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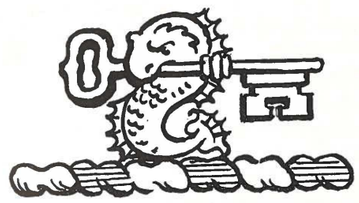
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ABOUT OUR COVER: Major Archibald M. Harrison, Commander of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, HANG, flys the acceptance check of the first T-33A received by his organization.

A SOLDIER'S SOLDIER

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Maj Gen William Frische Dean drove the 44th Division hard through Mannheim and Weinheim; then, swinging south toward Austria, the 44th took Lorch, Ulm (where Napoleon had routed 50,000 Austrians), Memmingen and Kempten, and cleared the Fern Pass. Obviously, the war was in its last phase, but strapping Bill Dean would not relax. He called in his regimental commanders and told them: "Our business is fighting. We will keep on fighting until we get the official word that the war has ended."

On V-E day, Dean asked his aide for a list of the division's total casualties. He jotted them down on the back of his immunization card: killed 968, wounded 4,390, missing 374, captured 42. Dean looked up. "Only 42 captured for the whole war?" The officer nodded. "That's right, sir."

Dean grinned. "Not bad," he said. "Not bad at all." To Bill Dean, the worst fate that could befall a soldier was capture by the enemy.

Five years and one war later, the worst fate befell Bill Dean. In fact, he became the most famous American soldier ever to be taken prisoner, and his fame came in large part from the way in which he had conducted himself after his capture by North Korean Communists. Dean's fellow countrymen understood that the totalitarians fight for men's minds and use lies and torture to make prisoners cooperate with them. Dean became a new kind of hero, a symbol of the hundreds of Americans who, under fiendish pressure, had remained loyal to their country.

Returned in the prisoner exchange at Freedom Village, Bill Dean, whitehaired and worn, found the praise heaped upon him hard to take. "I'm no hero," he told newsmen. "Anybody who's dumb enough to get captured doesn't deserve to be a hero." On another occasion, he said: "I expected to be court-martialed." In his home town, Carlyle, Ill., he insisted that "the reports of my heroism have been greatly exaggerated." He was reluctant to wear his Medal of Honor, won for gallantry in the battle of Taejon. "I don't deserve it," says Dean flatly.

He is still unwilling to talk about what he did in Korea, in battle and in the hands of the enemy. His story has to be pieced together from Army reports, interviews with his friends, bits that Dean has let fall in speeches.

Task Force Smith. On the morning of June 25, 1950, Gen Dean was in Kokura on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, where his 24th Infantry Division had its headquarters. The 24th was green and softened by garrison duty. Because of a housing shortage and limited space for maneuvers, Dean had never been able to bring his division together. Regimental headquarters were a hundred miles apart. Most field training had been at the squad level.

The military Teletypes that morning began to splutter with the news: North Korean Communists had invaded South Korea. Gen MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo alerted the 24th and the other three U.S. divi-

vasion of the islands. Dean, who had been military go ernor of South Korea two years earlier, was not su prised when the ill-equipped South Korean constabular fled before the Communist tanks. Following the fir news of the Red advance, Foot Soldier Dean did n think that it could be halted merely by air and sea ai to the South Koreans, which President Truman ha promised.

Foreseeing his next orders, Dean prepared a speci task force under the command of 34-year old Lt C Charles B. Smith. On July 1, when the orders cam Dean dispatched Task Force Smith by air to Korea wi the mission of meeting an army of 30,000 North Korea on the road between Seoul and Pusan. Smith's for numbered only 406 men.

Dean gathered up his scattered units, got them an their gear on ships and planes. On July 4, after his ar rival in Korea, he established his headquarters as com mander of all ground forces. Immediately he went nort into action.

For 16 wild, sleepless days, the men of the 24th Div sion fought a series of desperate delaying actions designe to slow the Red flood and borrow time for the Eight Army to unload at Pusan and establish a firm line defense. Each hour of delay, each blunting skirmi that forced the Communists to detour or deploy, was small triumph, paid in full with American lives. Fo times on the bloody road from Seoul the G.I.'s halt the Reds briefly, upsetting their timetable and flatte ing their warhead.

But the Reds pressed on, flanking the U.S. roa blocks. Hordes of refugees (and Communist troops di guised as refugees) clogged the roads and infiltrated t American lines. Guerrillas sniped from the rear.

Dean knew that in these circumstances his half-traine troops needed their commander at the front. He liv hazardously and miraculously, jeeping through ene roadblocks, leading relief columns to the front, joggi and rallying his men everywhere. Once the enemy cross the Kum River, the pivotal city of Taejon was doome but Dean decided to give the Communists a real figh He sent the bulk of his troops south to dig in for t next battle, and stayed on himself in Taejon with eleme of the 19th and 34th Regiments to direct the last a greatest delaying action before the Pusan perimeter.

Three Precious Days. On July 18, Taejon waited steaming silence. The Reds were grouping on the pla in front of the ramshackle city. That night, disgui in U.S. fatigues and baggy Korean civilian dress, Communists came. The next day, Taejon rose convu sively to life in a hail of sniper bullets, a thunder of Co munist artillery fire, the rising, smoky glare of bur ing gasoline stores. For three days, Dean and his ragg men fought in the streets and alleys and from house house, contesting every inch of the Red advance. the third day, Dean manned a new 3.5-in. bazooka, whi had been flown in from the U.S. hours earlier. He ca back to his command post elated. "I just got me a R tank," he shouted. He had got a lot more: a Medal Honor for "excessive gallantry," and three precious da

(his order from MacArthur called for a two-day stand, if possible) which may have spelled the difference between victory and defeat in South Korea.

The military historian, Brig Gen S. L. A. Marshall, has this to say: "To my mind, there is no doubt of the critical and decisive nature of Dean's holding action outside Taejon. He carried out the maneuver under the worst possible conditions, was forced to feed his green forces piecemeal into the fray, but he succeeded in stopping the Communists. If the Communists had had a clear right of way to Pusan, the war would have ended right there. There is no doubt that this was one of the great pivotal points of the war. Personally, I feel that Dean has become one of the truly giant figures among this country's more heroic leaders."

When the enemy had overrun the city and surrounded it to a depth of three miles, Gen Dean gave the retreat order and led the last Americans in a motor column south from Taejon. Outside the city, he picked up seven walking wounded, loaded them into his jeep and climbed aboard the prime mover of a howitzer. At an enemy roadblock, Dean's aide and his interpreter were wounded. Finally the battered motorcade was stopped by a stalled truck which blocked the road. Dean ordered the vehicles abandoned, and led the men on foot across country into a bean patch. That night, as they worked their way south into the mountains, Dean dropped behind to get water for a badly wounded man. His aide Lt Arthur Clarke, waited in vain for him to return. Three days later, Clarke and his party reached the American lines.

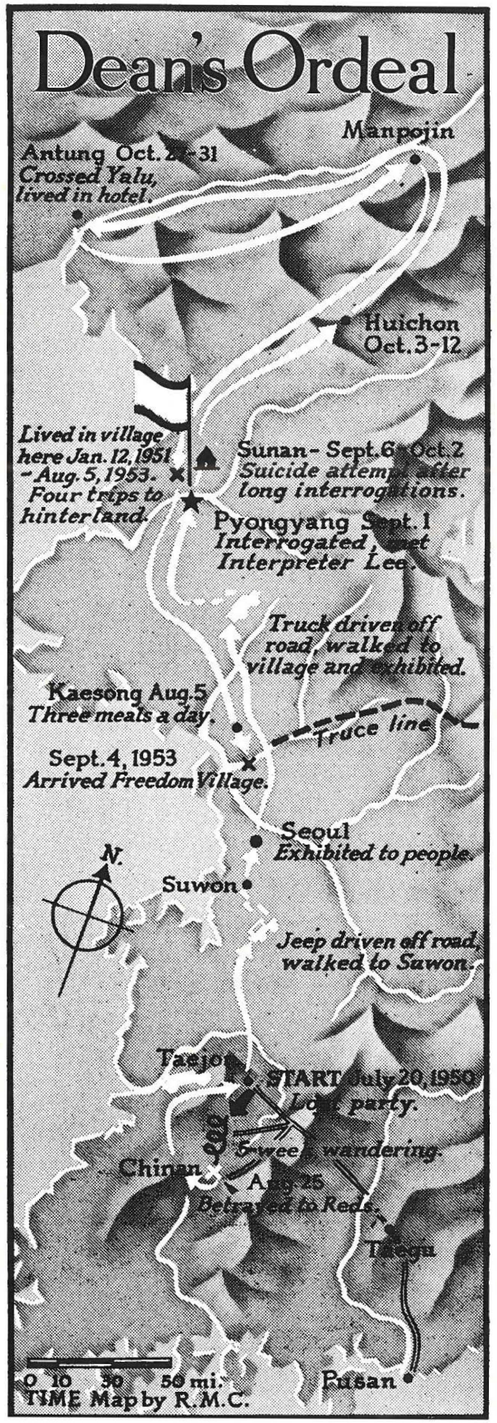
"We Will Not Kill You." When he disappeared, Dean was exhausted and dazed. In the darkness he fell down an embankment, was knocked unconscious. Hours later, he came to with a nasty gash on his left temple, a fractured shoulder. He limped into a clump of bushes and hid until nightfall. After two days of playing hound and hare with North Korean patrols, Dean came on a fellow American, Lt Stanley E. Tabor.

On July 26, they found a South Korean who agreed, for $40, to guide them over the mountains. He took the two officers to his hut to prepare for the trip. As it turned out, the Korean had other plans. He sent his brother for the North Korean troops, and the following night Dean and Tabor, hiding in the hut, heard the Communists approaching. When the Reds called out in English, "Come out, we will not kill you," Dean and the lieutenant came out shooting.

The two men made their way to a paddyfield and, with Communist bullets whistling past them, waded in. When he reached the other side, Dean discovered that Tabor was not behind him. The lieutenant was mired in the middle of the paddyfield. Dean called out. The Communists answered with machine-gun fire. He called again, and again only bullets answered. Fearful of getting shot, Dean waited silently for Tabor. At dawn he crawled along the bed of a stream, hid in the underbrush, within earshot of the North Koreans. He never saw Tabor again. (Tabor was captured a few days later, died in a P.W. camp.)

For weeks Gen Dean hid in the mountains by day, navigated by the stars at night, lived on raw rice, green peaches and occasional handouts from pro-American Koreans.

On August 20, he met two friendly farmers in an isolated cabin high in the mountains. They gave him a bowl of rice, but Dean could not keep it down. Taking pity, the farmers, brothers, offered him four days' sanc-



tuary in the cabin so he could get his strength back. By the second day, though, the brothers began to argue. The younger brother was nervous about harboring a fugitive, and eventually he won out. Bill Dean was told he must leave.

Four days later, after walking throughout the night, he found himself, too late, trapped on a bare hillside at daybreak in plain view of a small village. An elderly Korean discovered him, crouched in a clump of weeds, and motioned him to a hut in the hamlet. The housewife there gave him some rice, and Dean learned, through hand signals, that he was within two days' walk of Taegu. He was elated, and set out at once, walking boldly down the road.

Before long he met two Koreans, Han Doo Kyoo and Choe Chong Bong, and asked them to guide him through the mountains. He offered them U.S. occupation scrip and promised other gifts when he reached safety. The Koreans wavered, finally agreed. As the three men started off, the Korean in the lead suddenly motioned to Dean and his companion to halt. While they rested on the roadside, the first Korean went ahead. Presently he came back with 20 North Korean soldiers.

Surrounded Dean reached for his .45 automatic, but the Korean with him grabbed his arm. The enfeebled general (he had lost 60 lbs. in his flight) was quickly overcome. For betraying him, the two Koreans got 30,000 won ($5) each. After 35 days, Dean's long wanderings had come to an end, near Chinan, 35 miles from Taejon, 55 miles from the American lines.

As a prisoner, Bill Dean was up against one of the century's retrograde movements. The lot of prisoners, improving over the centuries, had taken a sharp turn for the worse as a result of the totalitarian determination to use any means to control the minds of men. In the compounds of North Korea, no attention was paid to the Geneva Convention of 1949 regulating the treatment of war prisoners. Atrocities and brainwashings were twin specters that haunted the prisoner and left him, if he survived, either a new kind of hero or a tragic zombie, mechanically repeating the words the Communists taught him. The physical hardships of the battlefield, Gen Dean was to discover, were nothing when compared to the mental torture of imprisonment.

The Interrogation. After his capture, he was brought north in short stages. Seated on a chair in the back of a truck, he was paraded ignominiously through the strects of Seoul. Twice on the journey Dean's drivers provided him with unscheduled thrills, drove off the road and wrecked their vehicles, forcing him to walk to the nearest town.

In Pyongyang, he met Lee Kyoo Hyun, a cheerful young Korean who was to be his interpreter. He got perfunctory medical treatment and was allowed to exchange his filthy fatigue suit for fresh U.S. khakis. For 48 hours he rested and slept. Then he was taken to an abandoned Roman Catholic church in Sunan, and his interrogation began. At the first, says Lee, "the Communists tried to convert him. After that, it would be simple to get the secrets from him." But when Dean stubbornly refused to become a "hero of the masses," his interrogator went into a rage. In the end, the inquisition boiled down to one big question: What were the defense plans for Japan? Dean knew a lot about the answer, but he kept his secrets.

The first interrogation was conducted in Sunan by a North Korean colonel, who quickly became angered, threatened to kill Dean. Dean was unmoved. The colonel threatened to cut his tongue out.

"O.K., cut it out," replied Gen Dean coldly. "Then you can't force me to broadcast."

The colonel finally gave up, sent Dean back to Pyongyang for a tougher session at MVD headquarters. "I swear that I have no military information," the general insisted, "and even if I had any, I would not divulge it as I do not want to be a traitor to the United States of America. So help me God." The MVD officers sent him back to the church in Sunan to think it over. Two days later, Dean wrote out his famed answer: "Fortunately I have no military information, and even if I had any, I would remain faithful to my country." (Signed) William Dean, Major General U.S.A.

Thoroughly annoyed, the MVD officers came to Sunan for a third try which went on intermittently for six days and ended in total failure for the Reds. For the first session, which lasted for 68 hours, the Communists brought four teams of interrogators to question Dean in relays. The questions went on, with time out only for Dean to go to the latrine (as often as 36 times a day, because of his dysentery). But Bill Dean wore them all out. After the tenth hour his teeth began to chatter. "Are you cold?" asked an MVD officer. Dean nodded. "I'll show you what cold really is," said the officer, and ordered Dean to strip down to his shorts (the Reds wore overcoats). Then he had the general's cot taken away, and for hours Dean sat on his hands until they were swollen and numb.

After nearly three days, the Communists tossed a blue Korean army blanket at Dean and allowed him to rest on the floor for 24 hours. Then the questioning began again. The second session lasted 44 hours, was followed by another 24-hour rest period. The third interrogation continued for ten hours, ended with Dean's tormentors frustrated and furious. The exhausted general was allowed to rest in a chair for 14 hours, but a barefooted guard kicked him whenever he fell asleep.

That night the chief interrogator came to Dean and told him he would be tortured in the morning. He thought of splinters to be thrust under fingernails and set afire to make a man talk. Dean, who had become increasingly depressed, decided to commit suicide. "Dean," he told himself, "you don't know whether you can take it or not. You might talk. You'd better kill yourself.

Later he slipped into the next room where his guards were dozing, grabbed a Russian burp gun. He planned to fire three bursts: one to bring his chief interrogator, whom he hated, into the room; the second to kill him; and the third into his own mouth, to end his life. Before he could get the gun to work, a guard heard him fumbling with the safety and sprang on him, knocking him down. "There is a brave man," said Gen Dean when he saw the guard later.

The Conversion. After that, there were no more questions. Gen Dean had won his personal battle with the Communists, and, although he did not know it at the time, his courage had persuaded a North Korean to choose democracy. As the questioning proceeded, Interpreter Lee became more and more impressed with the general. "I never believed a man could be so brave or love his country so much," said Lee. "His brave attitude steadily encouraged me to take a brave action which I had never dreamed of." At last, Lee decided, "I had to shake off Communism even if I was to risk my life. And every time I got frightened, I thought about the general. I would think, if democracy can produce a man like that, then democracy must be good. Then democracy is what I want, too."

