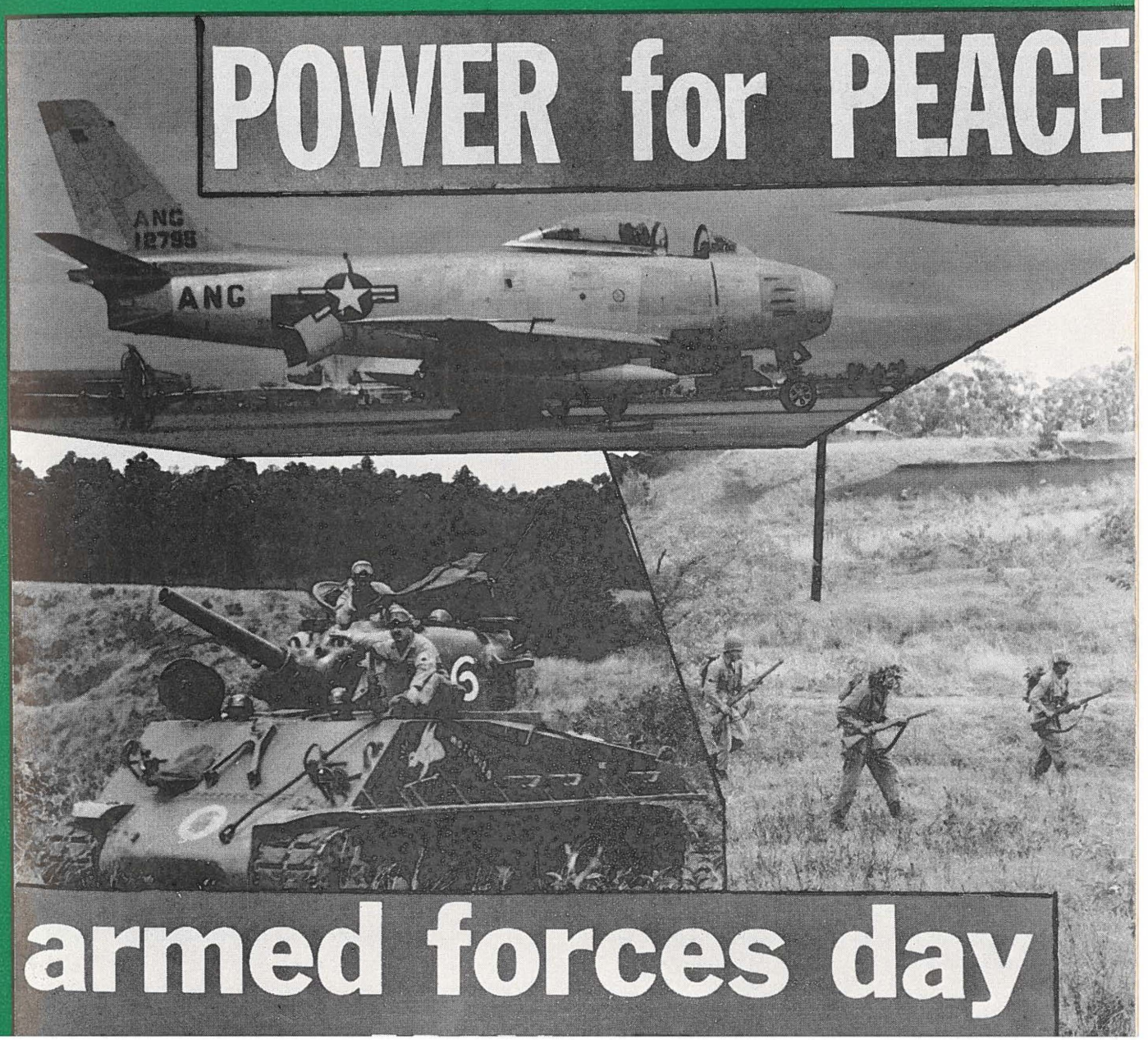
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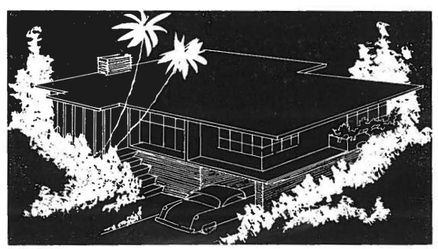
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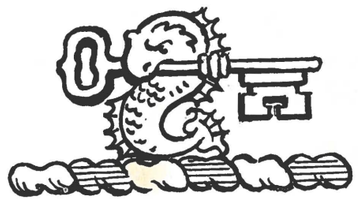
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A SON OF HAWAII IN THE CIVIL WAR

SAMUEL CHAPMAN ARMSTRONG, BREVET BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S.A.

By WILLIAM H. D. KING

Samuel Chapman Armstrong was born at Wailuku, Maui, January 30, 1839, the son of Rev. Richard and Mrs. (Clarissa Chapman) Armstrong, American missionaries. The Armstrongs arrived in Hawaii May 17, 1832 by the New Bedford whaler *Averick*, which transported the Fifth Company of missionaries sent to the Sandwich Islands by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. The Rev. Armstrong was transferred to Honolulu in 1840, and served as pastor of Kawaiahao Church for several years. The Armstrong home in Honolulu, built in 1847, and known as "Stone House," was located on Beretania Street, Ewa of Washington Place.

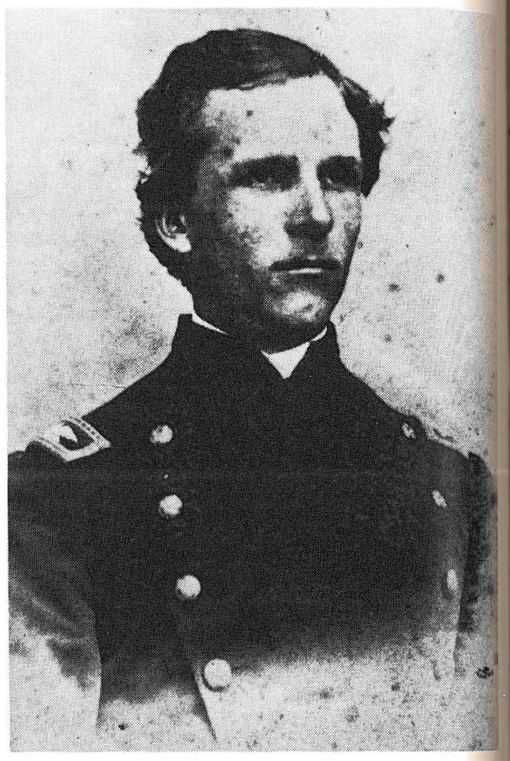
Young Sam Armstrong spent his boyhood days in "Stone House." He attended Punahou School, and after graduation was sent East in 1860 to Williams College in Massachusetts, entering the junior class, as he had received two years of college work at Punahou. After his graduation in 1862, he decided to enlist in the Union Army, then in its second year of the Civil War against the Confederacy.

Instead of enlisting, however, he recruited a company of volunteers at Troy, New York. Eventually this company, of which he was chosen Captain, became Company D of the 125th New York Volunteer Infantry. At the end of August, 1862, his regiment was ordered to join the Army of the Potomac in Virginia. Sam Armstrong served with this regiment until December, 1863.

The battle of Gettysburg in July, 1863, was young Captain Armstrong's first taste of real warfare. In the middle of June his regiment, then encamped in Virginia, was ordered to join the Second Corps of the Army of the Potomac which was hurrying north, paralleling the course of the Confederate army under General Robert E. Lee in its march into Pennsylvania.

The 125th New York, one of the regiments of the Third Brigade in the Third Division of General Hancock's Second Army Corps, was fated to play an important role on the third and last day of the battle of Gettysburg, when General Lee attempted to breach the Union Army's center by an infantry assault under General Pickett and General Pettigrew. Possibly a hundred thousand men from the two opposing armies witnessed this fateful charge.

Of his part in stemming this charge, Sam Armstrong wrote: "Finally the rebels came out of the woods in three long lines several hundred yards apart, with glittering bayonets and battle-flags flying. It was grand to see those masses coming up, and I trembled for our cause. I rushed to the skirmish line, saw our opportunity, returned and assembled the reserves, and with the men and officers of the Eighth Ohio Volunteers hurried toward the flank of the rebel lines of battle. Well, we turned the rebel flank, and no wonder, for we did terrible execution; besides, our batteries and lines of battle in front were mowing them down. Their dead lay close to our line, and one of their colour-bearers fell over one of our Napoleon field-pieces. We captured ten stands of colours."



General Samuel Chapman Armstrong

An account of the battle given in the Regimental History of the 125th New York says: "Noticing a lull in the cannonading, Captain Armstrong looked around and saw the Confederate lines marching grandly down the slope toward our men. He immediately ordered the entire picket reserves, and all whom he could muster — about seventy-five all told — to fall in and led them on the 'double quick' about three hundred yards down the Emmitsburg Road to get at the enemy in flank. Finding a rail fence at right angle to their advancing line some sixty or seventy yards from their extreme left, he posted his men along the rail fence. They took position unflinchingly, and resting their rifles on top of the fence, took deliberate aim and poured a murderous fire into the rebel flank comprising Pettigrew's men. Of the five officers who served with Captain Armstrong in his brave action, he was the only survivor."

The 125th New York suffered losses of 139 men in the battle of Gettysburg, including Col George L. Willard, the regiment's original commander, who was killed on the second day of the battle, while in command of the Third Brigade, of which the 125th was a component.

After the battle of Gettysburg Armstrong's regiment moved south into Virginia with the Army of the Potomac. In November, Armstrong was promoted to major,

but not long afterwards he was given command of the Eighth United States Colored Troops, with the rank of colonel, and later during the War he commanded brigades of Negro soldiers, which were engaged in some of the battles in the closing months of the War.

Late in January, 1865, a scant three months before Lee surrendered to Grant, he wrote to a friend in Hawaii:

"Before Richmond, January 22, 1865.

"I am this month commanding a brigade of four regiments, in the absence of my superior, and find it pleasant though responsible. Yesterday, as my orderly was holding my horse, I asked him where he was from. He said he was from Hawaii! He proved to be a full-blood Hawaiian, by the name of Kealoha, who came from the Islands last year. There is also another, by the name of Kaiwi, who lived near Judge Smith's, who left the Islands last July. I enjoyed seeing them very much, and we had a good jabber in Hawaiian. Kealoha is a private in the 41st Regiment U. S. colored troops, and Kaiwi is a private in the 28th U. S. colored troops, in the Pioneer Corps. Both are good men, and seemed glad to have seen me.

"I endeavor to keep myself nerved for any issue or fate that may come, feeling that I would not leave the army if I could, and that there is no grander duty than the United States service. My little log house is still cheery and warm. It is evening and there is a bright fire of chestnut wood. Holly and cedar adorn my walls, besides various articles of furniture, dress and equipment. The 'Old Flag' droops by my side. My sword glitters in the corner. Two chairs and a stool set around. A bunk on one side and a fire on the other. I am quite contented, though I am two and a half years in the service without any leave of absence. I often long to take a look at the 'old house at home,' and the the Kawaiahao churchyard. The trees must have grown tall and forest-like, and our yard a perpetual fragrance."

After the close of the War, Armstrong's regiment was sent to Texas with several other regiments, being stationed first at Ringgold Barracks and later at Brownsville.

While at Brownsville he learned that Congress had enacted a law granting United States citizenship to all foreigners with at least three years' service in the Union Army. At college and in the army, young Armstrong had always referred to himself as an Hawaiian or Sandwich Islander, which he was by birth, although both of his parents were native-born Americans. When advised of his new status, Sam Armstrong wrote: "I at once remembered that yesterday I had been just three years in the United States service, and this morning for the first time walked out into the sunlight and air a citizen of the Great Republic. The thought was tremendous! To be forever under the shelter of the broad pinions of the American eagle. I have thrown off the kapa mantle and assumed the toga of the Republic."

It was not long after this that Brevet Brigadier-General Samuel C. Armstrong received his discharge from the Army shortly before reaching his twenty-seventh birthday. His later career, first in the Freedmen's Bureau, a Federal organization set up for the care of several million homeless ex-slaves; and second, the founding of Hampton Institute at Hampton, Virginia, which he headed for twenty years, gave additional distinction to this son of Hawaii. Sam Armstrong died at Hampton on May 11, 1893, and was given a military funeral, with the tradtional three volleys and the sounding of taps over his grave.

In 1909, the United States Government honored this veteran of the Civil War by naming a military establishment at the entrance to Honolulu Harbor for him. Below is given the official order covering the announcement.

General Orders — War Department
No. 160 — Washington, August 2, 1909

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The Fight for Hill 148

By SFC E. LAFAYETTE DEAL

A squad leader tells the story of an attack

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Our platoon leader spread his map out on the ground. He put his finger on Hill 148. Then he pointed out the actual hill. We could see part of it from where we stood. It was steep and cone-shaped. The map showed us that it was actually a saddle with the far peak hidden by the first.

I was squad leader of the Second Squad, Second platoon, Co B, 187th Regimental Combat Team. The mission of the RCT was to drive eastward across Korea and cut the ancient invasion route along the Uijongbu Corridor. By the evening of 26 March the Second and Third Battalions had cleared all the ground up to the Corridor and were occupying positions overlooking the Seoul-Uijongbu-Pyongyang railroad and highway.

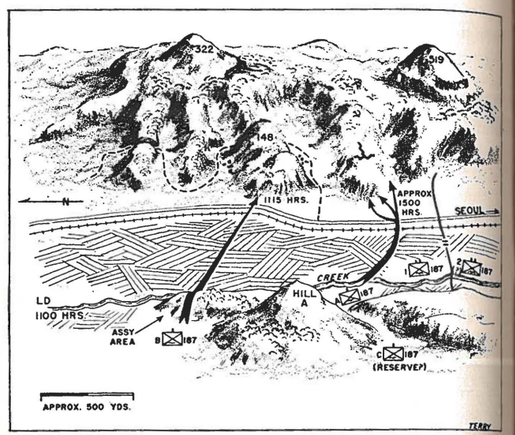
The First Battalion had been in reserve. The men of my squad were confident and happy and had an idea that we had just about accomplished our mission. I couldn't share their enthusiasm. This thing wasn't over, but you can't let your men know exactly how you feel. The attacking battalions had been badly cut up; now it was our turn to carry the ball. During the previous night several mortar shells had hit the Second Battalion area. An undefeated enemy, who had plenty of mortars, still barred our way. I had fought the Germans in Europe, and had some idea of the trouble we would be in if we ever got caught on one of those barren Korean hills under mortar fire.

Terrain. Using the map, the platoon leader went over the terrain ahead with the squad leaders. It was not inviting. Perhaps 1100 yards of absolutely flat, cultivated ground lay between Hill A and Hill 148. A creek ran through the near side of this ground and both the railroad and the highway ran along the foot of the hill beyond the fields.

Hill 148 stuck up between two ridges. It commanded the right one and covered the foot of the left. Another ridge to the left front was very steep and overlooked 148. It was within range of a heavy machine gun (see Map A).

All of these finger ridges descended from a large mountain that looked ominous and threatening in the distance, half its top hidden in drifting rain clouds. The mountain had two peaks, the lower 322 and the higher 519. The latter was very nearly sheer that last 200 meters or so. Although covered with uneven outcroppings of rock, it was barren of any timber that might canceal an attacker. There was no doubt that 148 was just a stepping stone but one that dominated all approaches to Hill 322 and 517.

Preparations. The platoon leader issued a fragmentary order. In brief, we were to occupy Hill 148 and reconnoiter the two tiny settlements at its base. What would follow was uncertain. The assembly area would be the little wooded knoll on the left of the position we shall call Hill A. The LD would be the creek. The LD crossing time: 1100. Support, signal and administrative details were not yet positive. The lieutenant left us.



Map A.

