgt Thomas K. Lopez, SFC's Philip Gaboya, Frank Gentile, Sgts Raymond Guy, Sung Cho Kim and a host of others, various displays were shown which included an M38 tank which was well visited and admired by young and old alike. Cut-a-way weapons and a nightly showing of a military film added to the success of the venture.

In the realm of sports Company G (The Mighty), dominated all honors and it goes to say without doubt that this unit has a morale second to none. They captured the battalion volleyball championships in fine style by defeating the game but inexperienced team from Waialua, Co. E. In the softball playoffs, Company F (the ex-champs) bowed to the Mighty G. We look forward to see Co G bring home the bacon for dear old Second Battalion in the Regimental playoffs. And believe you me, they can do it.

Five members of this battalion were receipients of the Hawaii NG Attendance Badge. They are M/Sgt Sotero A. Bailado, Hq Co 2d Bn, M/Sgt Peter C. Lopez, Sfc Boleriano Desuacido, Sgt Edward S. Hirano, Sgt Sekito Takata, all members of Company H. These badges were awarded these men by virtue of attaining a three-year perfect attendance record. In a month or two we expect several other members to earn this much desired award.

Company F 298th Inf.

by M/Sgt ISAYAS D. SANTA ANA

"The West Point of the 298th" were the words used by Col Stevenson in describing this unit during camp. It must be some sort of record to produce three officers in three years. Lt Wilbert Aranaydo received his gold bars in a morning formation at camp this year. Lt Caliupe C. Amancio made his bars in 1951, and Lt Raymond Rapoza got his in 1952. Two more "men from the ranks" will be finished with their 10 series by the end of the year and should be getting their 2d Johns before next camp. M/Sgt Candido R. Panerio has only his final exams, while M/Sgt John L. Naone has about two more subcourses to tackle. Sgt Enmerano Torricer is the latest applicant for the 10 series.

Promotions well earned for work shown at camp were given to the following men: To Pfcs: Ben Almason, Ricardo Corpuz, Alejandro Gabaylo, Thomas T. Hayashida, Jesus C. Sarono, and James T. Suzuki. To Pvt E2: Tomix Alvaro, Vincent C. Gamayon, Yoshitsune Oshiro, Leocaldo Pinero, Steven Tingkang, Manuel Vegas, and Benny Viernes. Facing the company board and passing with flying colors were Ilfedio Solmirin for M/Sgt, Benito T. Alvaro for Sfc, Benny Davalos, Irenio Ganigan, Bob Kaneshiro, Moriichi Ono, and Isamu Yasutake for Sgt, and Harold Burgess and Herbert Kai for Cpl. These men should have passed the Bn Board by the time this edition is out.

CAMP FLASHBACKS: Orchids to Pfc Pantaleon Mendoza for making a bee line for Schofield when he was released from Tripler Army Hospital to make our unit 100% at camp.

Latin-American music every night by George Ruiz, William Morales, Alfred Canopin, Larry Debebar, Alfredo Domingo, Samson Palahang, and the mighty mite Steven Tingkang . . . Sfc Felix Samson and his "PUKEENO" boys studying the cards—clubs—kalamungai!!!! Pfc Venito Lagon cutting in on Lt Aranaydo at the Boys hangout DOT's . . . The NCOs party at DOT'S for Mess Steward Sfc Jonah P. Chung—plenty chicken to eat . . . The volley ball and softball teams fighting spirit after going down in stubborn defeat to the Might Co G—Ah!! Ah!! Ah!!

The "Black & Blue" Medal to most of the men in the Tank-Infantry Demonstration Platoon headed by Lt Aranaydo. Medics had a field day painting and bandaging bruised knees, elbows and forearms . . . Some "jokers" who thought they could get away by switching their "TS" cards on their gigged bunks. And finally, Lt Aranaydo, M/Sgt Santa Ana, M/Sgt Panerio, Sfc Solmirn, Sfc Ebia, and Sgt Palahang caught in the NCO Mess viewing "Training Films".

NCO CLUB: Elected officers of the club for the new Fiscal Year are Sfc Solmirin—President, M/Sgt Panerio—Vice President, M/Sgt Herodies—Secretary, Sfc Samson—Treasurer, and Sfc Mahi, Sgt Palahang, and Cpl Ganigan—Sgt of Arms. The first big project is the sponsoring of the Company's annual party. A beach party is temporarily scheduled for 8 Aug 53. More details on this shindig in the next issue.

Aloha and Farewells to the following: Sgt Frank Conselva transferred to Molokai Co B 299th Infantry, Pvt Bruno Oroyan transferred to Co B 298th Infantry, Pfc George Morisada, and Pfc Joaquin Banuilos to the Regular Army, and Pfc Jesus Sarono to the US Marine Corps.

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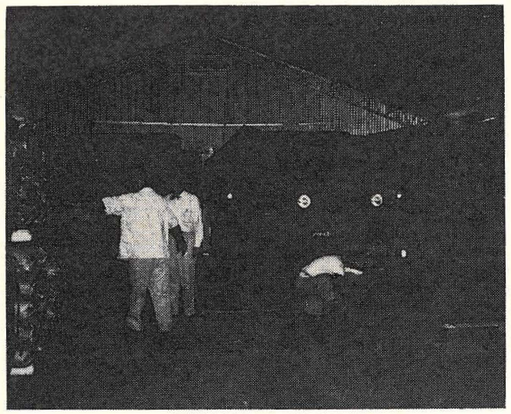
Scenes from the Annual Summer



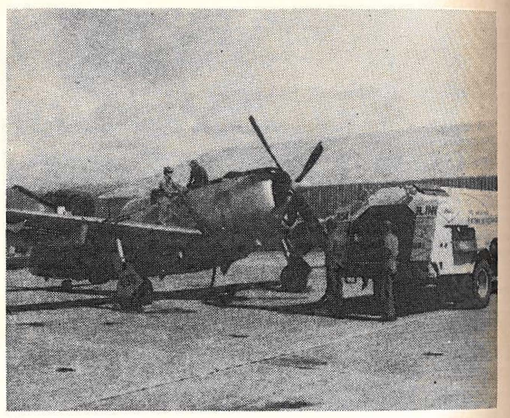
Corporal Alfred Kanai, 20th M.P. Co., operates with Regular Army M.P. guard at Foote Gate.



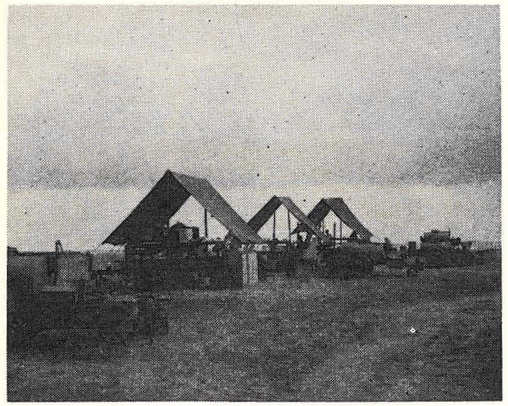
"CHOW!" C.W.O. Fred K. Robello, State Hq Camp Supply Det. checks a load of Class 1 at East Range. Wahiawa



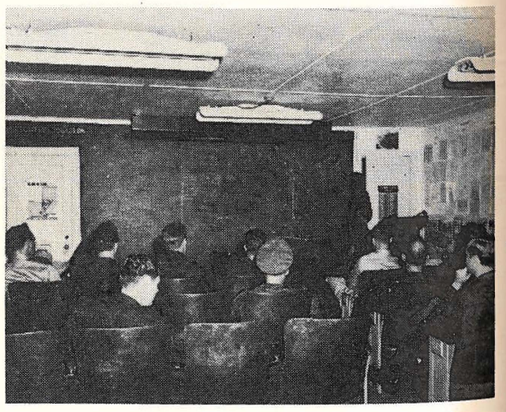
Vehicles of the 1st Bn 299th Inf on a Young Bros barge returning to Maui after summer camp.



An F-47N fighter plane of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Sq HANG, being re-fueled between missions.

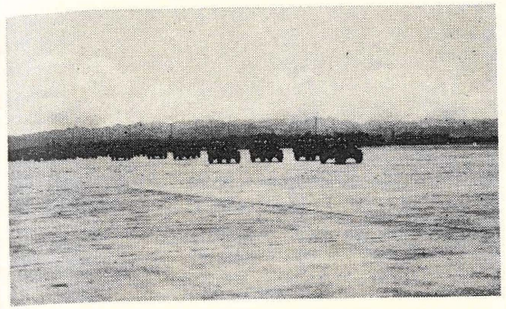


"Kitchen Row" of 3rd Bn 298th Inf on the beach at Dillingham Air Force Base.

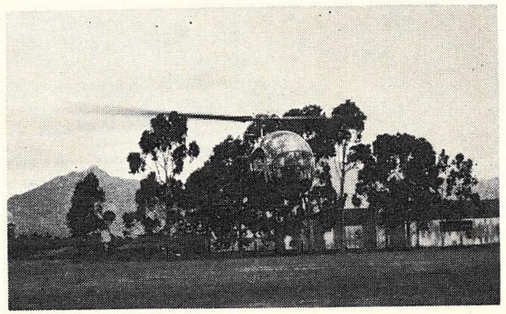


"Off We Go"—199th Fliers being briefed prior to take-off to Wheeler AFB for their summer training.

Encampment - June 1953.



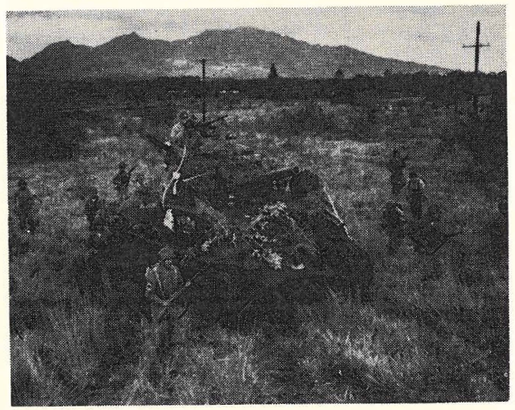
The 487th FA Bn passing in motorized review at Schofield on Governor's Day.



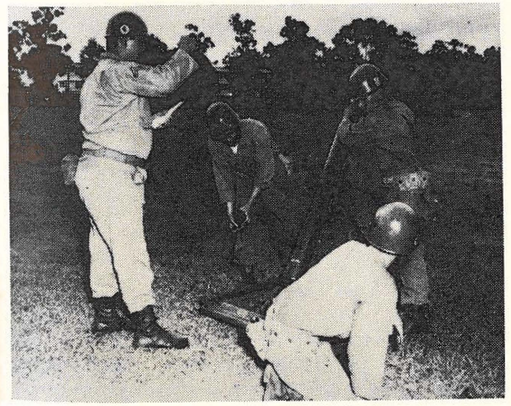
(DP) Lt Gen John W. O'Daniel, C.G. USARPAC arrives at Schofield by helicopter, to inspect HNG units in training.



