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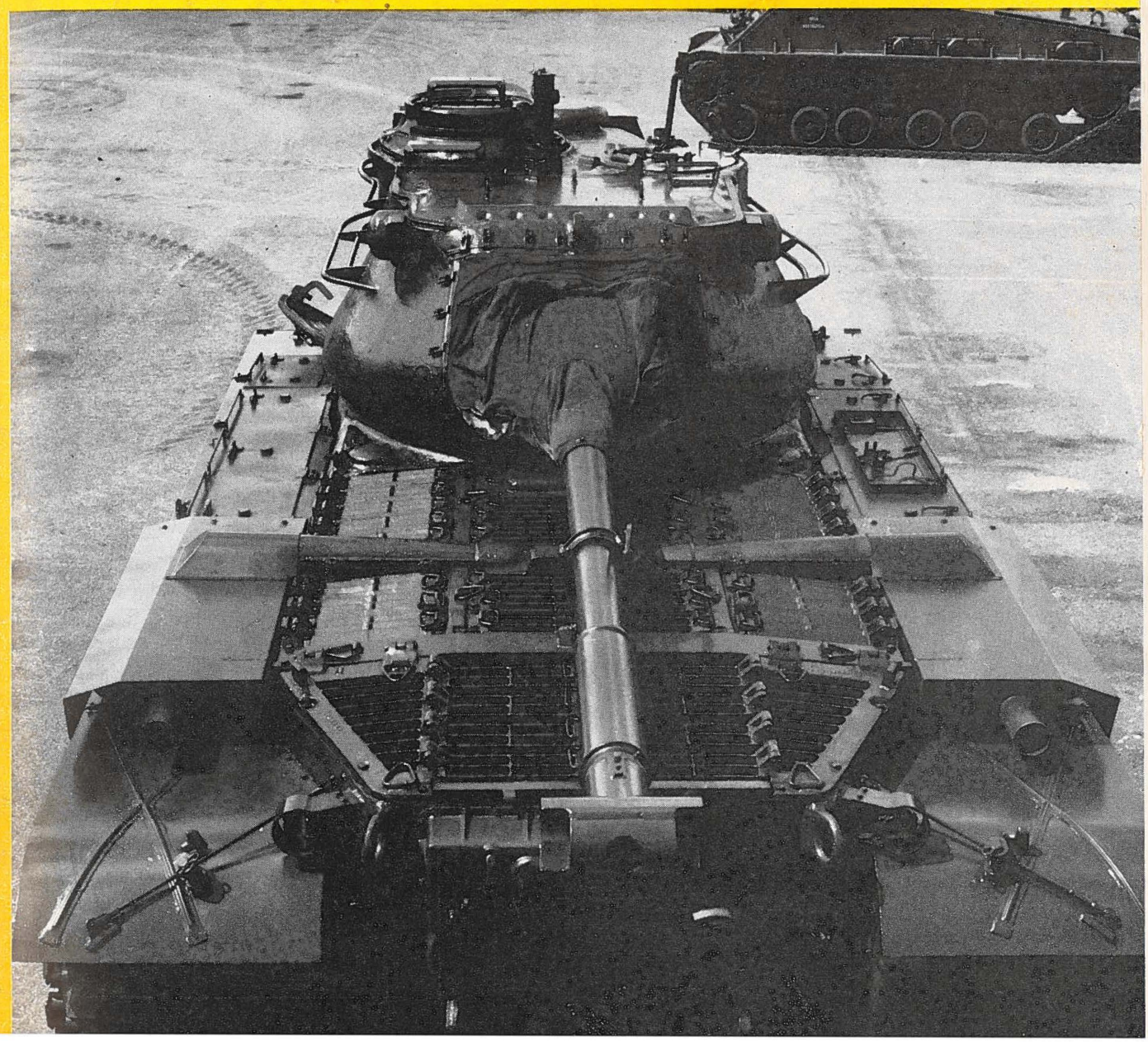

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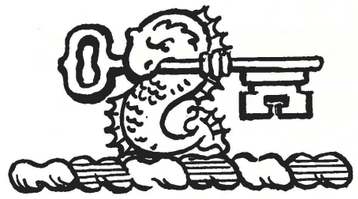

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CENTENNIAL OF JAPAN'S AWAKENING

By CAPT. MAX L. MARSHALL

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The atmosphere was thick with haze as Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry's squadron of four warships approached the shores of Japan — an empire that for more than two centuries had been isolated in self-imposed seclusion. The date was 8 April 1853. In the Commodore's possession were instructions from Washington — instructions he was thoroughly familiar with, as he himself had drawn them up. They gave him broad discretionary powers because, to succeed where others before him had failed — the English, the French, the Russians, the Spaniards, even his own countrymen — he would need diplomatic latitude as well as naval power, together with the elbow-room necessary to wield both. An intensive study of the record of all previous expeditions to open Japan had convinced him of that. This same study had also convinced him that in addition to displaying latent strength he must preserve "face," so vital in negotiations with Oriental people. Former expeditions had been wanting in one or both, and all had been unsuccessful.

After gleaning what was to be learned from previous failures by European powers, Perry turned his attention to a careful analysis of prior American-Japanese relations. The three most important encounters each contained a lesson. When pieced together, they clearly indicated those practices which he should avoid and those which he should adopt. A "force and face" approach would be the only one extending any promise of success; the record made that clear.

In 1837 an attempt had been made by an unarmed American merchantman to return a number of shipwrecked Japanese to their native land. No sooner did Japanese officials learn that this vessel entering Tokyo Bay was unarmed than they proceeded to treat the Americans with contempt, in the end firing on the ship and driving her away with the Japanese still aboard.

Nine years later, an official expedition under Commodore James Biddle not only resulted in failure but also in disastrous loss of face. As the Commodore led his small force into Tokyo Bay, he was immediately surrounded by hundreds of small guard boats. Before long, Japanese sailors were permitted to swarm aboard the ships and to become familiar with the men — a mistake costly in United States prestige since the commander's toleration was construed as a sign of weakness. Then, in a gesture of amity and courtesy (actually a loss of "face" in Oriental eyes) he agreed to board a Japanese junk and wait on a minor official who supposedly was bearing a letter from the Emperor.

Two insults followed in rapid succession. Instead of a communication from the Emperor, Biddle was handed a plain document bearing no signature or seal whatsoever. Then, on departing, he was manhandled by a Japanese enlisted man who "gave me a blow or push, which threw me back into the boat." Years later, when an American sailor undergoing mistreatment at the hands of the Japanese threatened his tormentors with reprisals by the United States Navy, he was laughed at and told about this incident in which a common enlisted man had gone unpunished after striking an American commodore.

Adding to the abuse, the message that Biddle sailed away with stated darkly, "The Emperor positively refuses the permission you desire. He earnestly advises you to depart immediately and to consult your own safety in not appearing again on our coast."

From these two experiences with the Japanese, Commodore Perry could learn what *not* to do. A third occasion, however, had positive worth in that it indicated what sort of conduct *was* effective in dealing with representatives of the Emperor.

In 1849, the American Squadron in the China Seas learned that fifteen American sailors were being held captive by the Japanese. Immediately, the USS *Preble* under Commander James Glynn was dispatched to demand their release. As the *Preble*, fully and menacingly armed, entered the harbor at Nagasaki, she was met with the usual swarm of Japanese guard boats. The Japanese ordered the *Preble* off, and when their commands were unheeded, they attempted to prevent her further advance. Glynn, however, brusquely pushed his way through and anchored.

His demand for the immediate return of the Americans was phrased in curt, unmistakable language. When the authorities attempted to put him off, he re-emphasized his demands and added that if the sailors were not soon returned, means would be found to force their release. Although Japanese batteries were all the while aimed at the *Preble*, and thousands of soldiers held in readiness on the shores, not a shot was fired. The officials' former attitude of contempt gave way to one of deprecation, and the captives were returned.

Shortly afterwards the United States decided on the Perry Expedition — a major effort to open Japan. There were many reasons for this decision, not the least of which was the cruel, inhuman treatment meted out to American sailors who from time to time fell into Japanese hands. Besides being confined and tortured, it is recorded that they were required to trample upon the crucifix on penalty of death if they refused. Sometimes they were thrown in cages in which they could not stand erect. And shipwrecks in the vicinity of Japan were not altogether infrequent, as the United States had entered into large-scale whaling in the North Pacific and wide-ranging vessels were frequently caught in violent storms.

In addition to negotiating a treaty to mitigate the handling of shipwrecked sailors, the United States also was interested in obtaining coaling stations to serve the new steam ships which were just beginning to replace the sailing vessels of the day. Also if it were possible by peaceful means to obtain a trade agreement, this too was looked upon as a desirable objective.

In his choice of commander for the expedition, President Millard Fillmore selected one of the highest ranking and most illustrious naval officers of the day. Brother to Oliver Hazard Perry of Lake Erie fame, Matthew Calbraith Perry had similarly performed long and distinguished service for his country. His Navy battle record reached all the way back to the War of 1812 and included such successes as the naval triumph at Vera Cruz during the Mexican War and diplomatic victories in Italy and elsewhere.

Thus, armed with a lifetime of service which had trained him well both in the employment of naval force and in the arts of diplomacy, and fully aware that his mission would require the use of both, the Commodore dropped anchor in Tokyo Bay.

The Japanese guard boats which attempted to surround the squadron were ignored. Decks of the American vessels were cleared for action and well-drilled crews manned battle stations. When Japanese sailors attempted to come aboard, their towlines were cast off. Those venturing to climb up the anchor chains were faced with a menacing assortment of pikes, cutlasses and pistols. They soon gave up. Then the guard boats began to mill around, apparently in wait.

Soon, a Japanese, representing himself as vice-governor of the adjacent territory, appeared alongside one of the American ships. Pointing to a scroll in his hand, he indicated that the gangway should be let down so that he could come aboard. He was bluntly refused permission and was informed that the Commodore would speak with none other than an official of rank corresponding with his own. The scroll carried by the Japanese was then opened and held so that it could be read by those on the ship. The message, in French, ordered the squadron to depart, adding that if the Americans remained they would do so at their own peril. This warning was rejected.

The official continued to be insistent about coming aboard. Finally convinced that he would not be received by Perry, he suggested that he be allowed to speak with an officer of rank comparable to his own. To this the Commodore consented, appointing a lieutenant to receive him.

Through his junior officer Perry made it known that he had come to deliver a letter to the Emperor from the President of the United States, and that he had come in peace. However, he made it clear that he would permit no indignity and that any aggressive action on the part of the Japanese would be dealt with promptly. Simultaneously, he demanded that the Japanese guard boats milling around the squadron be withdrawn immediately; otherwise they would be blown out of the water. In Perry's words: ". . . We shall be sorry, with our kind and friendly feelings to you, to do you any harm or to come into collision with you; but if you do not order your boats off, we shall fire into them and drive them off. Our boats are now armed and ready, and we cannot allow you more than fifteen minutes to give your orders and to keep them off. At the end of that time you must suffer." The Japanese complied and the guard boats were ordered away.

During the ensuing talks, the Commodore was told that it would be impossible to carry out any negotiations whatsoever in Tokyo Bay, that the squadron must remove to Nagasaki — a port well fortified with coastal batteries. This Perry flatly refused to do, adding that if a person of appropriate rank were not soon on hand to receive the letter from the President, he would take ashore a landing partly sufficient to deliver it personally to the Emperor.

Thus, in this first contact between Perry and Japanese officialdom, the tone was set which was to prevail during the many conferences that were to follow. When the Japanese subsequently sent higher ranking officials to negotiate, Navy officers of higher rank were nominated to meet them. Not until the appearance of specially appointed functionaries did the Commodore consent to take part personally. Throughout, he maintained a strong demeanor and was careful to permit no countenance-losing incident. With but one exception, he made no important concessions in return for those acceded to by the Japanese. The one proviso, however, was a major one. He agreed to return the next year to obtain the Emperior's answer to the President's letter requesting the opening of friendly relations between the two countries. This concession was made both in deference to the Japanese request for time to deliberate upon the proposal, and also of necessity, as the squadron was running short of water and supplies.

In the spring of 1854, just one hundred years ago, Perry returned to Tokyo Bay as he had promised, but in command of an even larger fleet. Negotiations were renewed after a Japanese bid for still more time was rejected. The hostility shown the Americans the previous year had disappeared and the difficult talks proceeded in an atmosphere of mutual respect, with exchange of courtesies and entertainment.

As before the Commomoder assidously stuck to his guns — literally and figuratively — throughout the numerous parleys. The concessions which eventually rewarded his efforts were broad, surpassing all that had been hoped for in Washington, and culminated in the desired friendship pact on 31 March 1854.

The treaty itself marked a wide departure from Japanese law and custom built over a period of centuries. The main articles included provisions that shipwrecked American sailors would be treated humanely and would be repatriated, that supplies would be furnished American ships at specified ports, that an American consul would be received, and that the United States would have the status of "most-favored nation" with respect to any future concessions that Japan might make to foreign powers. Thus, centuries of Japanese seclusion came to an end.

When news of the treaty reached America, the event was greeted with nation-wide acclaim which drowned out the divided attitudes which had prevailed when the expedition had been first proposed. From the very beginning, residents of California had been eager proponents of the mission. New England, too, had supported the venture because of its important whaling industry. Commercial interests had been eager for trade with Japan. Americans generally had been indignant over the treatment accorded shipwrecked sailors, and angry about the contempt shown the Christian religion. But still to many "Japan" was a vague word used to represent some strange, far-off land totally unimportant to them. Others considered that the expedition might well provoke a war.

However, with the successful and peaceful completion of the expedition, and with it the elevation of United States prestige in the eyes of the world, approval became universal.

Following the great celebrations which accompanied Perry's arrival in the United States as a hero, the old warrior settled down in New York as commander of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. For years his advice was sought by individuals and organizations concerned with Far East affairs. And it was in a speech before one such scholarly organization that the Commodore demonstrated his farsightedness in international affairs when he said:

"It requires no sage to predict events as strongly aforeshadowed to us all; still westward will 'the course of empire take its way.' But the last act of the drama is yet to be unfolded; and notwithstanding the reasoning of political empirics. Westward, northward and southward, to me it seems that the people of America will, in some form or other, extend their dominion and their power, until they

shall have brought within their mighty embrace multitudes of the islands of the great Pacific, and placed the Saxon race upon the eastern shores of Asia. And I think too, that eastward and southward will her great rival in future aggrandizement (Russia) stretch forth her power to the coasts of China and Siam; and thus the Saxon and the Cossack will meet once more, in strife or in friendship, on another field.

"Will it be in friendship? I fear not! The antagonistic exponents of freedom and absolutism must thus meet at last, and then will be fought that mighty battle on which the world will look with breathless interest; for on its issue will depend the freedom or the slavery of the world — despotism or rational liberty must be the fate of civilized man. I think I see in the distance the giants that are growing up for that fierce and final encounter; in the progress of events that battle must sooner or later inevitably be fought."

EDITOR'S NOTE: *In view of the precarious situation developed over the last few years, the last statement of Commodore Perry is truly worthy of considerable thought.*

President's Column

You have read in recent issues of the Hawaii Guardsman Magazine of how the Hawaiian Militia was started and functioned under the Monarchy. This was the beginning of what is now the Federally recognized Hawaii National Guard. The Guard played a prominent and important part in building Hawaii to what it is today just as in the days of the original Thirteen Colonies when the local militia protected the colonists from the Indians and later formed the nucleus of General Washington's Army which won our Independence.

On looking back there is not the slightest question in our minds of the need for militia in those troubled times or for right, privilege and bounden duty for all able bodied men to heed the call to arms. Times may have changed, but today, as in yesteryear, the threat of war and the urgent necessity to be alert to the dangers that surround us must be faced. Our youth must be awakened! Yes, your son, brother and friend must be made to realize, as you do, that citizenship carries with it the obligation to serve. Our youth must serve to protect the freedom our forefathers won for us through force of arms.

You, by being a member of the Hawaii National Guard, are fulfilling your obligation of service. The citizenry of this Territory and the USA respects you for this. It gives one a feeling of great satisfaction to know that the call to duty has been heeded.

Do we all really know why we are performing this service? Can we tell our friends and relatives why we spend so much time with our respective units? Can we give a convincing sales talk to that new neighbor so he too will become a Guardsman? There are a lot of superficial answers to these questions such as the companionship of a bunch of fine men, the fun of summer camp, the thrill of the Armed Forces Day Parade and just the pride of belonging to a military unit in your own home town. These reasons must not be forgotten but, at the risk of being trite and waving the flag, let me cover the real answer to these questions.