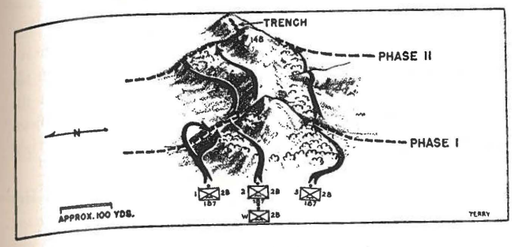
My squad was in fair condition. But with the exception of one rifleman and myself, the men had never been in any heavy action involving mortars and artillery. They had seen sharp skirmishing for several months and were pretty well shaken down, but I wondered how heavy concentrations of HE would affect them, especially on the barren, coverless hill like the one we could see before us.

At 1030, we moved toward the assembly area. I couldn't help thinking about a dead Chinese soldier I had come across the day before. The man had worn leather hob-nailed field shoes and had an extra pair strapped on his full field pack. Since the Reds usually had only sneakers and hardly any field equipment, he might well have been a member of a new division down from Manchuria. If so, we might have a tough time. Events proved this guess to be partly correct.

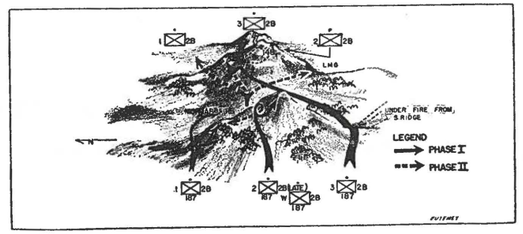
We received the remainder of the order in the assembly area. Our platoon would lead (Map B). We would attack in a platoon line, squads in column formation, with the 1st squad on the left, 2nd in the middle and 3rd on the right. One section of 81mm mortars would support.* Weapons Squad would support us from the LD with overhead machine gun fire.

On a signal from the platoon leader we would form a skirmish line and dash the last 100 yards to the railroad embankment. Here we would reorganize and climb the hill. We would put a sort of pincer movement on it, reorganize at the top, being careful to stay off the topographical peak. Phase II would follow: We would push across the saddle to 148. Weapons Squad would displace as soon as they saw us reach the top of the first hill (see Map B).

The rest of the company was to follow by platoon as



Map B. Intended Movement.



Map C. Actual Movement.

soon as we started Phase II. Fires would lift when we got really close to the objective. We could call a platoon of 81mm mortars with our SCR 300. Packs were to be tied in squad bundles and tagged. Medical evacuation was not mentioned.

I directed each of my men to put one "C" ration meal in his pocket and fix his entrenching tool on his belt. One or two men had broken their entrenching tools and thrown them away. This worried me more than it did them. I warned them that we would probably hit an enemy OPLR (Outpost line of resistance) and catch mortar fire shortly afterwards. I told them to be prepared to reorganize and move out rapidly, and to dig like mad when not moving.

Moving out. We formed up under the concealment of sassafras bushes and began to move out. The plowed ground had the consistency of pancake batter and made hard walking. When we were about 200 yards from the railroad embankment our supporting machine gun fire began to crackle overhead. A few men overcome by nervousness started running forward and soon everyone followed. This wasn't so good, but they were going in the right direction.

We arrived at the bank badly winded. After a quick reorganization, we moved forward. Exhausted by the run, the men straggled badly going up the hill. I tried to yell at my troops to guide on me, but the best I could manage was a sort of wheeze that was almost ignored.

Under Mortar Fire. When we had almost reached the top I started to reorganize my straggling troops. Just then the 1st Squad came up, with the platoon sergeant and his assistant. The platoon leader was shouting to assemble here and reorganize. While everyone was standing in a bunch, my "radar-like" ear distinctly heard a mortar shell hit somewhere to our front.

Everyone was talking and milling around. The men knew what they were supposed to do and were waiting for the word to do it. Two more mortar shells registered 50 yards ahead. The platoon leader wanted to find his missing squad before moving on. Meanwhile, the soldiers were lying down, getting up again, talking quietly or just watching. They wanted either to move or get under cover. Anything beat staying here.

"Occupy that point up there," the platoon leader yelled at me, indicating the topographical crest of the ground we stood on. It lay some 40 yards to the right. I took off at a dead run yelling, "Follow me." A round dropped just behind me and someone yelled, "Medic." I kept going and found a shallow foxhole which I occupied. Soon I was bottom man in a stack of three. The other two were from the 1st Squad. Control was about gone for a while (see Map C).

Hill 148. Venturing out I saw some men from the 1st and 2nd Squads trying to form a skirmish line in the saddle between the two peaks. Knowing the consequences of standing around and being shelled, I yelled, "Come on," at the two or three men from the 2nd Squad who were nearest. We made the 100 yards to the next peak in a few seconds, but I lost control of my squad once more.

The enemy began to place mortar fire on the peak we had just left. After a quick visual check of the forward slope, I lay down and began digging with both hands and feet. Men kept crashing through the brush, panting and inquiring which way to go. Soon I had rounded up one rifleman and the assistant squad leader. A man from the 1st Squad told me that one of my BAR men had been hit pretty badly, and that someone in the 1st Squad had the weapon.

Then I heard the sound of our LMG muffled by the hill. It had moved up from Hill A and was covering our advance from the right of the small hill we had crossed. The platoon leader came over and told me that the assistant platoon sergeant had been wounded. The 3rd Squad was hoplessly lost. He wanted me to take my two men and occupy the peak in order to give right-flank security.

By this time we noticed that an enemy light artillery battery, perhaps 105's, was firing at us; but most of the rounds were passing over and landing in the saddle. It was not a healthful place to be. I had PFC Newton, the rifleman with me, dig in near the peak. My assistant squad leader and I went up to the top and got behind an outcropping of rock. Now and then soil tossed up by nearby mortar bursts rained down on us.

I stopped digging and peeked between two rocks. About 700 yards away on the south ridge in A Company's zone I saw a trench system. Now and then Chinese bobbed along the communication trench, their bodies exposed from the waist up. The forward fire trench looked empty. We had been dousing it with enfilade fire. My assistant squad leader and the light machine gunner were both firing.

By now we were all looking about for the sight of another company coming up on the flanks to take some of the pressure off us. Ke could hear explosions behind us. Evidently, supporting troops were crossing the valley. Some of the fire on us seemed to lessen. I estimated that we had been on Hill 148 about two hours. It was probably longer than that.

The enemy now began to appear both along the fire trench and communication trench. The LMG was firing steadily. There were a couple of good boys on it. PFC's MacAfee and Cornell were alternately digging and firing. One fired while the other dug. Both were prone behind a

small clump of brush. A couple of times they disappeared in the smoke of a mortar shell, then a second later we could see a defiant stream of tracers pour out of the smoke. It occurred to me that a water-cooled gun would have come in handy for working over those trenches.

I went back behind the peak and brought up Newton. The assistant squad leader had seen movement in a small woods to the right rear and was firing in that direction. Several figures broke from the woods. In his eagerness he edged around the rock. I yelled to him that he was exposing himself too much. A second later I flattened behind the rocks as a burst of machine gun bullets popped overhead and smacked the rocks. My assistant was lying on his back. With some difficulty we got him under cover without unduly exposing ourselves. He had three slugs in his right leg and was in considerable pain.

Success. "A" Company was now closing in on the Chinese trenches. A thin cheer drifted across the ridges, and their skirmish line broke into a mad run. The Chinese were scuttling rearward through the communication trench. Our company commander now brought up portions of the First Platoon and the 57mm section and placed them in the saddle. The Chinese were catching plunging fire. "A" Company was now running through the trenches, jabbing with their bayonets and throwing grenades into dugouts.

Soon everything became quiet. Beyond the curve of 519 hung a heavy curtain of WP smoke. The breeze brought the faint sound of distant cheering.

That ends the attack on Hill 148. The Second Platoon's role in the next day's fighting up the slopes of 322 was mainy one of support.

Summing up. Let's summarize the action. Certainly there are lessons to be learned from our mistakes as well as from the final success of the attack.

Most of our difficulties came from not planning on the possibility of unfriendly mortar fire. Prior to this attack we had encountered only sporadic mortar fire. However, it should have been expected, because of the heavy resistance encountered by other battalions. If we had not come under mortar fire, the 1st and 2nd Squads would probably have advanced in orderly fashion, and the 3rd Squad would have tied in.

The missing 3rd Squad actually turned up on a ridge of Hill 148 well beyond our objective. As they had moved around the right side of the hill, they came under heavy fire from the south ridge. They hastily crossed the saddle and kept on going thinking that we had moved on. Having passed the peak of 148, they were again under heavy fire, this time both from front and flank. Finding an old trench, they got in and remained there. Later on the squad leader got word to the platoon leader of his whereabouts. In due time the 3rd Squad extended to the right and tied in with the LMG.

It is open to question why the enemy defended Hill 148 with only an OPLR. If he had fortified and manned Hill 148, he would have had all the flat ground which was our only route of approach covered by fire. On the other hand, once he let us take 148, he gave us a good chance of penetrating his defenses. Hill 148 not only enfiladed the approaches to 519, but the ruggedness of the terrain gave many possibilities of approach because of the amount of dead space that was virtually impossible to cover by fire.

Subsequent information led us to believe that the enemy was only fighting a delaying action. The 519 and 322 system flanked a strongly-held chain of mountains to the east from which he was withdrawing. In this he succeeded, but the cost was very high. Some estimates of the enemy dead on 519 ran as high as 3,000. Had 148 been strongly held, it is this author's belief that much of this loss would have been on our side.

A lesson. If it did nothing else, the action of Hill 148 taught us one thing. When you're under fire with inadequate cover keep going. "Do something — even if it's wrong." Note that the 3rd Squad, which kept moving, had no losses.

Control is a wonderful thing to have. But if you don't have it and are under fire, just keep going and try to get it later. If there is cover available, this does not necessarily apply. You can spend long periods under heavy fire and retain control if the troops are at least partly protected from fragments.

As a parting shot here are two last things I think Infantrymen should remember:

1. Go by the manual, but don't make the mistake of using it as a substitute for a head. The manual is a guide. It can't do your thinking.

2. Blacken your sights and use your sling if you have time. Just because you're in combat don't forget all about PRI.

That's it. That's what the attack on Hill 148 taught this soldier. And while Hill 148 may represent the "small" picture, it was the "big" picture to the men of my squad.

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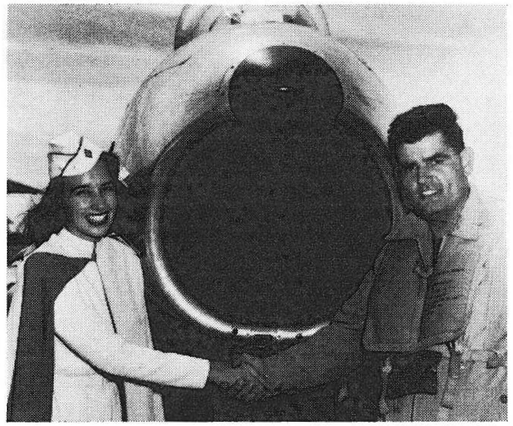
By LT PHIL DOOLEY, HANG

"D-Day," popular in use since the Normandie Invasion, has become a household word to mark an eventful date. But this time I want something more forceful. How about "Day"—"H" for history? For the Hawaii Air National Guard, the arrival of the E-86E Sabre Jets is the making of history. Maj George R. Duncan, Operations Officer of the 8199th Replacement Training Squadron, voiced an opinion that these will be the latest type fighters Hawaii Air National Guard will ever fly — short of war.

The eagerness of the Air Guard was well displayed by the number of pilots who joined Air Force Reserve, Lt Col Brewster Morgan, at the arrival of the U.S.S. Cape Esperance on 10 February, 1954. Col Morgan virtually waded out to meet the carrier as it came into Pearl Harbor bearing supersonic gifts from the East. The unloading of the planes at Hickam Docks was well supervised by pilots grunting and groaning with each sickening lurch of the cradle. The first Sabre lured into the hangar was literally assaulted as Air Guard personnel stripped her of the protective plastic cocoon revealing one of the Nations fastest operational fighters — F-86E.

The acceptance of the planes by Maj Gen F. W. Makinney, Adjutant General of Hawaii, was an important formality. But even before the official ceremony on 17 February, those planes had been accepted by every man in the 199th. It would have taken red blood as well as red tape to remove the Sabres from the field. The fact that number 740, found among the 13 newly acquired ships, was determined to be that of Maj Jabara, first American jet ace, only added to the pride of possession. Sgt Afoa of Maintenance and formerly with Maj Jabara's squadron in Korea, verified the identification. Although the seven red stars had to go with the application of the HANG markings — the spirit is there.

It was determined that the advent of the F-86 to the Hawaii Air National Guard should not go unnoticed. Forthwith, a public demonstration was started and like little Topsy — it just grew. One thing led to another until a fullscale air show lay hot and heavy in our hands. Publicity blared forth from every radio and TV Station, newspapers were most cooperative. A "Miss Sabre Jet" contest was added, prizes donated, and a squadron dinner held. Out at the field, Lt Col V. A. Siefermann, Maj Arch Harrison, Capt Robert Hite and CWO Joe Barnett, along with other officers and men, labored dilligently. The show was a huge success. The weather turned out perfect, the crowd was good, the exhibits well planned and despite a faltering auxiliary power unit, Maj Harrison took off in a cloud of JP-4 fumes to thrill an already excited crowd. Many thanks are due to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Hawaii, for its kokua. They arrived, with no thought of compensation, the many private pilots with their small planes to take aloft young men interested in signing up with the Air Guard and the "Miss Sabre Jet" contestants. What a wonderful way to demonstrate flying — up in the air! 28 February will long be remembered by many an eager youngster who that day made up his mind that flying was for him.



Nancy Jackson is congratulated by Maj A. M. Harrison, Commander of the 199th, upon her selection as "Miss Sabre Jet of 1953." (HANG photo)

Problems were encountered. Tools and equipment for servicing the plane were lacking. Poor Richard's quotation —"For want of a nail a shoe was lost—" was never more forcibly demonstrated. For want of a tool, a jack or a part, a plane was grounded before it ever left the hangar. Lt Col Siefermann, with factory representatives, Al Collins from North American and George Kramer, from General Electric's Jet Engine Division, labored hard and long, sometimes improvising where safe to do so, to get those planes into the air. The one and only A.P.U. capable of starting the Sabre Jet was overworked. This is important considering that each pilot checking out must have a tail chase. If there is any delay in starting the second plane, the first is sitting there burning 120 lbs. (20 gals.) of fuel per minute — and without external tanks there is but 30 to 40 minutes of fuel aboard on a capacity filling. At this writing a second unit has been made available on a temporary basis and there are six more of these auxiliary power units on order.

While CWO Joe Barnett wrestled with the problem of replacing a warehouse full of parts and equipment to meet the demands of the Jet aircraft, operations and training had their hands full. Minimum requirements were determined, ground school courses laid out, extensive questionnaires compiled and the entire scope and thinking of operations changed to embrace the coming of the Jet age in the Hawaii Air National Guard. The pilots were ready and clamoring for more time in the one T-33. Tech Orders were checked out and much midnight oil was burned as informal groups gathered at individual homes to complete seemingly endless questionnaires. Miles per hour changed to knots, gallons of fuel changed to lbs. of fuel, emergency procedures were memorized — not by ROTE, but by reason and at once the main topic of conversation changed from statehood for Hawaii to Jets!