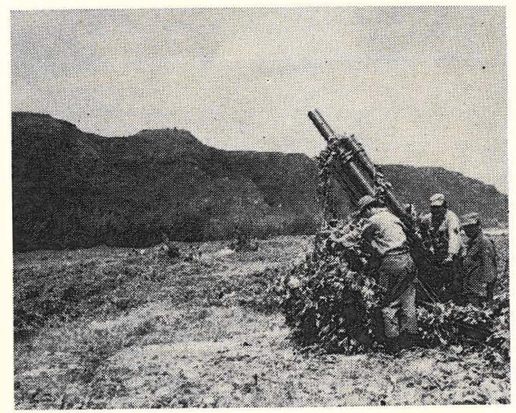
The instrument section of the 613th Ord Co, at work on the telescope used on tanks. Clockwise: Kohatsu Miyanzono, Sgt Kurakake, Sgt K. Akana and Pvt Lum.



Men from 1st Plat., Co. E, 298th Inf, led by SFC V. Ragasa, receive support from a medium tank commanded by M/Sgt T. K. Lopez, advance to contact the "enemy."



Squad of Hy Mortar Co., 299th Inf during gunnery practice. L to R—Cpl Bell, Pvt Espinda, Pvt. Pakaki, Pvt Miyabuchi.



Howitzers of Btry B 483rd FA Bn sites for high angle fire over Waianae Range at targets in Makua Valley.

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Company G 298th Inf. HNG

by WOJG Francis K. Lum

Well the "MIGHTY G" has done it again! During Field Training Encampment at Schofield Barracks, Company G took Regimental honors in both volleyball and softball competition. Members of the victorious teams that brought home the bacon were: M/Sgts Patrick O'Sullivan, Edmund Jones, Edgar Alexander, Sfc Henry Raposa, Sgts John A. Farley, Reuben Lum, Cpls Ralph Caldeira, Joseph Aalona, Gene Naipo, Hubert Kekua, Pfcs Harry Haitsuka, Solomon Fely, John Nauahi, Arthur Gorai, Tsunee Yamashiro, Samuel Kamanawa, Pvts Henry Domingues, Gerald Santos, Isaac Bailey and Raymond Moritomo.

We welcome back 2d Lt Iwae Iijima an old friend and member of this organization who just recently transferred back to the Active from the Inactive National Guard. Possessing the capabilities of an "all around" officer, Lt Iijima's return will be greatly appreciated.

Our VICTOR AWARD for the platoon possessing the highest attendance percentage during the past quarter went to the Second Platoon with 99.8%. Congratulations to M/Sgt Alexander and his gang. Can you do it again?

A recent enlistee in the Regular Army was Pfc Harry T. Haitsuka our former Company Clerk who is attending Communication School at Camp Gordon, Ga. A hard worker with a pleasing personality, we predict Harry for top honors in his class. Good luck to you Kid!

In intramural volleyball competition, the Third Platoon was awarded a trophy donated by Capt. Tsukayama our Company Commander. Captained and coached by M/Sgt Patrick O'Sullivan Jr, the Third Platoon defeated the scrapy Second in a close contested game. Congratulations Pat!

Another valuable and promising Enlisted Man lost to this company recently was Cpl Henry Mokiao. "Bevedes" as we called him, was inducted into the Army.

Our 100% attendance at Summer Camp this year was a historical and successful event. Performing their duties with the least confusion and exemplifying the highest spirit and morale ever displayed second to none. Needless to say, our recruits probably the largest group in the 298th RCT, trained vigorously and trojanly and completed the one week basic recruit training on top. We're very proud of them.

Last but not least appreciation goes to the following unsung heroes of this organization whose tireless efforts and interest brought satisfaction and comfort to the men and likewise praise and honor to the company: Sfc Zensuke Uyechi our very capable Mess Steward who spent many sleepless nites planning our meals, Cpl Harold Sasaki our Supply Sergeant, relatively new to the trade, did a fine job handling our supplies and Cpl Peter Contrades our hard working Armorer.

Company I 298th Inf.

by WOJG Edward Miyake

Highlight of the two weeks encampment of this company was the presentation of the award of the General Pershing Trophy for the highest percentage scored in the VI Army Area for rifle marksmanship. This award was presented by Colonel Stevenson, Regimental Commander, at a Battalion formation held in Quad J. at Schofield Barracks during the latter part of the two week encampment.

Mr. Lindsey Faye, manager of the Kekaha Sugar Company, Kauai, was a guest of the Company for lunch on Saturday, June 20. Mr. Faye flew in from Kauai with a number of other leaders of the Kauai communities to view the parade held at Wheeler Field. Lt. Moriyoshi Ganeko, a platoon leader of this Company and a member of Mr. Faye's staff at Kekaha Sugar Company, acted as host to Mr. Faye. A majority of the men of this Company work for the Kekaha Sugar Company.

First Lt John Ilalaole, Jr., formerly Assistant S-3 of the Battalion Staff, assumed his duties as Commanding Officer of this Company on 1 May 1953. Lt Ilalaole relieved Captain Manuel Medeiros who was assigned to the Battalion Staff. Lt Ilalaole joined the Guard in 1949 as a platoon leader of this Company. He is a veteran of World War II and served in Europe with the 63rd Infantry Division during its campaigns in France and Germany.

WOJG Edward Miyake, formerly Unit Administrator, assumed his new duties as Company Administrative and Supply Technician on 1 April 1953. In addition to his duties as Administrative and Supply Technician, Mr. Miyake is Mess Officer of the Company, and is a veteran of World War II having served with the 442nd Infantry in Europe. He has been with the Guard since 1947.

The 2nd Platoon, led by M/Sgt John Sato, celebrated their fourth post-camp dinner at Mike's Cafe, Hanapepe, Kauai, on 2 July 1953. M/Sgt Soto, who has been with the 2d platoon since 1949, takes great pride in his platoon and plans to make this affair an annual one.

Members of the 2d Platoon are:

John Soto	George V. Souza, Jr.
Chang C. Lee	Kenneth Octavio
Robert Patricio	Mauricio Agtuca
Thomas Quiocho	Thomas Santiago
Bennett Naholoholo	Albert Fujii
John Silva, Jr.	Epifanio Oroc
Crisanto Nitullama	Edward Kapahu
George Somalpong	John Morales
Kazuto Makizuru	James Carveiro
Severino Oyamot	Vicente Lomosad
Joseph R. Rivera	Daniel Omakanim
Anthony Louis	John Brun
Ellsworth Kaohi	

Sgt Manuel Martin passed cigars around in camp announcing that he had become the proud father of a son, born while he was attending camp. Mrs. Martin gave birth to her son on Kauai.

Sgt Clemente Ceballos arrived home on Kauai in time to be with Mrs. Ceballos as they became parents of a baby son. The Company congratulated both Sgt Martin and Sgt Ceballos.

Pvt Cristobal Otlang, a member of Hqs Section, was selected as a typical guardsman attending summer camp by AGO HAW. Pvt. Otlang, whose activities were photographed by a photographer from State Hqs, joined the guard during the early part of the year and was attending camp for the first time. Pvt Otlang is an officer in the CAP.

The Company had a 99.2% attendance rating in camp, the one man absent being ill. Much credit for the high attendance at camp goes to the NCOs who stressed the importance of camp to their men.

Company K 298th Inf.

by WOJG Luther K. W*ong*

Since the summer encampment is over, we can sit back in our chairs and dream of days that had just gone by and wonder if we'll ever have another like it. Attendance by this company was 100% officers and enlisted men present at camp and training by this company was the best conducted within the Battalion, as told to us by the Bn Staff and Army Instructor. Morale was high. To approximately 30% of the enlisted strength, the last encampment was their first experience of extensive training in garrison and in the field. There we had opportunity to pick out potential future leaders from among the ranks of the recruits. It is the general opinion within this campany that this unit will be very hard to beat during the next year.

To Sergeant 1cl Ralph M. Makanani, who was blessed with a new born son upon his return from camp, go our heartiest congratulations. We wished him many more keikis when receiving our cigars, to be future guardsmen of this unit. Sfc Makanani is best known in this unit as one of the most outstanding platoon sergeants this unit has ever had. Mrs. Makanai is the former Mabel Makaniole, one time campus queen of Kauai High School, Miss Kauai, and songstress with the well known Lamplighter Orchestra.

I wonder what Aubrey Schenk would do if there never was a Company K on this island? And we're beginning to think Kauai should be called Hollywood since practically all movie production these days are being filmed here. In the movie "eBeachhead" Co K has supplied the following actors as follows: Lt DeBusca, Sfc Christiansen, Pfc Nunes, Pfc Kapuy, Pvt Garcia, Cpl Vasques, Sgt Thrones, Pfc Mahuiki. Imagine, no screen test but just go in there and act. Anyway, we'll see how they come out when we see the picture being flashed on the screen. Pau for now till next issue.

Company M 298th Inf.

by Sgt Wataru Hamamoto

With a sigh of relief, we are now back at the rest camp, namely, Fort Ruger. That is, in comparison to our annual field training at Schofield Barracks. Of course, there are a few boys here in the supply room who have been "cussing" the job of cleaning the equipment, and they are Pfc Matsuura, Pvt Chun, Calvin, and Pvt Haneda. Their new motto: "Anything for the Boys."

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Co. M, 298th Inf. (Cont.)

Getting back to the days of straining and groaning, marching to the east and west ranges, some of the boys have decided to change, Annual Encampment to "Annual DeRANGEment". Small wonder the way some of them were collecting their sympathy cards from the First Sergeant. Six of these cards meant a free trip to the chaplain, but, I'm glad to say none of the men collected more than two.

All in all, the training went on accordingly due to the high morale of the men, and the fine supervision of our CO, Lt Booth, and our platoon leaders: Lt Kaulukukui and Lt Villa. We are proud to note that Company M, 298th Infantry, HNG, was one of the many companies claiming 100% attendance at summer camp. Much credit goes to the NCO's for their outstanding and untiring efforts at summer camp.

We welcome into our company 2d Lt Robert S. M. Chang, who was recently assigned from Hq 298th RCT.

Hq 483d Field Artillery Bn

by Sgt GEORGE L. LINDO

Now that another summer camp has been completed and the problems and laughter remain but a memory, I'd like with your permission to "dig up" a few of these memories that a lot of us would like to forget.

Biggest splash of the entire camp was the "Beer Bust". There are a number of boys (nearly all of us) who do not remember the evening or if we did remember would like to forget. Why one of the biggest surprises was the great display of talent that was discovered at this party. Acting as Master of Ceremonies was Hawaii's gift to the entertainment world, Pfc Sam Kapu Jr. A great time was had by all.