We have endured and are enduring a prolonged period of national and international tension. Time and money have been devoted to building and maintaining an adequate defense of our country. This period of watchfulness and preparedness in which we as members of the National Guard are participating is just to insure that our system of government will survive and to enable us to retain our rich heritage that is America.

That is the real reason behind your being in the Guard and let's not forget it. With that feeling deep inside you, you cannot help but be a good citizen soldier and when everyone of us feels that way, our company or battery, our battalion and our regiment will continually hold their heads high and maintain a respected and honored position in the Territory of Hawaii.

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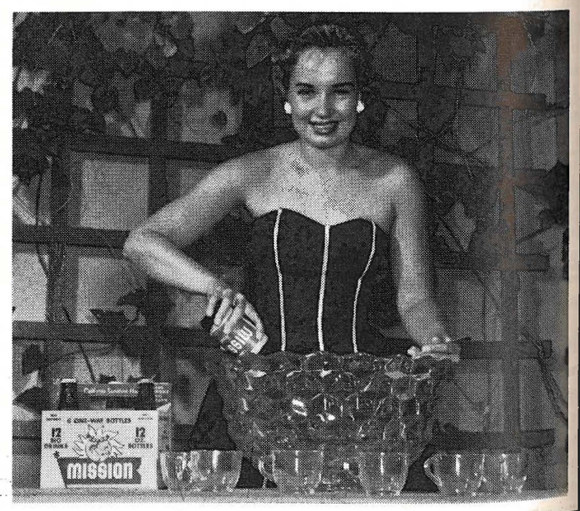

ON THE HILL!

by LT. JIM KYLE *and* CPL. RICHARD SMITH

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It isn't until you come down Off the Hill that you realize you have left something of your life up there and, given the chance, you would go back up

On the Hill! You wonder how the phrase started. You know what it means, of course, for you're a member of a forward observer party of the 8th Field Artillery Battalion, the "Bark of the Wolfhounds," with the 25th Division somewhere in Korea, and you're on the hill now.

You know what it means. It means that you're up with the infantry, to do your job, so you can see what's in front of you. It means a backbreaking climb to the top of the hill; it means listening to the screaming whine of a 122mm mortar shell coming at you and hearing the *crump* when it hits. It means sleepless nights, and work-filled days.

On the Hill means all this, and more. It means a lot of things that you can't put into words, some things that you aren't even sure you know. . . .

Everything happens at night, on the line. When it's dark and foggy, men can wander past the outposts, and no one knows they're there; then they drop silently into the trench beside you. You shudder involuntarily. With your thirty-two points you're getting too short to stay On the Hill, you remind yourself. But with only one more month of it, something keeps drawing you back, even when you are no longer expected to go.

You dismiss it from your mind, go back to the living bunker, light a candle, and start a letter. "Dear Ernestine," you write; "Everything's quiet here in Seoul. It's a snap, working in this supply depot. Almost wish I was up where there's action . . ." You don't tell your wife you're On the Hill. She might worry too much.

You finish the letter, climb into your sleeping bag, and doze off.

It's dark when the sergeant shakes you awake. You glance at your watch, sleepily. It's 3:00 a.m., 0300 the way the Army tells time, and it's time for you to take over OP guard. Somebody has to be in the observation post every hour of the day or night, and now it's your turn.

"Nothing much happening," the sergeant tells you as you pull on your boots.

Too quiet, you tell yourself, as you stand in the OP bunker and look out over the dark, rolling hills. Without a moon, you can hardly tell where the hills leave off and the sky begins. The silence grates on your nerves. Something's going to happen, you tell yourself. A flash lights up the sky to the north of you.

You come awake instantly. You know the area, but you didn't see the exact spot of the flash. You scan the area closely, and you see the next one. You begin counting seconds from flash to bang as you swing your BC scope to the spot, one thousand, two thousand — fifteen seconds later, you hear the muffled report. You do a fast bit of math, and decide that it's just about 6,000 yards to the enemy weapon. Then you read the dial of the BC scope.

The *whump* of the weapon tells you it's a mortar. The size of the flash tells you it must be an 82mm. You pick up the telephone and crank it. A sleepy voice answers at the other end. "Two, please," you tell him, and soon another sleepy voice says, "Two section, Private Edgerton speaking, sir."

"This is King OP. I've got an 82 out here. He's fired two rounds. Position of weapon, azimuth 5318, distance 6,000 yards."

"Wait one," comes the distant voice over the wire. Then, a second later, he says, "Let's have those figures again, please." You tell him, he thanks you, and you ring off.

Nothing else happens until you are almost ready to go off guard. Then, suddenly, you hear the fluttering whistle of an incoming round, and dive to the floor of the bunker. With a sharp *crump* it explodes, and you get back up and begin searching your field of view with the BC scope, keeping your head well down.

You search the whole area, while three more rounds scream in. Each time, you have to fight the instinct to dive to the floor, but you want to find the guy who's shooting at you, and shut him up. After four rounds, he stops, and finally you give up the search. You try to call S2 to report the shelling, but no one answers. Probably the lines were broken. You turn to the radio.

You fumble in the darkness and find the knob. You twist it, and a loud rushing noise fills the bunker. You fumble around some more and locate the microphone. You press the big button on the side of the mike, and nothing happens. You mumble a bit of profanity. Then you hunt through the box of extra parts, still in darkness. You have no flashlight. They're harder to get, here in Korea, then the proverbial hen's teeth.

But finally you find the extra mike and plug it into the radio. Then you push the button, and with a squeak, the rushing noise stops. You hold the mike in front of the speaker, and a violent squeal tells you the set is operating. You bring the mike to your lips, and call Fire Direction Center.

"Dog One Eight, Dog One Eight, this is Dog Niner. Over."

You let up on the button, and the rush fills the bunker once more. Nothing else happens. You wait for a minute, then call again. Your voice is getting just a bit frantic by now. That's one of the most helpless feelings you can have, to be On the Hill with no communications. You curse the radio under your breath. But this time you get an answer.

"Dog Niner, this is Dog One Eight. Over."

The voice is loud, strident. Too loud to suit you. And there is just a trace of a singsong accent in it. You ask for authentication. He can't give it to you. You know

then that it's one of Joe's boys, trying to trick you. You ignore him.

Finally you get an answer you can believe. It's weak, and fades in and out, and you have to strain your senses to make out what it's saying, but it's FDC. You start to make the report of the shelling.

Outside, in the tunnel, you hear footsteps. You grab your carbine, pull the bolt back, put a catridge in the chamber. At this time of night, you take no chances. You watch the door, your weapon ready. A flashlight shines through, and you relax. Joe doesn't use lights to find his way through the tunnels. The unknown person speaks.

"Is the FO here?"

You recognize the voice. It's the infantry commander.

"No sir," you tell him, "He's asleep."

"Wake him up."

"Yes, sir." The infantry officer says nothing more, but goes to the aperture and peers anxiously into the darkness. You know that somewhere, out there, his men are close to the enemy, and something is happening. You go into the living bunker and shake the lieutenant awake.

"Infantry CO wants you, sir," you tell him, and he nods to show that he understands. You go to the front office and continue making your report.

When the lieutenant comes in, he and the infantry officer begin talking. You wonder what's happening, but it takes all your attention to get your report through to FDC. Then the FO turns to you. His voice is sharp, his words clipped short by urgency.

"Break it, Johnny. Fire mission!"

You press the button, the rush stops.

"Dog One Eight," you shout into the mike, " this is Dog Niner. Fire mission! Over."

The lieutenant has a flashlight. He's bending over a large map, pinpointing the spot where the infantry wants the fire. FDC answers you. "This is One Eight. Send your mission. Over"

The lieutenant tells you the numbers. You repeat them into the radio. You wait for FDC to say them back to you. The weak, distant radio voice begins to talk, and is drowned out by a fluctuating, singsong chant. The enemy has your frequency, and is blocking your communications. He pauses, and you grab your chance. You press the button, shout, "Change channels, over" and flick the switch to the other preset frequency on your radio.

Almost immediately, you get the call from FDC. He could only get a part of the mission before Joe blocked your transmission. You repeat the entire mission, and he reads it back. It's right, this time.

"Roger, over," you tell him, and only seconds later, his voice comes back.

"On the way, over." You answer him. "On the way, wait." You turn to the lieutenant. "On the way, sir," you tell him. A moment of dead silence, and you hear the distant thunder of the guns behind you.

"Splash, over," the radio says, and "Splash, wait," you answer.

You stand up and look out in the direction of the enemy. You count seconds. One thousand, two thousand, three thous . . . six beautiful, deadly orange-red flowers bloom in the night like billowing puffs of fire. Air bursts, all. Deadly, murderous stuff. The infantry officer picks up your sound-powered phone, which is connected to his patrol.

"How's it look, Steve?" he asks. You can hear voices answering him, but you can't tell what they're saying. Then he turns to you and says "Right Five Zero, same range, give me two more volleys." You look at your lieutenant. He nods. The infantryman's words weren't right for artillery, but you put it into proper form and send it down. For a moment there is no reply, then the rush cuts. "Two more on the way." You roger him, and wait.

It looks almost in the same place. You tell FDC it looked good, then ask the infantry officer if he needs any more. He jumps, startled, and you realize he had forgotten your presence. He calls the patrol, then answers you.

"No, that's *ichi bon*. Good effect. One KIA, several wounded. Cease fire."

You push the button, tell FDC. They answer, "Roger, out."

You look at your watch. 0430. You've gone over your shift. You ask the lieutenant if he needs you any more. He says no. You go back to the living bunker, shake the next man awake, and return to the OP. A few minutes later, the driver comes in, rubbing his eyes sleepily. You tell him what's happened so far tonight, what to expect, then go back to your cot and sleeping bag. All at once, you're tired. You're barely in the warm sleeping bag before you're asleep.

It's bright day when you awake, but the bunker is still dim. You want to wash up and shave, but all the water you have comes up the hill in a five-gallon can, on your back, so you do a compromise job with a cupful of water —cold.

You rummage through a case of C-rations until you come up with a can labelled "Beans and Frankfurter Chunks in Tomato Sauce." You wonder why you always come up with beans. But you're hungry, so you stop wondering and eat. When you get to the OP the sun is high and glaring bright.

"Wire back in?" you ask.

"Not yet," the sergeant answers. His voice is tired. "You go out and trace it down to the check point."

The check point is that spot on the telephone line where your section's maintenance responsibility ends. You pick up your carbine, take out the fifteen round clip you had in it, put in a combat clip—two 30-round clips taped back to back—and start out. You hate this job. You start at the OP and trace the wire all the way back. When you find a break, you splice it.

The break is easy to find. You find the ends, strip them of insulation, and make the splice. Then you follow the wire down to the check point, just in case there's another break. But there isn't, and you trudge wearily back to the hill.

You're hungry again when you reach the OP, so you break out another can of beans. Then there's nothing more to do, so you crawl back into the sleeping bag.

You don't get to sleep very long. Somebody comes up to inspect the position, and whoever it is doesn't like the condition of the living bunker. He says it must be rebuilt. You have profane things to say concerning his probable ancestry but you are wearing two stripes, so you don't say them. Besides, nobody woke you up while he was there. But after he is gone, the sergeant shakes you, and hands you a shovel.

You take the shovel and look critically at the bunker.

To yourself alone, you admit that it isn't worth a damn. A direct hit with a 122 would bring it down on top of you. But still you hate the idea of being told to dig out a new one, and you hate the idea of doing the digging.

However, you don't say much. You dig.

For the rest of the day you dig, and then you stand your turn at guard that night. It's not like last night. Nothing happens. You barely stay awake.

The next morning you dig some more. On the Hill, if you don't learn anything else, you learn to dig. Your best friend is your carbine. Your second best friend is your shovel. Dirt is your protection. Stateside, six feet deep is a joke. Here, it's life or death.

You spend most of the next two weeks digging. Now and then Joe lobs a shell at you, but you only flatten out for a few minutes, then he quiets down and you dig some more.

You don't dig all the time. One afternoon, the lieutenant tells you that the party is nearly out of C-rations. And you haven't had any mail since you've been up. So you and the driver, the new guy, jog wearily down the hill and get into the jeep and go back to the battery position, two miles to the rear.

It's an uneventful trip going back. You get the food and pick up your mail, and go back On the Hill.

The days blend into each other, endless hours of digging and watching, watching and digging. The occasional incoming round loses its novelty, so that you merely flatten yourself against the bottom of the bunker when you hear the whine, and get up and go back to work after the *crump*. You can't say whether you've been there two weeks or two months, but it's been only thirteen days.

The afternoon is dark, and swirls of fog curl around the bushes in front of your bunker. It's not cold, but a chill runs up your back and you shiver. This is the kind of weather Joe likes. You tear down your carbine before night, and clean it thoroughly. Then you reload all your clips, and make certain that they too are free of dust.

With the overcast, night falls quickly. By 1930 hours you can hardly see the hills that are Joe's main line. It's much too quiet. There's no patrol going out tonight, and you're glad of that.

You watch the area out front, and the stumps begin to move. The March of the Tree Stumps. A kid one night shot five hundred rounds at tree stumps. You don't want to wast your ammo, so you just watch.

You watch, and in spite of yourself, you doze off. You dream. You're back home and it's spring there too. . . .

Somebody shakes you. You're awake instantly. It's the sergeant.

"Wake up, Johnny. We've got customers out front."

"How many?" you ask.

"Quite a few." Then you're standing up and looking out and he's right. There are quite a few. It seems as if all you can see are Chinese soldiers, moving towards you with a slow precision. They're not far away, only about a hundred yards. You're conscious of something going on beside you. It's the lieutenant, cranking the phone.

"Damn lines out," he says, and you go to the radio. You turn the knob and the rush fills the bunker, but before you can press the mike button the rush cuts and Chinese chanting squawks at you. The enemy is blocking your radio, again. You're out of communication, unless . . .

You delve into a large box in the corner of the bunker. and emerge with a handie-talkie. Its range is so short that you hardly ever use it, but now it's all you have. You turn it on, and the familiar rush comes from the earpiece. You press the button, and the rush cuts. You call the next OP. If you can reach them, maybe they can relay your missions.

"Dog Two Three, Dog, Two Three, this Dog Niner, Dog Niner, Fire mission. Relay. Over."

A second passes, and you realize you're holding your breath. Then the rush cuts, and a faint voice comes to you.

"Ah, Niner, this is Two Three. Roger. Will relay. Send your mission. Over."

You breathe a sigh of relief, and turn to the lieutenant. "Where do you want to start, sir?" He names a series of letters and numbers, coded points on the ground for prearranged fire. You press the button.

"This is Niner. Company-sized group in attack. Shoot Able George Fox Five, Four and Two. Battery six. Over."

Two Three answers, and you wait then for him to give you "On the way." Seconds crawl by, and the enemy is moving ever closer. Then you hear the "On the way" and the *whoomp* of the guns in the rear, and then there's a screaming whistle overhead that makes you want to duck, and six orange-red puffs blossom directly over the massed enemy, and he is no longer massed.

High overhead, a star shell goes off, and the brilliant magnesium flare floats down. You can see a little now, but the dust raised by your air bursts is worse than fog would have been. The enemy is closer, and moving in.

You jerk back the bolt of your carbine, slide a round into the chamber. You raise it to fire, and the lieutenant says, "Not yet. We don't want them to find out where we are." You realize that he's right, and check the pressure of your finger on the trigger.

Above and behind you, the angry cough of a light machine gun splits the night. Tiny red fingers of fire, tracers, leap into the charging ranks. Off to the right, a quad .50 stutters its message of death. Far to the left, you can hear a BAR. Occasionally, a hand grenade goes off. Still, you hold your fire.

The lieutenant is busy shifting the artillery fire, to keep it on the moving enemy and hold it off our own troops. Somewhere in the night, you hear the faint cry "Medic! Medic!" Somebody wasn't lucky.

Then one figure splits off from the charging mass, and heads straight for your bunker. You line up the sights of your carbine carefully, as carefully as you did the last time you were on a range, shooting for record. He is running now, and you squeeze the trigger. Just like in the book. You never know the weapon is firing until you feel it jerking in your hands. The Chinese suddenly stops running, his rifle flies into the air, he sinks to the ground, a huddled mass.

