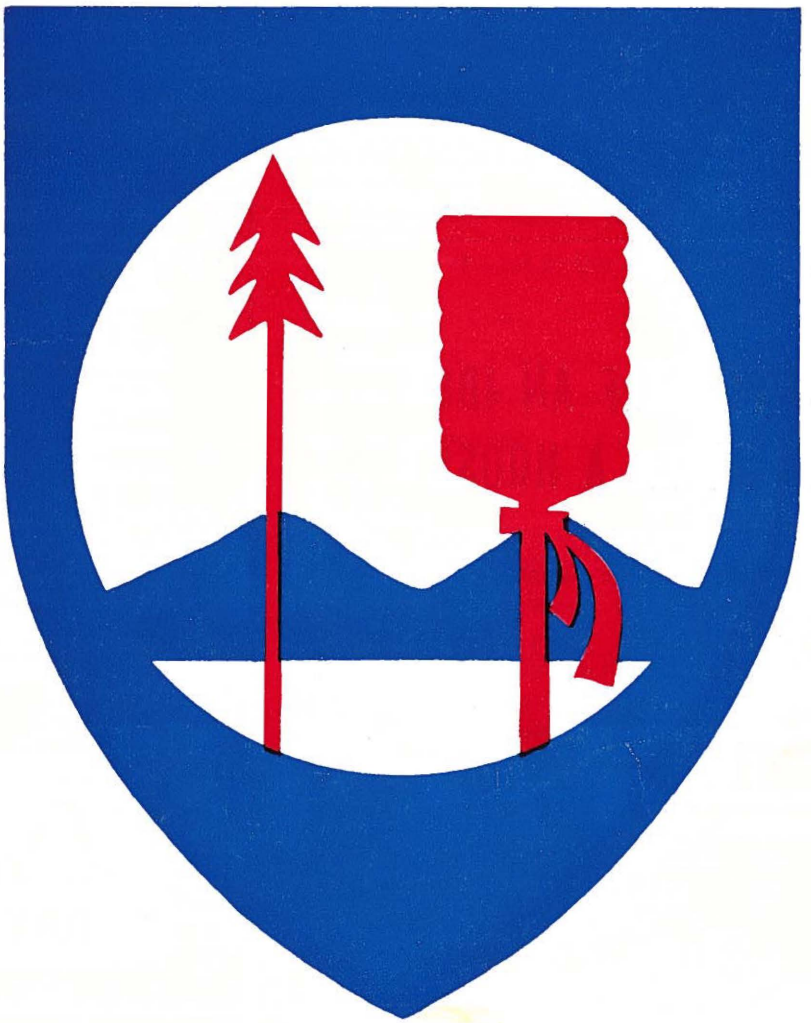
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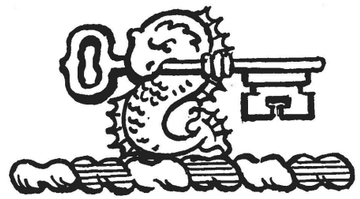
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WANTED!! LEADERS

(Extracts from official DA & NGB publications)

To meet the increasing need for more officers in the National Guard, a special officer candidate course was established at the Army General School, Fort Riley, Kansas in 1953. The mission of the Officer Candidate School is to develop combat leaders. The School emphasizes the development of practical leadership, physical stamina, and the mastery of tactics and weapons. The rigorous program of training and discipline furnishes a means of demonstrating whether or not a candidate possesses the potential ability to become a combat leader. The School's further function is to develop this ability, once it is demonstrated, by teaching the professional knowledge needed for successful leadership in combat.

The prospective candidate's immediate superior who recommends him must use all means at his disposal to insure that the individual is highly motivated and has the leadership potential to become a commissioned officer. Careful selection at unit level is essential to eliminate potential failures and keep vacancies open for the best qualified candidates. The individual must not only meet the minimum requirements but must have demonstrated during training, outstanding leadership potential, self-confidence, force, and aggressiveness along with a firm determination to become a commissioned officer.