Recent changes in battery personnel was the appointment of 2d Lt Melvin G. Ing as btry commander replacing Capt Wallace B. Turner who was transferred to the Inactive NG, and Sgt Henry B. Cabral as First Sergeant. Sgt Cabral replaces M/Sgt Richard H. Kaulukukui who was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 1 June 1953 and assigned to B Battery 483rd FA Bn as an Exec Asst-Blt Ldr. Much success to the new appointees in their new assignments.

Congratulations are in order to the following men on their recent promotions: from Cpl to Sgt—Clarence Pacarro, to Cpl Walter Y. Arasato. Nice going fellows, you deserved that extra stripe.

While we are on this congratulating mood, we would like to add our congratulations to Sgt Ernest R. Ahue who is a daddy of a "baby girl" and First Sergeant Henry B. Cabral, who is boasting a "baby boy".

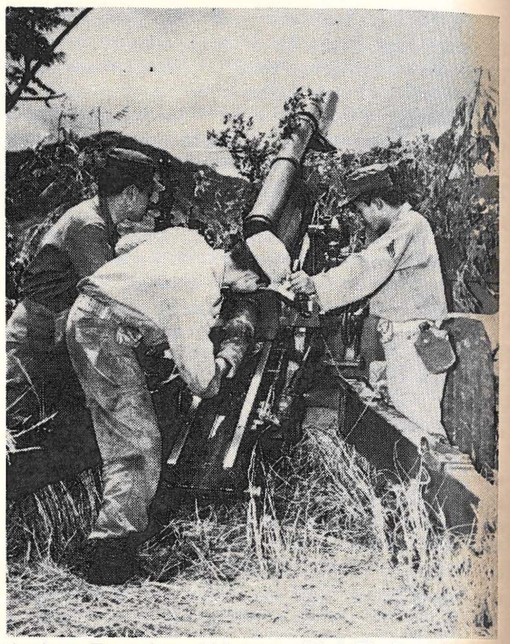
The entire battery and their guests enjoyed a southern fried chicken dinner on May 22nd at Smile Cafe. The dinner was held to welcome 2d Lt Melvin G. Ing who was appointed Battery Commander and other officers recently transferred into the battery.

New recruits seen around the battery area since summer camp are Pvt's Royal K. Mitchell and Alexander Nahoolewa.

483d FA Bn Able Battery

by Sfc WILLIAM SEGGERN III AND Sgt CHARLES J. K. MARKHAM

Prior to 1953 Summer Camp the "Baby" Battery otherwise known as "Able" Battery was given least hope



Howitzer Team from Able Btry, 483rd FA Bn, in action at camp. L to R—Cpl U. Mun, gunner; Pfc Gomez, loader; Cpl Villanueva, Asst. Gunner.

of survival in the Army Test. Due to willingness to work as a team, under all handicaps such as new personnel, a turnover of officers, a mere three-tenths of a point kept the Baby Battery from attaining high honors, on the Battery Test conducted at Makua Oahu TH during the recent Summer encampment.

1st Lt Charles Wills Jr has been appointed Battery Commander replacing Capt Francis A. I. Bowers Jr who is now attending officer school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

With such limited time assuming responsibility of a firing battery Lt Wills has displayed his ability of rendering his command amicably.

At termination of two weeks intense field training, an enjoyable beer bust was had by all.

M/Sgt Charles U. Aukai of Star Route, Kaneohe TH, enlisted 14 July 47. Sgt Aukai has shown his faithfulness and earnest concern for the welfare and betterment of his battery by having an enviable training attendance record. His winning smile and vast knowledge of the intricate functionings of the firing battery has made him a much respected "old timer", as chief of Firing Battery.

Lt Thomas S. Ito former Exec Officer of "B" Battery has replaced Lt Joseph J. Hines who is now with B Battery. The responsible and tedious job of supply Sgt has been delegated to Cpl Morris Motogawa due to the transfer of Sfc David Lee who is now a member of Hq & Hq Battery 483rd FA Bn. The battery with its many changes is looking forward to a greater victory this year.

483d FA Bn Charlie Battery

The annual two week summer camp has been a great event for Charlie Battery this year. On June 7th the 483rd FA Bn moved to Schofield Barracks, where Charlie occupied Quadrangle I. There the men were hurriedly

prepared for combat manuevers and battery tests for 7 consecutive days. As a result of these condensed training schedules, the remaining week at Makua and Dillingham Airfield proved to be one of Charlie's finest, showing of cooperation and good discipline. Every officer and visiting guests commended the battery for its great team work and generously approved of their winning the trophy for the 1953 483rd battery test held at Makua.

The leaders of Charlie Battery: 1st Lt Malcolm J. Jackson, Btry Comdr; Lt Marchal, Btry Exec; Lt Wah Sung Chun (recently reassigned to Hq Btry) and replaced by happy Lt Miyamoto, who is to be the Btry Reconn & Survey Officer; Sgt T. Q. Lee, First Sgt; and the men who work with them, in all truth showed the people of Hawaii that Charlie Battery is no "pineapple" army.

199th Scoop!

Having completed another successful summer encampment, the 199th Fighter Interceptor squadron is again ensconced at their home base on Hickam AFB and have taken up their usual busy daily routines, but not without memories of an exciting, and busy two weeks at Wheeler AFB.

The Air Police Element welcomed the return of their leader, 1st Lt Andrew S. Whitaker from the Squadron Officer Course at Maxwell AFB. A new member on the "Force", but an old timer with previous Air Police experience is S/Sgt Kenneth M. Weight, acting as an able assistant to the Air Police Officer in the capacity of Air Police Supervisor.

The 199th is continually building up through promotions, and enlistments. Two new additions to the 199th Forecasting Flight are Capt. Allen D. Pearson, Commanding officer of the flight, and 2nd Lt Anthony J. Gregory, Weather Officer. Members of the Forecasting Flight can expect the weather to be "fair and warmer" from now on. The "Medics" were also strengthened by the appointment of 1st Lt Claude V. Caver as Flight Surgeon to the squadron. Just see the "Doc" for your rations of A.P.C. Also returning to squadron 1st Lt Donald J. Seiler attached to Air Operations Section after a grueling (nothing but flying, IFR that is) two months at Moody AFB, Instrument Pilot Instructor School.

In the Promotion Department is Major Robert O'Hara, promoted to Major 13 June 1953. Air Operations Officer for the squadron. Also in the "Lime Light" are Capt. Robert A. Hite, Capt. Lorenz L. Kumielike, and Capt. Frank J. Smith, receiving their promotions 1 July 1953. Those Gunnery Scores really did the trick men! Congratulations to four fine officers who are certainly deserving of their promotions.

Congratulations are also extended to the following Airmen for their outstanding scholastic records while attending service schools on the mainland; T/Sgt Benedict C. Flores, A&E Mechanic Course, Shepard AFB. A/2c Wallace K. Takahashi, A&E Specialized B-26 Course, Shepard AFB. A/3c Franklin H. T. N. Chang, Refrigeration Course, Ft. Belvoir, Va. and A/B Daniel Loo, A&E Mechanic Course, Shepard AFB.

These men through their efforts have achieved recognition for themselves, the Territory of Hawaii, and the Hawaii National Guard. Theirs is a job well done. Keep up the good work men.



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Department of learning. The pride & joy of Detachment "A" finally got under way via commercial airlines and zeroing in for Lackland AFB, Texas to "Hup, Tup, Trip, Foah" in the USAF Basic Military Training Course. The happy "Thirty-one" were Airman Basics: Verne Hammock, Harry Lee, Larry Matsumoto, Philip Minicola, Alan Mishima, Clifford Murakami, Richard Puaa, Junius Tenn, Raymond Tokuda, Kenneth Uchida, Franklin Uyeda, Manabu Uyehara, Robert Wong, Franklin Agena, Jiro Arakaki, Richard Arakaki, Abel August, Alaexander Brenner, Lawrence Chang, Howard Char, Albert Endo, Pedro Rilveria, Richard Matsushima, Theodore Mauliola, James Sakamoto, Lawrence Sato, Edward Tengan, Allen Wong, Harold Hayashi, Kenneth Kaneshiro, and Ernest Pacarro.

F. E. Warren AFB, Wyoming will be host to six (6) of our airmen. The eager Communications Center Specialists are: A/2c's Edwin Takahashi, Franklin Pacarro, Carl Kanetake, David Keohokapu, Abraham Naehu, and A/3c Raymond Seto.

Now look at this! All you "Scope Watchers"! The following twenty-nine airmen are now at Keesler AFB, Mississippi practicing in the fine art of rotating their eyeballs 360 degrees in the AC&W Operators course: A/2c's James Kurita, Ralph Platt, Wallace Tirrell, Frederick Chee, John Hong, Pacifio Sabio, Esidro Adlawan, Donald Chow, Franklyn Morishige, Nicholas Teves, Joseph Tibayan, Alejandro Yoro, A/3c's Alfredo Agua, Eugene Goo, Edwin Suzuki, Daniel Takamatsu, Bert Yamaguchi, Randolph Freeman, Wendell Kim, Robert Lum, Wallace Nakamoto, Carlito Rofoli, Lawrence Takayesu, Morris Chang, Tom Endo, Robert Freeman, Albert LaMadrid, Franklin Leong, and Frederick Lum.

Sweating thru the USAF Officer Basic Military course at Lackland AFB, Texas is 2nd Lt WILLIAM MOSSMAN. Upon completion of this course, he will head directly for Tyndall AFB, Florida where he'll join our two other Aircraft Controllers: Capt ZOLTON ADAM and 2nd Lt ROBERT HAYES.

The Personnel Officer course at Scott AFB, Illinois should be an easy snap for Lt HENRY LAU!

Department of wedded bliss. Two more airmen have joined the ever swelling ranks of the "Ball & Chainers" Club! A hearty welcome to A/2c and Mrs. Edmund Rawlins and A/2c and Mrs. George Sanborn, Jr.

Department of success. As of 4 May 1953, the box score on promotions is fifty-seven (57)! To deserving S/Sgt is Masatoshi Higa. Elevated to A/1c are: Nicholas Abear, Raymond Tamura, and Edward Watanabe. The double stripers (A/2c) are Norman Chu, Allan Chun, Frederick Chee, James Kurita, Ralph Platt, Edwin Takahashi, Wallace Tirrell, Esidro Adlawan, Donald Chow, John Hong, Franklyn Morishige, Pacifio Sabio, Nicholas Teves, Joseph Tibayan, Alejandro Yoro, Carl Kanetake, David Keohokapu, Abraham Naehu, and Franklin Pacarro. Single-stripers (A/3c) are Donald Chang, Morris Chang, Tom Endo, Randolph Freeman, Allan Gyotoku, Walter Horie, Norman Ishikawa, Charles Iwata, Benjamin Kim, James Kobayashi, Harry Koyama, Morman Kuwahara, Jesus Lendio, Robert Lum, George Maeda, Theodore Mau, Clarence Mokepuha, Stanley Nagamine, Paul Nagata, Wallace Nakamoto, Cyril Pires, Carlito Rofoli, Raymond Seto, Kenneth Tyau, Alfredo Agua, Raymond Azama, Alvin Chang, Eugene Goo, Richard Hirata, Gary Kim, Herbert Lai, Roy Murakami, Ralph Takase, and Lawrence Takayesu.