After a month, the Communists, apparently suspicious that he was coming under Dean's influence, detached Lee and sent him back to Pyongyang. At the first opportunity, he escaped from his ditchdigging detail and hid out in the ruins of the city until the American Army arrived. It was from Lee that U.S. intelligence learned positively that Dean was still alive.

After Lee left, Dean was shunted from one prison to another. As the U.N. forces drove north, he was moved to a small Chinese hotel across the Manchurian border. After the Chinese Communist "volunteers" entered the conflict, he was moved south into North Korea again. There were no further interrogations, but the Communists applied other pressures. The worst to bear was the isolation: Dean was always lonely, but never alone. For three years, he saw no other American, was under the constant armed surveillance of eight North Korean sergeants. For a year he had no pencil, whiled away the time working out mathematical problems mentally. "If I didn't," explained Dean, "I felt I would lose my wits." For a time he had a Chinese checkerboard, but when his guards kibitzed too much, he broke the board in a fit of anger.

A Spoonful of Cheese. The food, which he secretly shared with his guards, varied from rice and grass soup in his first P.W. days to Rumanian cookies and meat three times a day when the Communists were trying to fatten him up before his release. Throughout his imprisonment, he suffered intensely from dysentery, deteriorating teeth and a cyst on his left eye, but medical treatment was meager. Every 17th day his guards shaved him. One of the worst privations for Dean, normally an active man, was the lack of exercise. Much of the time he was forced to remain seated on the floor during the day, but he managed to pace off five miles a night, walking in his 12-by-12 ft. cell. Twice he made plans for escape; each time a new onslaught of dysentery prevented it.

In December 1951, after the North Koreans publicly admitted that Dean was a prisoner, Wilfred Burchett, the correspondent for the Paris Communist newspaper, *L'Humanite*, came to interview him, bringing some "excellent beer" and a jar of Wisconsin cheese which Dean rationed himself, a spoonful a day. Later the North Koreans made Dean a veiled offer: he could have command of a division or corps if he would only fight for their side. Dean laughed at their naivete.

In the last month of his captivity, he was moved to Kaesong, where he willingly collaborated in the fattening-up campaign, bathed in a waterfall and walked twelve miles a day. By the time he was released, he was in fair physical condition, but the haunted eyes under quizzical brows told eloquently of the mental anguish he had endured. When the time came to return to the U.S., Gen Dean wept.

A Child's Dream. Soldiering has been on Bill Dean's mind most of his life. As a kid of five, he was taken to the St. Louis Exposition of 1904, and saw real, live soldiers for the the first time. He spent hours watching the West Pointers and regular troops drilling. "I wanted to go to West Point," says Dean, "ever since I could talk." Back home in Carlyle, he set out to prepare himself for the great day.

Carlyle (pop. 2,700) remembers him as a serious, quiet youngster. The eldest of four children of the town dentist, Bill lived a typically middle-class life in a typically middle-class town. He was a persuasive door-to-door magazine saleman, stoked the furnace and rang the bell at the Christ Episcopal Church, and dived for mussels in the Kaskaskia River every summer. A clumsy, gangling youngster, he was constantly engrossed in body-building courses and consumed large quantities of a breakfast food called Force, the Wheaties of its day. In high school he took up oratory and developed a parade-ground voice.

Bill Dean has always been his own severest critic. When he failed to get an appointment to West Point in 1917, he was perfectly candid. "Maybe I wasn't smart enough," he said. (He attributes his survival as a P.W. to lack of self-pity: "I never felt sorry for myself. Self-pity is the way to crack up.") Shortly after the U.S. entered World War I, Dean entered the University of California. The war increased Bill's military yearnings. He tried to get a commission, to enlist in the Army and the Marines. But he was under age, and his mother refused permission. Bill paid his own way through college with a series of night-shift jobs: as a streetcar motorman, a stevedore, a short-order cook in an off-campus hash house, and a policeman.

Bill studied law at the university, but failed the course in contracts and had to substitute an A.B. degree for a law career. In the hour of his disappointment, an old love reappeared in the opportunity for a direct commission in the Regular Army. Dean grabbed it gratefully.

Bedside Romance. As a garrison officer, Lt Dean was a stickler for physical fitness and intensive training. The path of promotion was snailish, and Dean was a lieutenant for twelve years, a captain for five. On his first assignment at Ft Douglas, Utah, he played polo and, like most officers of that day, kept a couple of horses of his own. One day a young woman, Dorothy Welch, was thrown from one of Dean's horses and critically injured. For ten days, as she lay in her bed at home with a fractured skull, Bill Dean kept a vigil at her door. Another friend of the injured girl, Mildred Dern, the daughter of a prominent Salt Lake City family,* joined Lt Dean in his long watch. The vigil bloomed into romance, and after their friend recovered, Bill and Mildred were married.

For the next 14 years, the Deans were transferred from post to peacetime Army post, raised a boy (now a third-year man at West Point) and a girl (now the mother of Dean's two grandchildren, the wife of an infantry captain). At last, in 1940, Dean was promoted to the rank of major and arrived at the turning point of most military careers — as assignment at the War Department. He was attached to the General Staff under General George Marshall — a rare opportunity which Dean muffed completely. Marshall needed brainy strategists and smart operators around him, and Dean, a dedicated field soldier, was neither. After 14 months, he was relieved of his job.

War in Slacks. After two more years of desk work under General Lesley McNair, Dean in February, 1944 succeeded in finally getting assigned as executive officer of the 44th Division, which was staging for combat in Europe.

Dean plunged into the combat training with his customary vigor. He had a theory that by the time the 44th reached the Siegfried Line most of the enlisted men who knew how to operate flamethrowers would probably be dead. He organized a flamethrower school for junior officers so they could train new technicians as the division moved along. At one of the training sessions, a young captain spilled napalm on his uniform, which promptly burst into flame. Dean knocked him down in the dirt to extinguish the fire, and some of the flaming liquid spilled on his own leg. Dean was hospitalized, and for a while it looked as though he would miss his cherished dream of battle after all. But when the division embarked for Europe, Brig Gen Dean hobbled away from the hospital on crutches "without much authority," and climbed aboard too. His leg did not heal for seven months, and Dean entered combat in France wearing slacks and a low-cut combat boot.

After two months in Europe, Gen Robert L. Spragins, the division commander, was invalided back home with arthritis, and Dean took over. By that time his front-line daring was the talk of his sector of the Western front, and Corps Commander "Ham" Haislip was moved to warn his daring general: "Dammit, Dean, stay off th front lines!" Dean's exploits in battle won him a D.S.C. D.S.M. and a Bronze Star.

No Retirement. Division commanders were a dim a dozen in World War II, and Dean, though he earne a solid professional reputation, came out of it with n public acclaim. It took defeat and captivity to give hi that.

In his three years of captivity, Bill Dean decided tha he would quit the Army if he ever got back. But on hi first night home, Mildred Dean helped him change hi mind. "Bill Dean," she said, "you are not going to retire You just wouldn't be happy away from the troops." Dean agreed. "I had planned to retire," he explained later, "feeling that perhaps progress — I mean, I ha been sitting on the sidelines so long that I would no long er be acceptable." But the Department of Defense an the Commander in Chief felt differently, and next month after the first vacation in his Army career, Old Soldier Dean, 54, will be back with the troops as deputy com mander of the Sixth Army, at San Francisco's Presidio — where, 30 years ago, he raised his right hand an said: "I, William Dean . . . do solemnly swear that will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I wi bear true faith and allegiance to the same—and that I wi well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upo which I am about to enter. So help me God."

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By MAJOR VERNON FLAKE, HANG

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The F-47 Thunderbolts which have served the 199th so well are now on their way out.

Already the first deliveries of Sabre Jets have gone to the 186th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Great Falls, Montana, and the 190th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Boise, Idaho. These two tactical units are part of the Air National Guard's 142nd Fighter Interceptor "Northwest" Wing which has its headquarters at Spokane, Washington.

More than 200 jet fighters and jet trainer planes, F-80's, F-84's and T-33's have been delivered to approximately twenty five Air National Guard fighter-interceptor and fighter-bomber squadrons. Happily our own 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron has received its first T-33 jet trainer, and is now a familiar sight in Hawaii skies.

To completely change over from WWII "Jugs" to Sabre Jets of MIG Alley fame is a tremendous program and is one which has and will continue to require the utmost from every member of the Hawaii Air National Guard. And this transition is just the beginning of the program. An operating fighter squadron capable of performing its mission is a beautiful sight. But behind the polish must be the skills and professional qualifications of each officer and airman of the squadron. To change from propeller fighters to jets necessitates that practically all members of the organization learn once again their Air Force specialty. Pilots, Operations, Engineering, Supply, Mechanics, Armament, and so it goes, each section, each individual in the organization must make his own transition to jet aircraft.

To better understand what this transition means, let's review the re-equipment program of the Hawaii Air National Guard. Perhaps we will be able to appreciate the entire transition more clearly if we cover the main phases at this time.

Let's begin in the sky with the pilot, for he must be capable of skillfully maneuvering his fighter to bring his guns to bear on the enemy. All energies of the squadron are directed toward making this split second event possible.

This, for any unit scheduled to receive a new type aircraft, begins several months before the actual delivery date. Ground school courses must be set up. Pilots scheduled to become instructor pilots in the new aircraft are sent to special Air Force schools for training and qualification. Major Arch Harrison, Commander of the 199th, reported to Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, Georgia, for training as an Instrument Pilot Instructor in the T-33. Here Major Harrison studied the instrumentation of the T-33, Radio Range, Omni, Radio Compass, Applied Instrument Navigation, Instrument Landing approach systems and procedures, Weather techniques, flight planning for Jet aircraft, and many other subjects. During the training, he received 160 hours of classroom instruction, 60 hours of flight and Link Trainer instruction, and over 80 hours of personalized instruction on Jet instrument and instruction techniques. After completing this course, Major Harrison reported for the Jet Indoctrination Course, Craig Air Force Base, Georgia, where he received full training in the T-33 Jet Trainer. This training fully qualified Major Harrison as an Instructor Pilot in Jet type aircraft. The course included phases in jet ground and air indoctrination on fuel and electrical systems, emergency procedures, aircraft capabilities, air safety, cruise control, maximum performance maneuvers and operation, formation flying, tactical employment technique, and instrument flying.

Besides Major Harrison, the Senior Air Instructor, Colonel Barry B. Townsend, is a graduate of the jet indoctrination course and is qualified as an instructor. Also Captain Robert A. Hite, Base Operations Supervisor, 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, has returned from Craig as a Jet instructor.

Thus staffed, the 199th was ready with a full checkout program with the arrival of its first T-33 in November 1953. By this date the pilots had completed the preliminary ground school and check out was begun in ernest.

Some months before the arrival of the T-33, all pilots had completed the necessary Physiological training required of all jet pilots. In preparation each pilot attends lectures at Hickam on High Altitude Flying, oxygen equipment of the airplane, and trends in personal equipment. Next came the interesting part of the training. All were ushered into an altitude tank, which is nothing more than a decompression chamber. Once inside, the trainees donned oxygen masks and the ascent began. Climbing to altitude is stimulated by pumping air from the tank. The resultant rarified atmosphere is identical with altitude with only two exceptions; temperature (much warmer), and knowing that the opening of a valve will return us to earth in case of an emergency.



Captain Frank Smith, 8199th RTS (right) is congratulated by Maj Harrison on his initial solo flight in the T-33A Jet Trainer. Capt Smith holds the distinction of being the first HANG pilot to be checked out locally in jets.

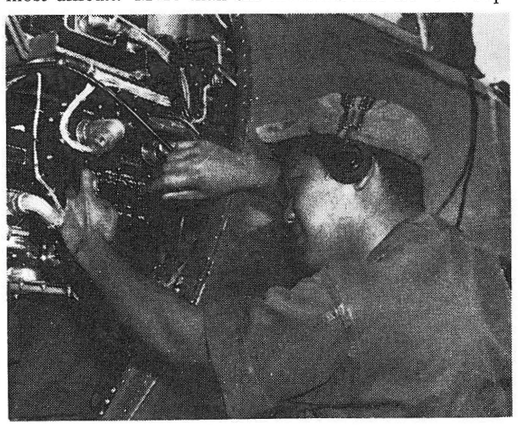
The climb to 40,000 feet is taken as serious business and the instructor making the journey in the chamber and the safety officer looking through a port hole are watchful of each trainee for the first signs of hypoxia, bends, or ear trouble. Any one of these are extremely serious and in the event of the bends or ear trouble, are excrutiatingly painful. Oddly enough, the most dangerous of the three, hypoxia, is not only painless but one symptom is a feeling of well being that comes with an attack of hypoxia. This feeling that all is well is soon followed by unconsciousness. Unless oxygen flow is quickly restored, death may result in suffocation or by the crash of the aircraft. It is easy to appreciate the importance of Physiological Training.

Now comes ground indoctrination of the T-33. Emphasis is given to visual inspection, cockpit check, familiarity with all normal and emergency procedures and operation of the jet engine and systems, bail-out, crash landing over land and water, and care and use of the oxygen equipment.

At long last the jet pilot to be is scheduled for his initial flight with an instructor pilot. Each pilot buckles himself in and the engine is started. As the tower clears the aircraft to taxi for take-off, the student realizes a complete absence of engine noise. The hot interphone mike makes conversation normal between instructor and student. Because the mike is "hot," the sounds of the other pilot breathing is loud and clear.

Take-off clearance is received and the equivalent of over 5000 horsepower pulls the aircraft quickly off the ground. Most noticeable is the rapid accelleration and terrific rate of climb. Until the student solo flights, he is busy learning all he can about flying characteristics, stalls, climbs, aerobatics, go-arounds, landings, navigation, formation, and altitude indoctrination. Five flying hours are usually required to solo an experienced F-47 pilot in the T-33.

With the first official notification in July 1953 that the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron was definitely programmed to receive jets before January, Base Supply was alerted. Supply was the section with the biggest immediate job, and all things considered, theirs was without question the job which was going to be the most diffcult. More than six thousand line items of supplies for the F-47 had to be declared excess and shipping documents prepared. While accomplishing this, Hawaii Air National Guard Base Supply will have to requisition and make provisions to receive an equal six thousand separate items for the T-33 and more than a like number for the F-86. A staggering task in itself, it is made even more complicated because the 199th cannot make a sudden transition from one aircraft to another but, rather, the transition will take many months. Therefore, supply must take into account the supply requirements for each item during the phasing in and out period. Consider, too, that Hawaii is on the end of a six month supply line from the major mainland Air Force depots. Special tools for jet aircraft and ground handling equipment had to be requisitioned, jet fuel (JP-4) requires its own type of refueling units for JP fuel is one third more explosive than regular aviation gasoline. Extreme caution must be exercised at all times and the proper equipment has to be available when the planes arrive on the base.



Radio Repairman S/Sgt Henry Y. Kajiwara performs a routine ground check on the T-33 radio equipment.

The flying equipment for conventional fighters is completely out-modeled for jet flying. New types of flying suits, G-suits (for high speed turns), pressure type oxygen masks (for protection from hypoxia at altitudes above 35,000 feet). This is only part of supply's job. Much of the hangar equipment is extremely expensive. Special auxiliary power units are required to start jets. The ones we use generate 1200 amps and cost the US $3,800.00.

On 1 July 1953, the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron had only one aircraft mechanic qualified on Jet aircraft. This was a matter of the utmost concern to those responsible for the proper maintenance of Hawaii Air National Guard aircraft. After studying the pros and cons, and fully realizing that it would be impossible for Hawaii to be given an exact arrival time of its jet aircraft, a program was decided on which would give us the greatest number of jet mechanics by 1 February 1954. The National Guard Bureau was requested to obtain a quota for ten Air Technicians from the 199th to attend the Jet Fighter Mechanic Course at the USAF Technical School, Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas. This



HANG Maintenance personnel give the T-33 a thorough inspection prior to acceptance of the jet from Air Force. S/Sgt James M. Thomas, Instrument Technician, is standing and is the only person identifiable.

course is a basic course designed to train aircraft mechanics with emphasis on the maintenance and inspection of Jet Fighter aircraft and engines currently in use by USAF.