"Good shooting," the sergeant says. He is busy too. You can hear his carbine sputtering on the other side of the bunker.

The fight blends into a roar of sound and flash and the whine or ricocheting slugs. You remember only scattered incidents . . . like the lieutenant screaming into the radio, "Fire this position, and keep firing until I say to stop!"

And the tiny object falling just in front of the bunker, and the new guy yells to duck, and you duck just before

the grenade fills the space where you were with chunks of steel.

And the infantry CO—you never know where he came from or when—saying, "Good work. Keep it up and we'll get 'em all."

The star shells turn night into day, and you hardly realize that it's getting light at last. The waves of enemy are fewer now, and the lieutenant shifts the fire farther out. There are huddled, dark shapes all over the front of the hill now, and you know that they aren't all Chinese.

You look around, and the new guy is sitting on a water can at the rear of the bunker. He's holding a hankerchief to his hand. You go over and take a look. It's nothing bad, just a deep scratch from a shell fragment, but you put your first-aid dressing on it. You realize that you're very tired . . . When the lieutenant wakes you up, it's afternoon.

Finally the day comes when you are relieved. The infantry companies are rotating, and FO's follow their companies. The new crew comes up, and you look them over. For a moment you wonder how they'll make out, but it's no concern of yours.

You pack everything into your VT box, and *chogie* it down the hill to the jeep and trailer. You and the driver carry down the radios and the rest of the equipment. Then you go back up the slope and check to make sure you haven't left anything.

You haven't, and so you go back down. Or maybe you have. Maybe you've left a piece of your life, a short part of it spent on this hill. For you feel as if you've forgotten something. And as the jeep moves, carrying you away from your hill, you look back at it. It's not just *a* hill any more; it's your hill now, and you ask yourself, "Why? Why do I like it?"

You have no answer. You only know that given the chance, you'll go back up. On the Hill.

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QUESTION: Does the 299th RCT have a distinctive Regimental Insignia as does the 298th RCT?

ANSWER: Yes. A distinctive shoulder insignia for the 299th RCT was approved in late September. The official drawing of the insignia arrived about 1 November, and we hope to reproduce it in the next issue.

QUESTION: Is it true that National Guardsmen in grade of Sergeant First Class and Master Sergeant must request reduction without prejudice to Sergeant, Grade E-5, before applying for active duty through the Army Reserve

ANSWER: Yes, at the present time. The reason is that the army has an excess of master sergeants and sergeants first class and cannot absorb those grades for the time being.

QUESTION: I enlisted in the National Guard when I was 17½ years old. I will be 25 1/2 when I complete eight (8) years, but will still be within draft age. After having completed eight (8) years of National Guard duty, will I still be subject to draft?

ANSWER: Yes. Completion of eight years service in the Gaurd has no effect on your draft status. Furthermore, men who enlisted in the Guard *after* 1 February 1951 while under 18½ years of age, and were deferred for that reason remain eligible for induction, if they leave the Guard, up to age 35. Men who were in the Guard *prior* to 1 February 1951 may leave the Guard at age 26 and are not eligible for induction thereafter.

QUESTION: When enlisting in the Regular Army, is National Guard time figured for longevity?

ANSWER: Yes. All National Guard service, active and inactive, is creditable for longevity pay purposes.

QUESTION: What basic qualifications other than age and draft classification are necessary in order to enlist in the Hawaii Air National Guard?

ANSWER: The enlistee must pass both the Airman Qualification Examination (mental) and the physical examination. Upon passing both of the examinations, the airman may be assigned to one of the many technical and administrative positions in the unit. This method of enlistment is identical for both the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron and the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

QUESTION: If I should enlist in the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, will they train me for a technical position?

ANSWER: Yes, if assigned to such a position. The squadron has a training schedule geared for men without prior experience. Furthermore, service schools are available on the mainland to train men to qualify for positions in the squadron. Some of the positions are radar maintenance technicians, cryptographic machine repairmen, and central office equipment repairmen.

QUESTION: I am desirous of obtaining a commission in the Air National Guard. Must I finish a correspondence course, such as the "10 Series" for the Army Guard, to qualify for second lieutenancy?

ANSWER: No. ANGR 36-02 spells out the criteria for initial appointment and federal recognition in the Air National Guard. Some of the basic requirements are, you must be between 18-26 years of age, have 2 years of college equivalency, and, have twelve months active duty or thirty-six months in the Air National Guard.

FLYING PROFESSORS

By LT PHIL DOOLEY, HANG

It sounds like a great show — and it is. They are billed as the "Flying Professors" and their booking agents have a guaranteed hit on their hands. Never lacking an engagement, they've now been on the road steady for a year.

Speaking in military terms, the Flying Professors are the F-86E mobile training detachment and their booking agent is Headquarters, 3499th Mobile Training Wing, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. Their mission is to familiarize pilots and ground crew with the particular aircraft they are currently operating. Speaking for the 199th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron and the 8199th Replacement Training Squadron we have some very wide-awake and capable pilots who in turn have complete confidence in their ground crew and mechanics. However, the F-86E "Sabre" Jet is no sometime thing — we're married to it and like any other happy union, a long life depends upon a perfect understanding.

Captain Victor A. Moreau with his six MTD instructors are not only well rehearsed in their roles but perform like veteran troupers. They can pull a laugh anytime they wish but would rather draw out a question — and usually do. No matter how clearly a function may be explained and illustrated there is always an inquiring mind with a question that starts out, "Now just suppose —." Curiosity is a healthy attribute in a course of this nature.

The idea for mobile schools was conceived in May 1942. Since that time the mobile training program has become an integral part of the United States Air Force, bringing the school to the student on a world-wide basis. Hundreds of assignments have been fulfilled, thousands of miles have been traveled and more than a million student hours of instruction have been taught. Although there was the usual demobilization after the last war, the idea was not lost. With the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, expansion was immediate and now there are over 100 mobile training detachments in the field.

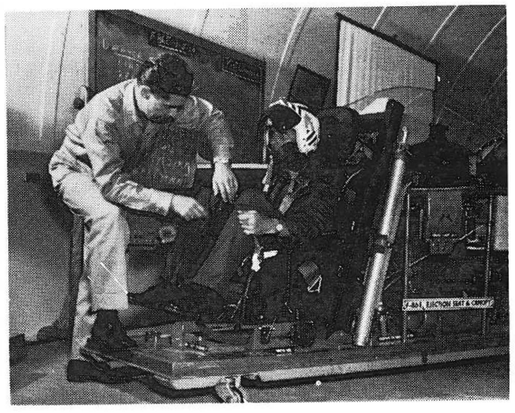
Like any other part of the service, the mobile training wing suffers from the separation of highly trained personnel. Right now, if all detachments were ordered into the field there would be an overall shortage of some 250 instructors. As a matter of self perpetuation there is a constant training program going on within the wing and in the squadrons, flights and detachments.

To see what and who goes into this instructor's training let us briefly follow the military career of Airman First Class Thomas L. Porter, Jr. Airman Porter has been with this particular detachment two years, the longest of any of its present members. As any boy still in his teens going into the service, Airman Porter went through basic. Here he decided upon and was selected for A&E school. During this training, his dream of being a Tennessee farmer flew out the window — engines were much more fascinating. After completion of A&E training he elected to attend an Electrical Specialist School. During this time Porter heard of the mobile training detachments and decided this was for him. A thorough knowledge of a subject does not make one a teacher. There must be the ability to impart this knowledge to others. The potential ability was there and Airman Porter was accepted — for more training.

Next came Instructors School, the art of teaching, the making out of lesson plans, anticipating questions and avoiding pitfalls. On-the-job training in classroom procedure, followed by practical training, in the shops and out on the line, came in quick succession. From all of this emerged a full-fledged "Flying Professor"— and a good one.

Airman First Class Porter teaches the electrical system of the F-86E, has taught other models and could do an adequate job on the other systems of the plane. A good man. So what happens . . . ? Come January of 1955 and Airman Porter will be a civilian heading for college and a degree in electrical engineering; someone else will have to do the farming in Tennessee, and his part of the MTD work.

Like a good novelty act, this troupe comes well equiped. But this is a streamlined detachment and really travels light. For this particular assignment Captain Moreau chose only 32 pieces, weighing but little more than nine tons with a value not exceeding a half million dollars. Just a few toys to amuse the local yokels. When they play a mainline town stateside they really put on a show with a cast from 13 to 20 and their bag of tricks is loaded. Unlike the early minstrels the mobile training detachments are entirely airborne and hop around faster than a circus flea. At one hurry up call Captain Moreau and his men bettered the old "three a day" of vaudeville days by putting out 9,000 man-hours of instruction in 14 days time.



Captain Moreau, detachment commander of the Flying Professors, gives some pertinent pointers on canopy and seat ejection to 1st Lt Doug Bronson, flying training officer for the 199th FIS, HANG. Photo by 199th FIS, HANG.

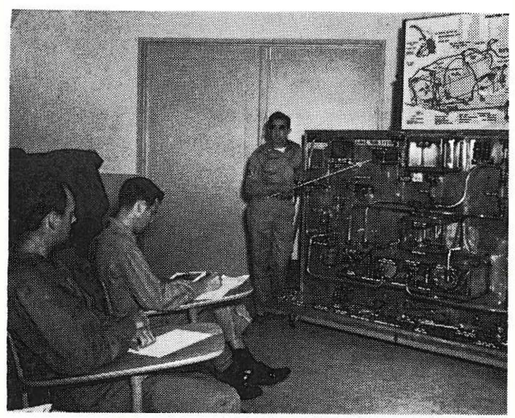
I just wish that all of you reading this might have the pleasure of seeing these props of which I have been speaking so lightly. They are mock-ups that are not only fascinating to play with but make understanding the sytems and inner workings of the F-86E apparent and

clearly understandable. Even the novice knows what has been happening, and why, when he pulled that certain lever or pushed that other switch. Here you have everything except the airplane itself mounted right before you — and in working order. You trace down electrical circuits and hydraulic lines, see the action of stop locks, hydraulic pistons and steering mechan'sms. Just as you see it work in the classroom, so it works in the plane. It is this understanding of the processes that are going on that time and again brings pilot and plane back when the going is rough.

Although these mock-ups are merely the means to the end they certainly hold the spotlight at each session. You will note in the pictures that each is a self contained unit. Each is mounted on a platform with casters. A rigid cover and they become their own packing case, easily transported, quickly assembled. In this manner, mock-ups of the separate systems — electrical, hydraulic, armament, gunsight and fire control, heat, vent and pressurization, and the fuel system; the engine, and the seat and canopy ejection mechanism have traveled afar. From Suffolk, New York, to Selfridge, Michigan, to Niagara Falls, New York, to Minneapolis, Minnesota, on down to Puerto Rico, over to Hawaii and from here home to Chanute AFB, Illinois. It may sound exciting and probably is for a short while, but just ask Captain Moreau how he'd like to get back to Louisiana for a change.

What do the students for whom all this is being done think of it? Each and everyone has responded with the same enthusiasm that I hope is apparent in this article. Considering that the pilots, for instance, are asked to attend classes each Monday and Wednesday evening with no pay involved — and that they are there and eagerly so, sometimes without dinner, is testimony enough.

The pilots receive a total of 36 hours of instruction while the mechanics and specialists on full time (caretaker) status receive some 88 hours of instruction. Those on drill status who work on the planes only during drills are given 24 hours of instruction. They will receive further training from the full time crew chiefs long after the MTD has departed this station. Quite naturally, the full import of the mock-ups would be lost without the valuable instruction and teaching abilities of such men as T/Sgt Stanley J. Ciempola, A/1C Wesley C. McCaslin and A/2C James V. Shott. Others are A/1C Symour Harkema, M/Sgt Ralph E. Powers and the boy from Tennessee, Airman Porter.



pilots including Captain Letwelle Duvauchelle and 1st Lt Robert Marchant, shown here. Photo by 199th FIS, HANG

Like most schools, when the end draws near a test will appear. Whereas the crew chiefs during their 88 hours of instruction receive periodic and quite extensive tests, the pilots' test covers but one full class period, two hours. Contrary to accepted thinking, the test is not so much for the purpose of grading the individual as it is for the advancement of the Human Resources Development Program. Working on a grade curve that lops off the top 27% and the bottom 27% the statisticians at Chanute AFB work with a slide rule, throw in a few compensating figures, compare both like and unlike tests over a period of years and come up with progressive answers as to how the courses should be improved. So don't worry about your T-score, it is but a comparative figure. The important point is — are you a more confident and capable mechanic or pilot?

The work of the Flying Professors does not end with the instruction of technically qualified personnel. Classes are being held for crash and fire crews of all the surrounding airfields. Air rescue teams are learning, and arrangements are being made to instruct key personnel in the Honolulu Police and Fire Departments.

Why is this important? A crashed or crippled airplane can be a lethal weapon to well intentioned would-be rescuers. In days gone past a rescue party could merely chop away with an axe or crowbar and drag the occupants to safety. Now such brave actions could very well destroy all. An ejected canopy shot away from the plane by a powder charge could ignite a cockpit filled with gas fumes. Should this not be the case a person could be injured or crippled by being hit by the ejected canopy. Should both these pitfalls be avoided, the ejection of the canopy leaves the seat ejection system armed. In this case the act of pulling the pilot from the seat could well trip the trigger sending pilot and seat some 50 feet into the air leaving behind some mangled bones of well-intentioned rescuers.

If the engine is still running it is imperative that you stay well away from the nose and tail of the plane. Firemen should know that water or fire extinguishers shot into the nose or tail of the jet type aircraft could cause an explosion. There may be unexpended ammunition that from an overheated condition could start firing by merely jostling the craft.

This is not to discourage bravery, or compassion for a trapped and possibly injured aircrew member, but to teach the members of the these departments how to neutralize these planes in order that the greatest and most likely to happen dangers may be avoided before rushing in.

And so it is with Captain Moreau and his beautifully coordinated team, and the many other teams like theirs. Their job has no boundaries, their responsibilities compounding with each new station they touch. That it is a good show, the repeat performances "by popular demand," will attest. The pilots, mechanics and all the members of the Hawaii Air National Guard will remember with pleasure this visit by the "Flying Professor."

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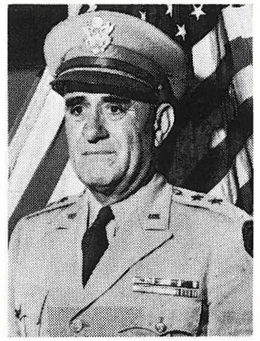


One of the most widely discussed subjects at the 76th General Conference of the National Guard Association at Miami, Fla., October 18-21, 1954 was the so-called "New Look Reserve Program." Just exactly what the Department of Defense plan is or what the contents of the proposed legislation to be presented to the next session of Congress on this subject was not known at the time of the Conference.

However, the adoption by the Association of Resolution One, submitted by the Special Committee on Policies, was the highlight of the entire session. This Resolution relating to the establishment of a system of Universal Military Training and Service calls for the imposing of a mandatory period of service in the units of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard and in other reserve components of the Armed Forces. The adoption of the resolution was indeed timely and will give to those in the Department of Defense a firm policy on this program backed by the National Guard Association.

It was strongly emphasized by General E'lard Walsh, President of the Association, that the resolution was a statement of policy only, which will form the basis for legislative action on the part of Congress. It clearly indicates the position of the National Guard on the whole problem of an effective reserve force in being, capable of meeting its M-Day missions.

The Special Committee on Policies which presented the resolution was comprised of senior officers of the National Guard and States Adjutants General, all of whom have had years of experience in matters pertaining to the organization, raising, maintaining and training of units of the reserve forces. Coming as it does from such a committee of distinguished officers, the policy is sound and will if enacted into law in the next session of Congress and duly implemented, provide the units of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard with trained men.

The resolution reaffirms the position of the National Guard Association, that a just and equitable solution to the problem of the defense of our country, under present critical conditions is a law for Universal Military Training and Service. Further, that the Association urges that under such law the UMT graduates shall be subject to duty in the active forces or shall be subject, to the extent necessary to maintain the reserve forces at full authorized strength, be transferred involuntarily, or ordered, with the consent of the Governor concerned, to the units of the Army and Air National Guard.

The resolution further states that should the Congress fail to enact legislation to implement Universal Military Training the Association recommends the principle of Selective Service as now operative be extended, with modification. This modification to include the induction from civil life into active federal service of sufficient persons to fill the needs not only of the active forces but the units of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard and other reserves at the desired strengths.