Ol' Sarge's corner. Many thanks to Major JAMES ASHFORD and S/Sgt Elino Cabalda for supplying this squadron with two Television Sets during the past summer encampment. I'm sure the squadron appreciates this.

Did you know that our airmen filled up most of the bouts during the boxing tourney at Schofield Bowl during the encampment? For those who didn't hear about it, we captured the "Main Event"! As for the other events, well, I'll say this much, "What our men lacked in experience, they made up in spirit". Next year, we'll be out for that Team Title!

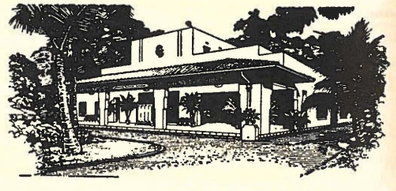
If "A" Detachment thought that their "PT" was rough, they should have been here with "B" Detachment. Casualties galore! From Strawberry knees to fainting spells! All this from plain everyday "PT".

Out of "A" Detachment's casualties, there was one where a coconut tree ran into an airman playing football. And there was one were an airman dropped his foot under one of the weights for weightlifting.

Ever heard of a duty sergeant named "Petunia"? Or of Basic Airmen buying seegars for same out of their own accord? Well, it happened here!

During the many visits by various dignitaries, one airman remarked, "They sure must like our chow!"

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120th MP Co.

by Capt. GEORGE ROBERTS

One more summer camp is now history and the company has been busy as beavers since the closing of camp with the thousand and one odd details required to be done in order to get back to normal routine. Add to the preparations necessitated by the constant round of inspections—Technical and I.G.—inventories and so on and it seems that life in the National Guard never allows a dull moment.

A flurry of activity on the matrimonial front indicates that the men are rapidly recoveing from the ordeal of summer camp. Commendations are in order to Thaddeus Jones and George Wong for their bravery in taking the fatal plunge. Congratulations are also in order to Sergeants Raymond Oliveira, Peter Chapin, and Edgar Hanohano, who all acquired their new ranks as a result of being high men at a rigid promotion examination which was conducted during summer camp. Since all the NCO ratings are now filled with high-calibre men, the company should enjoy a very successful training year indeed.

We are very sorry to have said good-bye to Pfc Melvin Drose and Pfc Melvin Nonaka, who decided to put their considerable talents to good use in the service of the United States Marine Corps. Good Luck, boys, we hope to have you both back with us when your tour is over. The same applies to Pfc George (Chubby) Aleka who decided to return to the Big Island to live and thereby help put his old regiment, the 299th Infantry, back on its feet.

It is nice to have visits from old friends, so it makes us particularly happy to have so many ex-120th men, now on duty in the regular services, dropping around to see us on drill nights. Ishii, Faufata, Wright, Lewis—to mention a few, all make a fine addition to the local USARPAC command. Also we are might pleased to see again our old original dark cloud, smiling "Little Joe" Mokulehua, who returned as one of the mainstays of the Marine Corps battalions—currently operating at Kaneohe Naval Base. Best of luck is extended to ex-corporal William Nary who is now under orders to attend OCS at the Artillery school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Welcome is extended to newcomers Allen Lyman, brother of our worthy Administrative Assistant, Pfc Lion Ua, formerly of Service Company, 299th Infantry, Corporal Harvey Chung, formerly of Heavy Mortar Company, 298th Infantry, and Steven Pau, sturdy graduate of Kamehameha school.

We are in the market for a willing worker who will volunteer to make a trophy case in which to properly place all our company trophies. If there is any hidden cabinet making talent in the company since Cpl Asato left, please step forward. The fact that the company now possesses plenty of trophies is no reason to become complacent and to rest upon our accomplishments. After all, it takes hard work and effort to win those trophies but it only needs a little let-down to lose them. So lets get on the ball, or "kinipopo" gang,—strive for those 100% attendances and superior ratings in everything that you do. There are some mighty fine outfits in the National Guard and they all are breathing down your collective necks trying to win that Eisenhower Trophy this year.

613th Ordinance Co. Direct Support

by M/Sgt THEODORE WONG

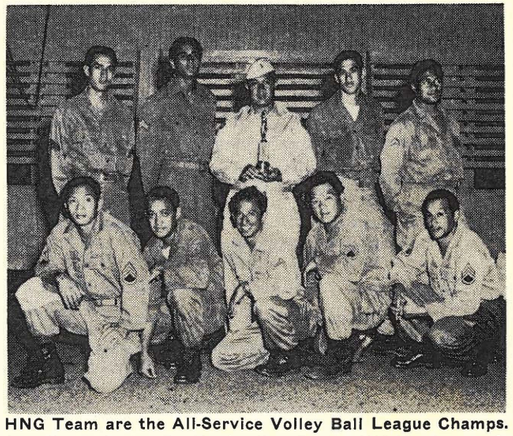
"KAIMULOA DAY" 17 June 1953 was proclaimed by Captain Nicholas M. Beloberk of the 613th Ordnance Company DS at Schofield Barracks during the annual summer encampment. M/Sgt Peter H. Kaimuloa, who enlisted in the National Guard in June 1916, has seen services in the United States Navy and the United States Army. He was Honorably Discharged from the Hawaii National Guard on June 1953.

On this day M/Sgt Kaimuloa was assigned two orderlies, Sgt Manuel Fernandez and Cpl Frank Ho, who reported to him at 5 a.m. for the whole day. At 6 a.m. the National Guard 111th Army Band rendered a very fine morning seranade in his honor. To complete the day a cake and a very big feast was prepared for him by SFC Edward Lau and his mess section for supper. Gifts of "Appreciation and Memory" were presented to him by members of the 613th Ordnance Company and the 120th M. P. Company.

All is not play and celebration for the Flaming Ball gang. Their first few days in camp they had worked very hard to transform a marshy bush riddled area into a fine work shop area. The USARPAC Inspection unit highly complimented the unit on the appearance of the work shops. Through the good leadership of our Commanding Officer Capt. Nicholas M. Beloberk and diligent 1st Sgt Howard Sypher our camp was highly successful this year.

In a pre-season softball game with the 120th M. P. Company we ran away with a score of 17 to 5. I predict that the Ordnance team is the team to keep your eyes on. Our Rifle team came in third, in the recent Cal .22 small bore rifle match. We also have a whipping high power cal .30 rifle team captained by SFC Anthony Conti. They have been all practicing for the coming rifle match to be held in Hilo. They're sure to be right on the top when the final results have been turned in.

We are happy to welcome back two of our men, Sgt Kenneth Lee and Sgt Manuel Fernandez, who were attending school in Aberdeen, Maryland. Both have returned with more knowledge and practical experience to help and train our men in their respective MOS.



HNG Team are the All-Service Volley Ball League Champs. Standing: L to R—H. Leslie, Pratt, WOJG Aana, G. Leslie, Koanui. Kneeling—Asentista, Malo, Goldstein, Cozo, Keliiwaiwaiole.

Hq & Hq Co. 299th Inf.

by WOJG Mitsuo Hasegawa

Fresh from intensive training at Schofield Barracks, 15 officers, 2 WOJGs and 103 enlisted men of this organization are sure glad to be civilians again. The "old man" is mighty pleased on the results attained but, don't let that "pat on the back" cool your steam fellows. Keep up the good work.

Recruiting before camp was slow but we managed to snag four of EM: Pvts Paul Nishimura, Lowell Terada, Richard Hamada and Joseph "Corpse" Cortez Jr. They showed potentialities to be top guardsmen after what they went through at camp. Their recruit training made men out of them.

Former Sgt Charles C. R. Park, the Terror of Rifle Tournaments Fame, was commissioned as second john, Infantry, on 20 May 1953. He now commands the "Eyes and ears" of the regiment, the I&R Platoon.

A new WOJG. He is Mr. Aley K. Auna, a swell joe. Them wedding bells will be ringing comes 18 July. Congrats.

Tank Co. (90mm Gun) 299th Inf.

by WOJG Yoshiaki Kanekuni

Early Sunday morning, 13 June 53, Tank Company (90mm Gun) 299th Infantry assembled at the unit armory for departure to Schofield Barracks for two weeks encampment. Transportation to Hickam Air Force Base were furnished by MATS. It was the first time, that the troops from the 299th RCT on the Island of Hawaii traveled by air. The boys were pleased about the whole thing.

For the second consecutive year this unit attained 100% attendance. Much credit goes to the employers for the fine cooperation in letting the individuals attend summer encampment.

As soon as all the preliminary work was completed, the men got to work in preparation for the first day of training.

During the second week at camp, the men went through vigorous training firing the 105mm How at Macarthy Field and conducting Infantry-Tank team problems at East Range. All the men should be commended for the fine showing in performance of their duties. The maintenance section did a wonderful job in getting the tanks into excellent condition.

Promotion during the quarter were awarded to the following: To Sgt, Clifford M. Britto, Rupert N. Kama; To Cpl, Hiroshi Ota and Juichi Yamashita.



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110th Army Band

by Sfc Mac Villaverde

This unit enjoyed the best encampment we've ever had, the fact, due to a 100% physical and moral attendance. 100% weapons qualification was also credited after our last two men namely, Pvts., Kurohara and Yoshina who we recently incurred through transfer qualified as Expert and Sharpshooter respectively during this encampment at Schofield. (Watch! You Rifle Companies, we're threat to those trophies offered by NGB.)

The bandsmen, after receiving a terrific training were in very outstanding spirit even to the last day. They took all the instructions and beating like true soldiers—(griping as usual.)

As the saying goes, "all good things come to an eventual end,"—this unit will suffer a great change over in strength due to the unemployment crisis here in Hawaii. No jobs, no bandsmen!

Another experience the members enjoyed was the thrill of being photographed for television and movie. We were given an hour of this terrific pressure—just like Hollywood. (If you notice in the film when it comes though, you'll be seeing everyone letting out water like Niagara Falls.) Anyway, judging by the personal comments by the bandsmen themselves, I'm safe to say that this was one of the best performances we've ever accomplished. Some precision and fancy band drills were noticeable for the occasion.

Med. Co. (less 1st Bn Plt) 299th Inf. HNG

Here we are, back from the annual field training at Schofield Barracks and raring to go for the next fiscal year. Camp attendance was 100% with 5 offices and 56 enlisted men. The 1st Bn Medical Platoon, from Kahului, Maui was assigned to our unit, so we had an aggregate of 6 officers and 81 EM. Despite the normal gripes and groans, training was enjoyed by all and chow was excellent.