Up to the time this special school was established guardsmen had, and still have, three alternatives to qualify for commissions in the NGUS. The first was through the ROTC program, the second by attending the regular 22 weeks OCS, and the third was through the Army Extension Course program. The special OCS course was tailored to meet the requirements of the National Guard to provide an opportunity for qualified non-commissioned officers and warrant officers, who are unable to attend the regular 22-weeks course, because of college or occupational commitments, to obtain officer candidate training during the summer months.

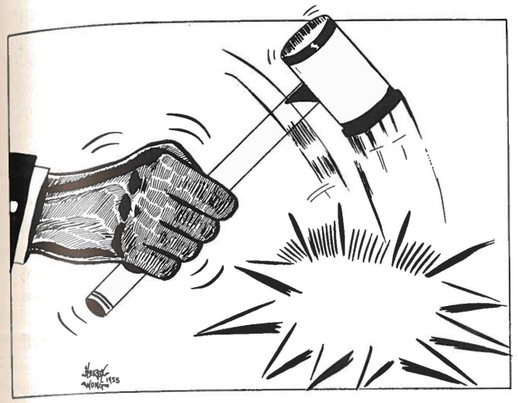
Throughout the course the candidate is placed in situations that test his adaptability and ingenuity. For example, he may act as a battalion commander one day and as a rifleman the next. He must demonstrate his capabilities in both practical and academic work, as he prepares himself for the responsibilities of command. He learns the value of equipment and the urgency of a high standard of maintenance, and his personal equipment must be kept in an immaculate condition at all times. Deficiencies in discipline, academic work, theory, or in the care of equipment may lead to the termination of candidate status.

The rugged schedule a candidate follows during his transition from enlisted to officer status is divided into two instructional phases. The first phase is devoted primarily to instruction in weapons. A candidate learns to care for and use the rifle, automatic rifle, carbine, pistol, machine gun, grenade and rocket launcher, recoilless rifle, mortar, and the 90-mm tank gun. He must know each of these weapons as intimately as the carpenter knows his hammer and saw, for they are the "tools" of his trade.

During the "first" period, a candidate is introduced to the many administrative and logistical procedures with which an officer must be familiar. He must master forms for reports, returns, and logistical computations which, in our present army are as necessary as weapons. The second phase of the course deals mostly with instruction in tactics and the demonstration of tactical principles. This phase is closely associated with the first phase and is designed to impress upon the candidate the effect of proper use of weapons and of sound procedures upon a tactical situation.

Each candidate who applies for this course should

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AN ACT, To Provide For...

By Col David P Silva

The Territorial Legislature convenes in Honolulu, at Iolani Palace, on February 16, 1955 and once more the Military Department must present its legislative program for the next biennium. Basically this program covers four main fields:

Support of the Operating Budget
Support of the Capital Budget
Revision of existing Military Laws
Enactment of new legislation of benefit to the Hawaii National Guard

The purpose of this article is to discuss and explain each of these fields, so that our Guardsmen readers will be acquainted with our objectives. All of you are urged to support this program by personal contact with any of our legislators whom you may happen to know.

The Operating Budget covers the normal operating expenses of the Military Department and is financed by legislative appropriations from the General Revenues of the Territory. Listed below is the breakdown of this budget showing the individual accounts, the amount requested for each, and the amounts approved by the Budget Bureau for inclusion in the Governor's recommendation to the Legislature.

Account	Requested by Mil Dept	Recommended by BB
A. Personal Services	$ 729,143	$700,814
B. Other Current Expenses	236,120	218,134
C. Equipment	16,068	8,170
M. Motor Vehicles	6,950	4,905
E. Structures and Permanent Improvements	31,200	0
Total	$1,091,480	$932,023

The reductions in this budget by the Budget Bureau were accomplished as follows:

"A. Account": Three new positions requested have been eliminated. These included a public information specialist, a personnel clerk and a carpenter. Further savings in the turnover of positions were also mandated.

"B. Account": A reduction in the funds programmed for building maintenance and for mainland travel was effected.

"C. Account": Elimination of needed office equipment as well as shop and maintenance equipment.