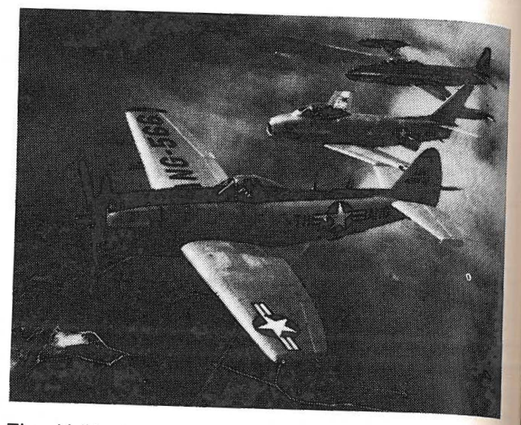


Officers and airmen alike open the first package containing an F-86E. (HANG photo)

The rush for scheduling in the T-33 was phenominal. It was determined that the pilots checking out in the jet trainer should do so by devoting three consecutive days, morning or afternoon, so that the previous lesson or flight should not grow cold on them. When the "Minute Men" are needed they can be counted on — and the T-33 was booked solid. From morning till late at night the ship performed beautifully as if she knew that the boys had to get in their 10 or 20 hours, depending upon previous fighter time, so the next big step could be made — into the F-86, the hero of MIG alley. Maintenance and crew-chiefs worked doggedly and always along side were the two factory tech reps, Al Collins and George Kramer. As hours were built up, so were the F-86s. Then the day came. Sunday double drill, 7 March, Maj Harrison, trained in Sabres with the ANG, Boise, Idaho, soloed the first Air Guard pilot, Capt Robert Hite. The tail pipe was not cold before 1st Lt George Fitzgerald made the big step. Since that day, and in rapid succession the boys have stepped out and won their gold Sabre Jet pins. Maj Robert O'Hara, Maj George R. (Bob) Duncan, Capt George T. Harris, Capt Frank Smith, Capt Robert A. Maguire, 1st Lt Henry Wilder, and of course, Col Barry B. Townsend, USAF, Senior Air Instructor, were the first. Soloed in the T-33 and ready for F-86 check-out are Lt Col Brewster Morgan, Capt Wade McVay and 1st Lt Kenneth Fisher. The others are now in T-33 transition and 100% check-out in the F-86 is anticipated prior to the summer encampment.

Capt Willie Dau flew the last old "Jug", F-47, on Sunday, 7 March double drill. It was timely with the first F-86 solo. Each pilot's final flight in the F-47 thunderbolt was done in a different manner. The reaction was varied — from the pilot who said, "I figured it was the last trip in the old 'Jug' and no use taking any chances — I flew straight and level," to the pilot that "— wrung it out as never before."

So from here on out it's "Look pop, no prop" for the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and her side kick,



The old "Jug" makes her last flight with HANG in formation with a F-86E and a T-33. (HANG photo)

the 8199th Replacement Training Squadron. As of 1 April the hours on the T-33 have sailed past the 400 mark while those on the F-86 aircraft are passing the 50 mark. Considering that the average local training flight in Jet aircraft is not longer than 30 minutes, this is remarkable. By the time summer encampment rolls around, it is anticipated that there will be several pilots with the required 40-hours transition covering formation flying, cruise control, acrobatics, instruments and general proficiency. These pilots will then go directly into aerial gunnery — contingent upon the presence of a tech rep. A tech rep is necessary since the F-86 uses a new radar gun sight completely different from the one used in the old F-47. The 199th will be sending a man to mainland for a 10-month course to study this radar gun sight. The other pilots at summer camp will complete their transition.

This transition into jets is not as easy the funny papers would have you believe. However, if we persevere, some bright, typically Hawaiian Day in 1956 an equally bright and typically Hawaiian young pilot with a shiny pair of wings will walk out to one of the swept-wing Sabre Jets on the line, climb in and say to himself, "What did 'Dad' in operations mutter when I told him that transition into jets is easy as slipping into an old pair of shoes."

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FIELD TRAINING AGAIN

By LT COL WILLIAM J. WEST

By the time this magazine reaches the hands of you readers, field training will be right around the corner. All of you will be involved in last minute preparations, and the advance detachment personnel will be getting ready to leave. The purpose of this article is to bring you up to date on what's going on in some of the other outfits. You know all about the what, when, how, and why of your unit, or battalion, or regiment, but you may not know what the other guys are up to.

Before we go into the story, there's one point which General Makinney always stresses before camp. In two short words that idea is "prior planning." As the General has pointed out so many times, the success or failure of an outfit at camp depends entirely on *how much* prior planning the outfit did, and also on *how good* that planning was. Every commander from the Regimental CO down to the last Squad Leader has to think ahead and picture the type of training that he will be conducting. He has to make plans to insure that his instructors are ready, that training areas or facilities will be available, that the necessary equipment will be there and that it will be in good working condition, that his ammunition or other supplies will be available when needed, etc., etc. He also has to plan for housing and feeding his men and for providing them with such things as medical care, recreational facilities, postal service, and post exchanges. There are a hundred and one details that a unit commander must check on, and he can't possibly do it all himself. Each unit commander should have a detailed plan for assigning the responsibility for various matters to the other officers and the non-coms in the unit, and then he should require them to keep him advised of their progress. And most important of all, each NCO or officer should continually ask himself "Have I done everything I can possibly do to make our camp a success?" If the answer is "No!", then he has to get busy and finish his planning.

All of our units will be shooting at a tough mark when it comes to attendance this year. The records turned in last year may seem impossible to beat, but with the proper push from all of our leaders we think it can be done. 98.4% of our enrolled strength, army and air, turned out for camp last year, and almost the only way to beat that is to get 100%, which must be the goal of every unit. Last year 33 army units and air units had 100% attendance, and General Makinney hopes to see almost that many more hit the mark next month. Unit commanders should remember that the General's policy is that attendance at camp is *mandatory*.

As all of you know, the main camp will be at Schofield Barracks again this year. Some 4300 men will train there under pretty much the same conditions they experienced in previous years. There have, however, been some uncertainties this year which delayed detailed planning in some respects. You have all read in the newspapers that the Army has been planning to bring a large contingent of Regular Army troops, probably a division, back from the Far East to be stationed at Schofield. In preparation for their arrival USARPAC has been pushing work on a project to rehabilitate the quadrangles. The fact that this work was in progress, and the uncertainty as to the date of arrival of the first elements of the RA troops has made it impossible for USARPAC to tell us definitely whether or not we would have free use of the quadrangles. As this is written (on 27 April) they hope to be able to tell us by 1 May. If, at the last minute, we can't get the quads, then we'll go into a tent camp at Wheeler Air Force Base. All indications are that we will be able to use the quads, and by the time you read this the final decision will undoubtedly be in. The plans provide that State Hq will be in the same building they occupied in previous years adjacent to the old Post Stockade. The new 120th Signal Co will share that building with Headquarters. The MP's and Ordnance Co will again occupy the chemical barracks on the upper post. Quads I, J, and K will go to the 298th RCT and C and D will be home for the 299th. The training areas used will be the same as in previous years. The first units into the Schofield camp will be the Special Troops, with their dates being 5-19 June. The next day, 6 June, the 298th RCT, less the 483rd FA Bn, will move into Schofield for two weeks. The 299th will come in on 12 June and stay on until 26 June. From all indications the training this year should be better than ever. The schedules received in G-3 show that a great deal of thought and hard work were put into their preparation. There will be two Governor's Days at Schofield this year, one on 10 June for the 298th and another on 27 June for the 299th. Governor King has told the General that he will be there on both dates.

On 6 June, the 487th FA Bn will open the first National Guard summer camp held on the island of Hawaii since 1938. For several years past the possibility of establishing a Territorial camp for the HNG on the big island has been under discussion. The need for such a camp first became apparent when the 5th RCT was at Schofield during our 1950 field training period. Even with only one regular RCT on the post, the training areas and facilities available were inadequate to provide for both Regular and Guard troops. It was evident to all concerned that USARPAC ever had to station a full division at Schofield the Guard probably have to plan to hold its training elsewhere. Another reason for a camp on the big island is the fact that the vastly more roomy training areas available in the Puna and Pohakuloa districts would permit more realistic training, particularly for the artillery, heavy motar, and tank units. Consequently, when the 483rd FA Bn requested that they be permitted to camp on Hawaii this year, the AG decided that this was a good time to get started on a Territorial camp site. Such a site for a battalion base camp has been prepared on the HNG's Keaukaha Military Reservation at Lyman Field in Hilo. The 487th will occupy the base camp from 6-12 June and will then move to the Pohakuloa training area for their last week of training. The 483rd FA Bn will fly in to Hilo on the 12th of June and will take over the base camp from the 487th. The reason for scheduling the artillery battalions for training dates different from those of their RCT's was to permit the 483rd

to fly to Hilo on 12 June on the same airlift planes that were set up to fly the 299th Inf to Oahu. On 21 June the 483rd will move to Pohakuloa for four days of service practice. Certain key personnel from State Hq will be detached from the main body at Schofield to establish and operate a small administrative headquarters at Lyman. That group will include supply and administrative personnel. Logistical support of the camp on Hawaii will be provided by airlift flown by both MATS and the Hawaii Air National Guard. The Army will set up a Post Exchange at Club 299 on Lyman Field, and the club itself will be available for recreational use.

The Air National Guard outfits are also primed for their two weeks of training. The pilots of the 199th Fighter Squadron have a big job on their hands in becoming fully proficient in their new Sabrejets. Almost all of the pilots have been checked out in the new aircraft, but now they must progress into formation flying, jet fighter tactics, and aerial gunnery. Their schedule calls for about 35 hours of flying for each pilot, which is a heavy schedule for a two-week period. In order to permit the pilots to fly under the most favorable operating conditions, it was decided that they should not train at Hickam AFB. Hickam and Honolulu Airport are crowded with both military and commercial conventional type traffic. Intensive operation of high speed jet aircraft in that area would create a hazard to normal traffic and the resulting restrictions would hamper the training program of the 199th. Fortunately, the Marine Corps agreed to let the 199th use the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station on windward Oahu, the only operational jet base in the islands. So, the 199th and Headquarters Hawaii Air National Guard will move in with the Marines from 12 to 27 June.

Meanwhile the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron will be in training at its Koko Head, Oahu, radar site. That squadron has 350 officers and men, and their training area is very limited. It is therefore necessary for them to split into two groups for field training, so that each group will have full use of the limited radar and communications equipment. Detachment A will be in camp from 5-19 June, and Detachment B will follow from 21 June to 5 July. The 109th recently received some new height finding equipment for its radar set, which will greatly improve its capability for controlling fighter interception missions. The training program of the squadron will be devoted almost entirely to on-the-job training of aircraft controllers and communications personnel in their primary mission of ground controlled intercept of aircraft. They will work closely with the 199th Fighter Squadron in conducting this training.



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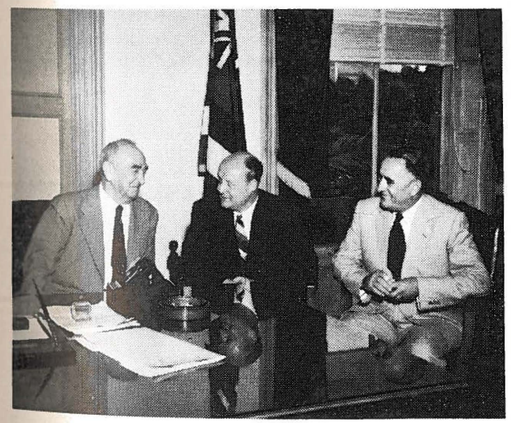
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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S COLUMN

The restriction on the enlisted strength of our present day National Guard is a subject not entirely understood by some of our Armed Forces Commanders as well as by some officials in high office in the Defense Department. The actual enlisted strength of the entire National Guard as of February 28, 1954 was 47.7% of the allotted strength and that seemingly low figure has resulted in severe criticism of the effectiveness of the guard. However, the fact is that our nationwide enlisted strength is limited by the amount of money Congress appropriates each year for support of the National Guard. Since 1947 Congress has appropriated only sufficient funds to support fifty per cent of the allotted strength. This limitation has apparently had the approval of the Department of Defense as evidenced by their approval of the Department of the Army budget over the years.

Here in Hawaii, the guard's enlisted strength (Army and Air) is 67% of the allotted strength, some 20% above the national average. We have been permitted to exceed the 50% strength because the allotted sterngth of 300,000 on the national scale had not been reached. Some 18 of our units are above 80% of allotted strength, while 12 units are below 50% strength.

There is a need to increase the officer strength in the units. Officers being relieved from active duty should be contacted by unit commanders to get them into the guard. Seven of our outstanding NCO's in the Army units will be attending OCS courses at Ft. Benning and Ft. Sill this summer and it is hoped that authority will be received from the Bureau to increase this attendance. On the Air National Guard side, the pilot training program has taken an upward surge. At the present time six officers and four cadets are undergoing this training, and eleven applications are being processed.



General Makinney confers with Governor Samuel Wilder King and Governor Val Peterson, former governor of Nebraska and currently administrator, Federal Civil Defense Administrator, during his recent visit to Hawaii. General Makinney is director of the Territorial Civil Defense Agency in addition to being Adjutant General.

$ ANY QUESTIONS $

QUESTION: Is it possible to distinguish a National Guard unit from Regular Army units by nomenclature or title? I am told that there is a definite setup.

ANSWER: Yes, it is possible to a certain extent. The numerical designation of certain Regular Army and National Guard organizations are distinctive and may be relied upon. For example, any infantry regiment whose numerical designation is between 1 and 99, inclusive, is a Regular Army regiment. Guard regiments are numbered from 100 to 300 inclusive. Regular Army infantry divisions are numbered from 1 to 25, Guard infantry divisions from 26 to 49, and reserve or AUS divisions are numbered 50 or higher. The numerical designations of artillery battalions, Air National Guard units, and separate units of MP's, ordnance, engineer, signal, etc., are not distinctive.

QUESTION: May any member of the National Guard submit news articles, such as: letters to the Editor, Editorials, etc., for publication in the Hawaii Guardsman?

ANSWER: Yes. Any such material should be addressed to "Editor, Hawaii Guardsman, Ft. Ruger, Honolulu, Hawaii." It will be reviewed and if it is of general interest it will be published.

QUESTION: I understand that there is a "D" Battery in the National Guard. Is this true?

ANSWER: You must have reference to ex-President Truman's famous Battery D. In the days when the army used the so called "square" organization, artillery battalions, which by the way were then organized into regiments, had four firing batteries including a "Dog" battery. That organization went out when the Army adopted the triangular concept.

QUESTION: If I misplace my discharge certificate received from the Hawaii National Guard, may I obtain a replica or evidence relative thereto? If so, from whom?

ANSWER: You cannot obtain a copy, because regulations prohibit the making of duplicate copies of discharge certificates. However, you can get an official discharge certificate by writing to "The Adjutant General's Office, Ft. Ruger."

QUESTION: I joined the National Guard when I was seventeen years old. I will be eighteen very shortly. Do I have to register with a Selective Service Board or will my Guard unit take care of this for me?

ANSWER: *You Must Register Yourself.* It is your responsibility and your National Guard unit cannot do it for you.

QUESTION: What is the policy on retention of Combat Boots? At one time all personnel who completed a three-year hitch were authorized to retain one pair of boots. Now I am told that regulations in this regard have been changed.

ANSWER: The regulations have been changed. As it stands now, a man is permitted to keep his boots only if he has (1) completed at least three years of *consecutive* service, and (2) terminates his membership in the Guard. If a man completes three years and then transfers to the Inactive NG, or is discharged and reenlists immediately he is not actually terminating his membership, and therefore he does not get the boots.

What's New

Items of interest to everyone, from HNG Hq

Did you know that of the 4554 enlisted men in the army units of the HNG on 31 December, 1953, 82.8% were deferred from induction by Selective Service by reason of their service in the Guard. That figure came to light as part of a special report which NGB had asked for. With that in mind it's easy to see how important Selective Service policies are to the Guard. It's easy to imagine what would happen to our units if those policies were changed to do away with Guard deferments. Several other interesting figures were evident from the same report. Only 13.1% of the men in the army units were over 26 years of age, and 55.8% were 21 or younger. 11.8% of the same group were veterans of active service in one of the armed forces. Several years ago our units averaged 15% veterans.

OCS. M/Sgt Reginald Lee and Sgt James Corenevsky are attending the Regular Officer Candidate School at the Infantry School, Ft Benning and will be commissioned 2nd Lieutenants upon successful completion of the course. Thirteen applicants have been processed by this office to attend the Special Infantry and Artillery NG Officer Candidate courses this summer. The purpose of this course is to provide an opportunity for qualified National Guardsmen, who are unable to attend the Regular OCS course because of college or occupational commitments, to receive commissions as 2nd Lieutenants in the National Guard.