The recruits all commented on the training that they received during the first week and were full of enthusiasm. Something new added this past field training was the evacuation by helicopter of casualties from the field, and also the treatment of injured and establishing of aid stations while under enemy fire, simulating a beach landing. The latter was accomplished at Makua together with the Medical Detachment, 487th FA Bn.

Promotions during the past quarter were as follows: To Master Sergeant, Sfc Wagner I. Yanagihara, to Sgt, Cpl Hiroshi Imaizumi, Cpl Raymond Moniz, Cpl Akira Yoshina, Cpl Alexander L. Barboza, Cpl Clement G. Carvalho, to Cpl, Pfc Hiroshi Arakaki, Pfc Baldomero Pitoy, to Pfc, Pvt Kiyoshi Tamashiro, Pvt Tomoaki Yoshina.

Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf.

by CWO Peter O. Sierra

9 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, and 77 Enlisted Men (98.7%) attended Field Training 153, at Schofield Bks, T.H. I guess every individual enjoyed this year's summer encampment (and who wouldn't) with all the comforts, recreational facilities, etc., right around the quad. Training for the two weeks was a tough grind, and we suffered one casualty—Pvt-2 Florendo Villanueva, who was injured on the right thigh by an exploding blank shell, while fire-fighting. After three days in the Tripler Army Hospital, Pvt Villanueva was back on his feet and limped

up the ladder to board the plane for Maui, with the rest of the troops.

At the Regimental Parade, held at Schofield Bks, Colonel Alameda, 299th RCT Commander, presented the HNG Attendance Badge for attendance at all armory drills, inactive duty training assemblies, and the entire period of each scheduled anunal field training, to the following EM. Six Years Badge: M/Sgt Frank R. Carvalho, and M/Sgt Agapito R. Palafox.

Three Years Badge: M/Sgt Harold H. Nako, Sfc William P. Bringuel, Sfc Stephen J. Mendez, Sfc Louis Moniz, Sgt Richard English, and Sgt Eugene S. Evans.

Capt Solomon Lee, Bn S-3, departed on 1 July 53, for the Infantry School, Ft Benning, Ga., to attend the Assoc Inf Off Adv Crse. This will be his second trip to Ft Benning.

Promotions: To Corporals: Pfc Manuel A. Bartolome, Jr., Pfc Oliver H. Cummings, Pfc Lionel Santos, and Pfc Patrick F. Vares.

Private First Class: Pvt-2s Jack K. Akana, Edward Cabacugan, George R. Enoki, Ralph Freitas, Arthur H. Fujimoto, Alan Y. Ibara, Roland Y. Ibara, Harold S. Morreira, Alfred Nuesca, Howard L. Robello, Donald C. Shishido, Herman H. Sugimura, Alexander Q. Tabilangan, Robert T. Takemoto, Andrew C. Wallace, Isamu Nakasone, Charles F. Pico, Sadao E. Sakai, and Thomas M. Watanabe.

Private E-2s: Pvt-1s Pedro D. Presbitero, Florendo Villanueva.

New Enlistments: Pvt-1s Edward Bediamol, Walter D. Freitas, James R. Fernandez, and Conrad V. Palafox.

1st Bn Med Plat Med Co 299th Inf.

by CWO Peter O. Sierra

One Officer and 25 Enlisted Men (100%) flew via MATS Aircraft, from Maui to Oahu on 13 June 1953, to attend the 1953 Summer Encampment. This year we joined our parent unit, Medical Company 299th Infantry for administration and training.

Promotions: Pvt-1 Stanley C. Lee was advanced to the grade of Pvt-2 after successfully attending all armory drills during a four month period.

Losses: This unit sorely missed the services of Sgt William J. Rodrigues who decided to make the Regular Army his career. Good luck, Sgt Rodrigues.

Hq 1st BN 299th Inf.

by Peter O. Sierra, CWO

4 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, and 132 Enlisted Men (100%) of Company "A" 299th Infantry, attended Field Training 1953 at Schofield Barracks. During this training, the following individuals were commended by the Commanding General, USARPAC, and by the Adjutant General, Territory of Hawaii: 2d Lt Edward W. Brown, M/Sgt James F. Lindsey and Sgt Akio Aotaki.

WOJG Dallas K. Kalepa, Unit Administrator of Co A 299th Inf, was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer on 25 May 1953. Congratulations. Mr. Kalepa!

2d Lt Benjamin Q. Ampong, Platoon Leader of Co A 299th Inf, departed on 8 July 1953, for the Infantry School at Fort Benning, to attend the Infantry Officers Basic Course.

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Company C 299th Inf.

by CWO H. HASEGAWA

Sfc Francis Abreu departed for the Special NG Officer Candidate Course, Ft Riley, Kansas on 16 June 1953. The course will run for ten weeks and Sfc Abreu is expected to be commissioned upon his return to the unit.

118 out of 119 or 99.1% of the enlisted men of this unit attended field training this year. 117 of the 118 that attended camp qualified with their individual weapons.

The sale of sweetbread conducted by Company C recently for a worthy cause was a success due mainly to the efforts of Lt Shigeto Murayama. Lt Murayama personally sold 27 sweetbreads to lead all others in the company. CWO H. C. Hasegawa was second with 16. M/Sgt William Bak and Sgt Nin Yau Ah Lee Sam each sold six. Others sold lesser amounts and almost everyone sold at least one.

The NCO Club will sponsor a luau in early August for members of the unit. The affair will be non-profit (for a change) . . . all are invited . . . $3.00 per member (family included.)

2d Bn 299th Inf.

Throughout the next few words we will attempt to take you on an "excursion" tour of the Second Battalion units of the 299th Infantry on the Island of Hawaii. However, we realize the limitation of space availability consequently we cannot and will not go into the details which we are already familiar with in an Infantry Battalion such as ours.

Prior to pulling out of Building 508 located at General Lyman Field which houses, along with Battalion Headquarters Company, the good old spirited boys of "Fighting" Fox Company, let us first of all execute an "Eyes Right" to the friendly fellows of the backbone company of an Infantry Battalion. Naturally we speak of Battalion Headquarters Company who, although limited in size in comparison with most units of the Regiment, has done exceedingly well in all of their undertakings in recent months. Despite the fact we were unfortunate in not having 100% attendance while at field training (96.3% is all we were able to run our figure up to) the officers and men of Hq Co are to be commended for their part in making field training the success it was. Needless to say, the Battalion Staff (and that includes everybody) did an outstanding job in the planning and organizing for the entire period of encampment. Moving on down to the different sections of Hq Co we can commence to congratulate Lt Blain (who incidently is fairly new to the Battalion) along with Pfc Tomono and the rest of his "hot-rod" drivers. Lt Blain is the new Battalion Motor Officer and Tomono his capable Dispatcher; again we can only add additional praise to the Communication Platoon under its Platoon Sergeant M/Sgt Ah Heong and his section chiefs, namely, Message Center-Pfc Oili; Wire-Cpl Hara and Radio-Pfc Yoshioka. Combined these three sections make up one of the finest Commo Platoons in these hereabouts; and this is really something—Hq Co has gone on record in boasting the finest and most efficient Pioneer & Ammunition Platoon within the HNG—and I can readily see why. We havent seen them come better than fellows like M/Sgt Kanaele (he has more years in service than this writer has years in age), Sfc Kaulupali, Cpl Ferreira, Cpl Milar and the rest of the men that makeup that "HE" outfit; since it is already known that the American Army travels on its stomach, we can be proud of the cooks of Hq Co. Sfc Izuno, along with Sgts Morgado, Espaniol, Cpls Martines & Smith and last but not least that always alert Mess Attendant Pvt Kennedy, did an almost superior job along with those up-and-coming cooks of Fox Company (we had to mention them here less we'll never hear the end of it but we'll come to them a little later when we browse through their own company). We have yet to hear any complaints or "gripes" about the S-1 Section under Lt Umipeg (who along with Lt Blain is also new to the Battalion) and Sfc Hoota and his clerks. We already know that Sgt Hoota is the genial Sergeant Major of the Battalion who has done an excellent job in this, as well as previous encampments. All in all we were well satisfied with the performance of Hq Company's personnel and by gosh, I nearly forgot, let us not exclude "On Top of Old Baldy" who, the last time I saw him, was walking with a few bundles (be it supplies or laundry) under his arms. If you haven't guessed it by now "Old Baldy" is none other than our Battalion Supply Sergeant Sfc John Morgado. What a man! Never stops till the job is done and done well and he's been doing it for years now. The best way your reporter can conclude this portion of our journey with Battalion Hq Company is by saying "A swell bunch of guys with the know-how."

Being that this battalion is spread from here to breakfast, let us hop aboard our M38 and drive some sixty miles to the plantation community of Pahala where we will drop in on the boys of Easy Company. On the way out pass Olsa way we will intentionally by-pass George Company which is located here in Olsa inasmuch as we'll come around to them a little later. On about the twenty-nine mile zone in the Volcano area we again intentionally by-pass another quaint installation, namely, The Fernhaven (not in any way connected with the NG but always a good place to stop in now and then for a few quick ones but this being duty hours we will have to overlook this excellent opportunity.) Arriving at the Hawaiian Ag community of Pahala and thence toward E Company we find three familiar faces in Lts Okasako and Watanabe and Sfc Fuerte awaiting our arrival. Lt Okasako, as we know, commands this fine unit, and Lt Watanabe who recently received his commission prior to our departure for Schofield Barracks is his able Platoon Leader and Sgt Fuerte holds down just about every other job in the company with his PDY being that of a Unit Administrator. We were happy to note these three smiling faces upon our arrival at the unit armory. Lt Okasako had good reason for smiling since he was able to take 100% strong to camp with him. Although this unit is not quite filled as per TO&E requirements for a Rifle Company rest assured that they performed well in the field with the troops they had to work with. Hearing our latest reports we have little reason to doubt that Easy Company organized as it is could do wonders with the best of Rifle Companies but these boys are not letting it stop at that for the CO informs us that its going to be full strength or "bust" before long. Knowing these lads as I know them you can bet your bottom dollar it will be full strength and not the latter. The fact that both officers are faculty members of Pahala High School should prove advantageous in their efforts in building the company. Along with Lts Okasako and Watanabe we have a good number of dependable NCO's in "E" Company who can "carry the ball" when called upon to do so. To mention a few of these NCO's in addition to Sgt Fuerte, let us not forget fellows like Sgts Evangelista, Keanu & Valledor and the rest of them whose names slip our memory at the present time. All of them excellent supporters of the unit which they helped build a few years back. Our hats off to the cooks of E Co who did an excellent jb in their efforts despite the fact that army cooking was as strange to them as is hot ice. Before we pull out of here and head back Hilo way to visit with Fox Company back there at General Lyman Field let us hand out with a few hand shakes and a couple of pats on the back to the officers and men of Company E and urge them on to keep up the fine work that has been done in the past. Men go out and get those enlistees that Lt Okasako is looking for. You can do it.