In September, ten of our Air Technicians headed by M/Sgt Harold T. Mattos, Chief Inspector, and M/Sgt Robert D. W. Choi, Line Chief, reported to Amarillo for this sixteen week course. A second group of five leave for this course in February. Instruction included airframes, landing gears, flight controls, auxiliary systems and equipment, electrical system, fuel, oil, intake and exhaust, and ignition systems, instruments, and jet engines, and engine change. On 1 January 1954, six Air Technicians headed by Major Harrison departed from Honolulu to attend a thirty day Mobile Training Unit of F-86 aircraft at Gowan Air Base, Boise, Idaho. This course affords a dual purpose in that it offers both pilot and maintenance familiarization on the Sabre jet. To complete the maintenance picture, the National Guard Bureau has contracted with North American Aviation Inc. to furnish the 199th with a factory representative during the first months the 109th has Sabres.

When the F-86's arrive at Hickam they will be depickled, inspected and made ready for flight by the maintenance personnel of the 1500th Maintenance Squadron. The 1500th has sent several of their top notch people to a special maintenance course on F-86-E's in preparation of our receiving these aircraft. In the initial shipment the 199th FIS will receive 15 Sabre Jets, more than enough to classify the 199th as a Jet Fighter Squadron.

As the planes are completed by the 1500th Maintenance Squadron they will be turned over to the Maintenance Section of the 199th for final inspection and acceptance.

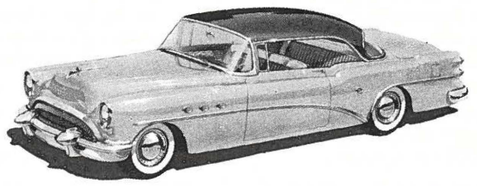
The big job will begin in ernest with an operational Jet Fighter Interceptor Squadron as the target of all the the officers and airmen of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Upon acceptance of the first Sabre the immediate task of checking out the pilots will begin. Many more hours of ground school will be necessary, followed by ground familiarization of the F-86, starting and stopping procedures, cockpit check and then after the pilot has demonstrated his ability in the T-33, he will be scheduled for the moment that all of our pilots have been so eagerly awaiting — soloing the Sabre Jet.

Providing we are able to meet our scheduled, most of the 199th tactical pilots will be checked out in the F-86-E by Summer Camp. If so, then much progress can be made during field training towards developing the tactical proficiency of the pilots. Like a football game; likewise, it will take the efforts of every man in the 199th to weld his organization into a smoothly functioning fighter squadron capable of performing its Fighter Interceptor mission.

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EXERCISE EVERSHARP No. 5

The HNG while in NGUS status has two important missions:

(1) To prepare for possible Federal service and
(2) To prepare for Territorial service.

Our Territorial mission covers such vital functions as repelling invasions, assisting the civil authorities during natural or enemy caused disasters, in suppressing riots, insurrections or any obstruction to law and order, and in the protection of life and property.

The best way to prepare for action is through the medium of exercises. During the past year, several joint Armed Forces-Civil Defense exercises were conducted,

"During the early days of November, 1953, the international situation went from bad to worse, with the result that military and civil defense planning and preparations throughout the United States, its territories and possessions were accelerated.

"On 20 November the Director, Territorial Civil Defense received the following TWX from the Director, Federal Civil Defense Agency: 'International situation tense. President expected to declare national emergency. Take all steps to complete plans, organization and training. Recommend rationing as no Federal assistance can be expected for 90 days.' All Civil Defense Agencies were alerted and their respective staffs put to work in preparing plans to combat any aggressor action against the islands. The Hawaiian Defense Command tightened its security and prepared for full operations at any moment."

At 1:40 a.m. on 21 November an atomic explosion occurred over South Chicago followed shortly thereafter with another over the heart of San Diego. At 5 a.m. the Governor of Hawaii received the President's Proclamation of an emergency and immediately ordered (1) the Territorial Civil Defense Agency to become operational and (2) mobilization of the Hawaii National Guard. Shortly thereafter the 199th Ftr Intcp Sq, the 109th AC&W Sq and the 298th RCT were Federalized.

To replace the Federalized units of the HNG the Hawaii Territorial Guard was mobilized with the initial mission of guarding key utility installations on Oahu.

A large formation of aggressor aircraft flying from the North in the direction of Honolulu had been spotted at 10:00 a.m. and were being tracked. At 2:20 p.m. as these planes were within 600 miles of Honolulu Commander HDC recommended the voluntary evacuation of the Pearl Harbor-Aiea-Kalihi area.

Civil defense agencies began immediately the task of getting people out of the threatened areas in an orderly manner, as panic and congestion of the main roads at this time would be fatal. To assist the small cadre of block wardens, mobile wardens, police and National Guardsmen were rushed into the area and set up and operated a traffic plan, road blocks and assembly areas, while rural areas implemented their plans for the care of hundreds of refugees.

With the yellow warning at 1:30 p.m. CD had cleared the hospitals of convalescent patients and set up its first aid stations. Rescue teams and mobile support units were standing by. The Volunteer Placement Bureau was flooded with people anxious to help, in fact too many for the agencies to organize and too late to train. The Red Cross had its welfare units standing by at well selected areas around the city. At 4 p.m. half of our Federal stocks of medical supplies were withdrawn and rushed to California and then "it" happened.

It seems that the sirens had hardly stopped wailing when Honolulu was rocked as if ten volcanos had exploded. This was at 5 p.m. and from Diamond Head you can see the great mushroom rising high over Keehi Lagoon and flames shooting up from the dock area.

The "all clear" sounded at 5:15 and with it civil defense rushed in its monitor, fire and rescue teams. Road blocks were set up to keep CD avenues open. Refugees were guided to assembly areas and casualties filled the aid, stations and hospitals. Due to the surface blast much of the devastated area was radioactive and the atomic cloud was contaminating the Alewa-Nuuanu area. Before firemen could enter, the area had to be monitored and heavy equipment teams employed in the clearing of debris. The Hawaiian Defense Command assisted by furnishing teams on the Ewa side and CAP aircrafts flew reconnaissance missions over the city reporting fires, road blocks and concentrations of trapped civilians.

Another blow to Oahu came with word from Hawaii that at 5:00 p.m. a submarine launched A-bomb had exploded over Hilo causing great damage and many casualties. Mutual aid teams from that island could not help Honolulu and Hilo would need medical supplies. The Army being aware of our reduced Federal supplies offered aid which was accepted and rushed to Hilo.

During the entire period the HNG was active. The 298th and air units reported for Federal duty at 1:00 p.m. The 199th Ftr Intcp Sq was employed immediately in intercepter missions but was too small and its planes too slow to cope with the heavy attacking force. The mobilization of the HTG was realistically slow but in spite of all was able to man most of the key installations and to patrol areas until relieved by the 1st Bn 299th Inf which was brought in from Maui at 4:30 p.m. Upon being relieved the HTG reorganized and went into training. At this time it was obvious that the 299th RCT would soon be Federalized and therefore an adequate Territorial Guard was a must. By 7:15 the 1/299th Inf was over extended and a battalion from Hawaii was alerted for movement to Honolulu.

We are all happy that the above was only an exercise but we must remember that it could happen and therefore we must be prepared. In this exercise only key staffs on all islands, Hq & Hq Det and the 120th MP Co were actually employed. All felt the seriousness and pressure of the situation and did their best to keep cool and act intelligently. Many excellent lessons were learned in staff cooperation. coordination, and functions, not only between sections but within sections and in relation to troops and other headquarters. Exercise Eversharp No. 5 was a great success.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S COLUMN

It is a great pleasure for me to publish the following letter from the President of the National Guard Association:

Major General Fred W. Makinney
Military Department, Territory of Hawaii
Adjutant General's Office, Fort Ruger
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Fred:

About the time you receive this communication you should also have received a copy of the Membership Report of the National Guard Association of the United States for 30 November 1953, and when you glance over that report I think you will agree with me that it is the finest report which has ever been submitted to the States. It is a source of great satisfaction to me and, I am certain, to all concerned, to note that out of a strength of 34,320 officers and warrant officers 33,931 have been enrolled to date in the Association, leaving only 389 to be enrolled to make a record of 100%.

It is impressing, indeed, to note that 44 States and Territories, including Hawaii, are now 100%. The membership achievement for FY 1954 is amazing, and I am most grateful to the Army and Air National Guard of Hawaii and the distinguished Adjutant General thereof for the part which they have played in making this great record possible. You and the Guard of Hawaii should be very proud of that fact that Hawaii stands 100%, with a strength of 377 officers and warrant officers with 377 enrolled. This is indeed a great performance.

I would appreciate it if, at an opportune time, you would express to the officers and warrant officers of the Army and the Air National Guard of Hawaii my deep appreciation for their great work, not only in the matter of membership but in the all-out support of their own Association.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely,
(S) E. A. Walsh
Major General, NGUS-Ret
President

NOTICE

If you went to a service school, mainland or local, between the dates 1 October, 1949 and 8 July, 1952 you may now claim pay for the leave you accrued during your attendance. Ask your unit commander for help in making this claim.

? Any Questions ?

QUESTION: I understand that personnel below the age of 26 who are members of the National Guard, and now exempt from induction, may be drafted if a break in service occurs. What constitutes a break in service?

ANSWER: That is true if the Guardsman is deferred from induction only by reason of his membership in the Guard. A "break in service" would occur if a Guardsman (1) fails to reenlist the day after he is discharged, no matter what he is discharged for; (2) is discharged from the Army NG to enlist in the Air NG, or vice versa; (3) is discharged to enlist in a reserve component of a service (Army, Navy including Marines, or Air Force) other than the service he belonged to in the National Guard. Transfers between units of the Army NG, or of the Air NG, or from the Army or Air NG of one State to the Army or Air NG respectively of another State, or from a unit of one reserve component of a given service to a unit of another reserve component of the same service will not constitute a break in service.

? ANY QUESTIONS ? *(Cont.)*

QUESTION: May a National Guard physical examination be used as an entrance physical to the University of Hawaii?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: I received a Withholding Statement during Field Training covering pay received for the Summer Camp period. Does the W-2 received from my unit covering Armory Drill Pay include figures cited on the above mentioned Field Training Statement?

ANSWER: No. The W-2 you received from your unit includes only armory drill pay, weekend training pay, and any pay you received from a service school prior to 30 April, 1953. All other service school pay and your field training pay are included on W-2's given you by the Finance Officer who paid you.

QUESTION: To what division, if any, do the 298th RCT and 299th RCT belong?

ANSWER: The 298th and 299th are separate regimental combat teams and are not assigned to any division. During World War II the 298th Inf was assigned for a short time to the 25th Infantry Division and the 299th for a similar short time was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division. In the event they are called into Federal service the two organizations will probably continue to serve as separate combat teams.

QUESTION: Is it possible for a Hawaii Guardsman to attend drills with a similar Guard unit on the Mainland and receive credit for pay and attendance purposes?

ANSWER: No. Par 23 NGR 45 authorizes enlisted men to receive credit for attendance at drills of a unit other than the one to which assigned, *but only* within their own state.

QUESTION: I have heard through the grapevine that there are several National Guard sponsored radio programs. I'm either on the wrong channel or listen to the radio at the wrong time, but I've yet to hear one. Are there any? If so, would appreciate a program listing.

ANSWER: The Army National Guard radio program is called "Let's Go To Town" and is broadcast on the following stations:

KGU, Thursday, 1800 hours; KHON, Saturday, 1245 hours; KPOA, Sunday, 1600 hours; KHBC, Sunday, 1700 hours; KIPA, Saturday, 1345 hours; KMUI Saturday, 1915 hours. KGMB, KILA, and KTOH also carry the program but the day and time of broadcasting are irregular.

What's New

Items of interest to everybody from HNG Headquarters in Honolulu

Your Retirement Pay. The Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 made a significant change in the retirement status of service personnel, including members of the National Guard who retire at age 60. The details are contained in SR 35-1365-5, 11 December 1953, which has been distributed to battalion headquarters. Briefly, the the new law permits a retiring serviceman to elect to receive reduced retirement pay in order to provide a lifetime pension for his widow or children after his death. The sum withheld from his retirement pay is used to pay for an annuity which will provide the widow's pension. All men who are now retired, who now have 18 years or more service for pay purposes, or who will complete 18 years by 30 April 1954 must officially signify their desire to enter this plan prior to 30 April, 1954. After that date other individuals must enter the plan before they complete 18 years of service. It is expected that Chief NGB will issue detailed instructions on this subject very soon.

Eisenhower Trophy. By the time this issue reaches you readers the recommendations of units by RCT commanders for the Eisenhower Trophy for 1953 will be in in AGO-HAW. About the middle of February a board composed of the AG, Col Frank A. Alameda, Commanding Officer of the 299th RCT, and Col H. F. Haberman, Senior Army advisor, will meet in Honolulu to select the winning unit. Announcement of the winner will be made late in February.

New Territorial Positions. Thirteen new full-time Territorial positions authorized by the 1950 Legislature were approved by the Budget Bureau on 1 December, 1953. Twelve of the thirteen positions, which are listed below, were filled by the middle of January.

6 General Laborers, Various locations; 2 Trades Helpers, 1 Ft Ruger, 1 Lyman Field; 1 Electrician, Lyman Field; 1 Watchman, Lyman Field; 1 Clerk, Kauai; 1 Janitor, Ft Ruger; 1 Carpenter, Ft Ruger.

Transfer of Honolulu Armory. An old Hawaii National Guard landmark passed from the control of the Military Department on 1 December 1953 when Honolulu Armory and Iolani Barracks were transferred to the Department of Public Works. The armory has not been used for National Guard units since 1950 when the Honolulu units moved to Fort Ruger. The transfer was directed by Governor King as a step in the planning for the proposed civic center.

Rifle Squads Now Have Two BAR Men. On 1 January 1954 change 2 to T/O&E 7-17 became effective and with it the assistant BAR man became an automatic rifleman. This means that each rifle squad now has two automatic riflemen, which equals more fire power and a heavier ammo load.

Unit Projectionist School. Through the courtesy of the USARPAC Central Film & Equipment Exchange, 27 Oahu Guardsmen completed a comprehensive two-day course of instruction on what a unit projectionist should know. Training consisted of learning the fundamentals of projection equipments used by the HNG and the best methods for preparing, training aids for presentation. The USARPAC instructors will repeat the course on Hawaii and Maui.

Results of Annual Armory Inspections. The FY 195 IG Inspections have been completed with twelve unit receiving "Superiors," 34 "Excellents," and 14 "Satisfac tion." There were no "Unsatisfactory" ratings this yea The superior units which received commendations fro Lt Gen O'Daniel and Maj Gen Makinney, are listed belo

613th Ord Co (DS); Co C, 298th Inf; Co F, 298t Inf; Co H, 298th Inf; Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 298th Inf 111th Army Band; Hq & Hq Co, 299th Inf; Tank Co 299th Inf; Co I, 299th Inf; Co M, 299th Inf; Btry B 487th FA Bn; Co C, 299th Inf.

Officer Candidate Schools. Two applications hav been received and processed by this office for personne desiring to attend the Regular 22 weeks OCS. The ap plicants are now awaiting word from the NGB as t when they commence their training. There is a goo possibility that the Special 10-Week NG OCS course wil be repeated again this summer. Hawaii has asked fo a quota of 45 Infantry and 5 Artillery candidates.

Field Training Plans are shaping up and it is es timated that by mid-February the details will be pub lished. The Special Troops will move to camp on 5 June the 298th RCT on 6 June and 299th RCT on 12 June Unit commanders will be asked to get their trainin schedules in by 1 May, 1954 which should not be dif ficult since the training mission is the same as last year'

New Hilo Armory. The long awaited five-uni Armory for Hilo, Hawaii, is finally about to become reality. Final drawings and specifications have been ap proved and bids were advertised for on 20 January. Thi is the first armory to be built in the Territory under th Federal Aid Armory Construction Program and is ex pected to cost in the neighborhood of $200,000. Whe completed the armory will house Hq Co, Service Co Medical Co, Hq Co 2nd Bn, Co F and 110th Army Ban of the 299th Regimental Combat Team. It will be lo cated approximately across from the present armory o the 230th Engineer Co at Lyman Field. Preliminary lay outs and floor plans for this new Armory were prepare in the office of the Adjutant General and submitted t the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C., fo approval. Final plans and specifications were prepare by the office of the Superintendent of Public Works fo the Territory of Hawaii.