"M. Account": One automobile was eliminated from the three originally planned as replacements for existing motor vehicles.

"E. Account": This had been voluntarily reduced to $18,400 but the entire program has been transferred to the Capital Budget.

The Capital Budget covers the proposed new construction desired for the ensuing biennium and embraces only the barest minimum of required new construction. Included in our Capital Budget are the following items:

One-Unit Armory at Olaa, Hawaii	$54,000
One-Unit Armory at Kahului, Maui	58,000
One-Unit Armory at Kapaa, Kauai	48,000
Three-Unit Armory at Wahiawa, Oahu	71,000
Pohakuloa Camp Site, Pohakuloa, Hawaii	68,800
Hilo Camp Site, Keaukaha, Hawaii	83,540

Additional armory requirements are programmed over the 1957-1959 and the 1959-1961 biennia. The present program has been designed to take care of our most pressing needs and because of the geographic placement of the desired armories should win the support of all the legislators. New armories are financed on a ratio of 75% federal support to 25% Territorial support. Items in the Capital Budget are normally financed by bond issues and not by direct appropriations from the general revenues. In the case of the four armories listed it is highly desirable that these items be made the object of special legislation so that funds can be made available immediately inasmuch as the Federal money required for their construction is now available to the Hawaii National Guard, but cannot be used until matching Territorial funds are on hand.

The changes desired in our existing military laws are considered essential to the best interest of the Hawaii National Guard. These include an increase in the Territorial pay for enlisted men for attendance at field training as well as the provision for an earlier age for commissioning individuals as officers when policies of the Army or Air Force permit the same. There may well be other changes of a minor nature in the administrative provisions of our Military Laws. These are currently being studied by the Staff Judge Advocate for possible revision.

Certain new legislation is being considered, and two items included therein are (1) an annual contribution to Unit Funds on the basis of $1.00 per enlisted man per year, and (2) the appointment of the United States Property and Fiscal Officer by the Governor as now provided for by Public Law 477, 83rd Congress. Other items of new legislation beneficial to the Hawaii National Guard will undoubtedly develop as a result of support being rendered the Military Department by the Hawaii National Guard Association.

The support of the legislative program proposed by the Military Department and particularly of those items included in both the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget is expected of every Guardsman. The Armory Construction program is of extreme importance to the Hawaii National Guard. Your new armory is at stake—support it!



Lt. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke

C G USARPAC

says . . .

I am grateful for this opportunity to extend my sincerest greetings to the officers and men of the Hawaii National Guard.

Upon assuming command of the United States Army, Pacific I was very pleased to learn of the excellent state of organization that the Hawaii National Guard has attained. For this accomplishment you should feel justifiably proud.

Percentage-wise the Hawaii National is in seventh place among all National Guard units in the United States based on the ratio of actual strength to authorized strength. In addition, your unit is ahead of twenty-three states on the basis of total population and actual strength of the National Guard.

As Commanding General of the United States Army, Pacific, I consider it one of my principal responsibilities to see that this splendid record is maintained and improved wherever possible.

The progress of any National Guard unit is best demonstrated during its annual summer field encampment. Here again, your unit excels for maintaining one of the highest attendance records in the entire National Guard structure.

With the arrival of the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks it has been necessary for the Army to develop a new summer training site for the Hawaii National Guard.

The construction of this camp site, based on a three-year program ultimately will provide the finest facilities for you to accomplish your summer encampment training mission with a high degree of efficiency.

I have instructed the responsible agencies of the USARPAC command as well as the 25th Infantry Division to do everything possible to make this the most fruitful summer encampment that the Hawaii National Guard has ever had.

I want each member of the Hawaii National Guard to feel that he has gained the maximum of training upon the completion of this year's summer encampment.

To accomplish this objective I repeat that my staff and I are ready to help in every way we can.

During every emergency, soldiers from Hawaii have ranked with the best in the world. Because you are all patriotic and volunteer citizen soldiers, I know that you will continue to maintain an excellent state of training so that you can accomplish your assigned mission during any emergency.