We're aboard our M38 once again bouncing toward Hilo headed for F Co where we find Captain Major L. Desha (no he isn't a major if you were going to ask that) waiting at the entrance of his armory for us. Captain Desha (whom we were able to learn has acquired a new nick-name since camp) has been with F Co for quite a spell now, in fact as far back as I can remember and I myself have been around here for ages, it seems. He has commanded this unit for several years now and has relinquished this command only during his temporary absence while attending TIS at Benning. As we have often heard it said by the Bn CO that in Capt Desha we have the only Capt Major in these here parts and that I assure may be the truth. Haven't heard of one anywhere else. Going through this unit with the CO we come across quite a few new faces as well as some "old timers" who we have had the pleasure of meeting previously among them being 2nd Lt James Kuritani from out Kurtistown way. Lt Kuritani served as an EM before being commissioned with G Company out at Olaa afterwhich he was later assigned to F Co as a Second Looey. He too like the Company Commander has been around for quite a spell. Bumping into another officer here in the company we find that he is a newcomer to the unit. We refer to 2nd Lt Raymond Suefuji, a new platoon leader, who is brother to Stanley who was formerly the unit Administrative Assistant for a short period of time. Lt Suefuji joined us just prior to our departure for camp along with Lt Watanabe of E Co. Capt Desha tells us that he did an excellent job while at camp. We won't question that being that Lt Suefuji was formerly with HITC Headquarters at Schofield just prior to joining up with the NG. Ooops! M/Sgt Carvalho just passed us by. Another "old timer" in F Co. Sgt Carvalho is now the Unit Administrative-Supply Maintenance Technician (Superman to be exact) for Fox Company. We also noted Cpl George Ah Sing in back of the wire netting of the supply room which tells us that he's the Company Supply Sergeant. Cpl Ah Sing was formerly with F Co sometime back but stepped out for a short while for a breather but later found out that he had "left home" when he left the Guard so had but little choice other than to "re-up" for another hitch. Captain Deha has pointed out to us that the majority of the men in F Company are newcomers to the unit as well as to the Guard but he informs us that each performed as a veteran individually as well as a team and quite a team they proved themselves to be. In fact, and this is obvious, Capt Desha wouldn't trade his unit for any other in the RCT. Yikes! Time is creeping up on us and before we know it it will be quitting time soon and we still have a couple of more units to visit so we are forced to bid Aloha, for the time being at least, to the officers and men of Fox Company here in Hilo. We'll be around to seeing them in the very near future. Hold it . . . hold it . . . Capt Desha is calling us back. Here is something we overlooked. He tells us that F Co attended field training 100% strong too. That's good news so it makes two of our units so far that we have visited who have attended camp 100% strong. Congrats Captain. This genial Unit Commander asked us

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to "plug" recruiting for his unit so here goes. C'mon men of F Co and the rest of the strays of the NG, let's go and get a man for F Co. Let's all aid and assist Capt Desha to build F Co to the full strength as is required of Rifle Companies and being that F Co is the *only* Rifle Company in the City of Hilo that shouldn't be so hard at all should it???? F Co needs it so give it to them.

Once again we're back aboard our M38 and this time headed back Olaa way to visit with George Company who we by-passed on our way out to Pahala earlier today. Out at G Company we find them situated a little off the main highway in the canefields of Olaa Sugar Company. Lt Chester K. Long who joined us during the past quarter was formerly with the 1st Battalion on Maui prior to his coming to Hilo to work for HAL. He was, for a short time, with Regimental Headquaters Company, before being assigned to the "Fightin' Second" as CO of G Company. Out here we meet two more officers of the Battalion in Lts Daniel Makuakane and Edmund Hohu. G Co, like E Co, may be considerably understrength but Lt Long tells us that he'll build it up before long to a full sized unit from the eligibles out Olaa, Pahoa and Puna districts. We have little reason to doubt that Lt Long can and will do it, and that shouldn't be very hard doing with the fine calibre of soldiers now in G Co to go out and build up the unit as is Lt Long's desire. Looking around here in the canefields we find some of the fellows here are also familiar to us. Sgts Tabendera, Seril, Akana, Cambra and a few more have been with the company for some time and doing an excellent job at that. Luckily we dropped in on G Co when we did for Lt Makuakane has a box of chocolates and is passing candy around "like mad" in observing a blessed event at home. A baby girl. Congrats Lt to you and Mrs. Makuakane. Too bad it wasn't a boy. (Just looking for potential recruits you know.) Lt Makuakane tells us that the baby girl came just a short time after our return from Schofield and that in my opinion is a wonderful "coming home" gift.

We had to leave G Company in a hurry without saying goodbye to everybody as I said earlier that time is running out on us and we still have to travel out to the coast (Hamakua Coast that is) to visit with the boys of How Company out there in Honomu. Unfortunately H Co is located off the old highway and not the new so as the men of How Co could show off the attractively well kept armory they have out here. Lt Robert C McKeen commands H Co having with him to assist him Lt John Namahoe and WO Young. Lt Namahoe is Ex O and Mr. Young Unit Administrator. The boys of Heavy Weapons Co out here in Honomu have a well oiled team of old soldiers as well as new. Loking around us we notice many "old" Guardsmen in M/Sgts Borales, Soares, Mattos, Atiz (the 1st Soldier) and many more. Sgt Frias (Red as he is better known to most of his friends) just passed us by with a queer object wrapped up under his arm. (Could it be what they tell us it is?? Haven't heard of any Grape Orchards out here in Honomu unless . . .) The kitchen crew under the supervision of Mr. Young and Sgt Ortiz are busily cleaning up the "pots & pans" brought back from field training since How Co had the good fortune of operating one of the two messes of the battalion during the encampment.

Time to hop aboard our M38 Jeep and head back to the Bn CP back there in Building 508 at Lyman Field and hope that we have given you a fairly good idea of just who's who in the realm of the "Fightingest" outfit.

Just got rid of that bouncing vehicle so will say "Aloha" till the next issue.

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Hq 3d Bn 299th Inf. HNG

The sixth field training exercises for units of the 3d Bn 299th Infantry commenced with the departure of 11 officers, 2 Warrant officers, 396 enlisted men. Enlisted men attendance to camp this year is commendable. The final recapitulation by units from this battalion is as follows:

Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn 299th	100%
Company I	98.5%
Company K	98.6%
Company L	97.8%
Company M	96.3%

After organizing the camp site, all company commanders conducted reconnaissance tours to familiarize themselves with the various training areas and ranges which were to be utilized during the first week of training. Sunday, 14 June, saw the battalion organized and ready to begin their two weeks training period. The first week was a crowded one with numerous ranges being utilized, concurrent with other training. The planning of this training provided excellent training for all unit commander's and NCO's and lessons learned will not be easily forgotten by those concerned.

Field training this year proved by far the most interesting and constructive to date. To a high degree this was possible by the "know how" company commanders and guardsman have developed during the past few years.

The range work this year afforded the men from this battalion a chance to become acquainted with his best friend—the rifle—by using it under conditions as near as possible to those that will confront him during actual combat. First he fired the transition course at targets that popped up unexpectedly at various unknown ranges. Then he advanced over the assault course as an individual digging out the enemy as he went. From there he learned team work while battling thru the close combat course with the rest of his squad mates and finally as a member of his squad he over ran an enemy by fire and movement in conjunction with another squad of his platoon.

The most interesting feature for this battalion during the 1953 field training was the Tank-Infantry Team conducted on 22 June 1953 at East Range. To many of the recruits, this was the first occassion that they actually got close to a real tank.

In spite of all the hard work, this years encampment will always be considered the best held yet. Yes, it was a success because every officer and enlisted man who attended camp, attended with heart and mind full of cooperation which was all needed to put the camp over the top. Much credit goes to our one and only Battalion Commander, Major Roy W. Repologle, for his months of advanced planning and carefull execution during encampment.

Now that field training 1953 is over we must look ahead to the armory training phase and prepare ourselves for the 1954 encampment which should be even better than this year's.

487th Field Artillery Bn

The 487th set an impressive attendance record this summer camp in that 100% o officfers, WOs, and enlisted men were present for duty at Schofield. Nice going, gang! Always knew we had the best outfit in "dis here" National Guard. The training too, in general, was excellent and appears to me that the training mission was completely successful. True, we ran across a few "bugs" and "kinks" now and then but these were taken care of in short order and everyone learned a good deal in the two weeks of field training.

The heartfelt thanks and appreciation of each of us goes to the following who performed magnificently and most generously: Major "Red" Meyer—he did a bang-up job and was most helpful always. Major Forrest Hatfield—he too, did a bang-up job, and was most cooperative and helpful. CWO Fred Robello—he certainly took very good care of us. Great work, Fred! You did a wonderful job, but, then, you always do! Many, many thanks to Capt Kahapea, Schofield Range Officer, Col Campbell, Capt Imada, Lt MacDonald of HITC, Lt Col Fitzsimmons, Lt Turner, Lt Poulson, Sgt Burgess of Waianae Military Rest Camp, and others whose names I cannot recall at the moment. Aloha from the 487th!

The battalion got in some fine shooting this camp. Give us more ammunition and we can become the best Artillery Battalion in the National Guard. We're already almost the best! Ouch!

The 4th of July parade in Hilo was impressive this year. Very well attended by participants and spectators, by gosh!

Congratulations to Captains "Curt" Kamai, Kwong S. Paik, "Chuck" Vannatta, who recently shed their first louies bars. Also to First Lieutenants Walter Kahiwa of Abel Battery fame, "Hal" Luscomb of Service Battery (S-4), M Takaki of Charlie Battery and "Muggs" Deguchi of Charlie Battery. All of these first lieutenants polished the plating off their second louies bars and they are now full-fledged first lieutenants.

Welcome home, Stanley! Nice trip, wasn't it? Stanley's the boy that went to the AF Liaison Pilot School but was sent back home after a month because he's a mite too short. What luck!

Best wishes goes to the new "Hawaii Guardsman" regime. Hope you have a very successful year.

230th Engineer Combat Co.

by WOJG A. J. Cabral

Well here we are again reporting once more of the doings of the 230th Engr's. Summer camp was fun this year and the Engr's were 100% strong at Schofield. Although the Engr Company is small, the members accomplished tasks to be commended despite the handicap. M/Sgt Henry Keamo Jr. during the retreat parade at camp, received the HNG attendance badge for three consecutive years in which he attended all armory drills, inactive duty training assemblies, and annual field training periods. Congratulations M/Sgt Keamo and keep up the good work. Cpl Lionel H. Tavares who will be completing three years of service with the HNG on 11 July 1953 will also have his name submitted to the AG for the HNG attendance badge. Cpl Tavares has a perfect attendance and in three years has worked his way from private to corporal and we know for sure that their will be better days for the corporal to come. Good work Lionel . . . Remember Guys, a good attendance at all HNG training periods means that you'll never go wrong.