Briefly the resolution covered certain basic principles which should be of interest to all unit commanders of the National Guard.

Second, that procurement of personnel for the Army and Air National Guard should be on a voluntary basis to the maximum possible extent.

Third, that if voluntary procurement fails to produce adequate numbers, then additional personnel needed to bring units up to authorized strength be inducted direct from civil life through Selective Service System.

Fourth, that all personnel, so inducted or volunteering, shall undergo a period of full-time basic training.

Fifth, length of service in all reserve components shall be based on amount of training performed by the individual concerned.

Sixth, personnel so inducted who fail to perform their duties satisfactorily in the National Guard or Air National Guard or other reserve components shall be subject to be ordered to active federal duty for not to exceed two years.

The enactment of legislation covering the policies established in the resolution will strengthen and further develop the National Guard system. In this age of surprise attacks by aggressor nations our National Guard will not be afforded time to train as was done during World War I and II. With trained men filling the ranks of National Guard units, these units will be in better position to perform its first line reserve missions and without delay.

Why Support the National Guard Association?

By CAPT JOHN C. Y. ING

The end of summer camp rolls around and there is a hum of activity around the pay table. Gripped in the fists of each officer are the greenbacks they have so long looked forward to all during the encampment. Mentally, each calculates his deductions, the indebtedness to his fellow officers, the fantastic sum the Mess Officer is demanding, the laundry bill and what would be left over for the mad rush at the Post or Base Exchange. And so each happily heads for the outdoors gloating over what luxuries they can indulge in with the new found wealth.

But alas, that last collection table has not yet been bypassed. The gentleman at that last stronghold firmly reminds you that there is a slight charge for the privilege of being a guardsman — $5.00 for the National Guard Association of the United States and $2.00 for the Hawaii National Guard Association. To ease the blow, he reminds you that the fee also includes a subscription to the "National Guardsman" and the "Hawaii Guardsman."

Well now, that's dandy, you mumble to yourself, and with some quick mental deliberations you come up with the sum total of $2.25 ($1.25 for the "National Guardsman" and $1.00 for the "Hawaii Guardsman." That's fine, you'll go along with that and support these "house organs" but what about the balance of $4.75. What are you paying that for? You can understand subscribing to the magazines, you're getting something material for your

money and though you'd rather get another case of beer at the exchange you don't feel as if they were just taking your money away from you. But that balance bothers you, so you get into a heated argument with the poor clerk that's assigned to "try and get it" from every officer in the unit. You are told that the commander desires 100% membership from his unit. That is the most useless reason you know of to get you to part with your money. After all, you grumble, what does that 100% mean to yourself personally. Look what you get for all that hard-earned dough, just a couple of membership cards and two magazine subscriptions. That's all you continue to argue. Having said your piece, you reluctantly throw down your $7.00 and walk away still mumbling.

And so it goes, at the end of each summer encampment, the favorite gripe among the guard officers here and everywhere centers around the fact that the association is out to get their money again. Those of us that have been around for a spell will try to defend the association but our arguments lack the enthusiasm of the opposition for in our own minds there exist some doubts as to the benefits derived from such membership. It it just that we want to go along and help make the unit a 100% one? Is it because for us not to belong would be detrimental to our careers? Is it that we had that self-sacrificing devotion to the unit to set the good example for the newer members of the command? Whichever of these reasons prompted many of the old-timers to continue to support the association, the fact remains that many do not know enough of the association's work to fervently defend its existence against those who feel that they are being gyped each summer.

Up until recently, the writer counted himself among those who objected to being hijacked at the pay table. Although having attended a conference of the Hawaii National Guard Association as a delegates back in 1951, the reason for the existence of these associations was as vague to me as to many of my fellow officers. The writer has heard of an annual General Conference but that to me was just another social gathering. That misconception, as I now know it is, is partly due to the fact that these General Conferences are held in far-off places where but a few of us are fortunate enough to attend and behold the tremendous amount of preparation, work, and study put into it and the vast amount of beneficial results obtained therein.

It was the writer's good fortune to have been numbered among the delegates from Hawaii to the National Guard Association's 76th General Conference held in Miami, Fla., on October 18 to 21, 1954. From the opening thumps of General Walsh's gavel to the dying moments of the conference, the entire proceedings were conducted in the strictest of parliamentary procedures, the most business like manner, and in the most serious vain that could be expected of any gathering of delegates bent on obtaining the most for those that they represent. Truly, the impression imparted to one in the delegation, was that of being present in a session of Congress.

All committees, special and standing, were called upon to give an account of their "stewardship." These reports were precise and complete, not unlike that of a business report submitted to stockholders of the larger corporations of the country. And indeed that is what the Association is, a corporation whose net worth is $373,-813.24, and we are all stockholders. The officers of this corporation are nominated and elected by the delegates to the conference and their performance is judged as critically as in any corporation of this size or larger. At each General Conference, these officers are called to task to give an account of themselves in the discharge of their offices.

The officers of the Association are charged with the responsibility of carrying out the desires of the members of the association expressed in the resolutions promulgated by the General Conference. These resolutions originate in the associations of the several states, territories, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, and submitted to the Resolutions Committee of the Conference. Here, serious consideration is given to each resolution by the members of the committee composed of representatives from each of the individual associations. Only those of merit are sent to the floor of the General Conference for consideration by the assembly. There is no automatic passage of any resolution, any member of the conference can raise an objection to the resolution and in this particular conference several resolutions were contested. As each resolution is read, voted upon and adopted, one gets a true insight into the purpose of the existence of this association. Each resolution passed calls upon the officers of the association and the different committees to take the necessary action to obtain for the Army and/or Air National Guard as a whole, benefits of a specific nature, or an alleviation from some unjust legislation, or the enactment of new legislation to further the efficiency of the National Guard.

Here, at last was the answer to many of my doubts. The mere existence of the association was to serve the welfare of the member units throughout the nation, to obtain in united strength the constructive desires of individual units that will serve to benefit the National Guard in its entirety. There is not now in existence or to be enacted any piece of legislation benefiting the Guard that the association has not had a hand in its enactment.

As in the political field there are representatives in our nation's capitol to see to the welfare of their constituents, so it must be with the National Guard both Army and Air, that we have the Association to represent us in the Congress and in the Defense Department in matters affecting our welfare. Judging from the addresses made by the several distinguished members of Congress and the Defense Department it is a certainty that the effectiveness of the Association in obtaining for us the many benefits is immeasureable, and the small fee invested by each of us individually has been and will be returned to us a thousand-fold collectively.

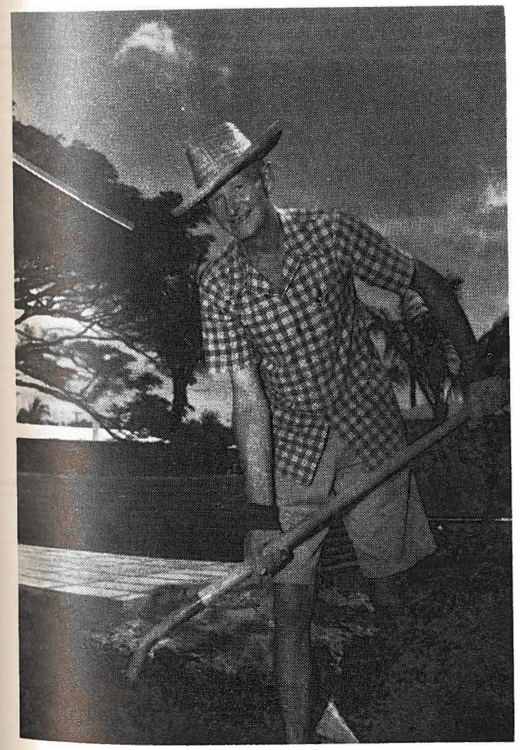
It is with a deep sense of pride to have been able to be a part of this great organization in its deliberations on matters affecting the welfare of each guardsman and to know that the meek cry of a lamb in the ranks will result in the great roar of a lion when uttered by the General Conference. To have seen and heard is to believe. The individual guard units in themselves will never be able to cry out against injustice and seek improvements, but as a united front represented by a highly capable association, the needs and wants of each guardsman will never go unheeded. I'm thoroughly convinced — Support the Association, for even as of now there are elements in the country that are actively planning for the elimination of the role of the citizen soldier from its National Defense structure.

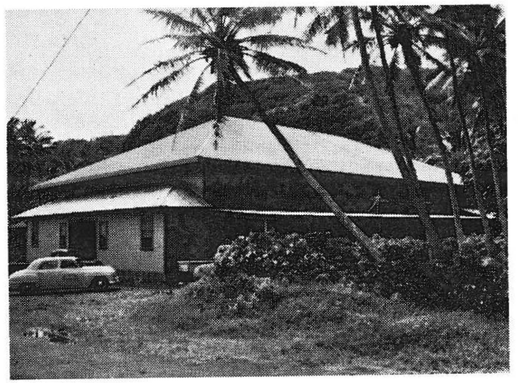
What's New

Kumaaina Prospect — No doubt many of our readers saw the newspaper stories a couple of months ago announcing the retirement of Col Bernard A. Byrne, USA, after 37 years of active service. "Ben Byrne" as most of us know him, served as our Senior Army Instructor from July of 1949 to November of 1952, and we would be hard put to find another Senior Instructor who would be better liked or more a part of the Guard team. Col Byrne was a classmate of General Makinney at West Point, and throughout his service he has had a soft spot in his heart for Hawaii. He served four tours of duty here (long ones, too), and it has been said that he spent his army career traveling between Ft Benning and Hawaii. At Benning, he had a lot to do with the development of the infantry communications system which many of us relied on during the war. World War II saw him on duty at Benning, and later, as commanding officer of the 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Division, he participated in the Normandy, Central Europe, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Germany campaigns. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the French Legion of Honor, and the Croix De Guerre with Palm. Even after he left us in 1952 to become Chief of Staff of U.S. Army Pacific, he still maintained his interest in HNG problems. On many occasions his presence at USARPAC meant much to the Guard, and he helped us in many ways.

About the middle of last month, Sergeant Walter Loo, Guardsman photographer, snapped this shot of Ben at work on his new home in Waialae-Kahala near Ft Ruger.

Co M's New Home — As this issue goes out to you readers, workmen will be nearly finished on the new armory for Co M 299th at Laupahoehoe, Hawaii. This project was the second one approved by NGB under the armory construction program, and it will provide Mike Company with a new home to replace its cramped and inadequate quonset huts. This building, picture here, was originally the gymnasium for the Laupahoehoe School.





When the school moved to its new location the building and its site was turned over to the Military Department. Plans for remodeling at a cost of nearly $23,000 were approved by NGB in March of this year. M. Sonomura of Hilo has been doing the work which includes construction of additions to existing offices, removal of existing dressing rooms and construction of locker rooms, a supply room complete with new doors and windows, construction of a masonry arms vault, construction of classrooms, construction of shelving and bins in the supply room, and weapons racks in the arms vault, repair and rehabilitation of existing plumbing, wiring and lighting fixtures, painting, installation of a skylight, etc. The job should be finished early in December, and Co M will have the honor of occupying the first building *completed* in the armory program. The Hilo Armory was the first project but it won't be completed until February.

1955 Field Training? Arrival of the 25th Division at Schofield automatically raised the question "Where do *we* go?" That problem is being studied now, and the final answer probably won't be determined for some time. However, it appears more or less certain that the infantry units and the special troops will be at Schofield again, but probably in two separate week camps instead of overlapping as in the past. Billeting there is the big question, and the answer as of now seems to be a tent camp in Area X near the central ranges. That, however, can change, and no definite statement can be made now. It also appears likely now that the artillery will again camp in Hawaii, and discussion is heard to the effect that the heavy mortars and tanks may go with them.

USP&FO Notes — The designation of the USP&DO has been changed to USP&FO (United States Property and Fiscal Officer). Our latest information is that Hawaii will receive 30 more M47 tanks by the end of the year, that the H-13 helicopter will be here by the end of November, and that an L-23B aircraft will be shipped from the mainland by the middle of December. Instructions were recently published indicating that the issue of clothing is now 3 suits of HBT and 2 suits of CKC uniforms per man.

THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

By THE DELEGATES

The 76th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States was held at Miami, Fla., from 18 to 21 October 1954. There were ten delegates from Hawaii, four elected and supported by the Hawaii National Guard Association and six selected by the Adjutant General who accompanied the delegates.

The HNGA delegates were Maj Albert Yim, 298th Inf, Capt Howard C. Christ, Special Troops, Capt John C. Y. Ing, Air National Guard and 1st Lieut Yutaka Nakashima, 299th Inf. The delegates selected by the AF were Col R. L. Stevenson, Chief of Staff, Army NG, Lt Col Clark G. Johnson, USP&FO, Lt Col Michael R. Roman, Executive Officer 299th Inf, Lt Col Valentine A. Siefermann, TANG Chief of Staff, Maj Alvin V. Majoska, Surgeon, 298th Inf and CWO Fred K. Robello, Hq Detach, who was appointed Secretary of the delegation. Transportation between Hickam AFB and Travis AFB was proveded by MATS. Transportation from Travis to Miami was provided by the National Guard Bureau.

There were 100 resolutions presented to the conference by the various states, four coming from Hawaii. Of these, 60 were adopted and the officers of the association were instructed to press vigorously for the enactment of laws or regulations to carry out the intent of the resolutions. It is interesting to note that 40 resolutions were either voted down, withdrawn or tabled, which indicates the seriousness with which the conference studied the resolutions presented. In other words the mere presentation of a resolution did not mean that it would be adopted. The major resolutions were:

(1) To modify the Universal Military Training and Service Act to provide that men drafted, or volunteering, into the Armed Services may, after 4 months, be released and assigned to a National Guard or Reserve unit. The two advantages of such provisions are (a) they would increase and maintain the strength of the National Guard, and (b) would provide men with basic training. There was considerable discussion concerning whether or not this would destroy the present policy of a purely voluntary National Guard, however, the conference felt that in line with the "New Look Program," this was essential to a healthy National Guard and to the national security as a whole.

(2) To abolish Form 68 (The Individual Training Record). The feeling of the conference concerning this troublesome and time-consuming form was loudly demonstrated by the vote to adopted the resolution.

(3) To permit units of the Army National Guard to conduct not more than six eight hour drills a year, each being in lieu of two regular evening drills. This would not change the present number of drills (48), but would improve training. This resolution was bitterly opposed on the floor and was lost when first presented because many of the states misunderstood the intent. However, the next day the resolution was again submitted by New York which had first opposed it. It appeared that during the evening California had convinced the opposing factions that this resolution would improve the training of the Guard without additional cost. Incidentally, the Air National Guard has been doing this for over two years and have found it to be very successful.

(4) To provide compensation for dependents of members of the Guard declared to be in a missing status. This was presented by Hawaii and was adopted unanimously.

(5) To provide legislation to permit the withholding by Army Finance Offices of retirement contributions of state employees paid from Federal funds. This also was presented by Hawaii.

(6) To provide compensation to Guard members who are injured when performing volunteer work or training on other than paid drill periods. This also was presented by Hawaii.

Among the many distinguished guests of the conference were General Matthew B. Ridgway, Chief of Staff of the US Army; Mr. Spessard L. Holland, U.S. Senator from Florida; Mr. Robert L. F. Sikes, Member of Congress, Third Florida District; Mr. Hugh M. Milton, Ass't Secretary of the Army; and Maj Gen Lewis B. Hershey, Director of the Selective Service System. There were many other outstanding military leaders present. Worthy of note was the presence of several high ranking Air Force generals who spoke with glowing praise of the Air National Guard.

Miami is one of the most popular convention cities in the United States. There are many fine hotels and an auditorium equalled by none. The officials of the State and the city went all out to make the visit of about 1600 guardsmen a success. Wednesday afternoon was open for sightseeing and other activities.

The 76th General Conference was a tremendous success and left the Hawaii delegation impressed with the strength, patriotism and ability of the National Guard Association of the United States. Our outstanding leader, Maj Gen Ellard A. Walsh, President of the Association, together with the other officers, were all re-elected.

A particularly impressive sight was Miami Airport packed with 140 plus Air National Guard planes from almost all the states. Ninety-nine percent of the delegates came to the conference in their own aircraft.