West Point. Again this year Hawaii Guardsmen have a chance to enter West Point. For details see AGO-HAW Memo No. 11 dated 21 April, 1954 "Appointments to the United States Military Academy" which outlines the procedure for submitting applications for the July Designation Examination. Last year two Guardsmen from Hawaii were nominated to take the entrance examination to the Military Academy.

New Armories. Big news for the Big Island is that they will have not one but two new armories in the near future. Construction began on the new $208,000 five-unit armory at Hilo on 1 May and is scheduled for completion on 1 March, 1955. In addition, bids have been requested for the alteration and rehabilitation of the old Laupahoehoe High School gymnasium for use as a new armory for Co M, 299th RCT.

Construction News. James W. Glover has been awarded the contract for the construction of a $20,000 Army Aviation Shop Hangar at Lyman Field, Hilo, Hawaii, and Harry Otaki was successful bidder for the erection of a chain link security fence around the CFMS Shop No. 2 at Hilo for the price of $2,890.

C. W. Winstedt, Ltd., has just completed a $17,000 project for the construction of five quonset classroom buildings at Hickam AFB for the Hawaii Air National Guard, and Nakakura Construction Co. is presently engaged in the construction of a structural steel grease rack at Hickam for the HANG at a cost of $4,700. The Facilities Section crew is putting the finishing touches to a new 50-point small bore range in Diamond Head Crater. This range is expected to be completed in time to be utilized during the Hawaii Pacific Regional Championships Matches in May.

Ex-POW Rejoins His Old Outfit

On 6 October 1947, Francis H. Wright enlisted in the 613th Ordnance Company of the Hawaii National Guard. He did well in that unit, and in March, 1948 he made private first class. In June, 1949 he graduated from Farrington High School. Jobs were hard to find in those days, and after looking around for a few months, Wright decided to join the Regular Army.

The 613th gave him a discharge in October, 1949 and he enlisted in the Regular Army on 31 October. After finishing 14 weeks of basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif., Wright was sent to the Quartermaster School at Camp Lee, Virginia. He had no sooner finished the school when he was sent overseas to Camp Drake, Osaka, Japan. Just about the time he arrived there the war in Korea got hot and the Far East Command needed a lot of infantrymen in a hurry. Wright was one of many service unit soldiers who were converted to infantrymen in a three-week emergency combat training program. He was assigned to Co C, 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, at Seoul, Korea, and went into combat with that unit. At that time the 8th Army, to which the 1st Cavalry Division belonged, had destroyed the North Korean Army and was pushing north toward Manchuria. In November Wright's unit was near Ansan, North Korea, when the Chinese Communist Army crossed the Manchurian border and launched their big offensive. His unit was immediately involved in heavy fighting and he was captured.

Along with several hundred other American captured at the same time, Wright spent the next 32 months in Communist prison camps in North Korea. He survived that ordeal and in August, 1953 he was returned to Freedom Village.

After a period of rehabilitation he returned to Honolulu and was discharged from the Army in November, 1953. In February, 1954 he reenlisted in the 613th Ordnance Company where he was given a full-time job as a trades helper.

The Hawaii National Guard is proud of Francis Wright. He is one of those brave Americans who took everything the Communists had and eventually came out on top. We're glad to have him back in the HNG, and we all wish him the best of luck.



PFC Francis Wright, ex-POW in Korea, is welcomed back to the 613th Ordnance Company by Capt Beloberk, his former CO.

UNIT NEWS

Hq & Hq Detachment, HNG

Cpl William Ho shot a brilliant 191 out of a possible 200 points to take top honors in the Detachment's carbine firing held at the Diamond Head Range on 11 April, 1954. For this superb achievement, Cpl Ho was awarded the two year perpetual trophy donated by the Hawaii Brewing Corp., Ltd. operated by Harry "Primo" Birsner. In order to keep the trophy pemanently, Cpl Ho will need to score first again next year. Pvt Walter I. Tsumura copped the Recruit trophy donated by Katsumi Sakotani of Jimmy & Ray for topping the beginning shooters in the Detachment. Pvt Tsumura shot a sensational 185. This score is all the more remarkable as Pvt Tsumura had never fired the carbine until joining the Detachment late last year. Qualifying as sharp-shooters were Cpl Katsuhei Sugai, 187; M/Sgt Eddie Leong, 186; Sgt Richard Miki, 186; Sgt Nelson Loo, 185; SFC Wilfred Shobu, 184; SFC Arthur Whittington, 182; and PFC Richard Hiu, 182.

Rapid changes in personnel continued to high-light Detachment activities during this spring quarter. Col Clark G. Johnson became the new G-4 replacing Col Robert B. Anderson effective 1 March. Capt Howard G. Christ, transferred from Hq Co, 298th Inf, was assigned as Assistant G-3 effective 1 March. Capt Horace F. Clay, newly assigned officer, was also assigned as Assistant G-3 effective 1 March. The Detachment welcomed Pvt Bruce H. Asayama on 10 February. Pvt Lowell Y. C. Park transferred to our unit from Med Det, 483rd FA Bn, effective 26 March. On 15 March, Pvts Paul R. and Ray S. Yoshimura joined our Detachment. Effective 20 April, PFCs Harry Y. Asato and Toshio Toyama moved in from Co L, 298th Inf. Our gains were in some way off-set by the loss of Sgt Roger Young who left us to be with the 120th Signal Co. Sgt Young was well known by all persons the "picture-taking sergeant" of our unit. With all these changes, the Detachment is presently at full strength.

Congratulations to these enlisted men of the Detachment for their promotions. SFC Wilfred Shobu, effective 16 March, Sgt Clarence Kusumoto, effective 5 April, Cpl Henry K. T. Lew, effective 1 Febrbuary, Cpl William Ching, effective 27 April and Pvt E2s Edward N. Chinen, Manuel S. Ferreira Jr, Walter I. Tsumura and Chester Y. Yoshida, all effective 1 March.

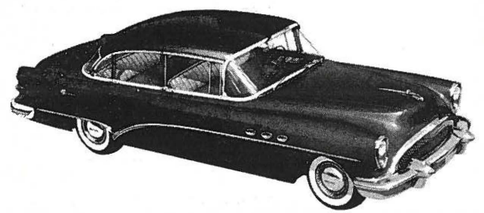
Lt Cols John Campbell, Clarence Johnson and William West Mr. Edmund Tyau, SFC Robert Kobayashi and Sgt Harold Shinsato were awarded the three year perfect attendance medal by Col Robert L. Stevenson in a brief ceremony held in front of the Detachment area on 6 April, 1954. Congratulations to these officers and enlisted men for their outstanding record.

Plans are presently being worked out for a Detachment outing sometime in May. Working on this affair as chairman is Sgt David Mahukona. He is being assisted by Sgt Roland Yee.

Wedding bells rang for Sgt Harold Shinsato, Supply Sergeant, who on 20 March said "I do" to Jane Okuhara. SFC Masao Abe, Administrative Secretary was best man at this gala occasion attended by numerous Detachment enlisted personnel.



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Hq & Hq Co 298th Inf, HNG

By Sgt Henry Iizaki

Here is Good News: Starting with this issue and every future issue of the Hawaii Guardsman, an EM will be chosen for the honor of being the "Enlisted Man of the Quarter," or the "EMQ." This title bestowed to the EM will be based on outstanding achievements toward the Company. Keep your eyes open for the "EMQ" every quarter; who knows, it could be you.

With bugles blasting, the first "Enlisted Man of the Quarter" is none other than Sgt Edward Miyata for his contribution in planning and originating the "Day Room" project which got under way recently. The company salutes you and awaits the grand opening day real soon. How's the bar getting along, Sarge?

Slurp, slurp! Yum-yum! Dig that "Canton Chop Suey." By golly, that was deluxe Chop Suey from original Canton that was served at lunch during our Sunday drill. Five 1st class chief chefs from Cathay have invaded our mess section. Say Oh Suk, "How about a seven course dinner the next Sunday drill and don't forget the hum-ha."

Special "Welcome to the Club" goes to our new Asst S-3 Capt A. Robertson, who waved Co A his fond aloha. Ditto for 2nd Lt B. Villa, an alumnus of Company M, the new Comm Platoon leader. Sirs, the company is at your service.

The long-awaited Federal recognitions came through for 1st Lt M. Kamemoto and 2nd Lt T. Shields. We knew you'll get it someday, Lieutenants, but where's our "White Owls."

Yeah team! Hip-hip hooray! Our team is red hot . . . hail to our volleyball team in copping the championship for the Provisional Battalion. The RCT championship title looks mighty good from here.

Mister Thomas N. See . . . Hmmmmm, that sounds a lot different from the "Sergeant See" we used to hear so often. Yessireeee, the Sergeant received his commission as a Warrant, on the first day of March, Nineteenhundred and fifty-four. Remember men, from now on it's "Mister See." A special salute to you Sgt See, I mean "Mr. See." (Thanx for the dollar)

Whoosat! He must be new? Who's he?—That's right boys, this company has new men galore. Fourteen new men joined this unit this quarter but dern it, we lost the same amount, plus two more. Our strength at present is 118 Enlisted Men, but with the recruiting program to the local public schools completed, those youngsters will be storming our "Knock Before Entering" door. Take it easy, fellas! One-at-a-time, pu-leez!

Good News in Med Co, 298th Inf

Promotions have been presented to the following qualified men:

To SFC Gerald Y. S. Chang who is our chief cook.

Sgts Bert M. Miyamoto, Joseph O. Ching, Noboru Inouye, Masao Ebe, Henry W. H. Lum and Arthur Akana.

To Cpls Shoichi Oku, Herman E. Damo and Junius Lum.

To PFCs Roy Suganuma and Daniel Mana.

Congratulations men!

Captain Takashi Honda and Capt Johnson N. C. Lau have been federally recognized by the Chief National Guard Bureau to serve on the Dental Corps.

Med Co 298th Inf (*Cont.*)

Capt Edmund S. P. Wong's resignation has been accepted by higher echelon as he received a commission in the Navy Dental Corps. As the men lose an excellent instructor we say Good luck to him in his new position.

M/Sgt Joseph Flores received his second commendation for the year from Col Federick Schaffer, III for his outstanding work as an instructor. Early in the year he attended Brooke Army Medical School at Ft Sam Houston, Tex. He was chosen Soldier of the Week there for his superior standard of cooperation, application and efficiency.

The entire company was lauded by C. O. Alvin V. Majoska for the soldierly manner in which drills were conducted. Our March attendance was 92% and Av str was 85%.

In preparation for our annual summer encampment several innoculation teams have been going out to "Poke-Poke" everybody. Watch these needle happy boys.

Our two comedians Larry Anazalone and Anthony Guzza have hit TV as "The Happy Boys" on Channel 11 on Sunday evenings on the Aku Head show. Watch them, they're terrific!

Heavy Mortar Co 298th Inf, HNG

By Henry B. C. Chun

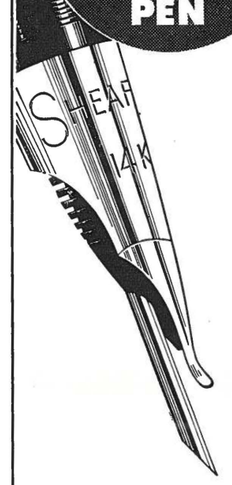
This spring, as usual, our company has been going out on Sundays for our annual inactive training. So far we have gone out on five Sundays. The first two were devoted to training for the gunner's exams. Practice was given in setting up the mortar, setting out the aiming stakes, making big and small deflection changes, and reciprocal laying, that is, laying out the guns parallel to one another. All these must be done within a certain prescribed time limit. This year we have new mortars. They weigh over six hundred pounds (about twice the weight of our old square-base four-point-two's) and have a barrel five feet long. They can fire accurately up to six thousand yards, which is about one thousand six hundred yards more than the old four feet long barrel jobs. The great advantage of the new mortars, however, is not in their greater range, but in their round base plate, which enables our gunners to make large deflection changes without having to dig up the base plate and re-aligning it again. Naturally, all the men are anxious to see how these new guns will perform. I hope we get a chance to fire them this summer camp.

The next two Sunday drills were devoted to preparatory rifle instruction. The men were given practical work in getting into the proper positions, in getting the proper sight picture and squeezing the trigger, and class instruction on setting the sights.

The last Sunday drill was at Kuliouou range for the M-1 men and at Diamond Head range for the carbine men. At these ranges the men fired their weapons for qualification. We don't know the results yet.

Our company is very proud and happy to announce that our company commander, Lt Adolph X. Lino, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Our hearty congratulations, Captain Lino!

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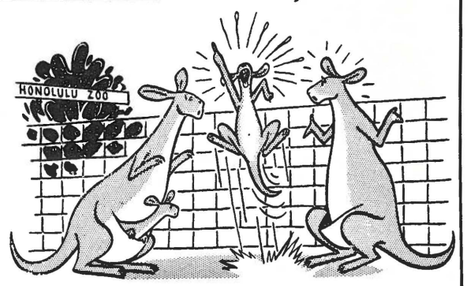
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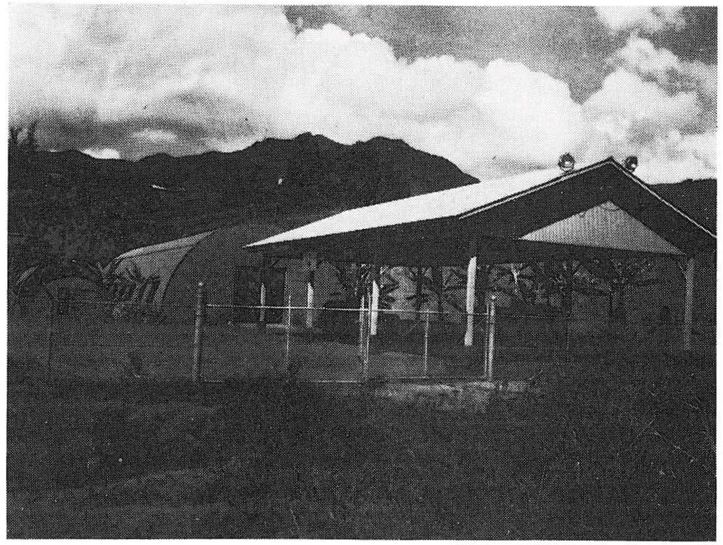
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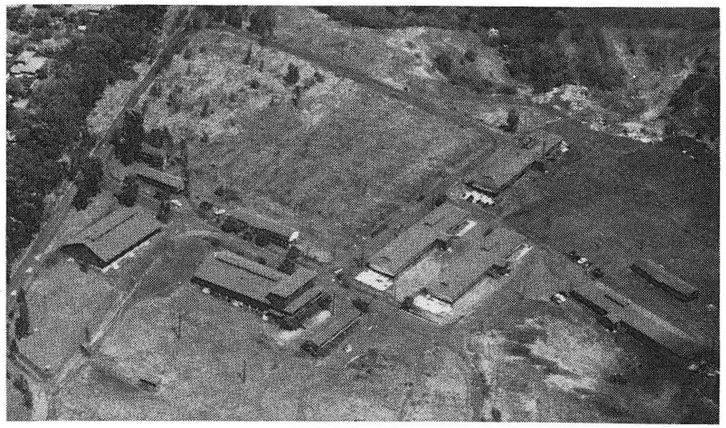
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Co G 298th Inf at Kaneohe, Oahu, raises bananas in their spare time. This building is a typical storage facility of the quonset-motor shed type.

These buildings are the home of Hq Co, 2nd Bn, Co H and Tank Co 298th Inf. They are located on East Range across Kamehameha Hy from Wheeler AF Base.