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STAFF NEWS

HNG BREAKS FIELD TRAINING ATTENDANCE RECORDS.

298th RCT PERCENTAGE OF 99.56%

OVER-ALL PERCENTAGE OF ALL HNG UNITS 98%

G-1 News

The 298th Regimental Combat Team of the Hawaii National Guard claims a new high in Field Training attendance with an overall percentage of 99.56%. This mark was attained during the 1953 encampment and is believed to be a National record for major units of the National Guard.

Of an assigned strength of 2,495 officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men, 2,484 were actually present with 7 officers and 4 enlisted men absent with leave.

Last year's percentage of 98.7%, which also may have been a National record, was bettered by .84%.

This field training attendance record is supported by an equally complimentary percentage for attendance at Armory Drills. The last twelve (12) months boasts a sparkling RCT Armory Drill average of 90.4% of the aggregate strength.

The high spirit of moral reflected by the percentages cited are indeed attributable to the excellent training status of this organization. A high standard of 'esprit de corp' prevails throughout all units of this combat team and is becoming increasingly evident as time marches on.

8 *Year Reserve Obligation.* A message received from the National Guard Bureau early in July advised that individuals who have had prior military service do not incur an eight year reserve obligation upon enlistment in the National Guard. This is directly contrary to previous information received. The details have been published in PB 15/53 AGO-HAW.

HNG *Attendance Badge.* The G-I office has received very few applications for the new attendance badge. The details of how to apply for the badge, which is awarded for three years of perfect drill attendance, are contained in PB 10/53.

Armed Forces Reserve Medal. PB 16/53 announced the fact that AGO-HAW is prepared to issue the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to members of the Hawaii National Guard. The medal, which is awarded for 10 years service in one or more reserve components during any period of 12 consecutive years, has not yet been designed, but the ribbon bar is available for issue. Applications may be submitted by individuals in accordance with PB 16/53 through normal military channels.

New Enlisted Personnel Regs. AGO-HAW has received information that NGB is working on a new edition of NGR-25 on enlisted personnel of the army National Guard. The new set of NGR's should be ready for issue soon.

G-3 Notes

The school program for FY 54 looks very promising. The National Guard Bureau has increased our funds to permit a good participation in the OCS program. As you know the Army opened its Officer Candidates School to National Guardsmen who meet the requirements of SR 350-350-20. So far no one has applied for the regular course, however 6 candidates are now attending the special 10 weeks course.

Applicants for service schools will be carefully screened to make sure that only those who are fully qualified are recommended for courses that will benefit the unit as well as the individual. In recommending candidates for service schools commanders will be governed by the provisions of AGO-Haw Memo #19/53.

The staff training program for regimental and battalion staffs has been received and the necessary funds requested for the conduct of two-day assemblies. The program will continue the lesson plans as prepared by the Infantry and Artillery schools.

It is anticipated that an announcement regarding the inactive duty (outdoor) program will be made by the Bureau shortly.

Recent information from the Bureau indicates that we will soon be receiving the following training aids: Sub-Caliber Mortar Trainers, Sub-Caliber Firing Device for 57MM and 75MM Recoiless Rifles, Tank Trainers and the Transparency Printers for Overhead Projectors.

Our AN/PRC6 radios have arrived and are being readied for unit issue. However before they can be issued the S.O.I. must be revised, and each radio aligned. The old SCR 536's will be called in shortly.

The annual armory and technical inspections will begin shortly. Along with the schedules we have forwarded check lists which were prepared by the technical services to aid you in getting ready. These inspections may seem an inconvenience in a way but on the contrary are of great value to every unit. They help to maintain unit efficiency and effectiveness and are an aid to the unit commander in carrying out his responsibilities for the safety and proper keeping of Federal property. To be reasonably sure of a good rating, unit commanders, well in advance, should make careful checks of their property and unit records. They should review the records of the previous inspections to be certain that all deficiencies have been corrected and that all unit records are up to date.

-SNAFU-

A certain movie actor from Kapaa was fishing out near Niihau recently. He fell overboard and was swallowed by a whale. Being rather nervous, he was pacing up and down in the whale's stomach and the whale said "Hey you bugger, keep still in there you're giving me indigestion." "You're a fine one to talk." answered this movie actor. "If you had kept that big mouth of yours shut neither one of us would have been in this fix." Boy what a jonah.

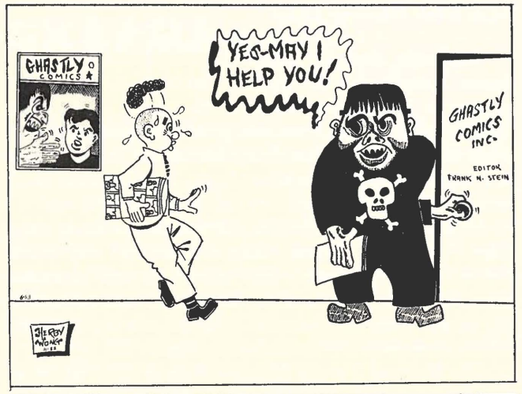
When the storm had blown over, the brave captain of a small schooner in the trans-pacific yacht race emerged from his cabin, took a quick survey, and bawled to a new hand, "Ahoy, mate, where's the mizzen mast?" The new hand (like the captain, a member of the New York Stock Exchange) answered cheerfully, "Lord knows, Cap'n. How long has it been mizzen?"

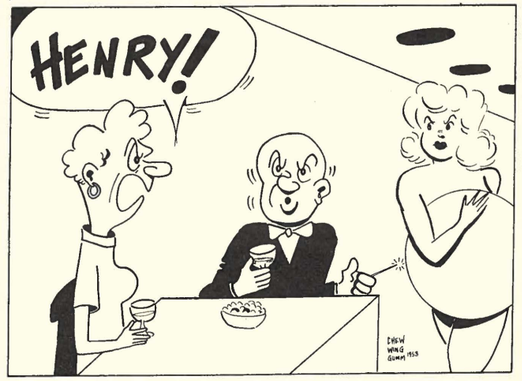
On the golf course recently a certain individual in the Instructor Detachment defined a Platonic Lover to me as "a man who holds the eggshells while somebody else eats the omelette."

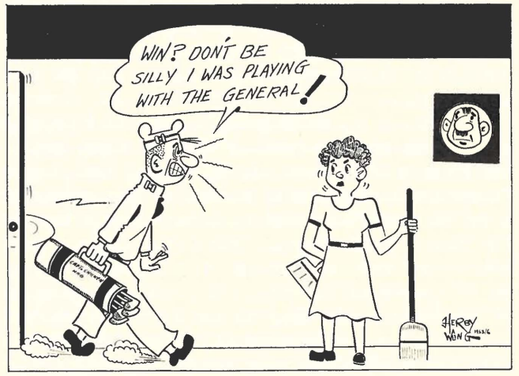
I was sitting in the Midnight Inn on Molokai one night with my friend Keoki and a couple of Joes at the next table were taking about shooting deer from 300 and 400 yards. Finally my friend Keoki got tired of listening to them and said, "Listen you buggers, lemme tell you about the day I was moochin' along a trail up the east end when these here telescope eyes of mine spotted a buck. I rammed a charge down the barrel of my gun then some wadding and a couple of ounces of salt. I shoved a bullet in on top of that. Then I let go. Bang, and the buck dropped in his tracks." One of these Joes asked "What for you put salt in your gun?" "Shucks," answered Keoki, "that deer was so far off I had to do something to keep the meat from spoilin' until I could git there, ya."

My friend Keoki was driving down the Hamakua coast the other day when a local Scotchman by the name of Charlie scratched one of his fenders. Keoki got out to survey the damage and Charlie offered him a drink, which was accepted. "Beautiful liquor," said the appeased Keoki. "But aren't you having a snort yourself?" "Aye," said Charlie, "but noo until the cops've coom".

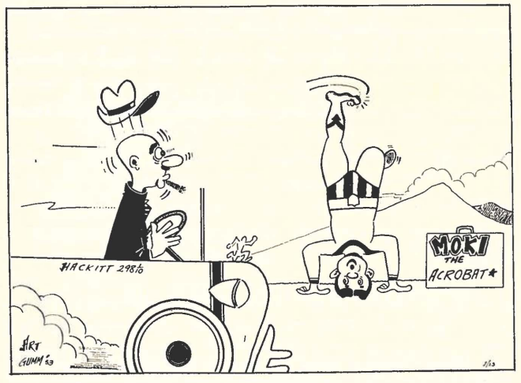
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"On The Firing Line"

by JOHN E. AIONA, *Jr.*

The 1953 National Rifle and Pistol Matches, conducted annually by the National Rifle Association, will be held at Camp Perry, Ohio on the ranges of the Ohio National Guard. The smallbore rifle matches and the pistol matches will be held from 20 August to 25 August. The high power rifle matches begin on 31 August and continue to 7 September.

In addition to the awards offered in the Championships, Aggregates, Expert, Sharpshooters and Marksman classes; additional awards for women, juniors, civilians, college students and National Guard in both individual and team events will be made. Special souvenir awards will also be made for certain scores fired.

The National Trophy Matches in both Rifle and Pistol will be held again this year. Both individual and team matches will be fired.

Two Champions will be determined at the High Power Rifle Matches, one with the service rifle and one with the NRA match rifle. The service rifle is the U. S. M1 30 cal rifle, as issued, with not less than a 4-½ lb. trigger pull. An NRA Match rifle is any rifle chambered for the .30-06 cartridge, weighing not over ten pounds, excluding sling, with metallic sights, and having a trigger pull of not less than 3-lb.

The Camp Perry facilities are being made available by the Adjutant General of the State of Ohio. Canton-ment-type hutments will be available to competitors. Four to six persons may be assigned to each hut. Persons assigned quarters in Camp Perry will be issued a cot, mattress, pillow and case, sheets and blankets. A charge of $1.00 per person per day will be made for the quarters. A cafeteria will be operated for the convenience of all shooters in the vicinity of the quarters area. All indications are for one of the best matches ever held at Camp Perry.

The Hawaii Pacific Regional Matches held recently have won the acclaim of General Merrit A. Edson, Executive Director of the NRA and all shooters. The Pistol Regionals was sponsored by the Hawaii National Guard at the Diamond Head Pistol Range on 8, 9 and 10 May. The Hawaii Pacific Regional Pistol Champion for 1953 is Mr. Ted Awana, who wins the Title and a free trip to the National Matches. Mr. Awana fired an aggregate of 2527; followed by Capt. George Roberts (129th MP Co) 2519; Ralph Miller, 2518; F. W. McFarlane 2500; and M/Sgt John Beaumont (199th FS) 2495. The Hawaii National Guard Team won top honors in the team matches winning the 22 caliber matches with a 1134; the centerfire matches with a 1092; and second place in the 45 cal matches with a 1069. Members of the team were M/Sgt John Beaumont (199th FS), Capt George Roberts (120th MP Co), Sgt Stephen Heu (613th Ord) and Capt John E. Aiona, Jr. (State Hq).