The 77th General Conference will be held at New Orleans in 1955, with Spokane, Washington elected as the site for 1956. The Hawaii delegation was approached by many of the states who are looking forward to having a conference in Honolulu.

The delegates take this opportunity to thank the HNGA and others who were instrumental in making this well remembered trip possible.

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UNIT NEWS

Hq & Hq Co, 298th Inf, HNG

By SFC HENRY IIZAKI

EM of the Quarter: The honor this quarter goes to not only one EM but to *all* (including the energetic officers) who contributed extra time and elbow grease in preparation for the just concluded I.G. inspection. The yard, classrooms and building were superior in every respect, including administration and supply. A double salute to the men and officers of this Unit for great team work and esprit de corps.

Did you notice our new RCT Army Advisor and his Sgt Advisors? Lt Col Carter and Sgts Roush and Weidel have given tremendous assistance to this Unit as well as other Provisional Battalion units ever since their assignment with the 298th RCT. A hearty welcome to you, Advisors, and hope your assignment with us is a pleasant one!

Any woman viewing this company's cook's room will be sighing with envy. Yes, even the Chief of Staff from HNG sent a letter of commendation on the topic. How did it get so clean and sparkling? That's our mess personnel's big secret.

The promotion of sergeants in the staff section was the greatest so far, not to mention the EM in Co Hq, Cmm, I&R and Anti-Tank Mine. Those promoted, with their big grins, were announced in company formation on 4 October. According to the Company Commander, they were most deserving.

The day room of this Company is shaping towards its blueprint. Members of this Unit interested in ping pong and billards may make arrangements with Sgt Enos. Work and play goes hand in hand, so they say.

Co A 298th Inf, HNG

By M/SGT SAMUEL A. CHING

Volunteers! Volunteers! Sounds like a big project is in the offering. Well, here's the big picture. I.G. is coming and its not very far away — just two weeks. The officers and men of this company are striving for an achievement which was never before accomplished since the company was federally recognized in 1947. In 1953 we received an *Excellent* which was the highest rating achieved. Now a *Superior* is our ultimate goal.

With the fever of teamwork burning in the hearts of every individual from Private to Lieutenant, the outlook is very bright.

Congratulations, Souza and Oyama, now carrying that ball and chain . . . Lt Miyachi who successfully completed the officer's course at Ft Benning . . . A lei to M/Sgt Uyeunten who recently joined the ORC seeking active duty.

A hand shake to M/Sgt Izumi who passed the board with the highest test scores ever recorded, and Sgt Saito who adds another stripe to his collection.

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Co C 298th Inf, HNG

By CHARLES SIMPSON

Off to Ft. Benning, Ga., for the six month advanced NCO training course are SFC Peter D. Kinores and Cpl Charles Rasmussen, Jr.— left via MATS late last month. Both members of Charlie Company's weapons platoon, the NCOs call the 57mm rifle their favorite weapon. For Kinores the trip to the big army training area will be his second — he attended the light weapons course for NCOs there in 1950. This is Rasmussen's first experience with regular army training as well as his first trip away from the Territory.

Members of the Company are keeping their fingers crossed for SFC Samuel L. Keala, Jr., who takes a physical exam soon for a possible reserve commission. Keala, a 1951 graduate of Portland University, has qualified and earned the right to compete with a B.S. degree in engineering from the Oregon school. He presently works in the land department of Castle and Cooke, Ltd.

Congratulations and new stripes for recently promoted Eric Kataoka, Joseph Kama, George Hayashida. The four were advanced to Private First Class grade by company commander Lt William Burgess. Privates E-1 Patrick T. Ah Sing and Edgar J. P. Palenapa are now Privates E-2 Ah Sing and Palenapa.

Palenapa, as one the company's only "basics" at the last summer camp took the usual ribbing and practical jokes, now has something of a following in the company. He is a player on the hard fighting McKinley High School football team. Palenapa is an end while fellow guardsman Joe Kama is a guard on the Black and Gold eleven.

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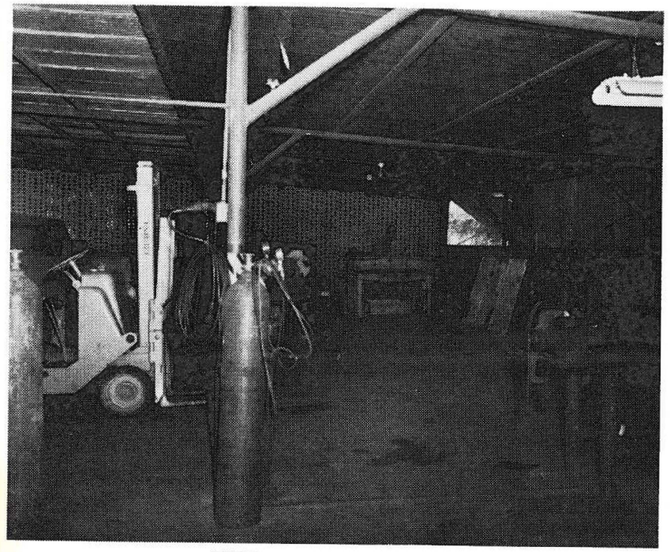
Combined Field



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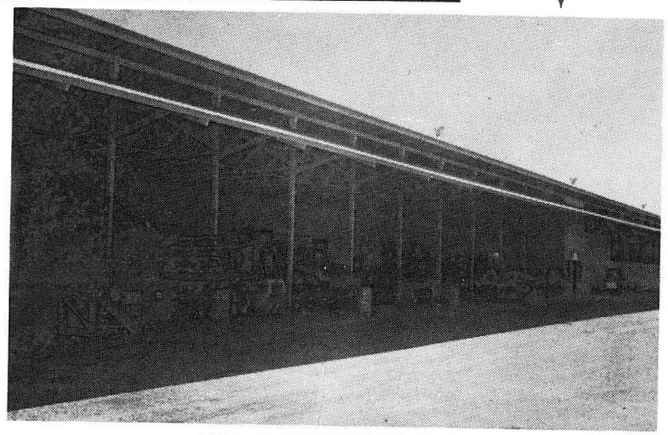

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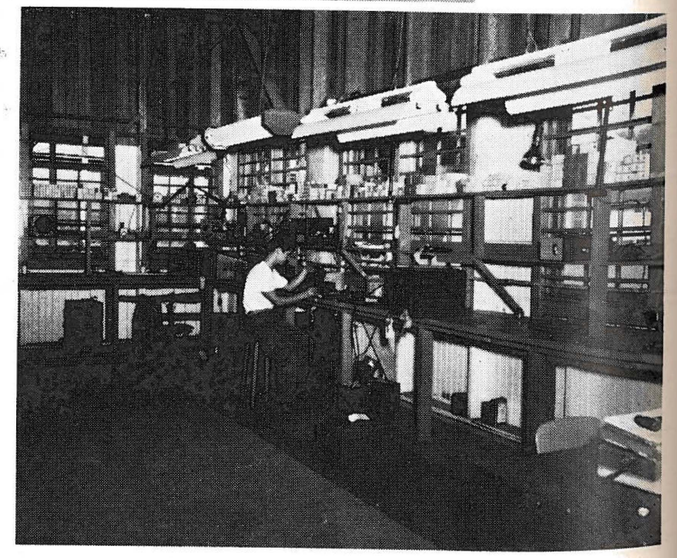

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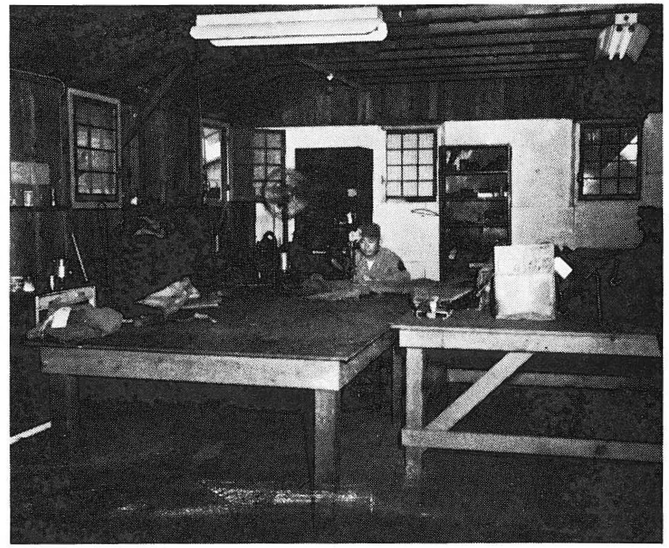

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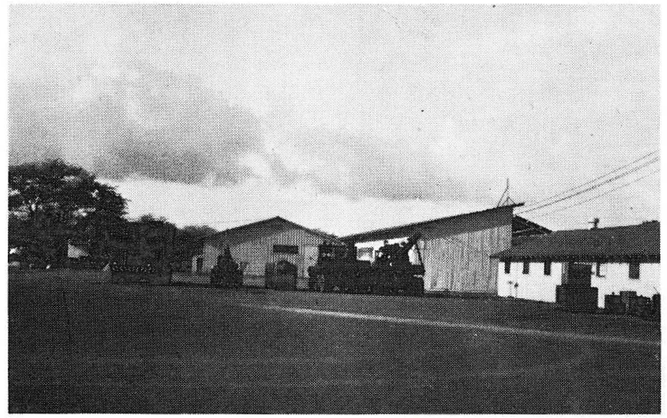
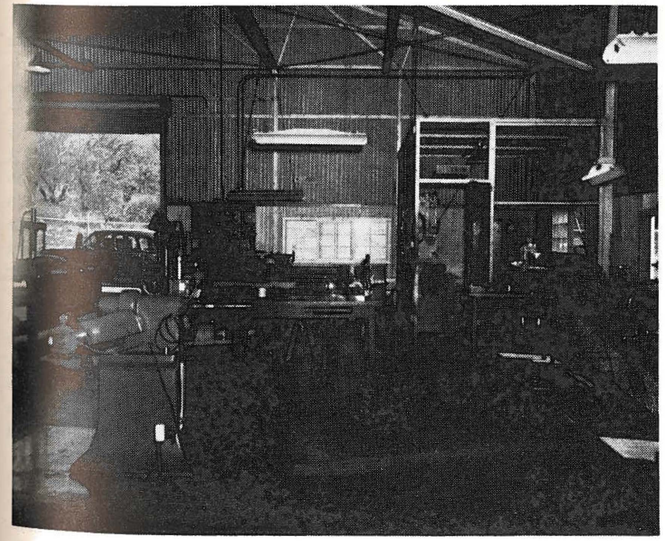


Exterior View of Shops



Interior of Machine Shop
Left to right: Brake drum lathe, Drill press, 14" lathe, Tool room and Engine lathe.

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Hq 2nd Bn 298th Inf, HNG

By SGT GORO NAGAI

With the closing of another year, we can look back with pride at our fine record of achievements and a most successful year. The outstanding average attendance percentage of 95.6% we attained during the past eleven months of training is in the record book, we hope for all to see in later years. The *Superior* rating awarded us in training at summer camp is another indication of the enthusiasm and capabilities this fine company offers.

We have grown recently with eleven young men who have signed up with us. From Kahuku we welcome to Pvts Julio Agcaoili, David Barte, Lorencio Caban, Yoshito Ishimine, Jesus T. Magallones, Harry T. Sugai, Severo Tania and Herbert M. Temblar. From Wahiawa and vicinity Richard Y. Tabe, Clarence H. Tamura and George Hilario decided nothing was better than being one of the Headquarters men.

Who's coming? You should see the men sharpen up their wits with the necessary answers, when they were told of the coming I.G. Then men came on Wednesday nights to clean their equipment and the armory. There was no doubt who the instructors and their assistants were for the big night. Looking high and low for his EM's and TM's was Sgt Charles Narusawa of the Intelligence section. Found 'em, Sergeant?

Congratulations to Cpl and Mrs. Thomas Kenui who were married 14 August 1954.

Promotions: SFC Kiyoshi Kato, Sgt Cornwall Brickwood, Sgt Robert Wabinga, Cpls Walter Tamura, John Alameida and Marcel Ota. First stripers were PFC Eusebio Ramos, Jr. and Henry R. Santos. Congratulations men and thanks for the cigars and cold drinks.

We are fortunate to have with us as unit advisor, Maj Monsarrat, formerly with the 299th in Hilo, and sergeant advisor, M/Sgt George Sur. Incidently, M/Sgt Sur was our first sergeant back in 1948-50. Unfortunately, we lost Maj Beyer, who is now stationed in Kansas, and M/Sgt Kim, who left for Korea and is now back with the 25th Division in Schofield.

Co F 298th Inf, HNG

By M/SGT ISAYAS D. SANTA ANA

Polish, elbow grease, spit, and the grim determination to make good is embodied in every member of Fox preparing for the annual I.G. inspection scheduled on the 25th and 29th of October. Outstanding examples include the after hours work on the GTA section of the orderly room by SFCs William Mahi and Jonah Chung, the GTA repairs (without need of work orders) by M/Sgt Ilfedio Solmirin, SFC Feliciano Samson, and Sgt Benjamin Robles, supply room maintenance under 1st Lt Caliupe Amancio and the Weapons Platoon, the neat arrangement of the arms room by Cpl Anacleto Popa and Cpl George Gersaba, the cleaning up of the kitchen by the mess personnel under 2nd Lt Raymond Rapoza and SFC Jonah Chung, the first class condition of the locker room through the hard work of 2nd Lts Joseph Olivares and Basil Hansen, with M/Sgt Herodies and SFC Samson Palakiko helping out, and the up-to-date data on the mobilization chart by M/Sgt John Naone, SFC Wallace Kozai, and PFC Miguel Bailado.

Promotion means a great deal, and recognition in front of the entire company prior to the 1st hour training has added prestige and honor in our deserving men.

Newly promoted men recently so honored were: William Agbayani, Walter Asato, Donald Reese, Steven Tingkang, Rommald Wabinga, Hisanori Watanabe, Patricio Calivo, Robert Kaiwi, Jr., Rhinehardt Place, Donald Rapoza, and Vincent Gamayon to Private First Class; John Awong, Jr., Edward Fuentes, Aniano Gionson, Enrique Lariosa, Constantino Popa, James Respicio, and Clarence Vierra to Private E-2.

Company Briefs: Lt Caliup Amancio promoted to 1st Lieutenant is scheduled to leave for the infantry school, Ft. Benning in November to join 2nd Lts Wilbert Aranaydo and Candido Panerio who left the islands in August.

Lt Olivares is handling the Fox basketball team which is nucleused by Pvts James Respicio, Henry Lariosa, and Edward Fuentes of the Marauders cagers last year.

Co H 298th Inf, HNG

By RICHARD M. KUGA

With the summer encampment over with and with the I.G. inspection coming up, *how* company is humming like a busy beehive. Filled with activities 1st Lt Richard S. Furukawa, CO, continues to keep the heavy weapons company an active Unit in the 2nd Bn, with WOJG Herbert Kumai recruiting new men, the company is gaining in strength. Lt Aranaydo, Lt Panerio and 1st/Sgt George Shimada help keep the company running well.

Activities: It wasn't too long ago that H Co had its annual company party at the tea house, Hananoya, in Honolulu. The men really had a grand time, with the help of hmmm some beautiful girls. They had lots of fun dancing and joking with Mitsuko, Kimiko and Kimie.

In the Orderly Room: One of the primary duties of the CQ recently is the trophy case in the orderly room. One of the most recent trophies was received during the last summer encampment — The Adjutant General Hawaii National Guard Perpetual Trophy.

Promotions: Congratulations to Pvt-1 Carl Nakamura and Pvt-2 Richard M. Kuga. Both men were given a new rank as Pvt-2 and PFC respectively.

New Faces: Co H is still recruiting men. The Unit signed up five more men during the past quarter. They are Alfredo Relveria, Ronald Agena, Larry Higa and Edward Garcia. Being young in age, these boys plan to stay in the National Guard for a long time. Also taking over the communications section is Sgt William Carroll Jr.

Away for Awhile: Lts Wilbert Aranaydo and Candido Panerio left early in September for the infantry school Ft Benning, Ga. They will be back by the first of next year.

Hq & Hq Co 3rd Bn 298th Inf, HNG

By WOJG ROBERT M. ODA

We welcome home M/Sgt Douglas Tom of this Unit who has successfully completed a special officer's candidate school at Ft. Benning, Ga. His experience and knowledge gained at Ft. Benning should be of great asset to this Unit. Incidently, Sgt Tom has become a proud papa of a daughter which made his return to Kauai a very happy event.