Other Construction. Currently under construction i Hilo is a motor vehicle repair shop. This facility, whe completed in March, will house the Combined Field Main tenance Shop No. 2 and will contain up-to-date ordnanc repair facilities of all types. An additional project con templated for the Island of Hawaii is an Army Avia tion Shop-Hangar to be located at Lyman Field. Bid for this project have been invited and will be opened i the office of the USP&DO on 21 January. Construction of this Shop-Hangar is expected to get under way with in 60 days. Another project of interest which is currentl in progress is the rehabilitation of Building No. 33 a Fort Ruger, now about 60% completed, and which wil constitute unit and ordnance storage, classroom and la trine for the newly organized 120th Signal Support Co.

Taxability of 20% Allowance. NGB has temporaril ruled that NGC-rated employees are not authorized to b included in the so-called cost-of-living category regard ing non-taxable 20% allowance.

Hq & Hq Detachment, HNG

Rapid changes in personnel marked the close of 1953 and the beginning of 1954 for the State Headquarters Detachment. The Detachment had to bid aloha to Capt Gordon Lawson, G-2 officer, who became the CO of the newly organized 120th Signal Support Co effective 4 January 1954. 1st Lt Homer Kau, Assistant G-1, left us on 1 December 1953 and is presently company administrative assistant for the 120th Signal Co. Also joining the 120th Signal Co was Pfc Chung Lau Chang who joined that outfit on 12 January 1954. Cpl Edward Tomoyasu's dream of someday going to the mainland became a reality for him when he boarded a Trans-Ocean plane and headed for Los Angeles on 27 December 1953. Best of luck to you "Tomo."

There were three gains to offset some of our losses. We welcomed to our outfit 1st Lt Michael Miyatake on 25 November 1953. He is the present Assistant G-1. On 2 November 1953, Pvt Walter Tsumura joined our ranks. Walter is presently a senior attending St. Louis College. Capt John Aiona returned from the Quartermaster School at Ft Lee, Virginia on 17 December 1953. Capt Aiona was our former CO. Presently he is back at his desk as Assistant G-4.

Our hard working supply sergeant was promoted to SFC effective on 25 December 1953. Congratulations Harold Shinsato! Congratulations also to Pfc's Charley Shiraishi and Herbert Uyeda, who became corporals on 25 December 1953.

A post-holiday party was held at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai on 22 January 1954. In charge of this gala affair, attended by approximately 75 detachment members and their guests were SFC Arthur Whittington and Pvt LeRoy Akamine. Honored guest at this annual Detachment affair was Capt Clarence Hohu.

Although it was rough going, the Detachment's lau-lau sale held during the Thanksgiving week-end proved to be a financial success. After all expenses were cleared, finance chairman, Sgt Wilfred Shobu reported a sizable net profit. In all, the Detachment prepared 1200 lau-laus.

The National Guard Bureau awarded this Detachment an efficiency award for the 1953 summer encampment. Lt Gen John W. O'Daniels personally presented this award of merit to this organization on 25 January 1954. At this presentation, our Detachment and the 120th MP Co were designated as honor companies.

HQ & HQ CO 298th Inf

By M/Sgt Thomas N. See

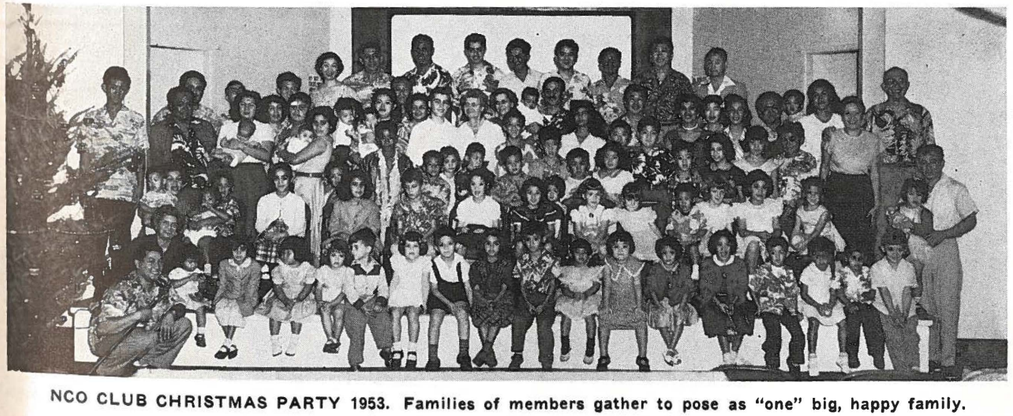
Now that "1953" is a thing of the past, we are looking forward to new and better accomplishments in "1954". We must admit that 1953 was a "good" year in spite of the moaning and normal Army gripes. Although the enlisted strength declined by eight, we can boast of an increase in our officer strength over that of 1952 as well as average enlisted attendance percentage of 93.53%. During the Annual IG Inspection we attained a Unit Rating of "Excellent" and a Support Rating of "Excellent" and have just recently been awarded a "Silver Certificate" for efficiency in training during Summer Camp 1953.

For the first time since reorganization this Company decided to hold an outdoor picnic for the entire membership and their families. Through the courtesy of Sgt Gustav Schuman, we were able to utilize the Schuman Carriage country home in Punaluu for this affair. It was mentioned that the "kau kau" outweighed the turnout by many fold, but nary an ounce of food was left over. Oh yes, there was plenty of foam at the picnic — and I don't mean "ocean" foam!

Many thanks to Sgt John Pakele for donating the use of his tape recorder which provided Christmas music throughout the program. We are also indebted to Lt George M. Miyachi who donated his time to snap pictures of the party.

Now that the Christmas Carols have faded for 1953 we must look ahead to the next big event which is Inactive Duty Training (Outdoor). This unit commences its Sunday drills on January 31, 1954, with classes on preliminary marksmanship training. Let's hope that we'll uncover many "Expert" riflemen this year.

All records indicate that the recruiting drive is beginning to simmer as we have added the following personnel to our roster since the last issue of the Hawaii Gaurdsman: Cpl Gerald W. Y. Kam, Pfc Stanley I. Sasaki, and Pvts Donald H. Gomes, Joseph L. T. Young, Adam Del Revero, Jr., Robert Y. T. Go, Tomas K. Y. Lai, and Francis L. S. Wong. Welcome to the best unit in the 298th!



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120th MP Co News Notes

By CAPT GEORGE ROBERTS

With the flurry of year-end activities, including the holidays, all safely under our collective and no casualties reported, the Unit is now hard at it with weekend training, range firing, and summer camp to be looked forward to. Prior to the end of last year we labored safely through the IG Inspection, thanks, largely to new caretaker Sgt John Seto, who took on a new job and learned it faster and more thoroughly than ony one I have yet seen. Also in the old year came a change in TO&E which could hardly be considered a change for the better since because of it we lost 1 warrant officer, 2 sergeants, and 7 other ratings for a net personnel loss of 10 men. About the last happy word of the old year was the information that the Unit pistol team had again won the Provost Marshal General's Trophy for Military Police Companies with a total team score of 1708 out of a possible 1750. As of January 9, 1954, the company had a birthday and completed its 3rd full year of existence.

Survivors of this full three years are Capt G. Roberts, Lt C. Chong, Lt Herbert Chun, SFC M. Paz, Sgt Y. Pang, SFC J. Seto, Sgt E. Hara, Sgt E. Hanohano, Sgt C. Hanohano, Cpl H. Hanohano, Cpl E. Hanohano, Cpl R. Maunupau, Cpl E. Tyau, Cpl W. Siu, Cpl A. Lum, and Cpl C. Best Jr. It is pleasure also to note that the following men have never missed a formation in all these three years. Lts Charles F. W. Chong and Herbert C. T. Chun, and Sgt John W. C. Seto. To the faithful trio should be added the name of Cpl Joseph Pimental who, although not a member of the original group who were federally recognized on 8 January, 1951, joined the company on the next drill following that date and has likewise never missed a drill. Good going men; I surely wish there were more such dependable people.

The balance of the year promises to be chuck full of Unit activity. Several men are scheduled to leave for mainland schools in addition to Lt Harry K. Brown Jr. who is already at the Provost Marshall school at Camp Gordon, Ga. All weekends for the whole month of February are to be used in range firing and field exercises. The Unit is sponsoring an NRA registered pistol match in March and we now have a Livewire rifle team in both the small and big bore categories. These teams are scheduled to participate in the numerous matches which are on tap in the next three months, including the Army area big bore match to be held at Schofield Barracks in April. All in all, it appears there will be nothing but activity and lots of it for all Livewire members of this Unit from now until summer field training.

120th Signal Support Co

By CPL LORIN GILL

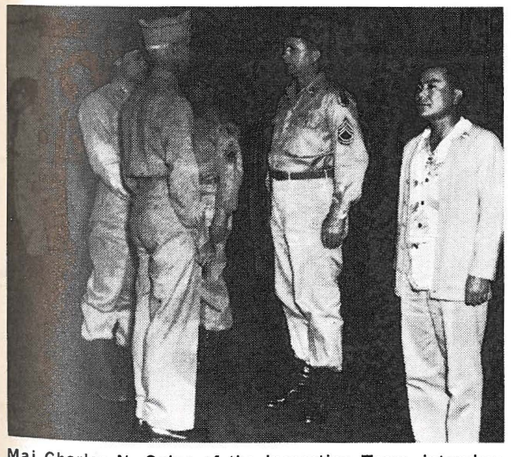
Several months of perparation, of interviewing and screening interested personnel, and of negotiating for quarters and equipment have culminated in the official launching of a new unit in the Hawaii National Guard. The 120th Signal Support Company, commanded by Captain Gordon D. R. Lawson, who has nurtured its development since last October, was inspected Monday, 4 January 1954 for federal recognition. The new company was examined with regard to its strength, the adequacy of its facilities, and the proper order of its personnel records. During that part of the inspection held at the

Monday night drill, the company's three officers and twenty-six enlisted men — seven more than required for federal recognition — were personally interviewed by members of the inspecting team to determine each man's prior training and his qualifications for his new assignment. The inspecting team — Lt Col Franklin N. Fliniau and Maj Charles N. Quina, along with officers of the Hawaii National Guard General Staff, witnessed the swearing in of the new men.

The commanding officer of the 120th Signal Support Company, Capt Gordon D. R. Lawson, was formerly assistant to the G-3 and also acting G-2 on the State Staff. Employed for seven years by the Mutual Telephone Company, Capt Lawson has behind him four years active federal service as a Signal Officer from 1942 to 1946. After the war, he headed an Army Reserve signal company for two years before joining the Hawaii National Guard.

Assisting Capt Lawson and 2nd Lt Alexander Takaki, former communications officer with Hq & Hq Co of the 299th Inf, and 2nd Lt Stanley Fuller of six years service in the Guard and former platoon leader with Co B, 298th Inf. The new unit's two full time members and employees are First Sergeant and administrative assistant Homer Kau, a veteran of six years of National Guard service who gave up his commission as 1st Lieutenant on the State Staff to take his new position, and SFC Valentine Peroff, the unit caretaker and supply sergeant. SFC Peroff, who transferred from Service Company, 298th, has been in the Hawaii National Guard for eight years. His brother, Borick Peroff, is also in the new unit.

SFC Charles Akina Jr., the 120th's motor sergeant, transferred from Co L of the 298th Inf with a total of fifteen years Guard experience. Not to be outdone in length of service is M/Sgt George F. Whitehorn, a transfer from Hq Co, 1st Bn, 298th Inf whose fifteen years of National Guard service started with the 101st Signal Bn of Brooklyn, New York. SFC James E. Anderson, the message center supervisor, transferred from Hq Co, 1st Bn, 298th where he had been doing similar work. His guard service started back in 1947.



Maj Charles N. Quina of the Inspecting Team, interviewing SFC Valentine Peroff, unit custodian, during the inspection for Federal recognition of the newly formed 120th Signal Support Company. Capt Gordon Lawson, commanding officer of the company is in the background.

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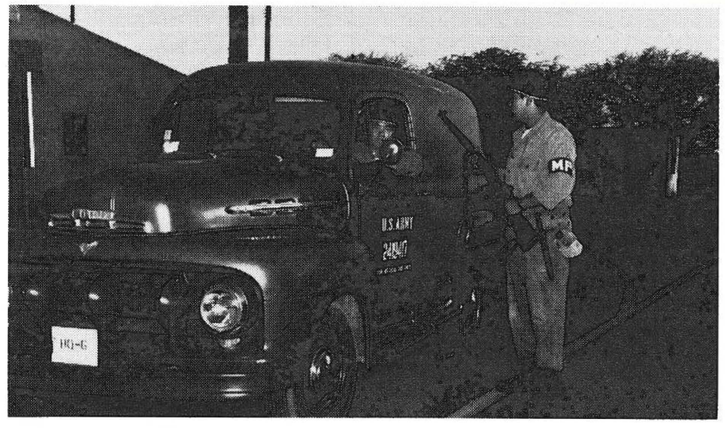
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Block wardens of the Oahu Civil Defense Agency explained the exercise to residents of the affected areas and told them something about plans for evacuation, first aid, etc., in the event of an actual attack on Honolulu.
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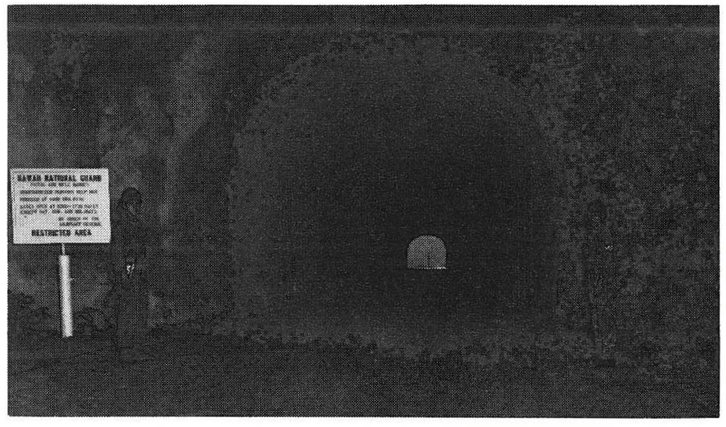
The 120th MP Co was charged with the local security of Fort Ruger during the exercise. Pfc James Kalua, Jr, checks a vehicle at the Kahala gate to the post. (HNG photo)

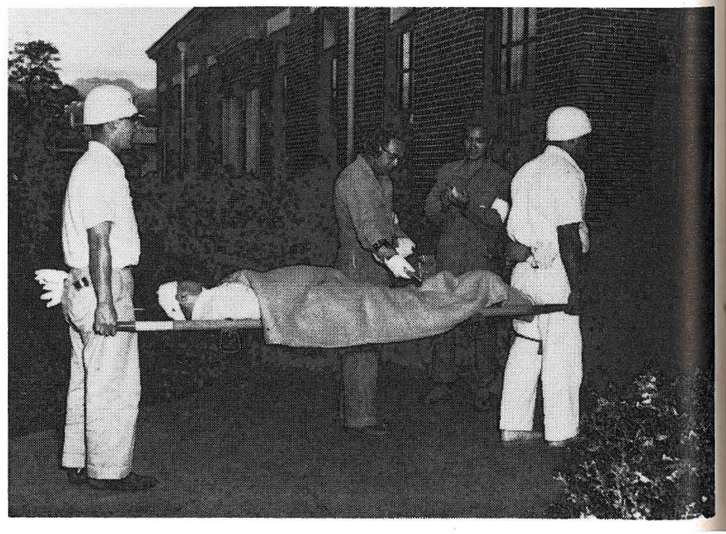


The G-4 Section of the State Staff, Hawaii National Guard, would have a tremendous job in case of a real disaster. Here during the exercise.
(HNG photo)



Cpl Alfred Lum and Cpl Raymond Feliciano of the 120th MP Company guard the tunnel entrance to Diamond Head Crater. (HNG photo)





A civil defense evacuation team checks a "casualty" for possible radio-activity before admitting him to a field hospital established on the grounds of the Honolulu City Hall.
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The Territorial Civil Defense Agency operates a well-equipped and well-trained communications service from this tunnel in Battery Birkheimer inside of Diamond Head Crater.
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613th Ordnance Co Direct Support

By 1st/Sgt John Afalla

All hail! The 613th Ordnance Co has attained a rating of Superior for the Annual Armory IG Inspection 1953. This award was based on enviable record of achievements scored throughout the year culminating in what many have considered as superior during the past summer encampment. This unit was awarded a rating of 38.84% (*Superior*) on the NGB Form 115, the highest rating ever to be achieved by any one company. This is indeed, something to be proud of. You, the men of the 613th Ordnance Co are the ones that deserve all the credit. Our Summer camp attendance was the usual 100%.