The Smallbore Championships were conducted by the Chinese Gun Club at the Koko Head Rifle Range on 23 and 24 May 1953. Mr. Herbert Hollister won the Championship with a score of 3151-164.

T/Sgt Guy C. Graves, USMC, fired a score of 474 in 1-2 May 1953 at Schofield Barracks to win the High Power Regional Championship, and the free trip to the National High Power Matches. High National Guard shooter was Sfc V. Peroff (Hq Co, 298th) 462, followed by Tom Oda (1st Bn, 299th) 460. The Hawaii National Guard "B" Team won first place in the Team Matches with 945. Second place went to the USARPAC team with 919-68 beating out the Hawaii National Guard "A" team who had the same score but only 65 V's. The winning team was made up of Gabriel Moniz, Edward Apo, Oliver Cummings and Tom Oda.

The Regional Matches were a great success and the Regionals for 1954 is practically assured.

The 299th RCT was the host of the All Service Caliber 30 Rifle Tournament and the HNG Championship Rifle Match on 18-19 July 1953 at the 299th RCT Rifle Range at Lyman Field. T/Sgt Guy C. Graves, USMC (High Power Regional Champion) took top honors in the All Service Tournament with a score of 239-20 winning the Governor's Trophy. The USMC dominated the winners circle placing Olen Fields, 238-12, second; Robert Tarbox, 236-20, third; and Louis Painter, 234-11, fifth. Tom Oda (1st Bn, 299th Inf) 236-10 was fourth. The USMC team of Painter, Fields, Tarbox, Graves and Kormanik won the Team Championship with 1173-96 folowed by the Hawaii National Guard "A" team of Thompson Kaiapoepoe (Svc, 298th); Gabriel Moniz (1st Bn, 299th); Ed Apo (199th FS); Eckley Yim (613th Ord); and Tom Oda (1st Bn, 299th) firing a score of 1154-68. The Hawaii National Guard "B" team of Harry Wood (Svc, 298th,) Herman Puahi (Svc, 298th) Val Peroff (Svc, 298th), Bernard Lee (Svc, 298th) and Ralph Apo (Svc, 298th) followed for third place with 1131-66.

The 613th Ordnance Company team finally broke the monopoly the Service Company 298th has held on the Unit Team Rifle Championship. The team of Eckley Yim, Anthony Conti, Henry Yamada, Minoru Hashimoto and Stephen Heu fired a score of 1139-61 to beat out the Service Company, 298th Team who posted a score of 1138-67. Harry Wood, Herman Pushi, Valentine Peroff, Ralph Apo and Thompson Kaiapoepoe are the members of the Service Company Team.

The Oahu Team of Ed Apo (199th FS), Harry Wood (Svc, 298th), Herman Puahi (Svc, 298th) Stephen Heu (613 Ord) and Anthony Conti (613th Ord) won the Island Team title for Oahu with a 1150-68. Maui followed in second place with a team of Tom Oda, Gabriel Moniz, Peter Sierra, Louis De Coite and eGorge Corden and a score of 1128-59. Hawaii was third with a 1020-42. Alfred Seril, Charles Park, Clarence Park, Yoshi Ito and Homer Chew fired on the Hawaii Team.

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All-Service Crown Taken By HNG

The "do-it-again" 613th Ordnance volleyball team added another championship trophy to its collection, as it garnered the 1953 Armed Services YMCA, All-Service Championship, for the second year in a row. They previously won the HNG crown a few months ago, and added two or three other HNG players for the outside league play. They were entered as the HNG team in the All-Service League.

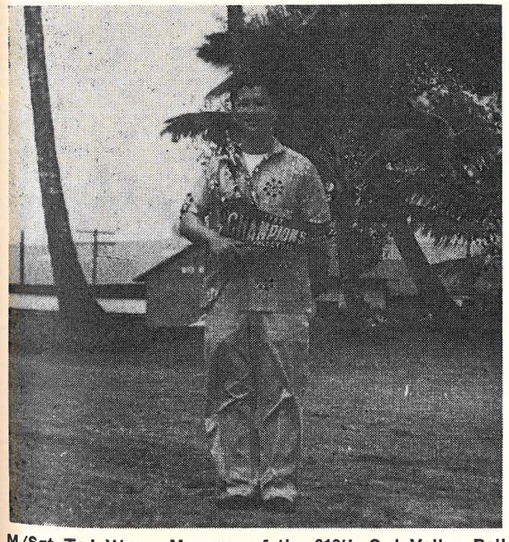
The Guardsman swept through undefeated, topping Fallweatherpac (Navy), Marines, Hickam (Air Force), and Comservpac (Navy), to win the crown.

By virtue of their two consecutive championships, the HNG retained the Perpetual Championship Trophy. This award was presented to the Adjutant General.

Manager of the squad is M/Sgt Theodore Wong, one of the live-wire sportsmen of the HNG.

The team is as follows:

Sgt H. Coza	Svc, 298th Inf
Sgt C. Brown	109th AC&WS
Sgt W. Kahala	C, 298th Inf
Sgt J. Keliiwaiwaiole	613th Ord
Cpl H. Goldstein	613th Ord
Cpl G. Leslie	C, 298th Inf.
Cpl H. Leslie	L, 298th Inf
Cpl V. Pratt	613th Ord
Cpl G. Malo	613th Ord
Cpl S. Akau	C, 298th Inf
WOJG C. Aana	Coach 613th Ord



M/Sgt Ted Wong, Manager of the 613th Ord Volley Ball Champs displays the proof that they are the Champs.

Summer Camp Boxing

Flying gloves and flying gladiators were the appetizers for the annual Hawaii National Guard Boxing Smoker held in the Shofield Bowl on the middle Friday during Camp.

The night's activities developed into a 109th AC&W vs 298th Inf family affair with a few HNG vs Schofield bouts thrown in.

The tournament turned out the usual hot and furious mixings that come about when the civilian-soldiers don the mitts. Sprinkled into the tussles were the always-expected hilarious and side-splitting antics of the weary and exhausted young men giving their all for dear alma company.

In the way of exhibiting the talent that is avaliable in the HNG, boys like:

Phillip Minikola	Alfredo Agua
Larry Omene	Paul Pusa
Frank Agena	Roy Mendes
Harry Lee	Ernest Paccaro
Donald Sing	Herman Lau
Pedro Rilveria	Pacifico Sabio

of the 109th showed surprising "ring-savvy" in their bouts, and most of the fans were surprised to find the Radarmen so versed in the manly art.

The 298th Infantry contributed:

Edwin I. Kusumoto	Richard B. DePonte
Benjaman Drose	Nicholos Rodriguez
Earl Harada	Alvin G. Borges
Hamilton Chock	Victor Cuban
Thomas Mitte	

and although keeping pace with a strenous military training schedule, they were in good shape for their matches. Incidentally the 298th boys are all from "B" Company.

Mention is made of the cooperation of the Schofield SSO and Sgt Nick Lopez of the Schofield Bowl for their efforts in this promotion.

Softball Season Under Way

Play for the 1953 HNG crown by teams all over the territory will begin in July and continue through August to wind up with the territorial championship tournament September 11-13 at the Fort DeRussy diamond in Honolulu.

Island eliminations to decide their champions will be conducted by Island Commanders. The teams will be flown by HANG to and from Honolulu and billeted at Fort Ruger during the tournament.

MSG Thomas See has been appointed by the HNG Athletic Board to coordinate the title series.

Service Battery, 487th FA Bn from Hilo, are the defending champs and will put the Adjutant General's Perpetual Trophy on the block.

Golf Tournament Planned

Lt Colonels Arthur Walton and John Campell are coordinating plans for the conduct of an Inter-Island Golf Championship for all Guardsmen.

A preliminary meeting is planned soon at which time final details will be ironed out.

Information regarding the tournament will be given wide publicity.

As it shapes up at present, a field of sixteen golfers will be selected for the tournament, each island to be represented according to a system to be worked out. The type of play is still to be determined, it was announced.

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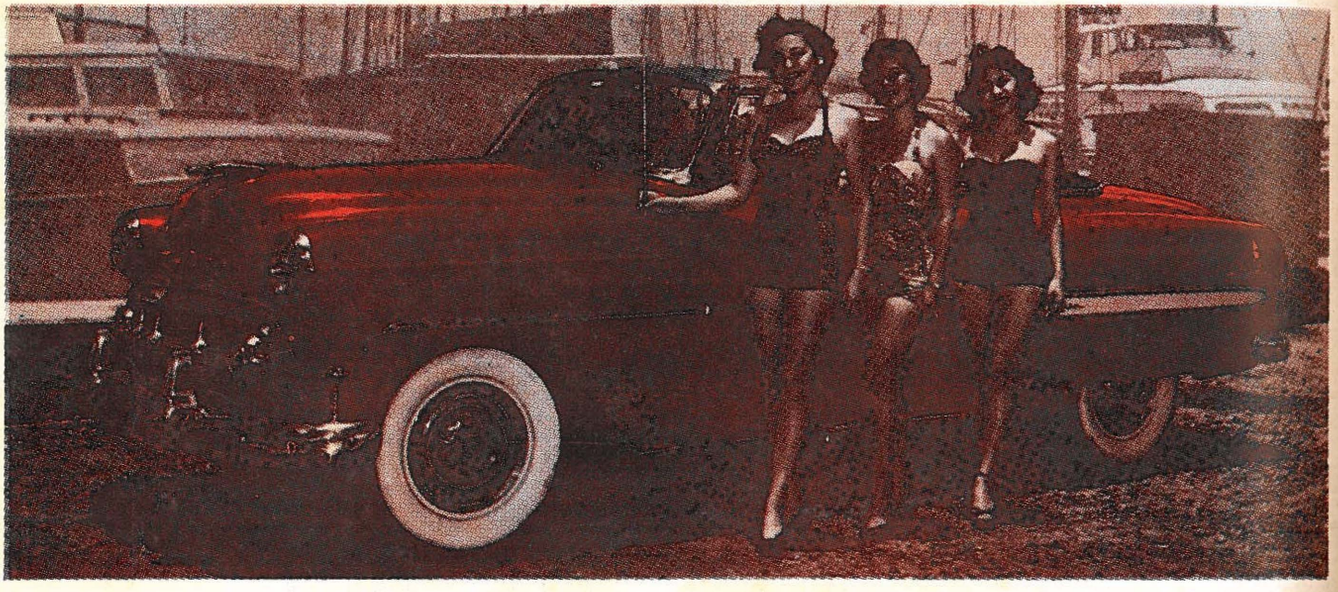
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