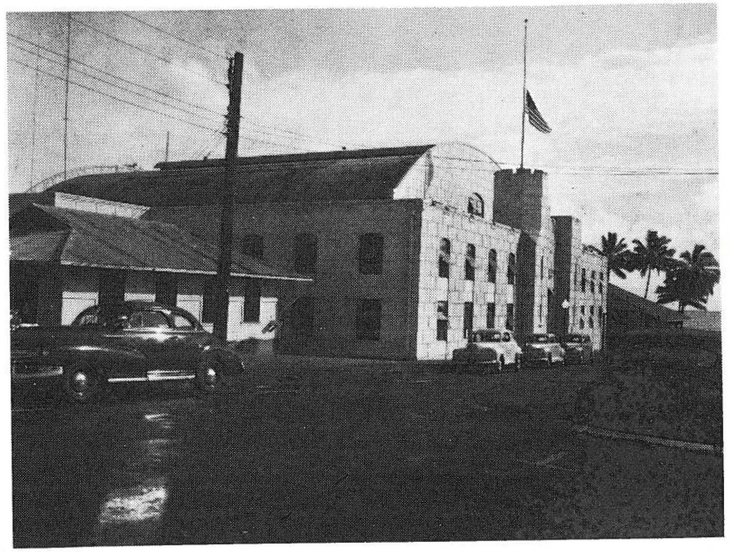




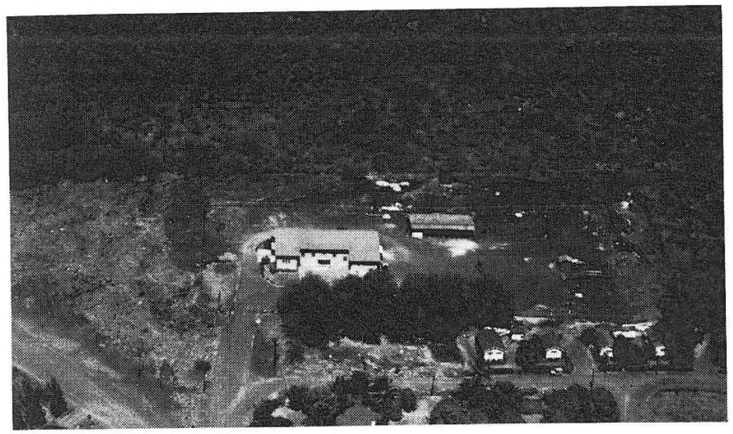
An old pre-war armory owned by the Territory. This one houses Co I, 298th Inf at Hanapepe, Kauai.

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Hilo Armory, headquarters of the 299th RCT, located in downtown Hilo.



The Territorial owned armory of Co B, 299th Inf at Kaunakakai, Molokai. The armory itself is in the center with a motor vehicle shed, water tank and grease rack to the right and above.





Co K, 299th Inf, Pahala, Hawaii (formerly Co E) used to be crowded into the little frame building on the left. Now they have these two quonsets and a motor shed out of sight in the rear.

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613th Ordnance Co Direct Support

By 1st Sgt John Afalla

A toast! To the 613th Ordnance Company volleyball championship team for retaining the Territory Championship. Under the guidance of one "Goldie" Goldstein (the Casey Stengel of volleyball), our spikers manage to come out sitting on the crest of victory. Members of the "Super" team will be awarded gold charms which will be presented at an appropriate time. WOJG Aana, Sgt. Asentista, Cpl Akau, Cpl Goldstein, Cpl Ho, Cpl Koanui, Cpl Malo, Cpl Shea, PFC Molina deserve more than just a pat-on-the-back for winning the championship three consecutive years.

It is our misfortune to lose PFC Henry H. Yamada (our ace in the hole) to the Armed Forces, but our good fortune for gaining Cpl Clarence C. W. Park, up and coming trigger squeezer from Hq & Hq Co 299th Inf HNG.

The 613th Ordnance Company enjoyed an "Open House Night" on April 20th. This is the first time invitations were extended to wives, sweethearts, and friends of this company's Guardsmen to visit and observe the training of our weekly drill nights. Refreshments were enjoyed by all which were prepared by our mess steward SFC Edward (Direct Current) Lau and mess officer WOJG Theodore H. B. Wong.

Congratulations to Sgt and Mrs. Kainoa J. Akana who were married 3 April, 1954.

Recent promotions in the company were: Sergeant to Sergeant First Class, Robert C. Fukuhara, Kenneth K. T. Lee, Isamu Oya; Corporal to Sergeant, Pascual Dabis, Albert Pagan; Private First Class to Corporal, Jacob Chung, Robert C. M. Leong; Private-2 to Private First Class, Wilford R. Ahue, Richard G. M. W. Aloiau, David S. Gareia, Jack S. Hamada, Sidney S. Kohatsu, Norman W. Lee, Roland G. Y. Leong, Llewellyn H. T. Luke, Wilfred T. S. Lum, Kenneth M. Masuda, and Frederick K. W. Young; advanced to pay grade Private-2 from Private-1, Conrado R. Basa and Bobby I. Kishimoto. Congratulations! on your recent promotion and keep your attendance up.

A brand new warrant officer was assigned to this company (PDY Armament Officer 4813). His face is not new to the men of this company and he is none other than the former M/Sgt Theodore H. B. Wong, Platoon Sergeant of the Automotive Platoon. I'm sure the men under his leadership and guidance will accumulate much from his teachings.

Have you noticed the smile on the faces of M/Sgt Sypher, SFC Akamine, Sgt Sakamoto, Cpl Hamatake and Cpl Mamiya these days? Well, according to the "stork record," their wives presented them with bundles of joy. Congratulations you proud papa's.

Aside from having a sharp rifle team, basketball and volleyball teams, we have some locally well-known leather pushers. PFC Richard "Dickie" Wong undefeated welterweight in the professional fight game and one time AAU champion; Sgt Martin Cambra one time AAU champion and now professional pugilist who made his pro-debut a success by scoring a TKO over his adversary; Sgt Hesos F. Asentista, Oahu AAU welterweight champion and runner-up in the Territory finals held recently; Pvt-2 Bobby I. Kishimoto AAU 119 lbs champion 1953 and 1954.

All in all, this unit is certainly molding into a terrific company with talent galore! Keep your guard up!

Co A 298th Inf, HNG

By M/Sgt Samuel A. Ching

Congratulations to 1st Lt Alexis T. Lum on his new command and a round of applause for Capt Scott Robertson, former Commanding Officer, who recently took an assignment with the Regimental Staff.

Wow! Look at our company area. It's just as handsome as the greens on a golf course. Many thanks to the men who sweated and cussed while getting the work done.

Well, I guess this is the proper time to acknowledge the wonderful improvement that has been made by the Third Rifle Platoon under the guidance of 2nd Lt George M. Miyachi and M/Sgt Iwao Watanabe. Never before has the almighty third held such an advantage over the others in attendance and moral.

Looks like this article only consists of congratulations —SFC George Izumi who recently took command of the 1st Platoon. Man, the third had better be on the ball because SFC Izumi and the First Platoon are really rallying. SFC Uyeunten and the Weapons Platoon are about tied with the First Platoon in strength, attendance and moral. At the time of this writing they accomplished their second 100% of the year.

All the old timers wish Grandpa Sato a healthy and speedy recovery from his recent operation. Sorry to say he was the only man absent from the Weapons Platoon in the last few weeks.

M/Sgt Masaichi Miyatake just left to attend the Advanced NCO course at Ft. Benning, Ga. All the success in the world to Sgt Soares who will be leading the Second Platoon through this camp. Give him your cooperation, men!

Baker Bits, 298th Inf, HNG

By M/Sgt. Reginald S. Lee

Sound the Alarm! The invasion is going into high gear! Yes sir! The invasion of Georgia by the 298th RCT has been going on for quite sometime. Now, additional troops are being sent to support their buddies at Ft. Benning. Baker is sharing in this assignment also. Going to help hold back the "Georgia Peaches," are M/Sgt Reginald S. Lee, "OCS branch" and SFC Willie Pualoa Jr, "Advanced NCO division."



Chow time for men of Co B at a Sunday drill. Enjoying the chow are (left to right): M/Sgt Frank Stone, SFC Willie Pualoa Jr, PFC Greer White, M/Sgt Philip Deseo, SFC George Kanamu, PFC Edwin Samera and Pvt Manuel Lutao. (Photo by Sgt Lee)

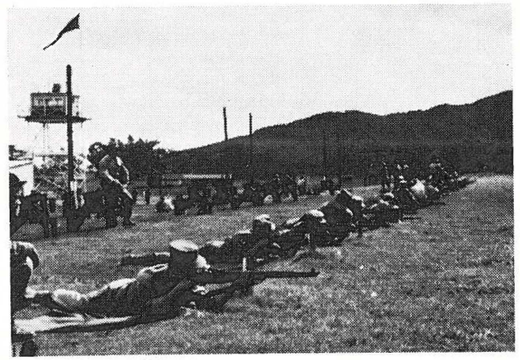
Men from this company are sure taking advantage of the opportunity to go to service schools this year. They will help to raise the high standards of Baker even higher.

The rifle team, firing under the handicap of losing two of the high shooters on the team, tried their best at the finals, but didn't quite make it. Out to support his team was Lt Col Francis Takemoto, Bn CO. He gave us much needed morale support and helped fill our physical needs at chow time. Many thanks Colonel, sorry we didn't win, but watch out for next season.

Members of the team firing were: Capt Frank Vaughan, M/Sgt Lee, SFC Willie Pualoa Jr, PFC Edwin Samera, SFC Andres Subeldia, M/Sgt Ebenezer Paikai Jr, and Pvt Thomas Mitte.

Assigned to the company during the quarter was 2nd Lt William Y. Yamada, but we lost 1st Lt Alexis Lum, transferred to Able as the new CO.

Joining the "Battling Bakers" were Pvts Garrett H. W. Chu, Thomas L. Segouia and Charles W. White.



Men of Co B and 1st Battalion on M-1 firing line striving to qualify for this year. (Photo by Sgt Lee)

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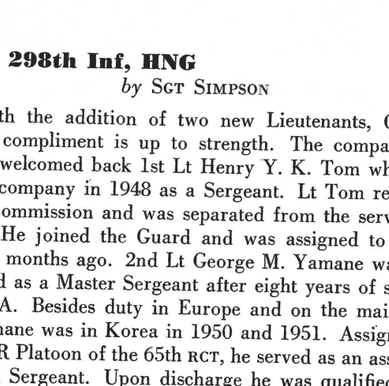
Co C 298th Inf, HNG

by SGT SIMPSON

With the addition of two new Lieutenants, Co C's officer compliment is up to strength. The company recently welcomed back 1st Lt Henry Y. K. Tom who was in the company in 1948 as a Sergeant. Lt Tom received army commission and was separated from the service in 1954. He joined the Guard and was assigned to Co C several months ago. 2nd Lt George M. Yamane was discharged as a Master Sergeant after eight years of service with RA. Besides duty in Europe and on the mainland, Lt Yamane was in Korea in 1950 and 1951. Assigned to an I & R Platoon of the 65th RCT, he served as an assistant platoon Sergeant. Upon discharge he was qualified as a 2nd Lt and was assigned to this company. Lt Yamane is a freshman at the University of Hawaii majoring in agriculture. He is married and has a son 7 months old.

The customary congratulations to new Sgt Harvey F. Masuda of the 57-mm Rifle Section. Sgt Masuda is one of the old-timers of the company. He joined the unit in 1948. Charles Rasmussen, Jr, is wearing new stripes too, (Corporal). Charles, also a member of the weapons platoon, is a gunner on a 57-mm Rifle.

Pvt Walter E. Pollack holder of the Hawaiian Record for the 5 mile run (31.0) will leave the company late in June for the Marine Corps. Walter began running when he was 13 years old and has won 6 trophies, medals and ribbons. In December, he took part in the 10 mile run from Portlock Road to Kapiolani Park, finishing fourth. We will miss Walter and wish him every success in his career in the Corps.



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Co D 298th Inf, HNG

By SGT HARRY H. TSUTSUMI

With the 1954 Annual Summer Encampment right around the corner, the Men of Dog Company have just one thought in mind — to win the "Best Company Award in the First Battalion" for the third consecutive year. If we have the same determination and enthusiasm, as in the previous years, I'm sure we won't miss. What do you say, men! Let's make it three years in a row.

Dog Company rifle team composed of SFC Manuel Slyva, SFC Harry Lee, Sgt Eikiyu Higa, PFC Joseph Borge, Pvt Joseph Slyva and Pvt Roland Shim are practicing diligently for the coming matches with other Company's. From what we know, they're sharp. Good luck.

In the bouquet handing department many thanks should go to Mess Sgt Yoshio Matsuura and his crew for the excellent meals furnished us during the week end drills. We only hope it will continue during camp. That's when we're real hungry Sarge!

If you noticed the area around the 75RR Platoon building sparkling like a golf green, credit should go to M/Sgt Ernest Chang and his men. They have worked real hard planting all sorts of plants and keeping the grass growing. Take notice — Machine gun and 81mm Platoon.

Some guys never learn! Anyway Cpl Harry Fujimoto have joined the ever swelling ranks of the "Ball & Chainers" Club. Sgt Kenneth Kuroiwa will soon follow his foot steps. Good luck and congratulations.

Becoming a proud papa in recent months is SFC William Laeha. His wife presented him with a bouncing baby boy. While on the subject of papa's, everybody is waiting for Sgt William Chung to have another baby. He has about a dozen kids now. Cheaper by the dozen, they say.

New enlisted men becoming property of Dog Company in recent months are Cpl James Adlawan, Cpl Elmer Pang, Pvt Hideo Kawahara and Pvt William Palama. Also 2nd Lt Harold K. Higo in now with Dog Company.

Hq 2nd Bn 298th Inf, HNG

By M/Sgt SOTERO A. BAILADO

Shedding "faded" gold bars for silver and taking over the command of Hq Co has been two big events in Lt Gary Y. Nishimura's life recently. Congratulations, and don't forget the "White Owls"!

Maj Archie Kennison Jr, our Opns & Tng Officer, is presently attending the Field Grade Officers Refresher Course at Ft Benning, Ga. He is slated to return by 18 April (if he gets a fast ride back home) and summer camp preparations will be waiting for him on his return. His section (S-3) personnel thinks it would be easy, with him just out of school.

Also attending mainland service schools at present are: Lt Richard Y. Noguchi of Co E. He is attending the Associate Basic Infantry Course at Ft. Benning, Ga. Attending the Advance NCO Course at the same post are: Co E — Sgt David Lunasco, Cpl Pedro P. Bueno and Cpl Donald Keao. Co F — SFC's Ricardo G. Ebia and Feliciano H. Samson. Co G — M/Sgt's Edgar W. Alexander and Edmond K. Jones, Sgt John K. Kaonohi and Cpl Domingo S. Nazara. These boys indicate that classes have been interesting and invaluable.

The following men from Tank Company (The Tankers) can hardly wait to board the MATS plane for USA and to the Tank Leadership Course at Ft. Knox, Ky.— M/Sgt David Akui, SFC Arthur Rego and SFC James Kaneshiro. They will depart during the month of May.

Recent recipients of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal were: Maj Manuel Kwon, our Battalion Commander, Maj Richard K. Betsui, Executive Officer, Maj Archie Kennison Jr, S-3, Capt Richard M. Hendricks, CO, Tank Co, Capt Conrad C. Tsukayama, CO, Co G, Lt Caliupe C. Amancio, Plat Leader, Co F.

Presently awaiting approval for his release from the US Army Reserve to join our Battalion as Intelligence Officer S-2 is Capt Bernaldo D. Bicoy, formerly of Missouri. In civilian life Capt Bicoy is an attorney. His recent assignment prior to separation has been in Korea with the 1st Cavalry Division.

Calibration and "Zero Beat" have been the topics of discussion for the past week after our full time boys completed attending the radio school held at Ft Ruger on 6 and 7 April. In addition, two Sundays of the same school was conducted for Communications personnel of the RCT. Our "Commo Procedures" will be snuff and up to par at summer camp.

Lt Iwao Iijima of Co G has recently been promoted to 1st lieutenant. In about a week or so he will be facing the Federal Board for the "real test."