The Company would like to extend its sincerest congratulations to its CO and Company officers for their guidance through the past years to its present stature. We would not have made it had it not been for your leadership. They have won the respect and admiration of the men of the Company.

The 613th Ord Co Rifle team (Small Bore) are the Special Units Champions. They have accomplished an undefeated round of competition by spanking the 120th MP Company, Hq & Hq Det, and 199th Ftr Intep Sq. They have posted a score of 3963 for all three matches with an average of 1321 per macth. That is really sharp! Members of the team are: Sgt Stephen Heu, Manager; Sgt Eckley Yim, Captain; SFC Anthony Conti Jr, Sgt Edward Auwae, Sgt Kenneth Lee, Pfc Henry H. Yamada and Pfc Joseph Nakoa. Congratulations! Keep up the good work and bag the National Guard championship.

At present, SFC Paul D. Akamine is still attending the Ord School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland and should be back in February. Sgt Richard K. Tanabe has just returned from the Ord School on the 24th December just in time for Christmas with his family. Incidently, Sgt Tanabe was an honor student placing first in a class of sixteen with a scholastic rating of excellent. His work reflects a credit upon himself and his organization. Congratulations, Sgt Tanabe!

New enlistments up to press time are: Cpl James W. Rapozo, recently transferred from USAR; Pvt Conrado R. Basa, son of Remedios R. Basa of 1339 Gulick Avenue; Pvt Bobby I. Kishimoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ishun Kishimoto of 451 N. Vineyard Street. Recent transfers are Cpl Thomas T. Tanaka from Co L. 298th Inf HNG and Cpl Kwai Sun Kam from Co G 298th Inf HNG. Reenlistment for another three year hitch are: Cpl Pascual Dabis our able and competent unit caretaker, Pfc Gilbert N. Kupau, and Pfc Ronald S. Sugita. Welcome boys!

Congratulations to the following proud papa's: Sgt William Y. C. Yim whose wife presented him with an adorable girl 16 January 1954. Cpl James K. Fujii whose wife Jennie presented him with a bouncing baby boy of 6 lbs 6 oz on 11 January 1954. Don't forget those seegars boys!

Our sincerest Aloha is extended at this time to CWO Ray T. Tomita. Mr. Tomita will leave our unit on the 21st of the month due to a medical disqualification. Mr. Tomita has been an asset to this unit and we sure hate to see him leave. Another fond farewell to Pfc James Y. Sugita who was inducted into the Armed Forces on 15 December, 1953.

Hv Mort Co 298th Inf

By Pfc Henry B. C. Chun

Our annual Christmas party was held on the 14th day of December, the last drill for 1953. The food and drinks were plentiful, while the fun experienced by the men of this company and their guests were overwhelming. The guests enjoyed seeing the movies while waiting for the men of this unit to fall out of formation. Some guests preferred to watch the men in close drill formations. Our hardworking cooks enjoyed this affair more than anyone else since this was the first time the food was prepared by others. The helpful wives of the men prepared and bought the delicious food. The outstanding event for the nite was the presentation of a pen and pencil set to 1st Lt Alexis T. Lum, who was transferred to Co B, 298th Inf. Lt Lum was our Gunnery Officer. After the grab bags were distributed, the men went home all in smiles since there were no drills until 1954.

Our losses were great during this quarter. Fond alohas go to SFC Kenneth S. Miyoshi, who was in charge of the Fire Direction Section; Sgt Charles A. Kubo, a mortar squad leader and Sgt Wilfred K. P. Chun, who was head of the Commo Section. Best of luck to Cpl Gerald W. Y. Kam who was transferred to become a member of Hq & Hq Co, 298th Inf. The successor for SFC Miyoshi will be Sgt "Pete" Hanohano, who has been studying until late hours to fill his new position.

New faces seen in the company were men who recently became members of this unit. They are James Arakaki, Henry Kiaaina, James Iha, Richard Kamali and Joseph Rodrigues. Our company strength has pointed upward to a ninety-four men team. We are striving for a higher goal so that the unit can operate in the best possible way. Until the next issue, remember, our arms are wide open for new men. Hurry! Hurry!

Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn, 298th Inf

By Cpl Arthur Yamamoto

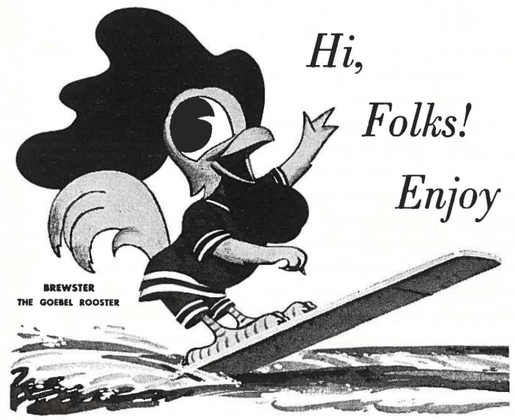
The New Year has arrived and our Company is not different from any other Company with new resolutions and changes to start the new year with a bang. The Commo Platoon will miss the leadership of M/Sgt Whitehorn and SFC Anderson who joined the newly formed Signal Company. Here's wishing them luck from the men of the Hq & Hq Co.

The new handsome face that we see in the front office is not Clark Gable but Cpl Ferreiro, our full-time administrator. He took over the job when M/Sgt Paz left for another post.

Capt DeMello formerly from L Co has taken over the job of Battalion S-4 which was formerly held by Lt Ho.

One of the hardest worker and the least praised Corporal of our Company is Cpl Lau of the Supply Section. Yes, the last IG Inspection found the Armory in spic and span condition. The armory played an important part in our Excellent rating on the Inspection. As SFC Castillo puts it, "Whenever the men come around to draw equipment, Cpl Lau receives them with a cordial smile."

Scoop — In the very near future, the Hq & Hq Co will have a remodeling job in the second building. The outcome of this task, I will save for the CO, Capt Kippen to announce as a surprise to the Company.



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Co A, 298th Inf

By M/Sgt Samuel A. Ching

Evidently the fine work done by the men of Co A as described in the last issue of the Hawaii Guardsman has paid a handsome dividend. This unit came breezing through its IG inspection with its best showing yet, and an overall rating of *Excellent.* All hands are to be congratulated for the fine work — and set the sights two clicks higher, Herman, for that superior 19 '55!

Kudos to the boys who are coming up the ladder. In the last quarter, the following men were promoted to the grades indicated. They were put there because of their excellent attendance records, military knowledge, and leadership ability.

To Sgt, Milton V. Soares. To Cpls Bernard K. Marumo, Thomas K. Nakatani, Arthur L. Edralin and Takao Sato. There are more pending and still a lot of room at the top. Congratulations.

The Christmas season was suitably ushered in by a many, many course Chinese dinner at Lau Yee Chai on December 12, 1953. The turnout was big, the dinner out of this world, and fun—well, there was an awful lot of that, too. No fooling, there's nothing like spearfishing in the lily pond at Lau Yee Chai's.

And that's "30" for this time.

Co B, 298th Inf

By M/Sgt Reginald S. Lee

The men of Baker had a swell time at their luau held just before Christmas. The luau was given by the Enlisted Men's Club of Baker. There were lots to eat and drink with a fine musical background being provided by the Laie Ha-oles. Officers of the Club are president, SFC Willie Pualoa Jr.; vice president, SFC Andres Subeldia; secretary, Tamotus Higa; and treasurer, SFC Robert Toshi. Wonder why they have officers that are all SFC's. (Could it be that they have more money to kick in.) On the Board of Governors are M/Sgt's Philip Doseo, Albert Ho, Reginald Lee, Ebenezer Paikai Jr. and Frank Stone Jr. The men that worked the hardest at making the luau a success were SFC's Willie Pualoa Jr., George Kanamu, Andres Subeldia, Herbert Kalani, Tamotsu Higa, and Robert Toshi. 'More SFC's!"

Going to the Land of cream and peaches, especially "Peaches" are Cpl's Ronald E. Martin and Fulton A. Rapoza. These lucky fellows are enrolled in the Advanced NCO course at the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Joining the unit during the last quarter were Sgt Kimon Averinos and 1st Lt Alexis T. Lum. We lost 1st Lt Clarence Hoe, who was transferred to Service Co and 2nd Lt Stanley Fuller who was discharged to be appointed as a "2nd John" in the 120th Sig Spt Co.

Our rifle team had a busy time during the vacation shooting their matches in the Battalion. Members of the team are Captain, M/Sgt Lee; Coach, Capt Frank Vaughan; Lt Lum, M/Sgt Paikai, SFC Pualoa, SFC Subeldia, Cpl Andrew Mitte, Pfc Edwin Samera, Pvt's Donald Ferriera, Thomas Mitte, and alternate, Cpl Herbert Ota.

Two members of Baker got life sentences recently. They were SFC Subeldia who got married to Miss Beatrice Bisco, and Sgt Salvador Lutao who married Miss Marcelina Tiogangco. Heard that Sgt Lutao's co-workers presented Mrs. Lutao with a ball and chain that was painted red and she immediately put it on his leg. (Sgt, you better paint the thing a different color before you're investigated.)

Promotions during the quarter were: to Pfc, Norman C. Akau, Melvin L. Ho, Maynard L. Kwock, and Gordon A. Mendoza. To Pvt E-2, Robert Alvarico, Douglas R. Ching, and Robert K. B. Young.

Co C, 298th Inf

Sgt Charles E. Simpson Jr.

With another IG Inspection out of the way, Charlie Co begins another year of training. Needless to say the unit was awarded a "Superior" rating — the fourth in as many years. This record is one the men of the company can well be proud of.

In a letter commending Lt William S. K. Burgess, CO, Lt Gen John W. O'Daniel said, "This distinction awarded your unit could only have been the result of high attainments in organization, administration, and training and reflects great credit on you for your inspirational and aggressive leadership and demonstrates a strong sense of discipline, morale, ability, and interest on the part of all members of your command."

A second letter of commendation was received from Maj Gen Fred W. Makinney, Adjutant General. Said Gen Makinney, "The rating of superior indicates superior leadership on your part and that of your NCO's and the high morale and esprit, coupled with all our team work on the part of each and every member of your unit."

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SFC David F. L. Ho, Sgt James Letoto and Pfc Donald M. K. T. Silva enlisted in the US Army early in January. SFC Ho after a short basic training period will be assigned to an infantry outfit with his HNG rank. Sgt Letoto and Pfc Silva will undergo the regular basic training period, then will be assigned to infantry units. All have requested service in the Far Eastern Theatre.

Both SFC Ho and Sgt Letoto are graduates of the Light Weapons Course for NCO's at Ft Benning, Ga. Their leaving the unit breaks up a long standing father and son and brother combination in the company. SFC Ho's father is the venerable and dynamic M/Sgt Edward Ho and Sgt Letoto's brother is the not so venerable but equally dynamic M/Sgt Leonard Letoto.

Co D, 298th Inf

By Sgt Harry M. Tsutsumi

With the Annual IG Inspection only a glean memory, the men of Co D are now in the swing of the Week End Firing drills. Because of the keen interest and great enthusiasm, shown by the men, many have already qualified with their respective rifles. "We wanna fire that machine gun" is the cry of the Machine gun platoon.

Like the old saying "Good things come and go," Co D had its unhappy moments when Capt Robert J. Neves our CO resigned from the Guard. Under his splendid leadership Co D has won two consecutive Best Company Awards, in the 1st Battalion. Through his hard work and initiative, Co D's rating in the IG Inspection never was below excellent. Good luck, Capt Neves, and best wishes from the men.

However, we were fortunate to have the ever smiling, 1st Lt Hiro Yamamoto as our new CO. In the few weeks that he has been with Co D, he has already won the confidence and respect of the men. We're all behind you, Lieutenant!

If some of the men are flashing smiles now-a-days, here's the reason. Receiving recent promotions for work well done are Ernest Chang from SFC to M/Sgt, to SFC from Sgt are George Hoopai and Harry Lee, to Sgt from Cpl are Herman Fong and Harley Holderbaum, to Cpl from Pfc are John Coston, Harry Daniels, Richard Kiyota, Robert Mana, John Rodrigues, Anthony Scott and Francis Moriyama.

Incidently Sgt William Yamada will soon be wearing his gold bars. Sgt Yamada has completed his ten-series course, and passed the Territorial Board with flying colors. Congratulations, Sir!

Becoming proud papas in recent months are Cpl George DeRamos and Kiyoshi Nakasone. Both had baby boys. Yours truly had a baby, too, about three months ago.

Co F, 289th Inf

By M/Sgt Isayas D. Santa Ana

Looking Back. A review of the year's activities reveal that 1953 has been an outstanding year for Fox Company. 100% attendance at summer camp, a Superior rating for Field Tng, 1 officer's attendance at TIS Ft Benning Georgia, an enjoyable beach party honoring the company's 5th anniversary, 1 EM commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant at camp, and finally a *Superior* rating for the annual IG inspection, are but a few memorable events 1953 presented to the "Foxes of Pearl City."

Around the Fox's Den. New additions to the unit during the past quarter included 2nd Lt John D. Castro, a recent OCS graduate, Pvt E-2 Rhinehardt K. Place, a transfer from Co B 299h Inf, and Pvt E-1s Harry J. Akau, Robert O. Arakaki, Henry F. Burns, Moses K. Kahihikolo, Peter K. Kai, David Nuuanu Jr., and Andrew A. Rabanes, qualifiers in the Company's mile long waiting list. More eager fellas have signed up, but are still on the waiting list because of the ceiling strength for the company. *Sign up more in '54* is much more than a slogan at Pearl City.

2nd Lt John Castro, SFC Wallace Kozai, and Pfc William Morales have changed their status very recently. Filing for their income tax will prove a cinch now that they are members of the "Ball & Chain" fraternity. M/Sgt John Naone hit the bull's eye when his wife presented him with twins. "Dead Eye" John has been doing things in a big way and has been seeing double ever since. Big John along with Pvt E-2 Herbert Kai Jr., have recently become members of Honolulu's Finest. Fox men know who to call up now in case of trouble.

Signing up for three more years with FOX were Cpl Adriano Mendoza, Pfc's Alfredo L. Domingo, Orcio Larita, and Rosalino S. Respicio. Pvt E-2 Patricio P. Calivo wanted to do the same, but could only sign up for one year and make good before Capt Isaac K. Mahelona, the *Pearl City Fox,* would sign him up for three.

Sporting brand new (Pleading for corporals) are Elpedio Bio, Emeterio Centeno Jr., and Vincent Duran. Pfc is not easy in this company. A Fox man either makes the grade and keeps climbing or down he goes. Foxes reduced from Pfcs to Pvts because of poor drill attendance include Benjamin Almason, William Aki Jr., Pantaleon Mendoza, and Venito Lagon.

Losses during the quarter were Cpl Isamu Yasutake to Svc Co 298th, Cpl James Agaran to Co B 298th, Pfc Samuel V. Tomontong to the USAF, Pvt Louis Laciste and Pvt Constantine Taniyo who were inducted into the Armed Forces, and Pvts Juanito Samante and Egnacio C. Estencion through ETS. Cpl Anthony A. Ruiz enlisted in the USMCR but no SO was cut at the time of this writing.

Looking Ahead. A preview of 1954 show at least three EM commissioned as 2nd Johns, another 100% attendance at summer camp, repeats on the *Superiors* for Field Tng and the annual IG, the Eisenhower Trophy in F Company's show case, the FCT's softball crown, two huge company parties, a new out-door .22 rifle range, and possibly, a new location for the armory.


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Co G, 298th Inf

By PVT ERNEST FONG, JR.