Larry Tsukamoto, Donald Amorin and Zenei Tokuda joined the regular army. Wish you all the luck boys and hope the training received in the HNG will assist in gaining an advancement in the RA.

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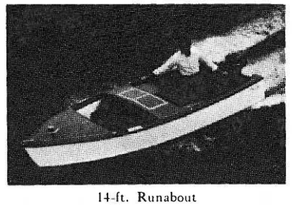
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Hq Co Christmas party is tentatively set for December 11 to be held at Lihue armory with the families of men of this Unit being invited to attend the fun-fest. The following committee chairmen have been selected to prepare for this event:

General chairman, M/Sgt L. Lucaylucay; asst., M/Sgt A. Valera; decorations, SFC H. Bodie, SFC A. Monroid; invitations, M/Sgt M. Rosa, Sgt H. Carvalho, Cpl. J. Rasay; entertainment, M/Sgt L. Lucaylucay; food, SFC A. Victorino, Sgt R. Rego; cleanup, M/Sgt A. Valera, SFC L. Sugihara.

The biggest event of the year is November 22 when this Unit will be inspected by the USARPAC Inspector General for the annual I.G. inspection. We are hoping to repeat last year's feat of *Superior*.

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Co K 298th Inf, HNG

By WOJG Luther K. Wong

With the coming of the Annual I.G. Inspection (22 November, 1954), King Company is pretty much busy these days getting their training into top shape. We have been preparing since returning from the summer encampment and we think we'll reach our goal this year, a *Superior*.

At this writing, 2nd Lt Manuel T. Rasay is attending the basic infantry officer course at Ft Benning. He writes that he has gone through some pretty rough training and has trimmed off some 15 pounds (me thinks that's all fat which he doesn't need anyway.).

Seen scanning the new ATP's and Form 68 last drill night was Lt Ino and Lt Daligdig — comment: Why didn't the NG come out with this a long time ago, much easier this ones. (Well, we think so too). Lt Tam is supervising advance training. Incidently, Lt Tam is a new addition to this company, having been transferred from Co A 298th RCT on 13 September 1954. (Their loss is our gain.)

Congratulations are now in order — Capt Takashima, CO of King Company was seen passing candies last drill night, occassion — new born baby girl, Capt and Mrs. Takashima's fourth child. Tally now goes three and one. Overheard Lt Oguro to the Capt, "How come you didn't make two and two? Answer: "Well, everybody can't make three and one.

Promotions: Sgt Wm. L. Souza to SFC; Cpls Adachi, Apao, Camalliri and Victorino to Sgts; PFCs Kapuy, Mahinai, Peters, Poyo and Jose Yadao to Cpls.

New Enlistments: Pvts Alapai, B. Gerardo, Javellana, F. Rabot, Reis, Caspillo, Dosono and G. Ebinger.

Practicing to eliminate their natural hooks and slices on the Garden Isle's only golf course, one of the best in the Territory, were SFC Christiansen and yours truly. Hey Chris, I'll let you have one of my hook balls if you'll let me have one of your slice balls. (Too bad they don't sell any straight balls!) After practicing for some time (light wasn't too good), we figured the best solution was to move the fairway on the drive and the green on the approach shots.

Kapaa Armory sounds like a regular shooting gallery every Thursday night. Looking in one Thursday night, saw Lt Daligdig chasing bulls. Caught all but three on the kneeling position and lost one on the prone. Christiansen to Capt Takashima: "How come the target's waving instead of the flag." (What, no sky hooks?)

What we've all been looking forward to is the annual company party. This year. it was decided that we look into having it at one of the local establishments. The party committee reports that the place to have it is at Coco Palm Lodge (buffet supper). In all probability, it will be just after the I.G. inspection. The plan is not definite until further study by the committee and a report given at the next meeting. So keep your fingers crossed.

Btry "A" 483rd FA Bn

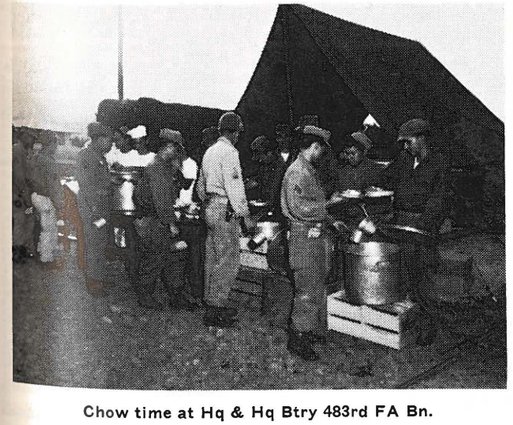
By
SFC William Seggern, III
Sgt Charles J. Markham

Our former CO,Capt Charles M. Wills Jr., has been transferred to battalion staff as asst S-3 (Plans & Training) and Capt Steve Sebetich who was the battalion S-2 during Summer encampment, has assumed command of the Battery. Along with the Battery commander the junior grade officers have also been reassigned. Battery executive, Lt Geronimo Alidon and Btry recon and survey, Lt David Y. F. Lai are newcomers to Able.

The position of full-time Unit administrative, supply and maintenance technician was recently filled by PFC Vincent E. Salvador. PFC Salvador was an employee of Trans-Pacific Airlines and saw service in the Army in Korea.

SFC William Seggern our scribe has been presented with a 7½ pound girl last week. Congratulations.

There was a wonderful turnout at the recent battery beer bust held at the N.C.O. club, Ft. Ruger. 1st/Sgt Howard Martinsen did yeoman work in preparing this extravanganza.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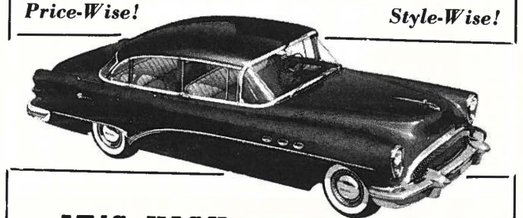

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Btry "B" 483rd FA Bn

By CPL A. OTA

During the past quarter, Btry B gained two officers and lost one. Our fondest Aloha to 2nd Lt Chuji Abe, one of the most inspirational, popular and intelligent officers this battery has ever known, who is now with the battalion staff. Hope you are a success there as you were in our battery, Lt Abe. We extend our welcome to our new officers. They are Lts Alfred H. H. Hee and George T. Iwamoto. Lt Hee is the new platoon leader of the 3rd platoon and Lt Iwamoto is the new Battery executive as well as boss man for the 2nd platoon. The men from Baker hope to make this your best and most memorable assignment.

Baseball season is over with Baker winning no games and losing two. In a terrific, high-scoring game Baker lost to the Engineers 17-15. The lead in this game changed hands three times. In another game, Hq & Hq Btry beat Baker by one run 6-5. After Baker went ahead 5-4 in the top of the seventh, Headquarters came back with two more runs in the bottom of the seventh to win the game.

The Battalions basketball league is underway with Baker losing its first game 38-32.

Active in sports are the following men: 1st/Sgt J. Takamori; SFCs H. Izuka, R. Akeo; Sgts G. Lum, C. Heu, Mishina; Cpls A. Ota, E. Maldonado, E. Tom; PFCs L. Nakaichi, R. Yamaguchi, G. Heu, A. Kuratsu; Pvts H. Uchida and Kubota.

Btry "C" 483rd FA Bu

By SFC EUGENE YOUNG

Eighty-nine men of C Btry, the largest Unit in the 483rd FA Bn, boarded the air transport at Hickam Airport at 0800 June 2, to make two flights to Lyman field, Hawaii for their annual two week summer camp.

Set-up work on the immediate area started at once under the supervision of tent commanders: Sgt Guting, SFC Hong, SFC Joseph Lui, Sgt James Moniz, Sgt Olanda, SFC Donald Young and SFC Eugene Young. The first few days were devoted to maintenance and organization of equipment, ROOPS and vehicle manuevers. This year we were the only firing battery of the three to be rated *Superior* in overall accomplishments by the HNG umpires. During the second week movement to Pohakuloa, a rough mountain dust bowl, by way of the Saddle Road displayed C Btry's good team work and ability to assume responsibility even though the altitude was 6,000 feet above sea level, with chilly mornings, hot sticky afternoons and extremely dusty cold evenings.

Because we made the highest score last year at Makua, C Btry was elected to be tested first on a live fire mission. A high score of 92.5 rated second place against B Btry's 93.5 and to A Btry's 8.

C Btry owes much to the efforts of the following crews: Survey, Lts Santos and "Sharp" Francis Leong; Cannoneers, M/Sgt Ronald Camara, Cpl Francis Ching, Cpl Clarence Ching and many others; Communication, Sgt Kaneshiro; Wire team, Sgt J. Moniz, Cpl Clarence Camara, Cpl John Ramos and Cpl Soichi Inouye; Forward observers, Lt Miyamoto, Sgt Guting, Sgt Kwan, Sgt Shirai and Cpl Donald Medeiros; Fire direction, Lt Tyler, Cpl Kunishige, Pvt Ushijima and SFC E. Young; Motor maint., Sgt Sarsona and Cpl F. Galagar; Cook, Sgt D. Young, Cpl E. Lum, Pvt Meliora and Pvt Shun; Supply, Pvt R. Schubert and Warrant Officer H. Aken.

Recognition is given to the combined efforts of the following men who made our luau such a big success: Solomon Niau, Ronald Camara, 1st/Sgt Wilbert, T. Q. Lee, Adam Duncan, Primitivo Villarimo, Joseph Lui, Angel Medina, Salvador Guting, "Steel guitar wizard" Louis Mamoa and "Red hot double base" Monk who gave the party plenty of fancy music and tasty Hawaiian food.

Honored guests were Maj John M. Becker, Battalion Commander of the 483rd FA Bn; Capt Keys, Battalion S-3; Maj Swift, Unit Advisor; and Capt Jackson, former Battery Commander.

Everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly, in fact, there was enough food left over for some of the boys to take home.

Serv Battery 483rd FA Bn, HNG

By PVT WILLIAM K. ACHIU

Every Saturday a group of ten loyal supporters of Service Battery report for drill. These individuals are preparing various items for the forthcoming I.G. inspection in November and are making sure that Service Battery gets a superior rating this year.

Certificates were presented to all first three graders. These documents indicates that the individual presented this certificates holds the rank of a sergeant or higher in the Hawaii National Guard. Capt William B. Steven, Battery Commander, presented these certificates at the conclusion of drill on Monday, August 30th.

Plans are being designed to furnish each Battery with its own building, which includes a day room and a coke machine.

At the recent Summer encampment Service Battery received an overall rating of *Excellent*. Service Battery also received a *Superior* rating in communications.

Med Det 483rd FA Bn, HNG

By SFC A. HARA

Sgt Allan Koide was presented with the HNG attendance badge recently for his outstanding record. He qualified for this award by attending 198 consecutive drills in the last three years. Allan has been in the Guard for six years and has only five absent with leave charged to him. He is the first medic to attain this high award since the formation of the detachment and the eleventh person to be decorated for this achievement in this battalion.

Congratulations, Allan, from the rest of the detachment on your achievement and thanks for your fine "Esprit de Corps."

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New Notes 120th MP Co

By M/Sgt Ah Sung Char

The annual I.G. inspection occurred at this Unit on 12 October, with a lot of praise to be passed on to the members for their hard work and excellent spirit of cooperation and Unit pride. The outcome is still pending but we are proud to announce that the Major Portion of the discrepencies have already been corrected. Thanks again guys for the fine kokua on your part.

There's an old Chinese proverb (it must have been Chinese) that the loss from one group is a gain for another. We refer to our recent loss of Capt George Roberts who has left us to take command of Hq & Hq Det, HNG. A fond aloha and best wishes from the gang. Our new CO is 1st Lt Charles F. W. Chong. He is certainly not new to us, for he has been with the unit since its organization in January of 1951.

Our Unit basketball team has taken over a commanding lead in their league with their three out of three wins — the last victory was won in the last minute of play after trailing the 109th AC&W Sq by ten points at the halftime. The ilsand championship is our immediate goal and at the same time we are shooting for the territorial championship.

We are happy to announce that 1st Lt Harry K. Brown Jr., completed the associate officers course at the Provost Marshal General school at camp Gordon, Ga., along with Sgt Gaylord B. Lyman, Sgt Edgar K. Hanohano, Cpl Norman Palenapa, Cpl Stanley Prestidge and Cpl Daniel K. Kaloa Jr., attended the advance enlisted military police course and also Cpl Freddie Manalo and PFC Crispolo Versola, attended the wheel vehicle repairman course at Atlanta, Ga. We were especially happy about this because they all returned in time for our last summer encampment, with valuable information and instruction which contributed greatly to the *Superior* rating this Unit was awarded during field training.

On the lighter side, 1st Lt Herbert C. T. Chun after several years of anxiety, proudly announced the arrival of a bouncing baby girl. This announcement was followed by the passing of Carona cigars. Congratulations Lieutenant and may all your future trouble be little ones and keep the Caronas coming. Also congratulations to 1st Lt Harry K. Brown Jr., for his new addition to his family. A baby girl.

Now that the I.G. inspection is over for another year we will be busy recruitng new members to fill the vacancies existing in the Unit. At present we are short one officer and 14 EM in accordance with the change to our TO&E. Another big job that is ahead of us since we are now in our fourth year of existence is the reenlistments of men whose ETS is up, and we are proud to state that a large percentage of these men are reenlisting in the Unit.



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613th Ord Co Direct Sup

By 1st/Sgt John Afalla

With the annual field training a thing of the past, we are now looking forward to our annual I.G. inspection. Our camp was an enjoyable and successful one. We have gained knowledge from the camp and hope that the future ones will hold in store for us more towards the making of a better ordnance outfit. We earned another *Superior* rating at camp and this was due to the hard work of every officer and enlisted man of this Unit. The expert Guidance of our hardworking advisors Capt John B. Baxley and M/Sgt Jitsuo Yoshida also helped a lot.

The most talked about section was our superior mess section. Under the leadership of our mess experts (WOJG Wong and SFC Lau), this section was rated the highest among all the other sections of this organization. The food prepared by our chefs could have been compared with that of the Royal Hawaiian hotel. That's how good the food was! I know that the men of the 613th came back from camp well-fed, contented, plus a few pounds added about the waist line.

The Work Horse sections were the track vehicle and recovery sections. Supporting both the 298th and 299th Tank Companies, these two sections were working all hours of the day repairing tanks and hauling tanks to and from the Makua training area. They certainly deserve a pat on the back.

Our Stork Club was kept quite busy this quarter, and up to press time the 613th clan welcomes the birth of three boys, and two girls. Proud papas were M/Sgt Afalla, girl; Sgt Manuel R. Fernendez, girl; Sgt Kainoa J. Akana, boy; Cpl Lawrence K. K. Mun, boy and Cpl Ralph Medeiros, boy.

Gains for the quarter were: Cpl Tadamasa Fukumitsu transferred from Hq and Hq Btry 483rd FA Bn; Cpl Edward H. Uemura transferred from Hq and Hq Co 299th Inf; PFC Jerry Gomes transferred from Hq and Hq Co 298th Inf; Pvt-2 Manuel S. Ferreira Jr., transferred from Hq Det and Pvt-1 Bernard P. M. Song enlisted for a period of three years. Welcome, men!

The following enlisted men were promoted to the grades indicated: Cpl to sgt: Cpl James T. Chatani and Cpl Frank K. F. Ho; Pvt to PFC: Pvts Floyd Amerino, Stanley K. M. Kong, Kenneth M. Miyazono, Louie E. Montayre, Richard K. Nakaganeku, Liborio Ramelb and Charles M. Sakurai; advanced to pay grade Pvt E-2: Pvts Jerry Y. Hosaka, Kenneth K. Tasto and Thomas M. Watanabe. Congratulations, men!

Sgt Edward Auwae is now attending the ordnance school at Aberdeen Proving Gorund Maryland. We surely miss not having old "Skin-Head" around.

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

By Mike Rowave

Operations Brain-Tap: With the months of technical schooling still fresh in their minds and an abhorrible memory of Keesler AFB, Mississippi, our island sons return. Recent arrivals are: Maj Paul Goya (Ground Electronics Officer), A/1Cs Luther Okoga, Joseph Yuen, A/2Cs Raymond Azama and Roy Murakami (AC&W Radar Repairmen), A/2Cs Thomas Ashimine, Melvin Go, James Inatsuka, Wendell Kop, Kenneth Kusumoto, Dennis Lee, A/3Cs Robert Chibana, Calvin Ichinose, Kenneth Kiyabu and Maurice Motoda (AC&W Operators).