Leaving our command by reason of incompatible occupation will be Lt Harold T. Oie, former CO of Tank Company. He is transferring to the US Army Reserve on 8 April, 1954. He is relinquishing his command of Tank Co to Capt Richard Hendricks. Capt Hendricks by the way has occupied the position of Bn S-4.

Special NG OCS this summer finds that our battalion will be represented by two of the Regiment's best candidates in the person of M/Sgt Benjamin K. K. Au of Co G and Sgt Richard T. Murakami of Co E. During the recent personal interview held by a board of officers at Ft. Ruger these two men ranked first and second.

Co F 298th Inf, HNG

By M/SGT ISAYSA D. SANTA ANA

Camp: 100% attendance at camp is the goal of the FOXES. Everyone in the company is camp conscious. A million questions and statements from the men of Co F about camp show an earnest 100% desire.

Awards: 2nd Lt Caliupe C. Amancio was the unit's first recipient of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Proudly displaying their newly earned stripes are SFCs Lavonne W. Scott and Walter K. Takamoto, Sgts Francisco Pantohan, Potenciano Pasco, Joseph K. Peneku, and Benny Robles. Cpls Larry Debebar, Alfred Rule, Anacleto Popa, and Akihiro Watanabe. Advancing to Pvt E-2s are Harry J. Akau, Robert O. Arakaki, Moses K. Kahihikolo, Peter K. Kai, Andrew A. Rabanes, Henry F. Burns and David K. Nuuanu Jr. Sweating out to beat the 15 May deadline on promotions are Adriano Mendoza, James Olivares, Ricardo Corpuz, Vincent Duran, Albert M. Maria, George H. Suyemoto and James T. Suzuki.

We missed out on the Eisenhower Trophy because of our officer's strength not being 70% or better throughout 1953. The prospect of 2nd Lt Joseph Olivares, a former cadre at Ft Ord — home from active duty, joining the Fox Family will swell the officer's strength to 100%. Our EM strength fluctuated from 110 to 121 since the beginning of the year. We do not expect to exceed the 120 mark, but if we do — well and good.

Alohas: Adding to the family are Mauro Bio, Gabriel Dano, Alfonso Monios, Artemeo Ramos, Herbert K. Gante, Sergio Hintacutan, Gilbert Ponce, Manuel B. Eltagonde and William S. Sagolili, new recruits; Cpl Merton M. Keolanui from Co C 298th Inf, Cpl Caldeira from Co G 298th Inf, Pvt E-2 Isamu F. D. Takahashi from Btry A 483rd FA, and Cpl George L. Gersaba who served with the 1st Filipino Infantry US Army in the Philippine Islands during World War II. 2nd Lt Raymond Rapoza, a former member of this unit, returned after a stint with Co G 298th Infantry.

On the other side of the ledger, we lost Cpls Bob H. Kaneshiro and Kozo Orimoto who have fulfilled their 5 year reserve obligations. Cpl Francisco Acay to the RA, Juanito Samante through ETS, William Morales to Co B 298th Infantry, Jaime Inay, Pataleon Mendoza and Herbert K. Kai through dependency, Bonifacio Lagapa through Convn of the HNG, William K. Aki Jr, to Co A 299th Infantry and Venito Lagon through continued absence. 2nd Lt John D. Castro, after a brief tour with us traveled to Waialua for duty with Co E 298th Infantry.

School: Heavy hurricane storms at Ft Benning, Ga. were probably due to the arrival of SFCs Ricardo G. Ebia and Feliciano H. Samson, the two mynah birds from FOX. It has been very quiet in the locker room ever since the boys left for the advance NCO course at the Infantry School. Cpl Robert Aranaydo has left the company for the USARPAC leadership course at Schofield Barracks, T. H. He is scheduled back to the unit in time for camp and should prove a big help especially with the two mynahs away.

Co G 298th Inf, HNG

By WOJG FRANCIS K. LUM

We are proud to announce that Co G has accomplished four outstanding merits during the last quarter.

First of all, M/Sgt Benjamin K. K. Au, a member of this organization, was recently selected as "Leader of the Week" at the USARPAC Leadership School, Schofield Barracks. We believe he is the first National Guardsman ever to gain such an honor at Leadership School. For his outstanding performances with Co G, Ben has distinguished himself as the leading candidate for Officer Candidate School at Ft Benning, Ga. this summer. Congratulations and best of luck to you Ben!

Secondly, Sgt Samuel K. Naipo was recently commissioned a second lieutenant after successfully completing the Ten Series course. He has been assigned Platoon Leader for the Third Platoon (Rifle) and also Training Officer as an additional duty. Lt Naipo is tentatively planning to attend the Officers Associated Basic course at Ft. Benning, Ga. after summer camp.

Thirdly, the "Mighty G" recently captured the 298th RCT Volleyball Championship. Spotting 4 wins and 1 loss in the 2nd Bn elimination, with the loss coming at the hands of Co E in a double game, the "Mighty G" swept through the 298th round robin like true champions. Led by M/Sgt O'Sullivan Cpls, Aalona, Gorai and Kamanawa and PFC Bailey, the Champs dumped Hq Btry 483rd FA, Co E 298th Inf and Hq & Hq Co 298th Inf in that order. Special commendation is given to M/Sgt O'Sullivan our team captain and coach whose efforts and interest brought the "bacon" home to Kaneohe. Lt Naipo acted as our sports representative and he also did a fine job. Congratulations, men!

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Last but not least, Co G attained an average of 99.7% for armory drill during February, and placing second in the 298th RCT. Our attendance has been somewhat of an honor to us as we have maintained our pace in the "Excellent" bracket for almost a year. Here's looking for a "Superior" real soon!

Departing last week for Ft Benning, Ga. to attend the Advance NCO *Infantry* course were M/Sgt Edgar Alexander, Sgt John Kaonohi and Cpl Domingo Nazara. Study hard men!

Co G probably holds the record for attendance at service school in one particular year. We have five EM at Ft. Benning, Ga. attending the Advance NCO Infantry course, two at USARPAC *Leadership* school, and two at USARPAC Communication school attending the Radio Operator course. Due to summer camp, several were refused attendance at service school but will be sent immediately after field training. How's that for one year?

Our Victor Award for the platoon possessing the highest attendance percentage during the past quarter was awarded to the Third Platoon with a 97.1%. Congratulations for the work well done!

In intramural basketball competition, the "towering" Second Platoon walked away with the Championship. Congratulations Second's but let's see you dethrone the "Mighty Hq Platoon" in softball next!

In closing Co G pays tribute to SFC Zensuke Uyechi, our former Mess Steward, who has left us.



LEADER OF THE WEEK — M/Sgt Benjamin K. K. Au a member of Company G 298th Infantry HNG Kaneohe, Oahu, T. H., was recently selected as Leader of the Week at the Leadership School, Schofield Barracks. S/Sgt Au was cited for his outstanding performance at school and holds the distinction of being the first National Guardsman ever to acquire such an honor. (Army photo)

Co M 298th Inf, HNG

By SGT JOHN TOLENTINO

Gee! It surely was a hot day! With lawnmowers sputtering and sickles swinging, the men of Company M sure had a good workout. Your writer is referring to Sunday, April 11, clean-up day around Company M. We had a very good showing of hard working men. Men who really deserve a pat on the back.

The area is now looking the way it should be and it will be the responsibility of the individual platoons to see that their area is maintained.

Our recruiting has dropped considerably since the last drive in September. Only three men were brought in during the last quarter. They are: Roy Y. Imaguchi, Kenneth Y. S. Kong, Roy Y. Shigemura. We still need more men. If you know of anyone who is interested, bring him in to see Gus. We will be glad to have him.

About the early part of every year comes promotion time. To be eligible for promotion a fellow will have to qualify, by having a good attendance record and by having served the necessary time limit. Below is a list of recently promoted men who have met the requirements. From Sergeant Gr. E5 to SFC Gr. E6: William P. K. Aarona, Wataru Hamamoto, Curtis H. Ho, Edward W. Martin, Jr. From Corporal Gr. E4 to Sergeant Gr. E5: Louis S. Inagaki, John Tolentino, Raymond E. Naylon, Francis K. Shishido. From Pvt. E2 to PFC. Gr. E3: Theodore K. Y. Kam, Theodore T. Kawamura, Jr., Clifford B. Y. Lum, Vernon S. C. Lum.

It is with regret that we say aloha to our tireless and conscientious, 105RR Platoon Leader, 2nd Lt. Bernardo Villa. We in Company M bid you aloha and hope that you will keep up your fine work in whatever task you are assigned, as you have done for us.

Hq & Hq Btry, 483rd FA Bn, HNG

By SFC RICHARD ROSEHILL

The last weekend drill was completed on 10 and 11 April, so from here to summer camp in June it's — Goodbye Makua — Hello Hilo. Fiendish activity may be noticed from all sections as they prepare for the long awaited encampment on the "Big Island." Let's not forget any equipment, men, we can't drive back to Ruger to get it. At last the best artillery battalion will be firing on the home range of their competitors.

The entire battery deeply regreats the loss of Lt Col Twigg-Smith on his resignation as battalion commander. He has been an example of the perfect officer to the members of the entire command. His confidence and leadership have instilled the "espirit de corps" that is now at its highest. The battery wishes you the best of luck, Twigg, and is looking forward to seeing you in Hilo.

Congratulations are in order to Sgts Thomas Akana and Charles Wong on their promotions to SFC. Come on Cabral, let's have more promotions among the EM. Also, hearty wishes to Ernest and Rhobie Ahue on their latest gift to the world.

Indications from the last weekend camp reveals that Hq Btry is in dire need of men. Of eight cases of fighting brew available for consumption there was all of one and one-half cases left with no takers. Never in history has such wastefulness been detected in this battery. A suggestion is therefore warranted that all men start training for the forth coming bout this summer. Also it is sug-

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gested that all men make reservations at the Kona Inn and Nani Loa Hotel for the summer vacation. Failure to do so will result in being housed at Lyman Field.

We welcome Pvts Robert Tanaka, Melvin Chock and Paul Hironaka into the battery ranks. May you all become sergeants. Also, Emmet Kay, who discovered that the HNG is home but had to take two years to find it out. And last but not least Sgt George Shon who transferred from the 487th FA Bn so that he could travel to Hilo for the two week camp.

Baker Btry 483rd FA, Bn, HNG

By PFC ASHER K. OTA

During the past quarter the men from this battery have been preparing themselves for the coming summer camp to be held this year on the Big Island, Hilo, Hawaii. This will mark the first time that this battery will journey to the outer island for its training. The "dreams" of many old timers will finally come true when we go to the island of Hawaii for our annual summer encampment. We all know that we will have to work hard to keep up our high standards, yet, we are raring and ready to encounter this new experience. Big Island, "Here we come!"

To prepare ourselves for the coming summer camp, ll the men not qualified with their individual weapons had a chance to prove themselves on the firing range when the 483rd FA Bn went to Schofield to conduct its familiarization and record firing of individual weapons on the 6 and 7 of March.

"A job well done" was the comment given to this battery by our CO, Capt Steve Sebetich, after this battery, with the rest of the 483rd journeyed out to Makua Valley to conduct the last of six Service Practice with the 105mm Howitzers. This week end problem held on the 10th and 11th of April, 1954 was attended by 96% of the battery personnel. Everyone there seemed to be well instructed on their job assignments and did them well.

Promotions during the last month were many and deservingly given to the following men:

To Sergeant, Cpl Robert P. Freitas; to Private First Class, Jarrett Y. M. Hew, Lester K. Nakaichi and Roy Ogawa; to Private-2, Edwin M. Araki, Charles G. Fukushima, Thomas S. Loo, Kenneth C. Lum, George N. Takishita, Richard J. Tamanaha and Howard I. Uchida.

Congratulations men! These promotions couldn't have been given to more deserving and capable men.

The following additions to the battery are: Albert A. Y. Fo, Kazuto Kawabata, Thomas K. Nishiguchi, Ralph M. Nagasawa, Donald K. Nahoolewa, Susumi Tomishima, Thomas K. Kaimuloa Jr, Oscar I. Okuda, John P. Rosa Jr. Incidently, Kazuto Kawabata was a transfer from the 487th FA Bn on Hilo.

Side lines: A new member of the "Ball and Chain Club" is SFC Harry S. Ezuka who was joined in matrimony on the 6th of March, 1954. Everyone in this battery extends to you and your wife a very happy and successful life together.

To sing a few songs and liven our parties as summer camp, Cpl "Wayne" Moleta Jr, "Baker battery official singer," has expressed his desire to promise to bring his "old guitar" to summer camp.

Assuming the command as CO for this battery as of 1 May, 1954, will be 1st Lt Joseph J. Hines. He will replace Capt Steve Sebetich who after commanding the unit for the past five years will be reassigned as the Intelligence Officer for the Battalion. Capt Sebetich is the idol of what an "army man" should be to all the men in this battery. He has been the sparkplug in this battery but now, he sparks no more for "Baker" battery, but rather fo the 483rd Field Artillery Battalion as a whole. Congratulations go to 2nd Lt Joseph Hines and on his promotion to 1st Lt and to Capt Steve Sebetich on his promotion as Captain.

227th Engr Co (Combat), HNG

Capt Frederick K. W. Lee, Company Commander is presently attending the Engineer Center, Ft Belvoir, Va. to further his knowledge on engineer tactics.

1st Lt Kelvin S. Watanabe, recently promoted, is in temporary command of this unit. Assisting him are 2nd Lt Alexander Thoene, 2nd Lt Albert Chong, 2nd Lt Tad Iimura and WOJG Hisashi Kawai.

New enlistees of the quarter: Earl F. Benson, Henry C. Kassebeer Jr., Ralph M. Miyoshi.

Transferred from Co H 298th Infantry, is Sgt Gerald Shiraishi, a welcomed addition to the mess section.

Congratulations to the following men recently promoted: To be Sergeant First Class, Frederick M. Sugita; to be sergeants, Ernest K. W. Chang, Jensen J. S. Chang, Godwin K. T. Chun, Christopher K. Koanui, Harry H. Miura, Walter K. Morihara, Raymond G. Torres Jr.; to be Corporals, Roger L. Look, Edward R. Medeiros.

Three Year Perfect Attendance Badges were presented to M/Sgt Stephen S. Fujii, M/Sgt Ben Toro, Sgt Mitchell J. W. Keawe, SFC Frederick M. Sugita. These awards are in addition to a Three Year Perfect Attendance Badge presented to WOJG Hisashi Kawai and a Six Year Perfect Attendance Badge presented to M/Sgt Thomas T. Iyamatsu during Field Training, 1953.

Certificate of Completion of the 10 Series course, Army General School, was presented to M/Sgt Tamotsu Hamaguchi, one of the outstanding leaders of this unit. M/Sgt Hamaguchi enrolled in this course with the purpose of improving his knowledge rather than for a commission inasumch as he had passed the age requirement many moons ago.

The following officers were elected to steer the NCO Club for calender year 1954: President, M/Sgt Thomas T. Iyamatsu; Vice-President, M/Sgt Benjamin Toro; Secretary, Sgt Ernest K. W. Chang; Treasurer, Sgt Frank R. E. Fong; Master-at-Arms, Cpl Clarence Velles; Auditor, WOJG Hisashi Kawai; Ways & Means, M/Sgt Tamotsu Hamaguchi; Constitution and By-Laws, SFC Frederick M. Sugita; Eentertainment and Program, Sgt Joseph K. Laa; Sports, SFC James K. Koanui; Scribe, SFC Stephen B. K. Moon.

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

By MIKE ROWAVE

Halls of Learning. The "109th" scores again! Here's another letter of commendation! This time it's for SSG Clifford Chee from the Personnel Specialist school at Scott AFB, Ill. Bully for you, Cliff!

Touching "home base" from Warren AFB, Wy. are (Communications Center Specialists) A2cs Richard Asato and George Nakamura, A3cs Richard Arakaki, Kenneth Kaneshiro, Clifford Murakami, Ernest Pacarro, Lawrence

Sato, Raymond Tokuda, Kenneth Uchida and Manabu Uyehara.