The softball tournament has been completed and the ever exciting inter-platoon basketball competition is in the half-way mark. Second platoon has the edge over the others but anything can happen in the next half.

The golf season is also under way in this sport-loving Co G. Teeing-off are our CO, Capt Conrad Tsukayama, WOJG-1 Francis Lum and M/Sgt Edmond Jones. Our golfers can be seen at Schofield Golf course during the swinging sessions. The men in this unit are very glad that there are tournaments like these to "let-off some steam" from our weekly armory drill madhouse.

One major change in the top NCO position was made recently. Our new 1st Sgt is M/Sgt Patrick O'Sullivan who replaced M/Sgt Edmond Jones. M/Sgt Jones fills the position of platoon sergeant for the 3rd platoon which was held by M/Sgt O'Sullivan. Good luck to both men on their new duties.

A sincere aloha goes to Sgt Allen Watson, who joined the Regular Army. Co G will surely miss his presence after all he has done for the unit. The men, especially, will never forget his great big smile and his funny jokes. Aloha to a swell guy.

Congratulations to the following men who deserve their hard-earned promotions: SFC's John Farley and Kaoru Tanabe; Cpl's Kenneth Chang and David Uyehara; Pfc's Diosdado Gesteuyala, Frederick Kim, Calvin Naipo and Francis Nawahine. The following men had their change in pay grade to Private-2: Mariano Estioko, George Oki and Robert Siarot. We hope to see more promotions before the printing of the next issue of the Hawaii Guardsman.

3rd Bn 298thInf

By WOJG LUTHER K. WONG

The Annual IG Inspection is now a thing of the past and all indicates that the inspection was one of the most successful. The Inspectors were very pleased with the training, conduct, and appearance of the men within this battalion. Maj Joseph B. Dowling, IG, commented that the Units of this battalion have made much improvement since the past years. A wise word was added when he commented that we still have plenty of room for more improvement. Hq & Hq Co received the over-all rating of *Superior*, while I, K and M Companies received ratings of *Excellent*. L Company was rated *Satisfactory*. Also receiving $50 from the Battalion Atheletic Fund was Hq & Hq Co for having attained the rating of *Superior* during the IG inspection. Those units rated *Excellent* also received $25 each. Individuals receiving commendations for energy, enthusiasm, appearance and outstanding instruction are as follows:

1st Lt Fred C. DeBusca (Co K): Outstanding Instruction; 1st Lt John M. English (Hq 3rd): Energy, enthusiasm in the conduct of duties; 1st Lt Tokunori Yamada (Hq Co): Outstanding Instruction; SFC Raymond C. Fernandes (Co K): Outstanding Military appearance; SFC David Y. Fujiura (Hq Co): Outstanding Instruction; SFC Ralph M. Makanani (Co K): Outstanding Instruction.

In the trophy department, Hq & Hq Co received the Grove Farm trophy for the Best Company Orderly Room Records and Charts. I Co, the Lihue Plantation trophy for Most Outstanding Company, and the Garden Island Publishing Company trophy for Best Company Training. K Co, the von Hamm-Young Company trophy for the Best Platoon Precision Drill ,and the Hawaiian Canneries Company trophy for the Best Company Supply Room, Vehicles, Weapons and Maintenance. Incidently, K Company has won the Hawaiian Canneries trophy for the 4th Consecutive year. Other awards were presented to Lt John Ilalaole of Co I, the Jack Sheehan trophy for Officer Guardsman of the Year; M/Sgt Raymond B. Toguchi of Co K, the Jack Sheehan trophy for Enlisted Guardsman of the Year (second consecutive year), and, to Cpl Alfred Sasan of Hq & Hq Co, the Kekaha Sugar Company trophy for Best Soldier. The Sun Kwong Sing trophy for Highest Score-Field Day, was presented to I Co. Second place winner was K Co followed by Hq & Hq Co.

The Units having fared well throughout the year 1953, held Christmas parties, even though late, to commemorate their anniversaries. Hq & Hq Co celebrated with an open bar and dance. K Co, a turkey dinner and dance, and I Co, a real Hawaiian luau. Fun was had by everybody at these parties, so each year we look forward again for more parties.

Ah, preparation is the thing — and next is the Annual Field Encampment. Already, we have been asked when would the summer encampment be held, by men within this battalion. From all indications, the men are very enthusiastic about going to camp. For some, it would be their first experience. To others — just veterans and can't wait to re-live past experiences.

Among the officer newcomers within this battalion are: 2nd Lts Minoru Ikehara and Warren S. Robinson, assigned to Co I. 1st Lt Sadao Okuhara, recently relieved from extra T/O&E position and assigned to Co K. And, by the time this issue is published, Co K will have acquired another first john, Lt Iwao Ino. We are proud having you with us and welcome to the Battalion.

Those flashing smiles these days because of their newly acquired stripes are: From I Co — to Pfc's Mauricio Agtuca, Pedro Apor, Rainaldo Aranio, John G. Brun, Telesphoro Caberto, James Carveiro, Jaime Florendo, Howell Kaleohano, Vicnete Lomosad, Genso Nabeshima, Crisanto Nitullama, Thomas Quiocho, John Rosare ,and John Silva. From K Co — to SFC's, Sgt Raymond Pascua and Sgt Odell Q. Humphreys. To Sgt's, Cpls William Souza and Manuel A. Vasques. To Cpl's, Martin Bergonia, Thomas Hashimoto, Jeremiah Mahuiki, Simeon Maka, William Mande and Damaso Perlas.

Among those of the enlisted ranks that recently joined the guard are: Gabriel Agao and Maurice Lardizabal of Hq & Hq Co; Lamberto Aqui, Harry Adachi, Joseph Kaleiohi, Clarence Kaona, Timothy Montgomery, Samuel Ota and Michael Mundon of Co K.

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Co L, 298th Inf

By 2ND LT RICHARD Y. IWAMOTO

The officers and men of Co L will miss the firm guiding hand of Capt Manuel DeMello Jr. They find some consolation in the significance of his new position, that of battalion S-4. Under his leadership we all have profited in many things; most of all self-confidence in the knowledge of achievement. Under the new leadership of 1st Lt Tom T. Kimura we'll have more of the same high attendance and Esprit de Corps.

The Co L backetball team, Regimental Champions for the second consecutive year, and runners-up in the Territorial contest deserve a great deal of credit for these noteworthy accomplishments. Through the hard work and applied leadership of co-captains P. Kaniho and P. Kim, the team pressed on, effectively capturing for themselves and Co L another credit and honor. Without the cooperation of teammates H. Kaniho, H. Leslie Jr., A. Smith, J. Mills Jr, and others, these victories would not have been possible. Nothing is more stimulating to the moral, than genuine accomplishment through sportsmanship. They worked as a team and won as a team — a credit to their unit.

A great deal of honest hard work paid profitable dividends in the IG Inspection of Co L. Commendations were given to Cpl Arthur Smith, M/Sgt Ralph Melemai and Cpl Ambrose Pare. All officers and noncommissioned officers contributed to this success. SFC Charles Akina's reliability, concentrated effort and ability to get the job done, will not be soon forgotten by this unit. Though, regrettably he leaves us for duty with the 120th Signal Support Co, we shall miss him and extend our best wishes to his continued success. Signal is getting a good man!

No IG Inspection could prove worthwhile without an organized, logical and efficient administration. This we have in the fine work of Sgt George Chatani.

Co M, 298th Inf

By CPL J. TOLENTINO

We all must agree that the cooking was exceptionally good during our 1953 summer encampment. Much credit goes to SFC, Shoichi L. Mukawa, Sgt Harry Ouchi, Sgt Wai Kong Chee, Cpl Colbert Huira, Pfc Michael Kop, and Pvt Walter Soh. Here's hoping you, men, will keep up the good work in 1954.

A recruiting drive was held from August to October, 1953 to boost our company strength. Total men brought in were ten. Cash awards were presented as follows:

1st Place — Pfc Vernon Lum.....$15.00
2nd Place — Sgt Curtis Ho..... 5.00
Pvt Donald Ho..... 5.00
Pvt Clifford Lum..... 5.00
Pvt Donald James..... 5.00

One of the highlight in 1953, was the winning of the HNG Golf championship by Pvt Clyde Sniffen of the 1st Platoon. Pvt Sniffen shot a blazing 152 for 36 holes to capture the first annual HNG Golf championship during 28-29 November 1953, at the Schofield Barracks Kalakaua links. The Honolulu Sporting Goods Trophy was awarded to Pvt Sniffen.

IG night was really a nerve shattering experience for most of the new men. You could feel the tension and the nervousness in their voices as they answered questions thrown at them. When it was all over, Pvt Tom, a kamaaina in Honolulu from Kauai, was commended for being the best soldier on all around appearance. Commendations for instruction went to Sgt Curtis Ho and Sgt Milton Beamer.

A very hearty Mahalo Nui Loa goes to the men of Company M, for their fine support in the preparation for last years IG Inspection. Our turnout for extra details on week nights and week ends were excellent.

A word to the married men in Company M. Cpl John Tolentino has a fool proof — guaranteed system of getting an income tax refund. He is the proud father of Alton John Kelii Tolentino, born on December 29, 1953.

Congratulations are in order too for Cpl Sajiro Wada, who became a proud father.

Hq Battery, 483rd FA Bn

By SGT GEORGE LINDO

We of Hq Btry are proud to announce that two former enlisted men have received their second lieutenants commission. Lieutenants William Hironaka and Michael Teruya. Both men have steadily come up the ranks and completed their ten series course.

Recently promoted to the rank of SFC were Thomas Akana and Charles Wong. Both were well earned promotions. Keep up the good work.

Just got word that Pvt Royal Mitchell joined "the "ball and chain gang." Standing in as best man was Cpl Richard Nelson. Good luck, Royal.

NCO's enjoyed their first dinner meeting of the year at Noble's Cafe. Plans were mapped out by President Henry Cabral for future club activities and more recreational functions. Club advisor Lt Kaulukuku spoke briefly to the gathering.

The third platoon had some slam-bang-ding-dong dinner at Smile Cafe on Friday, 15 January, 1954. This affair was to celebrate their third consecutive winning of the attendance award.

According to latest reports that were made available the recent weekend drill at Makua was a smashing success. Newly appointed Mess Sgt Clarence Pacarro and his mess gang did a wonderful job of preparing and serving that much needed food. Oh man, how we love that cook's section. Of course we can't forget the radio wire, FDC & Survey and everybody else who made it possible for the problem to run off smoothly. Nice going, men.

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Battery B, 483rd FA Bn

By PFC ASHER K. OTA

This is Pfc Asher K. Ota, your new reporter from Baker Battery making like Walter Winchell.

Pfc John V. Medeiros III, joined the "Ball and Chains" club on the 9th of January. We all wish you smooth sailing, John. Passing out cigars recently and beaming from ear to ear was SFC Marvin Burnett, celebrating the arrival of a baby girl. Congratulations from all the buddies to Marvin and Eleanora.

The following men were promoted to Sergeant during the last quarter: Kiyomi Imai, Roderick K. Suzuki, Gary C. W. Lum, and Evan K. Young. To Corporal: Victor L. Chun Fat, Herman K. Gilman Jr., Rudolph M. Giron, Moses K. Kamealoha, Walter ,Y. Korenaga Thomas H. Matsumoto, Edward Maldonado, and Herbert M. Suzuki. We all know that you men were promoted only because you deserved it.

On the 5th and 6th of December, Baker Battery with the rest of the 483rd FA Bn, went to Makua Valley to fire the 105's. Because this battery is about 20 men under reduced strength, the officers and men had to work extra hard. I'm quite sure though that Headquarters of 483rd will never forget the surprise raid pulled by 2nd Lt Joseph J. Hines and his Commandoes.

199th News Roundup

By A/2C ARTHUR LEE

All hail the new "Smoke Stack" Squadron. The 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron now possess a new T-33 Jet Trainer, the place is really jumping and if you hear a loud drag noise high above your homes don't get excited and dive under your tables its just the 199th Trade-Mark. In the near future you'll be hearing more drag in the wild blue yonder when the 199th will be receiving more Jet (F-86) Fighters.

Well let's look into our old crystal ball. We find that we have oodles and oodles of Airmen in various service schools located on the mainland. 53 Airmen are now attending schools throughout the states and the various states can be proud that they are represented by the 199th-Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, Illinois, California and even here on the Island at Schofield Barracks. 38 Airmen are awaiting NGB approval and 39 Airmen returned from school during the year 1953. So now you can see that the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron are well represented and can be proud of its boys. Well done, Fellas!

Welcome to our new enlistees during the months of November and December 1953. A/B's Milton T. Y. Chang, Robert K. T. Lee, Owen S. Liu, Howard A. Okita, Raymond H. Toyama, Harold H. Ono, Roy T. Agena, Daniel H. J. Bow, Patrick T. Higa, John C. H. Lee Jr., Thomas T. Okazaki, Charles K. Shigeta, Theodore S. Suga, Frederick N. Wago, and George M. Yamasaki. T/Sgt Simanu Afoa Jr., after serving with the regular Air Force comes to the 199th with great deal of Jet experience, specializing in the F-86 Saberjet and F-94 night fighters. He will be a great help in checking out other mechanics in the future. A/1C Kiyoshi Koge also having enlisted in the 199th with a background of Administrative experience is assigned to Headquarters 199th.

Wearing their new stripes after been promoted were the following Airmen: From A/1C to S/Sgt were Peter M. Kaanapu, Edwin L. Kamauoha, William S. L. Lau, and Nelson K. Y. Chong. A/1C Francis R. Agua, Wilmer C. Baptiste, Harry S. Okamoto,, Joseph L. Perry, John G. Stazskow, George C. Teves Jr., Aloys W. Boschert Jr., Henry L. Kanamu, Richard Y. Ogawa, Robert R. Swisher. A/2C Robert T. Abe, James A. Awana Jr., Richard C. K. Han, Arthur S. Miura, Eugene K. Yoshimi, Stanley G. Perry, Libert L. Spinola. A/3C Melvin B. Hewett, Ralph M. Ige, Stanley Y. Kaneshiro, Frank M. K. Lai.

Congratulations to the new Champions of the Special Troops Basketball League and the Hawaii National Guard Territorial Champs for 1953. As you all know the 199th can now boast of having the finest team in the entire National Guard (Ground and Air). Airmen who played their hearts out to bring home the bacon are: Charley Smith, Mel Hewett, Pastor Abelaye, Winnie Medeiros, William Kahele, Joe Perry, Sam Pacarro, Herbert Hew Len, Alvin Awo, Joe Lin, G. K. Meyer, and Fred Robins. Coach Arthur Fitzsimmons deserves a pat on the back for his hard work in bringing the boys up as a team, and to William Bissen Team Co-ordinator for his undying help in keeping the records straight and hard working manager Robert Omaye should be also congratulated for the effort he put in. Good luck men and bring the bacon home again next basketball season.

While looking deeper in my crystal ball, we find that the "Benedicts" have claimed a few more who are dragging that ball and chain around. Many happiness to S/Sgt and Mrs. Larry Alania, A/1C and Mrs. Herbert Young, A/1C and Mrs. Wilmer C. Baptiste and A/2C and Mrs. Joseph Yee.

Congratulations to all the proud papa's and welcome to the new arrivals. Future Airmen of the 199th were born to M/Sgt and Mrs. Steve Vayda and to A/1C and Mrs. Samuel Pacarro. Daughters were born to T/Sgt and Mrs. Anthony Kim, T/Sgt and Mrs. Charles Miyahira, and to A/1C and Mrs. James Omura. Not leaving out A/1C George Kalaiwaa and A/2C Arthur Lee whose wives are still loaded and it seems like a close race between the two of them.

The 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron are proud of four Airmen having perfect attendance of three years straight. The men are: M/Sgts James K. Lota, Richard S. O. Lee; T/Sgt Thomas C. Graves; S/Sgts Ernest Smith and George H. Oshiro. Prior recipients of the three year attendance certificate are T/Sgt Louis W. Perry and S/Sgt Herbert L. Conner. In the banner of 1954, we look forward to having more airmen to this exclusive group.

The 109th AC&W Sq's "Radar-Jamming"

Halls of Learning. Three beers and a bowl of "pupu" to A2c Franklin Pacarro (Communication Center Specialist), commendation recipient from FE Warren AFB, Wyoming.