Just hating to leave Scott AFB, Illinois were A/1Cs Ralph Kaneshiro (Personnel Specialist) and Abraham Naehu (Cryptographic Operator).

From "Warn" AFB, Wyoming comes A/2C Richard Paglinawan (Communications Center Specialist).

Still at service schools throughout the mainland United States are four officers and 12 airmen.

Operations Blessing: Very proud "paters" were Capt Herbert Isonaga, Lt Theodore Soong, Lt Henry Lau and A/2C Eugene Goo. Congratulations and may we wish you more of same?

Operations Padlock: This paragraph should lead to the above. To our "ever-swelling" membership of the "Ball & Chainers" club, we welcome Sgt and Mrs. Samuel Kaomea, A/1C and Mrs. Donald Chun, A/2C and Mrs. Richard Arakakai and A/2C and Mrs. Kenneth Kaneshiro.

Operations Boost: Earning *Majority* were Majs Paul Goya and Robert Paine.

To the *Fat Man's* class T/Sgt Clifford Chee and Mitsuru Uda and Cyril Wong.

Entering the Non-Com ranks S/Sgts Harold Abe, Charles Brown, Daniel Chamizo, Frederick Chang, Carrol Hayashida, Herbert Horita, Ronald Ichimura, Charles Kakigi, Samuel Kaomea, Walter Manriki, Franklin Muraki, George Ouchi, Robert Shimogawa and Kelvin Shimokawa.

To "Air Firsters" A/1Cs Richard Asato, Morris Chang, Allan Chun, Robert Goto, Carl Kanetake, David Keohokapu, Wendell Kim, James Kurita, Clarence Kuwahara, Herman Lau, Abraham Naehu, Walter Nakama,

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Patching on his first stripes A/3C Oliver Kauhane.

New Brass are Capt Marcus Asch, Lt Joseph Chambless, Lt Evans Bell and Lt Francis You.

A hearty welcome to two new members of the Air Force Advisors' Office, Maj Frank Easley from NGB and A/2C Keith Lucke.

199th Roundup

By A/1c Aruthur T. Y. Lee

The end of FY 1954 saw many airmen attending and returning from various service schools. Many of the airmen who returned from school usually want to go back because of the fine training they received. Airmen Mel Vida, Andy Aoki, Frank Thompson and "Jovious" Ken Camara just returned with flying colors. Says Vida and the rest of the airmen who attended the Aircraft Mechanic jet fighter course at Texas: without Kenneth the whole school would have seemed dry, they say that Kenneth was the talk of the base and that he could've given Bob Hope a run for his money. (Easy Boy!)

101 airmen attended school during the FY 1954 and we expect more airmen will go this year. So come on fellas start signing up for the new FY quota.

Congratulations to S/Sgt Edward Apo who was chosen on the Hawaii National Guard Rifle team. Ed as you know is one of the best Rifle shooters in the Territory and whenever Ed is on the firing line you can bet that he will always shoot straight and win a medal or two. Ed will go to the mainland Nationals with the rest of the rifle team and here's hoping they bring home the bacon for the third time. Incidently, he is the coach of the newly formed 199th rifle team. Take care of that shooting eye, Ed.

Also, congratulations to A/1c David Savella and A/B John Wikeen, who have just returned from Parks, AFB. These two airmen passed the aviation cadet test and are now waiting for their class assignment. Sixteen months of pilot training and these two airmen will return to us as 2nd Lieutenant's and fly Sabre Jets. Anyone between the ages of 19 to 26½ can be qualified for this program, if you have a high school diploma. See T/Sgt Sonny Goo or A/1c Arthur Lee for more information.

Wonder why A/1c Herbert Young has those sleepy eyes. Is it because of his new born son? I guess the "Young" Young is keeping daddy up at nights. Our congratulations and many more to come Herbert.

Hq & Hq Co, 299th Inf, HNG

With the I.G. inspection just round the corner, the men are working day and night under the able supervision of Capt D'Araujo to obtain a superior. The most eye-catching section is Mess Steward Ozeki's sparkling red mess floor.

Recent members who joined the "No Can Go Out And Play Anymore Club" are Sgt Kami, Cpl Kimura, M/Sgt Koizumi and Sgt Shishido.

Passing out cigars the other day was 1st/Sgt Seril who recently had a baby boy. Congratulations.

The unit wishes to express its deepest sorrow to PFC Oshita, Cpl Raneses and Sgt Horiuchi who lost members of their families.

Hq basketball team really proved itself tops when it finished in the runner-up position just behind the powerful Serv Co team. With brilliant shooting by PFCs Aina, Fujita Fujisawa, and the fine teamwork displayed by Lt Auna, PFC Otani, Cpl Chow and team Capt Wessel, the boys deserved the second place position.

Recent reenlistees: PFCs Watanabe, Fukushima, Kaneshiro, Takara, Cpl and Wessel and PFC Kitsuki.

Enlistees are Pvt-1 Koshimoto, Pvt-1 Yamada, PFC Matsuoka, PFC Kubo and Sgt Akiyama.

M/Sgt Hasegawa resigned his appointment in the NG as WOJG and enlisted for three years.

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Serv Co 299th Inf, HNG

By E. H. Araujo

Well, folks, we pretty near won the softball championship like we predicted. By virtue of eliminating Co B 299th Inf (8-1) in the first game and Co I, 298th Inf (13-12) in the second, we got that chance of tangling with Co D 299th Inf. Although we lost (4-5) after a hum dinger of a ball game, we nevertheless got a chance to spend a joyous weekend on the island of Kauai and brought home to Hilo the 1954 softball runner-up pennant. Those guys fortunate to make that trip were: M/Sgt Tony De Sa, H. J. Victorine, Louie Vasconcellos, Sgt Sub Miyasaki, Sgt Jack Sakamoto, Sg Larry Valera, Cpl Henry Leite, Manuel Leite, Bobby Malagday Jr., Pvt Alex Carter and Pvt Arthur Medeiros.

With the softball season over, basketball is now in full swing. So far, we have won every game in the Provisional Battalion league and were declared champs last week with a five game winning streak. On 7 October we played the 2nd Bn champs Co F 299th Inf and beat them by a score of 46-25. On Friday nite, 8 October we played our hearts out but lost to the FA by a score of 36-44. Members of our team are Freddie Rabara, Jack Sakamoto, Tommy Araujo, Howard Kelly, Charlie Valera, Alex Carter, Billy Kaaumoana, Billy Bond, Clem Nelson, Johnny Kualapai, Leroy Victorine, Larry Valera, Scorer and Tony De Sa, Manager.

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

By WOJG Yoshiaki Kanekuki

1st Lt Chester K. Long formerly executive officer of Hq & Hq Co 299th Inf who was transferred to this Unit is now company commander. He replaces 1st Lt John S. Carroll. Other officer changes during the quarter were Lt Nakamura, excutive officer, who was transferred to Hq Co 2nd Bn and Lt Blain formerly of Hq Co 2nd Bn was assigned to this outfit and assumed the duties of executive and motor officer.

The technical inspections are completed with the exception of Ordnance Inspection, which will be conducted on 19 and 20 October. After the technical inspections, we will be busy preparing for the forthcoming I.G. inspection.

Congratulations to Cpl Tamotsu Kusano, a member of the mess gang, who welcomed a bouncing baby boy on 5 August . Keep up the good work!

Reenlisting for another three year hitch are: SFC John Kaiewe, Cpl Tamotsu Kusano and Cpl Yoshiaki Hamamoto.

Congratulations to the following men, who are sporting new stripes on their uniform. Promoted to Sergeant from Corporal: Cpls Hiroshi Ota, Cpl Juichi Yamashita; promoted to Corporoal from Private First Class: PFCs James K. Torigoe, Geogre Mai, Joseph Kalua and Tamio Kunishiro.

Hq 1st Bn 299th Inf, HNG

By CWO Peter O. Sierra

Congratulations goes to Capt Charles H. Vierra, Company Commander of Company A 299th Infantry, who was promoted to that grade on August 23, 1954. Capt Vierra has over 13 years service with the Army and National Guard. He served in the South Pacific theatre during World War II. Capt Vierra is employed by Pioneer Mill Company, and resides at Lahaina, Maui.

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changed from Artillery to Infantry, and is presently assigned to Co C, 299th Inf as a Platoon Leader. Lt Doty previously served with HNG Detachment at Ft. Ruger as Assistant G-3 and Assistant G-4. Lt Doty resides at Puunene, Maui with his wife, Charlotte, and daughter, Karen. He is employed by Hawaiian Commerical and Sugar Company.

This battalion welcomes 2nd Lt Masanobu Inouye, who joined us from the Reserves. He is presently assigned as Platoon Leader in Co B 299th Inf. Lt Inouye resides at Kamalo, Molokai, and is employed as a Field Foreman for Libby McNeill & Libby Company.

Baker company gained another officer when 2nd Lt Philibert Vierra, formerly of Charlie company, was transferred to Molokai due to his civilian job. Lt Vierra is assigned as Platoon Leader. He is employed by the Maui County Police Department as a Patrolman. Lt Vierra is the younger brother of Capt Vierra, Company Commander of Co A.

Congratulations go to PFC Eugene Faborito, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf, who was selected as the Outstanding Soldier of that Unit for the first quarter of fiscal year 1955. PFC Faborito, Pioneer in P&A Platoon, was presented with the Outstanding Soldier trophy at a company formation on 25 October 1954. PFC Faborito was selected for his military courtesy and discipline, knowledge of drill, and knowledge of the duties of the other platoons as well as his own, of Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn, 299th Inf. Other candidates nominated for this award were Cpl Edwin Muroki, last quarter's winner, Cpl Takeru Kawasaki and PFC Sadao Saki. To all candidates congratulations.

The following named EM returned from the Advanced NCO Course, Fort Benning, Ga.: M/Sgt Isabelo Canida, Co D; SFC Wilfred Phillips, SFC Henry Yamane and Sgt Anoncio Platiro of Co C; and Sgt John J. Mondoy of Co B. When asked by this scribe, "How was the course?" Their answer was, "Rough!"

The National Rifle Association Indoor Rifle Tournament for FY 1955 will commence on 28 October 1954. Units participating are Hq Co, Co A, Co B, Co C, Co D and Hv Mortar Co, the defending champions, who are most likely to repeat again this year.

The following named members of the 1st Bn 299th Inf HNG rifle team participated in the Hi-Power rifle shoot at the Puuloa, Oahu rifle range, on 23 October 1954: CWO Peter Sierra, Sgt Tom Oda and Cpl Oliver Commings. These three shooters along with Sgt Eckley Yim, 613th Ord Co, formed an HNG team and won first place in the M1 Serv rifle class.



2nd Bn 299th Inf, HNG

Best of Luck and *Congratulations* to former Sgt Henry Hara, he was commissioned a "2nd John" on 4 October 1954. We also found that Lt Katsuki "Kats" Arita has departed for a mainland cruise and temporary residence for approximately five months. His temporary address will be 24th Co, 1st Student Regiment at the infantry school at Ft Benning in Georgia. Let's hope they are not too rough on you out there "Katse." In case you are wondering, Lt Raymond H. Suefuji, former ex-officer of Co H, has replaced Lt Arita as CO during his temporary absence. Along with Lts Makaea, who incidently is also a new deal since the last issue of the Guardsman, and Hara and Mr. Young, we know that Lt Suefuji won't notice his change in assignment. While we're on the subject, we may just as well introduce the gentleman: 2nd Lt George W. Makaea, Jr., former HITC officer, now with our own Heavy Weapons Co. Happy to have you, Lt Makaea.

Despite the fact that your reporter was 100% correct in the prediction, we were only awarded with the usual White Owl on September 12 when Mrs. Carol Segawa presented her husband, SFC Richard Segawa, ASMT at Co G, with a baby boy. Congratulations, Carol and Richard.

Sorry to have to lose you Lt Blain but things like that will happen as we said earlier. In that quick exchange we found ourselves still on the "gaining" end in that we acquired 1st Lt Paul Nakamura, former CO of the Tank Co. Congratulations and best of wishes to both lieutenants in their new assignments.

We wondered why most of our ASMTs went about with broad smiles on their maps, I mean faces, for the past couple of weeks. We learned that the smiles were only to indicate their happiness that most all technical inspections were over with in their units for at least another year. We were polite in informing them that the technical inspections were only a means to "gear" up for the I.G. inspection which should be done and over with for the entire battalion on or about the 3rd of December.

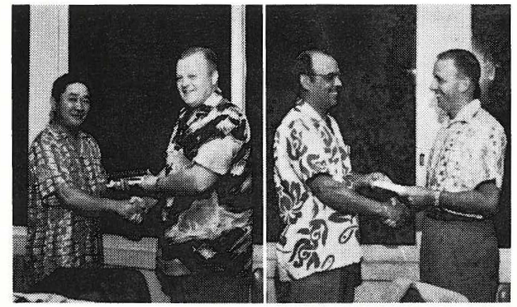
Also happening during the quarter we find that Co F walked away with the battalion softball championship by downing Co G to the tune of 16-4. We said softball and not football as the score may indicate. And if that wasn't enough, Co F also walked off with the battalion basketball championship by downing Co H to the tune of 49-33. The combined scoring of two of Co F's players would have been sufficient to win inasmuch as George DeRego and "Pinky" Jarneski scored 22 and 20 points respectively. Like mad, huh!

In Memoriam: Pvt E-1 Clifford E. Mendonca 29033585 member of Co E 299th Infantry, HNG at Pahala, Hawaii. died by drowning on August 12, 1954.

Hq 3rd Bn, 299th Inf, HNG

He's leaving! Who's replacing! When is the effective date! That's what we heard in the 3rd Bn, 299th Infantry.

Well, for your information, our battalion commander Lt Col Roy W. Replogle left us for the other side of the island. He was formerly employed by Laupahoehoe Sugar Company as Personnel Director but accepted a better position at Naalehu. He also was transferred from the Infantry to the Artillery and is now serving as battalion commander of the 487th FA Bn. Lt Col Replogle, I'm quite sure you'll miss the *Thundering Third* but I'm just



Left, Capt Miyasaki presents farewell gift to Lt Col Replogle at Hotel Honokaa club. Right, Capt Teves does the honors with the gift to Maj Monsarrat.

wondering how you feel riding instead of walking during parades and ceremonies. The officers and men from the third battalion wish you and your family all the success in your civilian and military life.

Our hard working, and I mean hard working Unit Advisor left us also. He was none other than Maj George F. Monsarrat. He was a loss to this battalion as well as the regiment. Maj Monsarrat is now making his new home with the 2nd Battalion 298th Infantry at Wahiawa, Oahu. Our loss is the 298th Infantry gain. At least the officers and men from the 3rd Battalion 299th Infantry have somebody in the 298th Infantry who'll greet us at the next field training with an open arm and . . . a case

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of beer on the side. We wish to extend to you and your family every success in your new assignment.

Our dark night ended with our greetings being extend to our new battalion commander Maj George S. McEldowney. The *Third* is the best and we got the *best* new battalion commander. He was formerly the Regimental S-2 and there is no question in our mind that Maj McEldowney will take us a long way to look sharp — and be sharp. Maj McEldowney our sincere aloha is extended to you.

It's unfortunate to see Maj Monsarrat leave us but Maj Robert E. Jones with a outstanding military record replaced him. He will distinctly be an asset to this ever improving battalion. Maj Jones likes Honokaa although not knowing that most of the problems from unit commanders will be on his desk to be ironed-out.

Two officers of this battalion recently left for the infantry school at Ft Benning, Ga. They are Capt Yoshiyuki Tahara, CO, Co I, 299th Inf and 2nd Lt Seisuke Tamanaha, battalion communication officer.

Three officer candidates returned from the special National Guard OCS course. They are M/Sgt Haruyuki Suzuki, Sgt Raymond Glory and Sgt Thomas T. Kawano. Won't take long before we'll be having three brand new 2nd Lieutenant running around. *Good work, candidates.*

230th Engr Com Co, HNG

By CWO Tony Cabral

Congratulations are in order to Capt Daniel Wela who was promoted to his new grade on 27 September 1954. Good work, Captain . . . it was a big surprise to Capt Wela on 6 October when Mrs. Louise Wela, the Captain's wife, pulled a beer bust in celebration of his promotion . . . beer galore and pu-pu also . . . thanks to Mrs. Wela for her thoughtfulness.