And from Keesler AFB, Miss. are more "Scoper Dopers" A2cs Frederick Hirayama and George Yokoyama, A3cs Stanley Arakaki, Roy Mendes, Carl Ozaki, Philip Sakai, John Souza and Ernest Tadaki.

Arriving here tired from Scott AFB, Ill. is (Radio Repairman) SSG Valeriano Solusod. Says he's been out chasing electrons again!

Recent departures to service schools are: Lt Edward Kasper (Squadron Officer), Maxwell AFB, Ala., MSG Richard Kondo (Organizational Supply Supervisor), Warren AFB, Wy., A2s Raymond Kakimoto (Administrative Specialist), Warren AFB, Wy., and A2c Frederick Tao (AC&W Radar Repairman), Keesler AFB, Miss. Ay-Lo-Ha!

Lt Harold Wong is scheduled to depart in June, 1954 for the Ground Electronics Officer course at Keesler AFB, Miss.

At present, we have two officers and fifteen airmen at service schools on the mainland.

Pink & Blue in Aero-Babies. "Blue" seems to be predominant for this quarter. Blessed with baby boys by air mail are: A1c and Mrs. Gilbert Lum, A3c and Mrs. Philip Minicola, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Sanchez. Infanticipating are A1c and Mrs. Francis Beirne.

Climbing the Highest Mountain. (Here's the reason why those candy boxes were floating around). Feeling out his new T/Sgt stripes is Fred Ing.

Struggling up the hill to S/Sgt: Nicholas Abear, Lincoln Chang, George Ferreira Jr, James Gilman Jr, Walter Sugiyama, Harry Teramoto and Herbert Yap.

Resting on the wayside after reaching A1c: Waner Chow, Robert Fukuhara, Wilfred Jo, Ralph Kaneshiro, Edmund Kato, William Ko, William Lee, Joseph Okano, James Oshiro, Kenneth Tamashiro, Charles Tanaka, Bailey Tom and Samuel Yokomichi.

Pulling out of the first crater for A2c: Henry Arthur, Alexander Brenner, Simeon Bright Jr, Richard Fujitani, Eugene Goo, Thomas Hayashi, Norman Ishikawa, Gary Kim, Raymond Kakimoto, Stanley Kobayashi, Albert Liu, Robert Lum, Milton Maekawa, William Martin Jr, Wallace Nakamoto, Richard Senaha and Richard Takahashi.

Congratulations are in order for Capt John Ing who has just completed the USAF ECI Squadron Officers course. And also to SSG Jason Yuen upon completion of the USAF ECI Officer Candidate course.

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110th Army Band, HNG

By SGT STANLEY T. SUEFUJI

Latest addition to this unit is Nelson B. Kealoha who enlisted on 24 March, 1954. Glad to have you with us Nelson. I hope you enjoy serving your enlistment period with us. Nelson replaces Cpl Aquilino Narito who was honorably discharged on 23 March, 1954.

Our attendance for the last quarter averaged 97.2 percent. I hope this quarter will be a better one, at least we have a good start as our attendance for the first drill this quarter was 100%.

The orchestra group of this unit is hard at work trying to brush up on their dance number, and if I may say so they sound just superb. After all where else can you list a combination of Stan Gats (Kobayashi) and Gene Kruper (Rosete) at the same time?

Med Co 299th Inf, HNG

The last quarter has brought added prestige to the Collecting Platoon as it merited the title of "Best Platoon" for the quarter, thus being presented the perpetual trophy by our CO. The Medical Company's "Best Platoon" contest began with the first drill of the last quarter and will continue on through for one year. The trophy will then be awarded permanently to the platoon having retained it the longest period of time during the year. Gigs against each platoon are based on attendance performance and general appearance of each enlisted man; thus the platoon having the least number of gigs during the quarter wins the trophy. 2nd Bn Med Plat lost out by only two gigs and assured collecting that they will be the next trophy keepers.

Our First Sergeant, M/Sgt Thomas Lum Ho, was awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the Hour Glass Device for a second award in recognition of the completion of 20 years of honorable and satisfactory service in one or more reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States. Congratulations M/Sgt Thomas Lum Ho from all of us.

Our Sunday trainings thus far has been most successful. Drill attendance has been high and evidence of keen interest in the training program was obvious in the manner of each EM's participation in field exercises. Needless to say, the men enjoyed most was the delicious chow; the Med Co having been known to have the best chow in the Regiment.

Promotions during the quarter were: to Cpl James Mimaki, PFCs James Bright, Eikichi Oshiro, Fumio Oshiro, Tsugio Sakuma, Kiyoshi Tamashiro.

The Medical Company welcomed three new recruits joining the unit the last quarter. Pvt-E1s LeRoy P. Correa, Kenneth Hayashida and Richard K. Hirata.

Tank Co (90mm Gun), 299th Inf, HNG

As in the past, time has come for preparation for the forthcoming field training exercise. The men of this company are all eager and ready to go. We are hoping that we will be able to repeat the 100% attendance as acquired during the past two years.

We welcome to this unit, 1st Lt John S. Carroll who recently returned from active duty and was assigned to this unit as Executive Officer. He was with the Tank Co, 223th Inf Regt, 40th Division while serving in Korea. He attended the Airborne School at Ft Benning, Ga. and also

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the Armored School, Ft Knox, Ky. during 1953. His knowledge as a tank officer will benefit this organization extensively.

A beer bust was held on 31 March, 1954 at the Coconut Island. Food and alcohol beverages, galore! All the men attending this affair had a wonderful time.

Although losing from the 230th Engr volleyball team, in the elimination round for the battalion championship, the boys did a fine job. Members of the team are 1st Lt John S. Carroll, SFC John Kaiewe. SFC Daniel A. De Costa, Pvt-2 Albert Kelson, Pvt-2 Peter C. Veincent and Pvt-2 Daniel Chang.

Congratulations to the following men who recently were promoted: to Master Sergeant, Thomas B. Wolfgang; to Sergeant First Class, Douglas P. Benevides, Charles L. Hall; to Sergeant, Tsuneo Miyashiro, Anthony Phillips; to Corporal, Yoshiaki Hamamoto, Teruo Kitamura and Masayuki Mitsuda.

New enlistments up to press time are: Pvts Frank I. Matayoshi, Edward S. Okazaki, Robert P. Keliihoomalu and Napoleon K. Haena.

Hq 1st Bn 299th Inf, HNG

by CWO PETER O. SIERRA

Good news was received by this headquarters on April 9, 1954, when G-1 informed us that the National Guard Bureau has approved the awarding of the coveted Eisenhower Trophy to Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Infantry, selected as the most outstanding Hawaii National Guard ground unit during 1953. This trophy, which is in a form of an urn, will be presented to Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Infantry, during the summer encampment of this year. To each and every member of this unit go our warm congratulations for winning this award.

Sgt James Corenevsky, Radio Chief, of Headquarter Company's Communication Platoon, departed for Ft Benning, Ga. to attend the Infantry Officer's Candidate Course. Hope to see them "Gold Bars" when you return, James.

Speaking of service schools, individuals attending or having graduated from the following schools since January 1954, are as follows:

Inf Off Basic Course, Ft Benning, Ga.: 2nd Lt David S. Nobriga, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf, 2nd Lt Shigeto Murayama, Co "D", 299th Inf, 2nd Lt Wendell T. L. Y. Pang, Co "D", 299th Inf.

Army Primary Flight Training Course, Gary AFB, San Marcos, Tex.: 2nd Lt Francis A. G. Ashdown, Army Avn Sec, 299th Inf.

USARPAC Leadership Course, Schofield Barracks, T. H.: SFC William K. Lee, Co "B", 299th Inf, Sgt Ferron K. Pawn, Co "B", 299th Inf.

USARPAC Food Service School, Schofield Barracks, T. H.: SFC Chikara Ishii, Co "B", 299th Inf, PFC Robert P. Boteilho, Heavy Mortar Co 299th Inf.

Promotions! (Going up) Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn, 299th Inf. To SFC:Sgts William R. Carvalho, Jr, Fred Pagampao, Satoru Saikami. To Sgt: Cpls Masano R. Toguchi, Lawrence Shim, Frank R. DeRego. To Cpl: PFC's Flaviano N. Sagabaen, Herman H. Sugimura. To PFC: Pvt-2's Herman G. DeCoite, Egleserio Bosque, Thomas K. Tamasaka, Mitsuo M. Tomita. To Pvt-2: Pvt-1's Herbert J. Moniz, Franklin Baqui, Francisco Purugganan.

Co A, 299th Inf: To PFC: Pvt-2's Juan Sanchez, Alfredo Amano, Ernest Balinbin, Samuel Makekau. To Pvt-2: Pvt-1's Michael S. Furukawa, Ralph K. Hazama, Walter M. Ishii, Nelson S. Kawano, Patrick Mau, Jr, Stanley T. Morikawa, Elton T. Nikaido, Henry Spencer.

Co B, 299th Inf: To PFC: Pvt William P. Luuloa. To Pvt-2: Pvt-1's William I. Kanahele, Francisco Malubay.

Co C, 299th Inf: To SFC: Sgt Henry M. Yamane. To Sgt: Cpl's Raphael J. Morreira, Richard J. Souza, George N. J. Tam, Richard Wilhelm. To Cpl: PFC's Joseph T. Ferreira, Harry L. Kahunanui, Monte M. Nakano, Donald J. Ornellas, Stanley Shiroma, Raymond M. Tendo, Henry Yap, Jr. To PFC: Pvt-2's Walter R. Martin, Stanley S. Tamashiro. To Pvt-2: Pvt-1's Raphael F. Bacos, Silvano M. Vierra.

Co D, 299th Inf: To SFC: Sgt's Richard S. Oshiro, Yuen Y. Wong. To Sgt: Cpl's Rudolph G. Mina, James L. Evans, Benjamin Torres. To Cpl: PFC's Scott L. Ahina, Benedicto P. Bayron, Gilbert J. Gonzales, Donald Y. Hikichi, James E. Medeiras, Abel Sagon, Aloysius A. Silva, Ralph M. Shinmon, Richard Souza, Tetsuya Tamura, Melanio Bartolome. To PFC: Pvt-2's Nicholas Awai, Jr, William F. Cateel, James P. Martins, Vernon R. Pimental, Clyde R. Hussey, Alfred Fernandez, Jr, Benedict E. Furtado, Alexander T. Kong, Thomas M. Nakama, Walter M. Nobriga, Mahealani C. W. Ah Sam, Antone P. Medeiros. To Pvt-2: Pvt-1's Aloysius Marciel, Joseph S. Santos, Robert T. Yamada.

Heavy Mortar Co, 299th Inf: To Sgt: Cpl's Eiho Arakaki, Tony Domingo, Herman J. Macadangdang, George C. Morreira, Daniel Sentinella, Jr. To Cpl: PFC's Howard C. Bell, Bennet L. Cabral, Gilbert A. Hanaike, William F. Jacintho, Clarence S. Kenui, Akio Nihei, Dorminador K. Sebresos. To PFC: Pvt-2's Jack L. Espinda, Stanley N. Makekau, Gilbert Montalvo, Edward Pakaki, Raymond P. Carvalho, Robert A. Gonsalves, Kenneth K. Nishida, Kiyoshi Nishida, Clarence H. Spencer. To Pvt-2: Pvt-1's Manuel D. Freitas, Waldamar P. Muller, Peter J. Paele, Keawe Wilhelm, Edward K. Akuna, Anatalio Cabrido, Anthony F. C. Chung, Joseph DeLara, Jr, David K. Dutro, Thomas E. Fernandez, Moses Kalanikau, Glenn K. Matsuda, James K. Oda, Yutaka Oshiro, Louis Y. Sardinha, James M. Shinmon, John I. Shimoda, Manuel Souza, Robert T. Takayama, Shigeru Yonamine.

1st Bn Med Plat Med Co, 299th Inf: To Sgt: Cpl's George C. Arcilla, Augustine Fuentes, George Y. Fukagawa, Naoto Kusakabe, Jerry A. Martin, Faustino Simon. To Cpl: PFC Clarence Carvalho, Stanley C. Lee, James J. Tavares, Francis W. Torres. To Pvt-2: Pvt-1's Eric A. Carreira, Wallace K. Kalohelani, Bruce A. Sakamoto.

2nd Bn 299th Inf, HNG

Most of our doings during the last three month period connected with outdoor training activities. We have recently completed three consecutive Sundays of outdoor training of which one included range firing. I knew we had forgotten something. Range firing brought one thing to mind and that was the promise we made to our readers that we'd have pictures available of our previous day's firing. Unfortunately we did not follow through on this matter with the local photographer. We hope to have some soon.

Word has it that our seven applicants for the Advanced Army NCO course at Ft. Benning, Ga. have been approved to attend the course commencing on the 19th of May. Just to keep us all posted on who these individuals are we'll run through their names and units once again: Sgts Herbert Akana and Hayao Sanekane of Co G out Olaa way; Sgts Robert Yokomizo, Pedro Canto, Cpls Franklin Shibuya, Edward Toriano and PFC Charles Funai all of "Easy" Co at Pahala. We're looking forward to these seven completing the course in fine style. Best of luck, men. Word is still to come on our OCS applicants. These three lads continue to "sweat it out" awaiting their orders. Sgts Hoota, Hara and Nishida are only too happy to await such orders. That should be something to look forward to at any rate.

At this writing elements of the "fightingest" battalion in the RCT are engaged in range firing for qualification and familiarization firing. It is usually during this season that one normally comes up with a "lulu" of some sort or another. Presently we don't have too many of them to offer you readers, but we are sure that by the time this firing season is over we'll be able to pass on a few to you for what it may be worth. In passing, and we only offer this as an example, one individual was questioned by a certain staff member during a recent outdoor drill to wit: Staff Officer: "Corporal, where is your CP located at?" Corporal answering, after a moments thought: "He's walking around the area, sir." As we said earlier, we'll have more for you later and may still be able to insert another here and there throughout this article. At any rate, and returning to the more serious side of the "going on" in the outfit, yesterday (7 February, 1954) we saw one of our best days on the firing range. The troops were out long before the hens began to cackle. To give you an idea of just how early in the morning this was we'll run through a few pages of the record book. Here's what we see: Co E from out Pahala way left their home armory at 0200 and arrived at the range at 0345; breakfast was served at 0400. Don't

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misunderstand us however, they could not have arrived at the range at 0345, set up kitchen and have a hot breakfast by 0400. That only meant one thing — their kitchen truck and cook personnel left Pahala a lot earlier than the main body of troops. They had it rough, we assure you. Looking through more pages of the record book we also note that all other kitchens in the battalion were set up and ready-to-go at 0600. Let us remind you that at this time of the morning it was still in "black out" conditions.

We've told you about the boys in white behind the field ranges. Now let us say something about the boys in green behind the rifles and those down there in the pits. To give you an idea of how much was accomplished in the wee hours of the morning, the records indicate that the first round was let off on the M1 range at 0707. At this hour of the morning we could barely see the target, let alone the black portion of it. The entire group on the various ranges pitched in and had things going in the proper military manner with little effort. Let us not forget the fellows who had the ammunition out on the ranges prior to 0600 and also those in the comm platoon who had their PA systems "buzzing" with sounds at the same hour. To quickly summarize the day's activities, it was a job well done and worthy of praise to those responsible for the excellent prior planning. We haven't attempted to name any one individual or group of individuals in this issue but if you'll tag along with us we'll try to bring you a better picture of our days on the range in the next issue of the Guardsman. We'll also try to get some photographs as an added attraction.