Recent graduates of the USARPAC Food Service School and future chefs are: A2c's Alvin Chang, Walter Horie, Joe Kaneshiro, Norman Kuwahara, James Kobayashi, Jesus Lendio, Bernado Marcos, Paul Nagata, Kenneth Tyau, and David Vendiola.

Home from a "Ground-pounding" course at Lackland AFB, Texas are A/B's Stanley Arakaki, Carl Ozaki, Philip Sakai, Roy Mendes, Francis Park, Ernest Tadaki, and Walter Yamane.

More "Scope Dopes" from Keesler AFB, Mississippi are: A2c Alan Gyotoku, A3's Harold Hayashi, James Sakamoto, Junius Tenn, and Robert Wong. And from this same haven on the Gulf of Mexico are: (AC&W Repairman) A1c Daniel Figueira and A2c Richard Fukui.

From "cow country" FE Warren AFB, Wyoming (Communications Center Specialists) A2c Clarence Kuwahara and A3c Alan Mishima. Also from this great base is A3c Franklin Uyeda (Plumber).

Radio Repairman A1c James Gilman says that he learned a new kind of "Ohm's Law" at the *WAF*eteria in Scott AFB, Illionis.

Returning to fair Hawaii are Capt Peter Fowler (Instrument Pilot Instructor) Moody AFB, Georgia and Lt William Mossman (Aircraft Controller) Tyndall AFB, Florida.

Aloha to A2c Jiro Arakaki (AC&W Repairman), Alan Chun, Frederick Hirayama, and A3c Walter Yamane (AC&W Operators) who are leaving for Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

To date, we have 1 officer and 32 airmen at service schools throughout the mainland United States.

Chapel Blues. New links to our "Ball & Chainers" Club are: S/Sgt and Mrs. Fred Ing, A1c and Mrs. Charles Brown, A2c and Mrs. Harry M. Lee, A2c and Mrs. Joseph Okano, and A1c and Mrs. Tamotsu Saki.

Climbing the Highest Mountain. (All trying to be the fastest with the mostest). To the staggering heights T/Sgt: Shigeo Nakata, and Chester Takemoto.

Hanging on by a hair to S/Sgt: Albert Ching, Takumi Ito, Kenneth Kumagai, Philip Mark, William Sato Jr, Raymond Tamura, Mitsuru Uda, Edward Uemori, Walter Watanabe, Amos Wikoli, and Gilbert Yoshida.

Chopping "foot holds" on the hillside for A1c are: Harold Aloiau, Daniel Chamizo, Norman Chu, Donald Chun, Robert Furumizo, Donald Gushi, Carroll Hayashida, Kenneth Hew, Herbert Horita, Ronald Ichimura, Eugene Ippongi, Charles Kakigi, Takemi Kamisato, Roy Kuwaye, David Langsi, Robert Lee, Gilbert Lum, Herbert Lum, Franklin Muraki, Wallace Nakata, Chikao Nogami, Luther Okoga, Macario Padua, Paul Puaa Jr, Roland Sagum Jr, Tamotsu Saki, Francis Sawada, Robert Shimogawa, Edwin Takahashi, George Teramoto, Nicholas Teves, George Tomiyasu, Albert Vierra, Clifford Yanagihara, and James Yoshimura.

Coming up the trail for A2c are: Jiro Arakaki, Raymond Azama, Morris Chang, Eric Ching, Calvin Chung, Tom Endo, Randolph Freeman, Robert Freeman, Frank Fuchino, Lawrence Fujimoto, Wallace Hasegawa, Frederick Hirayama Jr, Robert Ito, Wendell Kim, Jesus Lendio, Franklin Leong, Roy Murakami, Robert Nishiyama, Arcenio Octavio Jr., Edwin Okada, John Oshiro, Pablito Pagarigan, Kenneth Poentis, Carlito Rofoli, Lloyd Seki, Raymond Seto, Donald Sing, Daniel Takamatsu, Theodore Wong, George Yokoyama, Calvin Yuen.

Just Starting over the first ledge to A3c are: Robert [illegible] Arakaki, Linus Chock, Melvin Go, James Enomoto, George Hayashi, Denis Kam, Wendell Kop, Dennis Lee, Roy Mendes, Paul Miyasaki, Donald Oshiro, Carl Ozaki, Richard Paglinawan, Francis Park, Hitoshi Sasabe, Philip Sakai, John Souza, Ernest Tadaki, Walter Yamane, and Gabriel Young.

The Welcome Mat. Greetings and salutations to Capt Frederick Hemmings, Lts Richard Furuno, Daniel Sherrin, and Theodore Soong.

Ol' Sarge's Potful of . . . Congratulations to T/Sgt Susumu Furuike who has recently received a diploma signifying completion of the Officer Candidate Correspondence course. T/Sgt Furuike is the first Airmen in this organization to complete such a course.

Here's good news to the AC&W Operators of both detachments . . . the Food Service Section will prepare meals on both Sunday Double Drills.

Notice the green grass and other foliage in the area? Thanks to Mother Nature and the new janitor .

Condolences to A1c Paul Puaa Jr., who is convalescing the hospital.

Tank Co, 90mm Gun, 299th Inf

We have done a great job during the past year, but there is also room for improvement, so let us strive ahead and make 1954 a better year.

A rating of *Superior* was given this unit on the annual IG Inspection, which was conducted on 2 and 3 December, 1953. Lt Col James S. Simmerman, Inspecting Officer, was greatly pleased with the progress made in training since the last inspection. Every member of this unit should be proud of the untiring efforts on the part of the personnel who made this unit attain a rating of superior. A letter of commendation was forwarded to this unit by Lt Gen John W. O'Daniel, Commanding General, USARPAC for attaining the above rating. Let's keep up the good work!

The first of the six Inactive Duty Training was conducted on Sunday, 24 January 1954. During this eight hour training period the personnel have been qualifying in their assigned weapons. The mess section was also busy, preparing chow for the men.

Returning from a three months course at the Armored school, Ft Knox, Ky., were Sgt Benevides, Cpl Miyashiro and Pfc Mitsuda. They have enjoyed the course and are ready to instruct personnel at the maintenance section in the latest model tanks.

Congratulations to the following men: Advanced to pay grade Pvt-2, Pvt-1's Ah Toong, Britto, Kelson, Kitagawa and Villanueva.

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Med Co, Less 1st Bn Plat, 299th Inf

As a result of a change in command, effective 1 November, 1953, the Medical Company wishes to introduce our new Commanding Officer, 2nd Lt Robert J. Santos, MSC, and at the same time extend our many thanks to Lt Col John T. Jenkin, MC, for his splendid leadership and job well done as former commanding officer of the Medical Company. Aware of the fact that Lt Col John T. Jenkin is not leaving us entirely we can still look forward to receiving his expert advice and guidance that will assist us in our many problems and activities.

Our congratulations also goes to M/Sgt Wagner Yanagihara, former Unit Administrative, Supply and Maintenance Technician who was transferred to Regiment serving in the capacity as administrative assistant. Now filling his former position, I can introduce myself, Joseph L. Serrao.

I find the Medical Company most interesting with its many activities, and my biggest problem is digesting and pronouncing such words as "Melaamidophenylparamethoxyquin'olin" (An antiperiodic and antipyretic substance used in malarial diseases).

Promoted to private first class recently were Pvt E-2s Sylvester C. Baublitz, Henry K. Kahalehili and William Abe. Congratulations, men.

Recruiting seems to be a major problem with the Medics. Maybe we ought to stress the fact that we do not carry rifles, hoping that will aid in our recruiting drive.

1st Bn 299th Inf

By CWO Peter O. Sierra

The main item of interest during this quarter is the IG Inspection Reports, which were received a few weeks ago. Every officer and enlisted man was very anxious to know how their respective units made out during the IG Inspections, which were conducted during the month of December, 1953.

Hq & Hq Co received a unit rating of *Excellent.* The battalion headquarters received a support rating of *excellent* also, due to their action in providing assistance, coordination and supervision for their subordinate units.

The IG noted that the men in ranks were neat in appearance, and soldierly and well-disciplined during the inspection in ranks.

M/Sgt Eassie A. Miller was pick-out as the outstanding instructor for that night. Employment of Field Wire was his subject of instruction. Congratulations, Eassie.

Company A, over at the sunset side of the island, also received a unit rating of *Excellent.* As usual, this unit, who is always sharp during the close-order drill phase, caught the eyes of the inspectors. The inspectors also commented that the officers and noncommissioned officers indicated an outstanding degree of leadership throughout the period of inspection.

Noted as outstanding instructors for Company A were M/Sgt James F. Lindsey, SFC Tadahide Takahashi, and SFC Joseph D. Delaginte. For fine military appearances were Sgt Earl Kukahiko and Cpl Michael T. Goto.

Company B, which is located on the Friendly Isle, received a unit rating of *Excellent* due to the improvement in administration, excellence in training, and the attendance attained at armory drills and the summer encampment.

During the inspection in ranks, the men were dressed in neat, clean and properly-fitted uniforms. When questioned by the inspecting officers, their answers revealed that they had retained enough of their instruction to be familiar with the basic principles involved.

During the period of instruction, the inspectors noted that the instructors were well prepared, and they were utilizing the training aids to a great advantage.

The following men were noted as outstanding: Sgt Gary M. Adachi, Outstanding appearance; M/Sgt Joseph P. Medeiros, Jr., Outstanding instructor in close-order drill; Cpl Tadashi G. Otsuda, Outstanding appearance; Sgt Ferron K. Pawn, Outstanding classroom instructor.

The outstanding unit of this battalion is Company C., which attained a unit rating of *Superior* during the IG Inspection.

During the inspection in ranks, the men presented a superior appearance. Uniforms were neat, clean and well-pressed. The instructors were well prepared and their lesson plans were complete in every detail. During their course of instruction, it was noted that the students seemed to grasp the lessons which were presented by the instructors. Interest in the classrooms indicated that the preparation of many hours by the instructors was not in vain.

CWO Hidehiko C. Hasegawa should be commended for the many extra hours he sacrificed to display an outstanding appearance of administrative records and unit supply.

Company D, our heavy weapons company, received a unit rating of *Satisfactory.* The training throughout the inspection was noted as excellent or better. The classroom instruction was well prepared and organized.

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1st Bn 299th Inf *(Cont.)*

It was noted by the inspector that the instructors were particularly outstanding, and that their lesson plans were well prepared.

The following men were commended by the inspectors as outstanding: M/Sgt Isabelo Canida, Outstanding instructor, MG Plt; SFC Masaru Abe, Outstanding instructor, RR Plt; SFC John J. Gonzales, Outstanding instructor, Mess; Sgt Yuen Y. Wong, Outstanding instructor, 81mm Mortar; Sgt Walter M. Nobriga, Outstanding instructor, 81mm Mortar; Sgt Andrew E. Evans, Outsanding instructor, Comm Plt; Cpl Rudolph G. Mina, Outstanding instructor, MG Plt; Pfc James E. Medeiros, Outstanding assistant instructor; Pvt Robert Y. Lee, Outstanding military appearance.

Heavy Mortar Co received a unit rating of *Satisfactory*. The neat, soldierly and well-disciplined appearance of the men during the inspection in ranks caught the eyes of the inspectors. Training was rated as excellent, due to the well-prepared lessons of the instructors, who spent many long extra hours in this preparation.

The following men were commended by the inspectors: M/Sgt Alvin P. Haole, Outstanding instructor; SFC John Han, Outstanding instructor; Sgt Ernest Mathias, Fine military appearance; Sgt Mitsuo Sukimoto, Outstanding instructor; Cpl Daniel Sentinella, Jr., Fine military appearance; Pfc Clarence S. Kenui, Fine military appearance.

1st Bn Medical Platoon received a unit rating of *Satisfactory*. The "pill-rollers" of this battalion presented a neat soldierly appearance during the inspection in ranks. Upon questioning, the men revealed that instructions received during armory drills and the summer encampments really paid off. It was also noted that this unit had a 100% drill attendance for the inspection.

The champion of the NRA Indoor Rifle Tourney of this island is Heavy Mortar Co. This unit will represent this island in the forthcoming Territorial championship match to be conducted either on Maui or over on Oahu during the month of February. This is the second straight year as champions for Heavy Mortar. With good shots like M/Sgt Gabriel P. Moniz and Sgt Tom F. Oda in their line-up, who can beat them. Anyway, this unit has a good team, equally balanced, who will give their opponents stiff competition. Congratulations to the team members, and good luck in your forthcoming Territorial match.

Volley-ball is next on the sports program. Company D won the championship in this command last year. It will be hard to determine who will be the champs this year, since every unit claims that they have the best team. Anyhow, good luck to all, may the best team win.

The formation of the Athletic Board was held at the Wailuku Armory with Chairman Lt Seitsu Takahashi presiding, on 17 January 1954. The members of the board consist of: 1st Lt Seitsu Takahashi, Hq 1st Bn 299th Inf, chairman; 2nd Lt Abel L. Kahoohanohano, Co C 299th Inf; M/Sgt Frank W. Gouveia, Co D 299th Inf; M/Sgt Danny K. Kukahiko, Co A 299th Inf; M/Sgt Eassia A. Miller, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn, 199th Inf; Sgt Edwin T. Silva, Heavy Mortar Co 299th Inf.

The purpose of this board is to program and schedule athletic activities for the battalion in conjunction with athletics sponsored by the AG's office.

Hq, 3rd Bn, 299th Inf

The "Thundering Third" (all officers and men) congratulates our Battalion Commander, Roy Replogle to his recent promotion to lieutenant colonel. Lt Col Replogle first commanded M Company and served as staff officer until June of 1953. He has been with this battalion since November of 1947.

Units of this battalion have already been inspected by the USARPAC Inspector General and here are the unit ratings:

Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 299th Inf, Excellent; Co I, 299th, Inf, Superior; Co K, 299th Inf, Excellent; Co L, 299th Inf, Satisfactory; Co M, 299th Inf, Superior.

Many complimentary remarks were made by the IG Inspectors on the day and night phase of the inspection for the inspection in ranks, the smoothness that the training was conducted, the attentiveness of the personnel in classrooms. Many extra hours were spent but your efforts were not in vain men, as the comments made on the critques were very favorable. To top it all, I & M Company received a personnel letter of commendation from the Commanding General, USARPAC for attaining the rating of *Superior*.

With the annual IG Inspection over, this battalion is now preparing for the six Inactive Duty Training (Outdoors). The Third will go on the range 14 and 21 March, 1954 with one goal in mind — to qualify each man in his individual weapon. We've done it before, *let's do it again.* The Third battalion never fails.

Our recent addition to the battalion staff was the reassignment of Capt Sunny S. G. Kim as the battalion S-4. Capt Kim commanded M Company prior to his new assignment. He certainly will be an asset to this battalion as a staff officer with all his experiences in the past. His record as a company commander is one that *can't be beat.* Capt Kim as a company commander received four superiors out of five IG Inspection. We welcome you to Honokaa, Captain!

1st Lt Robert A. Souza is now in command of M Company and we all hope you all the luck and success as commander of a fine unit.

At a recent rifle shooting match held for members and units of the Third battalion at the Honokaa Armory 1st Lt Robert A. Souza with a score of 718 nosed out Capt Sunny S. G. Kim with 717 for high honors in the individual score. Followed closely behind was M/Sgt Shoniro Yano of Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 299th Inf with 714. Company M of Laupahoehoe copped first place in the team matches followed by Company I of Paauilo, Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 299th Inf and Company L, 299th Inf in their respective order.

Members on the winning Company M team were Capt Kim, Lt Souza, M/Sgt Harry Machida. Sgt William Mae, Cpl William Cardoza and Pvt Martin Palmer.

487th Field Artillery Bn

By I. HURDIRT

The local daily has it that summer camp activities for the 487th and the sister battalion, the 483rd, will be confined to the Island of Hawaii; to wit — Lyman Field, Puna, Pohakuloa. The 487th has been "packing-up" and moving to Oahu for years now and perhaps the 483rd will get an idea of what it's like to be on the move! Appears that all else will be well — best of luck to the 483rd in their move to Hilo and return. We of the 487th extend our *Aloha* and best wishes for a happy voyage and stay, while here on the "Orchid Isle." (Rather early for Alohas, et al, but with the "jet age" at hand, might be a fine thought to start wishing the best now.)