Re-enlistments in the Company were Cpl Stanley Kinoshita and Cpl Shiraki who re-enlisted for another three years on 12 September — also Sgt Stanley Ferreira who re-enlisted on 6 August for another three years. Cpl Frank Feliciano re-enlisted for one year on 11 July — for the month of October SFC Kenneth Kimi, Cpl Masaichi Takaki and Cpl Joseph Kaopuiki all re-enlisted for another three years. Congratulations to all of you.

We welcomed into our Unit Pvt Herman Cullio from Mt. View. We'll make an engineer out of you Cullio. Well, with all the technical inspections over, and this Unit coming out with a darn good showing, now comes the preparation for the annual I.G. inspection which will be conducted on the 24th of November. What do you say men, we did good on the technical inspections, now how's about doing good for the I.G. "Can Do" is the engineers motto and we expect to keep up to it. The main thing about getting a superior is to get new into the Unit. So let's go out and get a man and bring him in. Show him around, tell him of the advantages in the National Guard and especially with the 230th Engineer Company (Combat).

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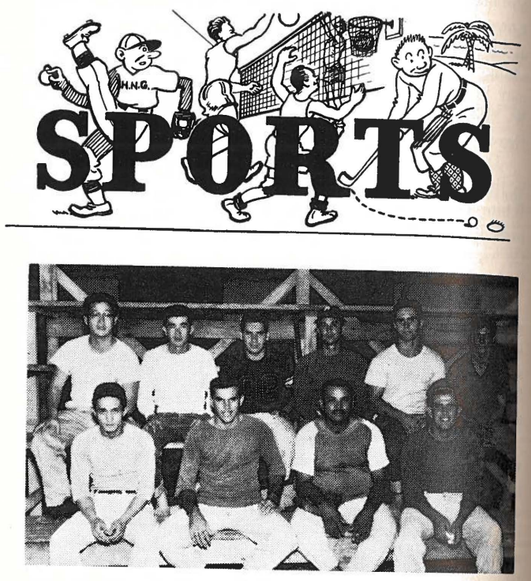

Co D, 299th Inf. Softball Team

Maui Unit Wins HNG Softball Crown

By Merle Kelai

"Doggies" sink Teeth in A.G. Trophy

The 299th RCT walked off with both honors during the recent softball tourney on 13-14 August at Kauai by having Co D of Maui winning the championship and Service Co of Hilo capturing second place.

In the first game at Lihue County Park, Service Co outclassed a scrappy Molokai squad 8-1. The Molokaians scored their lone run in the second inning and held the lead till the sixth when Hilo pushed across five runs to annex their victory and eliminate Co B from further play.

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Two evening tilts under the lights were featured next and in the first contest, Oahu's Hq Detach was edged by and in the first contest, Oahu's Hq Detachment was edged by Maui 12-11 in a thriller. Both teams scored freely in the early frames, but a homer in the sixth with the score tied at 11 all, proved fatal for the Honolulu lads.

Co I of Hanapepe, defending titlists, was next to fall; but Hilo was extended two extra innings to dump Kauai 13-12. Kauai led all the way till the last inning when Service Co rallied to tie the count and send the game into extra frames.

Saturday's title clash was a low scoring affair with Maui over Hilo 5-4. Both teams played cautiously, but errors in the sixth by Hilo meant downfall for them as Maui rang the ball four times to lead 4-3. Both teams added another run in the last inning.

Our hearty congratulations to Co D, and also to Service Co. They played well and are deserving of all honors. Mahalo is also extended to Lt R Oguro, coordinator and Mr. Thomas See, Athletic Board representative, whose outstanding performances copped a successful inter-island tournament.

It seems that once again, the old Hawaiian proverb of "Maui No Ka Oe" prevailed at this year's 1954 Unit Softball Championship.

Basketball

Big Isle to Host Tourney

Hilo will be the host for this year's Unit Basketball Championship on 12 and 13 November. Teams from Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii will play-off for the Adjutant General's perpetual trophies. The 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of Oahu won the title last year by edging Co L of the 298th Infantry.

Island eliminations are now being conducted and will be completed by the end of this month. Lt A. Auna will coordinate the inter-isle games and will be assisted by WOJG Teddy Wong of the Athletic Board.

Golf

The Second Annual HNG Golf Tourney is slated at the Leilehua Links on 13 and 14 November. Island eliminations will qualify some 32 participants in both the Open and Handicap sections.

Added interest is the team competition, which will feature the Army, Advisor Detachment, and HNG squads. Our team will be made up of the four lowest handicap entries.

Trophies donated by Sears & Roebuck, Williams Equipment, E. O. Hall & Sons, and Honolulu Sporting Goods, will be awarded to the Open and Handicap champion, and also the runners-up. The winning team will also receive gold cups.

Clyde Sniffen of the 298th Infantry was last year's Open winner, while Tom Kato won similar honors in the Handicap division.

Tee time for both days is 0700.

Barnstorming Basketball

Tentative plans are now being coordinated with the D.P.I. for a basketball squad of National Guardsmen to invade the various high schools on Hawaii, Kauai, and possibly Lanai and Molokai during December and January. The suggested idea was welcomed by the Athletic Board, and plans are now being formulated with the high schools. This will strictly be a part of an extensive recruiting program.

Further notice will be forwarded upon the formulation of the teams.



Ready on the Firing Line

By WOJG Ralph K. Apo

Hawaii loses big "one"

The Hawaii National Guard rifle team, a big favorite to win the Hilton Trophy for the third consecutive year, lost out to an underdog team from Oregon State by 15 points. The National Guard team from Oregon fired a score of 1378 to Hawaii's 1363. A total of 73 teams competed in the 1954 National Trophy Rifle Team match at Camp Perry, Ohio. 17 States, including Hawaii were represented by National Guard teams. In the overall competition of the National Trophy Rifle Match, the US Marine Corps Grey Team placed 1st, score — 1407; 2nd, US Marine Blue, score—1403; 3rd, US Marine Reserve, score — 1403. Oregon National Guard placed 12th on the list and Hawaii 19th.

Hawaii placed first in three other team matches (NG Class). Hawaii scored 834-50V to Ohio National Guard's 827-39V in the short range match, (Enlisted Men's Team Match) 200 yard standing, 200 yard sitting rapid and 300 yard prone rapid. In the Rumbold Trophy Match (600 yard prone SF) Hawaii scored 553-40V to Oregon National Guard's 535-34V. Hawaii also place first in the National Service Rifle Team Championship (NG Class). This is an aggregate of total team scores fired in the Enlisted Men's Trophy Team and the Rumbold Trophy Matches. Hawaii ranked 12th nationally, posting a score of 1387-90V to 1431-102V for the winner (US Marine Corps Blue Team).

The 1954 National Guard champion is none other than Sgt Tom Oda, Hv Mort Co, 299th Inf, Wailuku, Maui, T. H. Taking a close second place is Sgt Eckley Yim, 613th Ord Co, Oahu, T. H. Oda fired a score of 601-42V to Yim's 600-39V. Out of 483 competitors firing in the Service Rifle Championship Match, Sgt Oda placed 37th on the list and Sgt Yim placed 40th.

Sgt Eckley Yim and Sgt Edward K. Apo, 199th Ftr Intcp Sqdn, HANG, Hickam AFB, T. H, both won legs on distinguished marksmanship. Sgt Yim won two legs to

date; getting his first in the Army Area Match sponsored by the US Army Pacific at Schofield Barracks, T. H.

Individuals making the jaunt to the nationals were WOJG Ralph K. Apo, M/Sgt Gabriel Moniz, SFC Kaoru Miyamoto, Sgt Edward Apo, Sgt Tom Oda, Sgt Eckley Yim and Sgt Edward Auwae.

NRA Indoor Tournament

With the big bore season coming to a close, the last match being held on 13 and 20 November 1954, the small bore or 22 cal matches will come into prominence. The outlook of this year's competition points to a very hectic season for the old time favorites. Possible new champions and strong contenders for the much coveted AG trophy, will be Heavy Mort Co, 299th Inf, Co D, 298th Inf, 613th Ord Co and 199th Ftr Intcp Sqdn, HANG. Service Co, 298th Inf, will be without the services of two good shots. Hot shots like Valentine Kaloa, last year's miracle man for Service Co and Clinton Wood Jr., have since left the company. Kaloa to the US Air Force and Wood Jr., to Hv Mart Co, 299th Inf. A big boost for the Maui team. The 613th Ord Co has also two good shooters. Sgt Stephen Heu transferred to the Air Guard and PFC Henry Yamada enlisted into the RA.

The Territorial Championship match will be fired on 19 February 1955 at Honolulu Armory, Oahu, T. H.

New Smallbore Range

While the Indoor Tournaments are well underway, the Hawaii National Guard will also conduct an outdoor tournament, featuring the dedication of the new small-bore range in Diamond Head Crater, Ft. Ruger, T. H. The HTRA will sponsor the 1954 Four-Position Smallbore Rifle Championship Tournament in conjunction with the dedication of this range on 11 December 1954.

With 50 firing points ranging from 50 feet to 100 yards, this range can be utilized for four-position shooting at 50 feet, prone shooting at 50 yards, 50 meters and 100 meters.

Both seniors and juniors will be competing in their respective divisions. It is expected that some 200 shooters will compete in this tournament. The individual and team matches will be fired concurrently. Teams will consist of four firing members and a coach. Having won the team championship last year, the Hawaii National Guard will be out to defend its title. The Adjutant General is placing emphasis on team competition.

14th Territorial Law Enforcement Pistol Tournament

The Fourteenth Law Enforcement Pistol Tournament held on 25 and 26 September 1954 at the Hawaii Police Pistol Range was one of the finest matches conducted in the TLEPT Series. Lt Col Michael Roman and his officials did an excellent job of planning and conducting the matches.

A fine turn-out of 121 individual contestants and 22 teams representing the Police Departments of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Oahu; Army, Navy Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and the Hawaii National Guard.

Sgt William B. Blankenship, Jr., USARPAC, won the individual championship with an aggregate of 1721; placing first in three matches and second in 6 matches. Curtis Sylva, of the Maui Police was second with a score of 1712. M/Sgt John Beaumont, HANG was high National Guardsman with a score of 1681, followed by Capt George Roberts, State Hq & Hq Det, with a 1677.

The Honolulu Police team won the team championships with three first places, two second places and one third place compiling an aggregate of 6642. The Hawaii National Guard team was second with an aggregate of 6602; winning two first places, two second places and one third place.



HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD TEAM A: Kneeling: M/Sgt John Beaumont, S/Sgt Steven Heu, Capt John Aiona. Standing: Lt Alexis Lum, W/O Herbert Panoke, Lt Col Clarence Johnson and SFC Anthony Conti.



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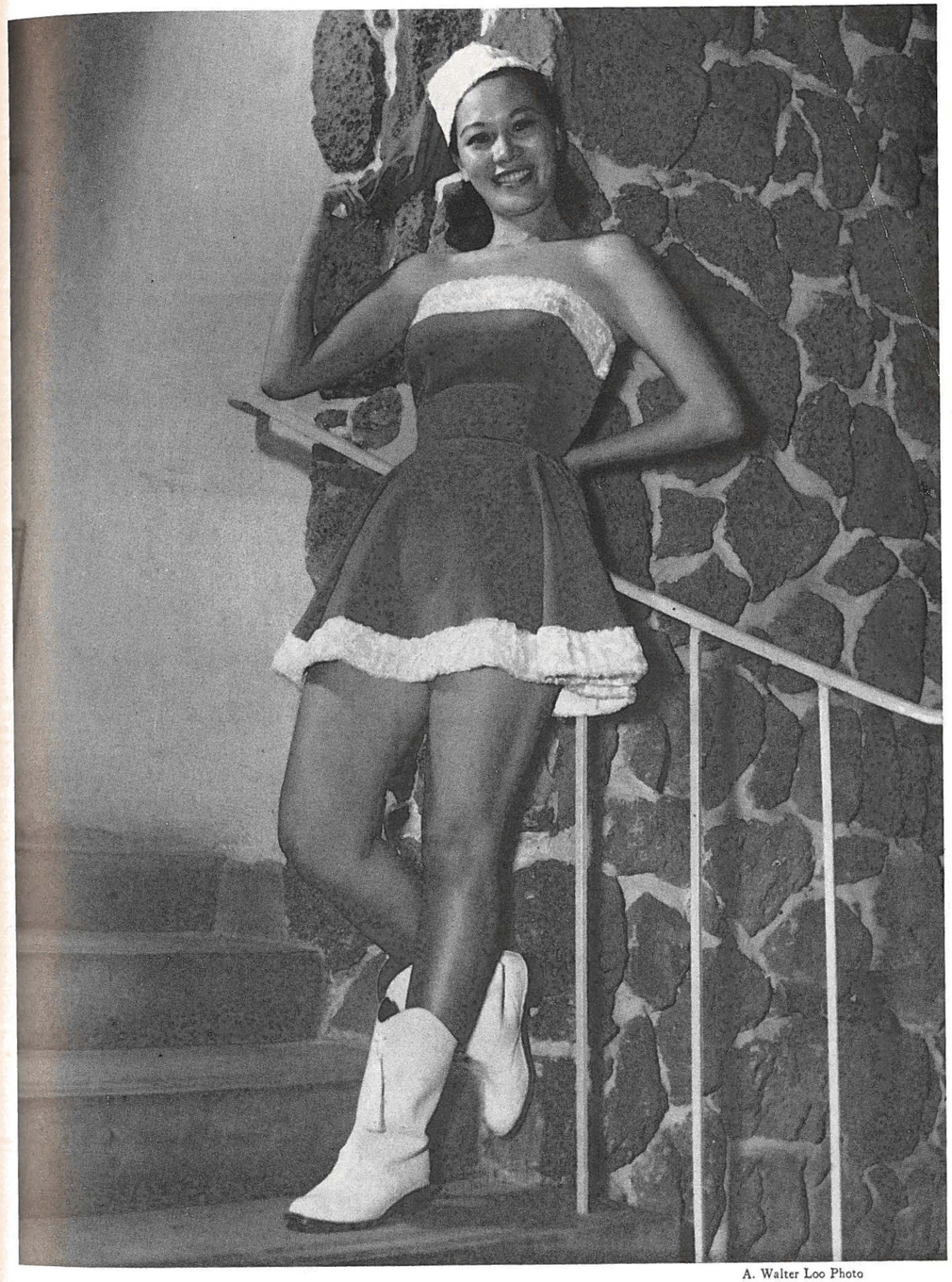

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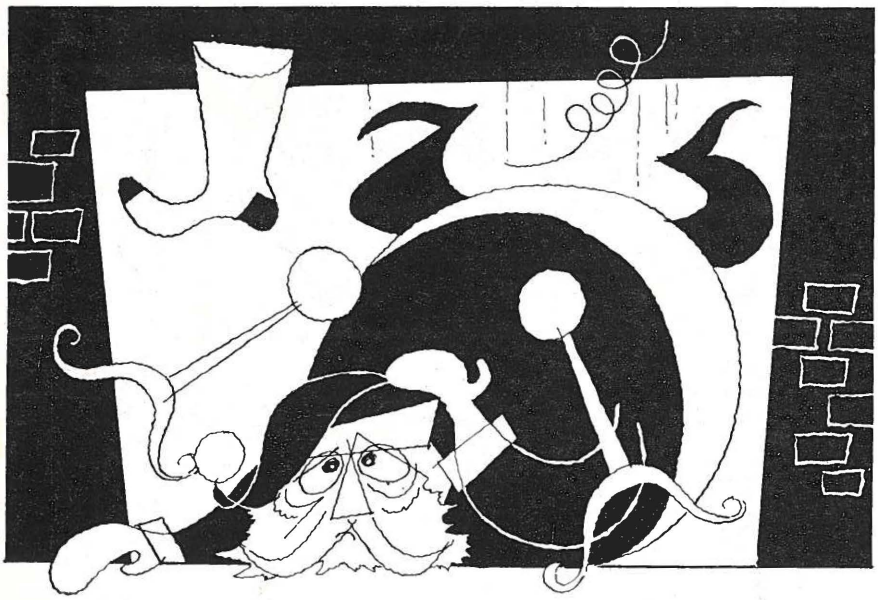

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