It seems as though, we were carried away with our activities of the 7th and have not given the readers any news of earlier happenings in the Battalion, so here we go with what we're able to note. Recent officer reassignments have found a new regime in several units and still other changes. Let us run through a few of these changes. On the 1st of February we saw a change in the Battalion staff in that Maj Sau Hoy Wong, Bn Ex O, has left the fold. Maj Wong was transferred to Regimental Hq Co as Regt S3. In the exchange we here in the Battalion received Maj Paul A. Schattauer who has returned to his old job of Bn Ex O. Maj Schattauer had been with us for approximately two years before being sent up to Regt as S3. We were sorry to lose Maj Wong to the Regt but on the other hand was happy to get Maj Schattauer in the exchange. At any rate, we bid both officers a fond Aloha in their present assignments. We also note a new face in Lt (2nd) Shigeyoshi Morita. Lt Morita was commissioned a "Second Looey" on 7 January, 1954 and assigned as Adj & S1 in Hq Co. He was a former EM out at Co H in Honomu prior to his three year hitch in the RA. Happy to have you, Lt Morita.

While we haven't shed any tears visibly, we might tell you that we came pretty close to it on about the first of the year. Why? After having served with 1st Lt Katsuki Arita in Bn Hq Co for nearly six years, we learned that we were losing him. Lt Arita was transferred to Co H as CO effective at the beginning of the new year. That one hurts us quite a bit deep down there. We assure you that the men of Hq Co had their hearts in their throats when they learned of this change. To show their appreciation the entire company dug down into their pockets and came

up with enough to present Lt Arita with a token of appreciation. Imagine how your reporter felt after having been with the good Lt for the past several years. Loads of luck to you, Lt Arita in your new assignment. Along the transfer line of Lt Arita going out to Co H we note that Lt McKeen former CO of Co H was transferred to Co F down here Hilo way. Also leaving Co H was Lt John K. Namahoe who was transferred to Hq Co as P&A Platoon Leader. Best wishes to both officers in their assignments. Another officer change which we failed to mention with the loss of Lt Arita from Hq Co was the reassignment of Lt Clarence A. Blain from Motor Officer to CO. "Congrats" on your new job, Lt Blain. Still on officer reassignments, we find Lt Raymond H. Suefuji formerly of Co F now out at Co H. The Battalion welcomed another officer into the fold in 2nd Lt Clarence A. Park formerly of Regt Hq Co to Co E at Pahala. This we understand is a temporary assignment but nevertheless we are happy to have the ace shooter of the Regiment even though it may only be for a short period. Enough for now on officer assignments since we have brought you up-to-date in who is who in the Battalion.

This conversation was recently overheard among the ASMT's in the Battalion during a "bull" session. Say what you may but it's down in the records. One ASMT to the group in general: "Say, how can my Unit Commander go about reducing a M/Sgt?" After a moment's silence this answer was given by another ASMT: "Oh shucks! That's easy, reduce him for insufficiency."

Browsing around the units we were able to latch on to a few bits of news items that we thought may interest you. We'll have to make this a hit and miss affair insofar as unit order is concerned. This is due to the late moment collection of news articles. To start off we were able to learn that several NCO's in the Battalion recently were administered the necessary tests required for applications to attend Army Service Schools. We found SFC Hoota and Sgt Hara of Hq Co along with Sgt Nishida, Co F, and Sgts Yokomizo and Cantor, Cpls Toriano and Funai, Co E, busily at work taking the test for entry in the Special NG Officer Candidate course at Ft Riley, Kan. We later learned that Sgt Hara emerged as "top man" with a score of 134. We're hoping to see all seven as newly commissioned Second Lieutenants in the near future. Best of luck men. We also noted with interest Sgt Akana and Sgt Sanekane of Co G taking their tests for the Light & Heavy Weapons NCO course at the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga. We have no doubt as to their abilities. Getting to the school will be their only problem. What, with no funds available! While we're on the subject of schools we noticed Sgt Hitoshi Kaneyama of Co F back at armory drills so that means he has finished his course at TIS and has returned to roost. Welcome back home, Sgt Kaneyama.

3rd Bn, 299th Inf, HNG

Ready on the right . . . ready on the left . . . ready on the firing line . . . Bang . . . Bang . . . Cease firing: All right. first relay off the firing line, "Hey, Mr. Kato, that completes firing for this year. Who made the highest score on the M1 Range?" Kato blares, "M/Sgt Seichi Matsu, First Sergeant of Co M, did sir."

You have just heard a conversation between Capt Tahara, CO I Co, and WOJG Kato, Bn UAMST, following

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the firing of the last few shots that ended the range season for all units of the 3rd Bn. All units came through with a high percentage of qualifications. In fact I am pretty sure that the Bn's percentage was the highest in the RCT.

I'm sure that you all agree with me that qualifying with your weapon this year was the hardest yet, due to that ugh! Pit scoring. No more M1 pencils. Well, not bragging, the 3rd Bn, showed you that 30 odd six ammunition is much more accurate than M1 pencils.

Lt Col Replogle, CO 3rd Bn, will tell you that the secret of the high qualifications was due to a lot of prior planning in PRI training. If you had been around the units just before range season you would have seen them actually practicing (no ammunition of course) on actual known-distance ranges. What the units did was to stake out targets at 200 and 300 hundred yards and actually let the soldier get used to the different ranges. Hq & Hq Company actually had their range set up in a plowed cane-field. A lot of PRI, good coaching, and an efficient range set-up, says Col Replogle, was the secret of getting all of those men qualified.

Let's pay a visit to Bn headquarters an interview the Staff on the oncoming summer camp. Let's talk to Col Replogle, Bn Co, first. "Good evening Colonel, how are the plans for summer camp shaping up?" "Well I tell you, Lieutenant," says Col Replogle, "just glancing at the Regiments master schedule it looks like this year's camp is going to be very similar to last year's camp schedule. The biggest difference this year will be the scheduling of classes on the hour-to-hour basis with a lesson plan for each hour. I am all out for this due to the fact that it will give instructors and the unit officers and noncomms an incentive to make each hour of training count."

Well thanks a lot Colonel, I agree with you wholeheartedly. Let's talk to Maj Shepard, Ex O; Well Major, how are you making out with the summer camp plans. "I'll tell you, Lieutenant, Capt Miyasaki and Capt Kim have been doing such a wonderful job in the preparations that I am just supervising their planning and assisting them wherever and whenever I can." You're right Major, I hardly noticed Capt Miyasaki, Bn S3, and Capt Kim, Bn S4, behind that stack of papers. Hi! there Capt Miyasaki, I just dropped in to get your idea on what's going to be cooking for the units during summer camp. "Well, Lieutenant, I just completed the Bn Master Training Schedule, and in that you will find just about every question you want to ask about summer camp. I scheduled everything in detail and the only thing left is the Administrative details that will come later." Thanks a lot Captain, well how are you making out Capt Kim, Bn S4. "Well, Lieutenant, being that the Battalions will handle their own ammunition this summer, I have been busy getting all the requisitions made out on a day to day basis." Thanks a lot to that detailed Master Training Schedule of Capt Miyasaki. I am able to know exactly on what days and at what hours of the day the ammunition will be needed.

230th Engr (Combat) Co, HNG

This unit is proud to announce that its commanding officer, 1st Lt Daniel Wela is at present attending the Engineer Officer Basic course at the Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, Va. Lt Wela departed on 10 February, 1954 and will return on May, 1954. Word has been received that Lt Wela is progressing very well in his course and further that his trip to Virginia from Hawaii was an enjoyable one. CWO Anthony Cabral has been assigned, in addition to his other duties, commanding officer during the temporary absence of Lt Wela. Here's wishing Lt Wela the best of luck in his course and we'll be seeing him soon with all that knowledge gained on engineering that he has learned. With the combination of the six sergeants of the Engr Co that already have attended the Engineer School at Ft Belvoir, this unit should have a wonderful coordination of training.

Gains for the Egnr Co were Pvt Reginald H. Bishow (kid brother of SFC Sam Bishow now a key man in the oragnization) and Pvt Robert H. Keaweopala. Welcome back from the inactive National Guard were Sgt Richard Delmia, Sgt Hiroshi Sakamoto and Sgt Toshio Honma.

Promotions in the unit were: Promoted to sergeant, Chikara Kaya; promoted to private first class were Yoshio Obasa and Elmer Smith; promoted to private-2 (1st step of the long ladder) were Tadashi Haimoto, Michael Hamada, Harold Masumoto, Harold Oliveira, Thomas Perreira, Hisashi Shintani, Jutsumi Sumiki, Satoshi Sumiki, Paul Hirota, Paul Kodama, Ronald Kuratsu, Raymond Milare and Hedemi Uemura. Congratulations to all of the men that were promoted.

With summer camp drawing near, this unit is preparing well in advance for the accomplishments that we gain during that 15 days of training. 100% is our goal for attendance at camp, the same as last year 1953. The training schedule this year is all set and if everything goes right the Engineer Company will really have one of its best summer camps in comparing the training with the last six camps already attended. So let's go, guys, pack your bags, get on the plane, and enjoy 15 days of wonderful out-door training and to top it all, bring home the cash after it's all over.

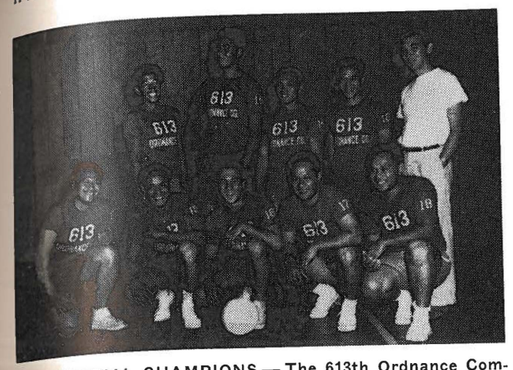
SPORTS

By MERLE KELAI

Volleyball — 613th Spikers Capture Volleyball Crown.

For the third consecutive year, Capt N. Beloberk's classy 613th Ordnance slammers captured their third straight Territorial Volleyball Championship on Maui, 9-11 April. Defeating Co B of Molokai, 15-1, 15-10 in the first game of the single elimination tourney, the 613th then climaxed a most successful season by routing Co G of Hilo, 15-2, 10-15, 15-1 in the title game. Runner-up Hilo had earlier defeated Kauai's Co I 16-14, 12-15 and 15-8 to advance into the finals. In the consolation tilt between the losers, Lt B. Hussey's Molokaians spanked Kauai 15-5 and 15-10. All games were held in Wailuku Armory.

Ordnance thus retained the Adjutant General's Championship trophy. Championship Pennant and nine gold charms along with the game ball. Hilo garnered the Runner-up trophy, Pennant and nine silver charms. Capt A. Nascimento of Maui presented the awards. Tourney coordinator who by the way turned in an excellent performance was Lt Seitsu Takahashi. Sgt Merle Kelai represented the Athletic Board.



TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONS — The 613th Ordnance Company shown above, recently annexed the 1954 Unit Volleyball Championship. Kneeling, left to right: Cpl Sam Koanui, Cpl George Malo, Cpl Frank Ho, WOJG Clarence Aana and Cpl Sam Akau. Standing, left to right: Cpl Hiram Goldstein, Captain, Cpl Levi Molina, Sgt Hesos Asentista, Cpl Lew Shea and Athletic Board Representative Sgt Merle Kelai.

Members of the Championship team are: Clarence Aana, Sam Akau, Sam Koanui, Lew Shea, Levi Molina, John Kelii, Jonah Hema, Eckley Yim, Hesos Asentista, George Malo, Frank Ho and team captain Hiram Goldstein.

All eyes are now in Kauai, where this year the Garden Isle will host the 1954 Unit Softball Championship in September.

All Service Basketball League:

The HNG entry in the All-Service Championship Class Basketball League placed fifth in this year's standings. Games were held at the Armed Services YMCA. Tough competition was featured in the six game schedule of the Guardsmen. Outstanding sportsmanship netted the HNG the "Team Sporstmanship Award."

Members were: Art Tamburi, Cris Koanui, 227th Engr Co; Merle Kelai, Manny Ferreira, State Det; Sam Koanui, Vernal Pratt, Lew Shea, 613th Ord Co; Al Kamae, 120th MP Co; Herb Leslie, Co L 298th Inf; Charles Smith, 199th FIS.

Complete scores:

Hickam Flyers	92	HNG	69
FasRon	78	"	53
Kaneohe Marines	48	"	63
Coast Guard	77	"	60
SubPac	103	"	87
Commissary	82	"	71

All Service Volleyball:

Defending champions, the HNG Volleyball sextet will gun for their third consecutive All-Service Volleyball title, at the Armed Service YMCA very shortly. Hiram Goldstein is the team coordinator and will have working with him the top players from the Guard. Nucleus members will be from the 613th Ord Co team which recently copped the Territorial crown.

Sports

Heavy Mortar Co, 299th Infantry's .22 Cal Rifle Team returned from the HNG Territorial NRA Indoor Rifle Tournament conducted at the Honolulu Armory. This unit placed third in a field of eight teams. The team members were awarded the third place bronze medals at a recent armory drill formation. The following are the shooters who made up the unit team; M/Sgt Gabriel P. Moniz, Sgt Tom F. Oda, Sgt Louis E. Garcia, Sgt Eiho Arakakki, PFC Harry M. Hirata, PFC Harold Y. Cishi.



Shown above is the HNG Baseball Team which competed in the Winter League. Sitting, left to right: R. Dangaran, W. Arasato, W. Kruse, M. Souza and D. Vierra. 2nd Row: S. Lindo, D. Yoshimoto, R. Spillner, G. Lindo and G. Ragasa. Standing: R. Kalukukui (coach), W. Perry, J. Doole, P. Minicola, C. Kaneko, W. Aarona, M. DeMello (Manager) and S. Kalukukui (coach and captain).

READY ON THE FIRING LINE

By WOJG RALPH K. APO

The "big shoot" is just around the corner, shooters. The 1954 National Rifle and Pistol Championships are scheduled to be fired 13 August to 6 September at Camp Perry, Ohio. The National High Power Matches are scheduled from 17 to 27 August. National Pistol Matches will be held from 27 August to 6 September with the Smallbore Rifle Matches from 29 August to 6 September. The National Trophy Matches for Rifle will be held on 25 August and 27 August and Pistol on 4 and 6 September.

The local shooting population has been busy in preparation for the Hawaii Pacific Regionals. The Pistol Regionals are scheduled for 14, 15 and 16 May at the Diamond Head Pistol Range under the direction of the Hawaii National Guard, Pre-regional Matches are scheduled on 25 April 1954. Scores that were fired in the recent Pele Matches and the Pearl Harbor Gun Club Matches indicate that the competition in this year's regionals will be close to the last shot.

The recent "big bore" Army Area Matches sponsored by USARPAC was a great success. Sgt Eckley Yim (613th Ord), Sgt Herman Puahi (Svc 298), Sgt Tom Oda (Hv Mtr, 299th), PFC Henry Yamada (613th Ord) and Sgt Eddie Apo (HANG) posted scores that may qualify them for "legs" on the Distinguished Marksmanship Badges. The Director of Civilian Marksmanship in Washington will evaluate the scores fired and announce the awards.

The All Service Matches will be conducted again this year by the 299th RCT on the Island of Hawaii. A great turn-out is expected from all "big bore" shooters in the islands. The Marines have their usual outstanding team, but with conscientious practice we should give them some good competition.

The recent Indoor Smallbore Championship held at the Armory in Honolulu was a "Hollywood" thriller. Service Co, 298th Inf, the perrenial champions, were being pushed very hard by a determined 613th Ordnance Co down to the last shot. The 613th Ordnance Co looked like a sure thing for the championship this year while the last relay was on the line as the Service Co team needed a 266 to tie score and the best man on the line had never shot better than a 255. But, like true champions, they pulled a "ringer" in Cpl Val Kaloa, who rescued the match for Service by shooting a terrific 274. The shot that "broke the back" of the 613th Ordnance was the last shot at standing — a perfect "pinwheel" ten. Everyone that had a scope had it focused on Val Kaloa's target. It takes a good shooter and a fine team to come through when the pressure is on — congratulations to the Service Co 298th RCT. The high prone score was registered by Sgt G. Moniz (Hv Mtr, 299th); high keeling was fired by PFC Henry Yamada (613th Ord) and high standing by Sgt Tom Oda (Hv Mtr 299th). PFC Henry Yamada (613th Ord) won the award for the high aggregate.

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