Assigned personnel of Hq & Hq Btry are recruiting like mad to get the unit strength up as high as authorized before June. Fine recruiting efforts on the part of one of the three Nishimura brothers (all of Hq Btry) resulted in the signing-up of four new enlistees this past week. Fine work, Albert, Gilbert, or Harold — wonder which one it was!

Congratulations to Joseph Kuroda of Hq & Hq Btry! Formerly of the 483rd, "Joe" sports first lieutenant's bars now and seems to be paying a higher electricity bill for burning those lights up to late hours in preparation for his appearance before the board. Good luck, Joe! You'll do all right.

The IG rated Hq & Hq Btry as *Excellent* during his local tour of facilities and inspections of records. As a matter of fact, it might be well to add here that all units of the 487th rated an *Excellent* except Baker Battery — *Superior*. We're proud of our outfit, every single one of us (Oh, yes, the married ones too).

While we're on the subject of being proud of our outfit, let's look at drill attendance percentage-wise. Hq & Hq Battery has been doing exceptionally well. Record? 98.6% for the month of January, 1954.

I now let my mind wonder some one hundred and twelve miles to Kealakekua, Kona: "I wanna go back to my little grass shack in Kealakekua"— hold it, this is unit news! Yep, here we are at Able Battery. WOJG "Charlie Monden" seems to have hit the jackpot with recruiting. He had three more new ones in his office going over the requirements, et cetera, before signing them and making them members of Able.

After explaining what's expected of them including the proper care of equipment issued to them, they all agreed that Able Battery was it. Result, three new members increased the unit strength and the unit pride, too. Talk about espirit, Able's got it. Drill attendance for January, 1954 was 90.8%.

Now for some Battery news. Beginning 1 March, 1954, Capt Paik will assume new duties as Liaison on the battalion staff. Lt "Muggs" Deguchi will take over the reigns of Charlie Battery. "Muggs," to my way of thinking, is a fine officer and gentleman. I know he'll do a good job.

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Hq 487th FA Bn *(Cont.)*

Charlie Battery ended the month of January, 1954 with a drill percentage of 98.1%. They've got a group of fine young men out there and doing very, very well. Strength has been constantly around seventy for about a year now. Some enlist, others go to mainland schools, enlist in the RA, move to Honolulu — but with all the turn-over, Charlie holds its own. With the area recently paved providing a more decent drill area and the quonset painted, both interior and exterior, the unit shines more than ever.

Back in Hilo now and looking over Baker Battery. Drill percentage-wise, the Baker ended the month of January with a 94.6%. Not too bad compared with others around these here parts. Capt "Curt" Kamai has shaped Baker up to the extent that the unit is nearly tops in the Battalion. Good competitive spirit between units has brought Baker along fine and it won't be long when other units will start looking up to Baker.

Service ended the month with a rather low drill average for January, 1954 what wtih some of those rascals (about five) not showing up for drill. Small units suffer percentage-wise because of five absentees during a single drill in a month.

Having completed our chat with Lt Luscomb, wandered across the drill area and looked in on the Medics, all five of them. They wound up with a 90..9% for the month. Too bad that one of the boys decided to enlist in the RA and leave the unit. His absence during only two drills in the month resulted in the ninety plus percentage. Anyway, the remaining five wish Fukuoka best of luck with Uncle Sam's regulars.

In winding up this mental trip around the units of the battalion, a belated "Happy New Year" to all guardsman — and don't forget to *keep your guard up.*

230th Engr Combat Co

By SFC SAMUEL K. BISHAW

The welcome home mat was out at the engineer's armory this week to greet the five sergeants who had been at Ft Belvoir, Virginia, since September. They were M/Sgt John Roberts, SFC Arthur Kepoo, SFC Raymond Benevides, Sgt Manabu Morikawa and yours truly.

We left Hawaii nei on the 17th of September, 1953 and arrived at Travis Air Force base on the 18th. There we got on our train and started our four day journey overland. The train journey was an experience that one can never forget because it's like living in a house on-wheels and the scenery one gets to see is something of great interest. (Especially if you're from Hawaii nei.) Our train journey took us through the Sierra mountains of Nevada, over the Salt Lakes, and through the Salt Flats of Utah.

Upon arriving at Ft Belvoir we got into full swing of our courses. One incident we will remember was our practical exercise on the class 60 bridge. It was the first day of snow and we had to remain in for eight hours. To be truthful, we enjoyed it.

All of the enjoyment of school and sight seeing soon came to end for us on graduation day, 15 January, 1954. We were then on our journey home through the same route but this time through snow covered country.

All in all we had a wonderful time, seen wonderful things and places, and had a wonderful experience, but [illegible] Hawaii nei was the best thing of all.

110th Army Band HNG

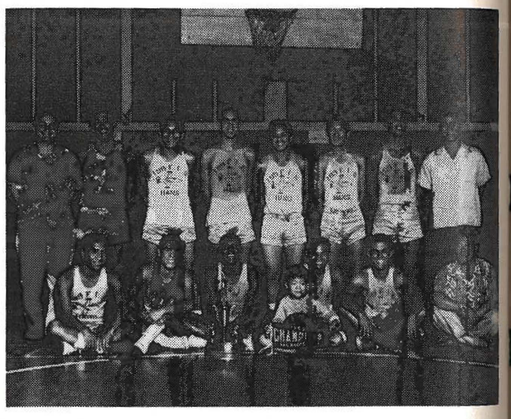
By SGT SUEFUJI

Howdy folks! Press time is here again and it affords me an opportunity to say a few words.

First of all, IG is over and we came through with an excellent rating. However, this is lower than our previous inspection rating of *Superior*. It is my sincere hope that we do better this year.

Next I would like to introduce some of our new members. Cpl Uemura comes to us from the Army. He is one of the many Army Reservists who is trying to better himself by joining a National Guard Unit and also to shorten his reserve obligation. His primary instrument is alto sax but he also plays the alto horn, trumpet, or the bass viola—very talented, don't you think? Others to join were George Real and Barr Canario. They play trumpet and trombone respectively. Incidently, this brings our Unit to full TO&E strength again. We are mighty proud to have you, boys, with us.

SPORTS



HAIL THE CHAMPS! The 199th Ftr Intcp Sq shown above recently won the 1953 Territorial NHG Basketball Championship defeating Co L, 298th Inf 55-52. Left to right, sitting: A. Awo, H. Hew Len, C. Smith, P. Abelaye, J. Perry and R. Omaye. Left to right standing: W. Bissen, W. Kahele, G. Meyer, A. Medeiros, S. Paccaro, J. Lin, M. Hewett and Coach A. Fritzsimmon.

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Basketball. By virtue of a 55-52 victory over the highly touted Co L 298th Inf, the 199th Ftr Intcp Sq won the 1953 HNG Basketball Championship. Both finalists were representatives of Oahu.

The tourney was held at the Honolulu Armory during 4-5 December, 1953, and was conducted on a single elimination basis. Drawings were held prior to the first game.

First Game: Co L defeated Hilo's Service Battery 74-49 to start activities. Paul Kim with 24 and Art Smith with 15 led the winners. Arsen Mendonca managed to score 15 for Hilo's 487th FA Bn.

Second Game: 199th Ftr Intcp Sq outclassed Maui's entry, Co D, 75-55. Mel Hewett and Charley Smith tanked 27 and 22 points respectively. For Maui, Gil Souza meshed 17 points.

Third Game: Co L continued their winning ways by trouncing Co I of Kauai 70-43. Kim and Smith again topped the scorers with 30 and 18 points respectively. J. Manini made 18 for Kauai.

Co L jumped to an early lead and was ahead at the half 30-20. The last two quarters saw the champs turn on the heat and squeeze by 55-52. Smith lead the winners with 19 while Kim was scoring 21 for the vanquished.

Volleyball. Maui will be the scene of the 1954 HNG Volleyball Championship in late April. Lt S. Takahashi, Adjutant of 1st Bn, 299th Inf, informed the Athletic Committee that Maui has the facilities and personnel to conduct a top flight tourney. Details will be disseminated to all island commanders in ample time to prepare for the initial 1954 HNG Athletic Championships.

Island eliminations will begin shortly and the champions of each island will vie for the coveted crown on Maui, Sgt Merle Kelai will be the Athletic Board representative on Maui during the championship.

Boxing. Plans to enter the Oahu Amateur Boxing Association are now in process. The HNG team will be composed of Guardsmen from Oahu. Building 286, Ft Ruger, has been designated as the training site. Pending completion of the gym and upon admittance to the OABA, formal announcement will be made.

National Guard Baseball Team

By LT S. KAULUKUKUI

After a year of idleness, the National Guard Baseball team is once more entered in the fast Winter League. All games will be played at the Moiliili Field.

All branches of the ARMS are represented on the team, Infantry, 199th Fighter Squadron, 109th ACW, and the 483rd FA Bn. There are seventeen members on the team with 2nd Lt Richard Kaulukukui (Btry B, 483rd) and Sgt George Lindo (Hq Btry 483rd) acting as co-managers. 1st Lt Solomon Kaulukukui (1/Hq Co) will be Advisory Manager and Capt Manuel DeMello is General Manager.

The team shapes up to be young both in age and experience. Veteran members of the team are 1st Lt Jimmy Doole (R Hq Co), 1st Lt Solomon Kaulukukui (1/Hq Co), George Lindo, Sidney Lindo (P), Maurice Souza (Co A).

Outstanding young players are Phillip Minicola (109th), William Perry (483rd) both of S.L.C., William Aarona (Co M), Ricardo Dangaran (Co B), John Cruz (Co B), and Richard Spillner (Co M).

Roster

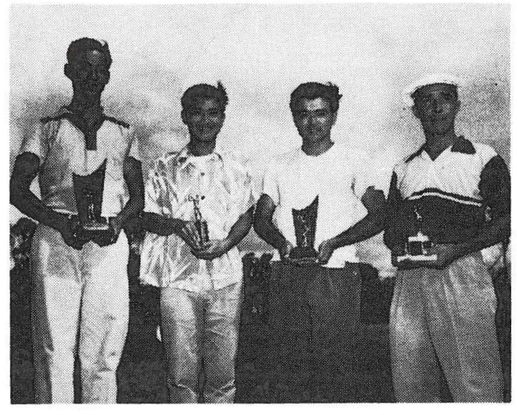
George Lindo, C, 483rd, Mgr.	John Ruiz, IF, Hvy Mtr Co
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Richard Spillner, P, Co M	Phillip Minicola, OF 109th ACW
James Doole, P, Reg Hq Co	
William Perry, IF, 483rd	Duncan Vierra, OF, 199th HANG
Walter Arasato, IF, 483rd	
Ricardo Dangaran, IF, Co B	James Ragasa, OF, Co E
Maurice Souza, IF, Co A	George Kanamu, OF, Co B

Golf Championship

By SGT MERLE KELAI

The first annual HNG Golf Championship was played on 28 and 29 November 1953 at the Schofield Barracks' Kalakaua Links. In the Open Division, Pvt Clyde Sniffen of Co M, 298th RCT copped 1st place honors. His gross score of 152 topped a field of 27 participants. Runner-up with a score of 161 was Pvt D. Jeong, also of 298th RCT. In the Handicap Division, T/Sgt T. Kato of the 199th Ftr Intcp Sq gained 1st place shooting a 621-30-132. Major A. Yim netted second carding a 170-36-134. Play was held over 36 holes. Lt Col J. Campbell presented trophies to the above.

Our mahalo goes to Sears Roebuck & Co, Honolulu Sporting Goods, E. O. Hall & Son and Williams Equipment Co. for donating the handsome awards. Plaudit are due also to the USARPAC Golf Committee, and Post Commander for the excellent cooperation and courtesy extended to the Guardsmen.



HNG Golf Tournament Winners: Left to right, C. Sniffen, D. Jeong, T. Kato, A. Yim.

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By WOJG RALPH K. APO

A few of the shooting highlights which has transpired since the last issue of the Hawaii Gaurdsman.

The 1953 Indoor Rifle Matches sponsored by the Chief NGB was won by Service Co, 298th Inf, placing first in the Sixth Army Area and third in the national competition, only 17 points below the winning score.

Congratulations to Pfc Manuel Rivera of Co K, 293th Inf, Kauai for placing first in Hawaii in the individual standing.

The 1953 Four — Position Smallbore Rifle Championship sponsored by the HTRA brought the year to a very successful close. The HNG team consisting of WOJG Ralph Apo, Sgt Edward Apo, Sgt Manuel Sylva, Cpl James Wozumi, SFC Mitsuharu Murakami (Coach) won the Territorial Championship nosing out the USARPAC Team by one point.

The 1954 .22 cal Indoor Rifle Tournament is well on its way. The leading teams from each league report the following average scores:

League No. 1, 613th MM Ord Co (DS), Oahu, 1320; League No. 2a, Co B. 298th Inf, Oahu, 1265; League No. 2b Sv Co, 298th Inf, Oahu, 1331; League No. 3, H Co, 298th Inf, Wahiawa, Oahu, 1227; League No. 4, K Co, 298th Inf, Kauai, 1202; League No. 5, Hq & Hq Co, 299th Inf, Hawaii, 1291; League No. 8, Hv Mort Co. 299th Inf, Maui, 1249.

Leagues 6 and 7 have not as yet reported in. From all indications the scores reported are very promising. The Territorial Champions will be determined on the Island of Maui sometime in March.

The Pacific Regionals will again be conducted in Hawaii. The Smallbore Tournament will again be sponsored by the Chinese Gun Club at Koko Head on May 1-2. The High Power Rifle conducted by the United States Marine Corps, will take place May 7, 8, 9 at Puuloa Point, Oahu. The Hawaii National Guard will run-off the Pistol Tournament on May 14, 15, 16 at Fort Ruger, T. H.

Plans are being made to hold the 1954 National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. For more detailed information refer to the January issue of the American Rifleman.



120th MP Company Pistol Team, winner of Military Police Trophy for 1952 and 1953. Left to right: Sgt Edmund S. Hara, WOJG Herbert Panoke, Capt George Roberts, M/Sgt Ah Sung Char and SFC Richard T. Yoshimura.

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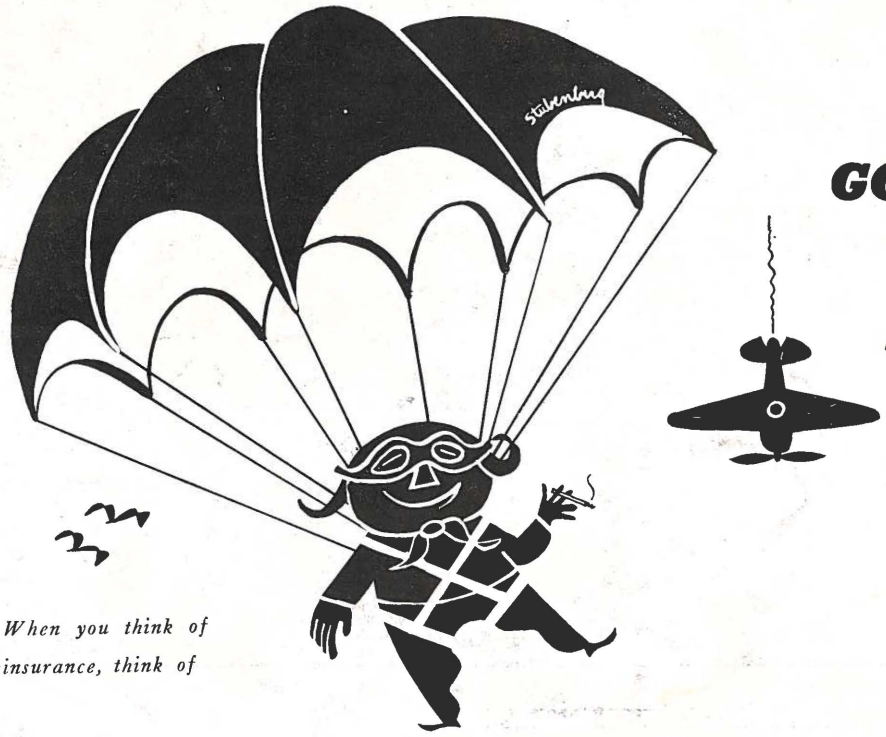
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