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Lt Gen Bruce C. Clarke embarked on an active military career 35 years ago as a private in the New York National Guard.

After attaining the grade of corporal one year later in 1921, he was appointed from The National Guard to the U. S. Military Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers upon graduation in June 1925.

A veteran of bitter campaigns as a combat commander in Europe during World War II, General Clarke also distinguished himself as a Corps Commander during some of the fiercest fighting of the Korean conflict.

This is his second tour of duty in Hawaii, having served here early in his military career as a lieutenant with the 3rd Engineers at Schofield Barracks in 1929.

He served a four year tour of duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Tennessee from 1932-36 and was then assigned to Galveston, Texas as Assistant District Engineer in charge of the Engineering Division.

After a tour of duty as Military Observor in the Office of the Military Attache in London he returned at Pine Camp, N. Y.

In 1942 he was named Chief of Staff of the 4th Armored Division and later was appointed commanding officer of Combat Command "A" of the same armored unit.

He went overseas to Europe as Commanding Officer of Combat Command "A" and later was named Commanding General of Combat Command "B" of the 7th Armoured Division.

As Commanding General of Combat Command "B" he and the men under his command fought the Germans to a standstill for seven days in the crucial battle of St. Vith and turned the tide in the Battle of the Bulge.

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56 AIMED SHOTS IN TWO SECONDS!!

By Capt Robert A. Hite

When "ground pounders" talk about "rapid fire marksmanship" they mean something like 10 rounds fired in 10 seconds from a stationary position at a stationary target 75 feet away. When it comes to our Air NG airplane drivers, however, that's slower than molasses in winter. In order to qualify in their marksmanship course they have to fire 56 rounds in 2 seconds from a gun platform moving 440 miles per hour at a target 1000 feet away moving 185 miles per hour. Impossible? That's what you think, Buster—See below.

Pilots of the 199th Fighter Intercepter Squadron and 8199th Replacement Training Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, are presently undergoing intensive training in air to air gunnery through supplemental exercises authorized by the National Guard Bureau. The exercises, being held from January through March this year, are designed to afford each tactical pilot six days of gunnery training in increments of three consecutive days. Each day's operation consists of three gunnery missions per pilot, which is the maximum that can be obtained in an eight hour period consistent with flying safety. It has been estimated that at the end of this program, a total of 468 gunnery sorties (i.e. one plane one flight) will have been flown during the three months period they are scheduled.

In order to assure 100% attendance at the exercises, the Adjutant General forwarded letters to the employers of all pilots concerned, explaining the value and importance of the added training. The results were gratifying —100% attendance was assured.

On each mission, an F-86, T-33, or B-26 aircraft is used to tow a 6' by 30' banner target made of polythylene, a resilient plastic material. The tow aircraft is flown at either 15,000 feet or 21,000 feet, depending upon whether or not the gunnery mission is to be a high or low altitude mission. Inasmuch as the sights installed in the F-86 are of a type where the range is computed by radar, radar reflectors are attached to the forward portion of the target. During the firing passes, the target is towed at a speed of 160 knots or 185 miles per hour.

From three to four F-86 aircraft make up a flight. Their firing passes are initiated at an altitude of approxi-



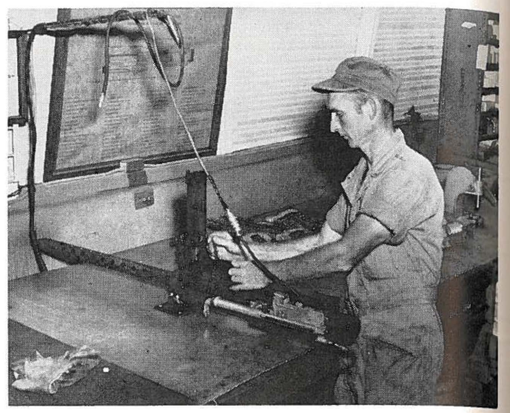
A crew chief, right, signals "OK" to an F-86 pilot who is spotting his aircraft so that the men at left rear can hook up the target for take off.



You're looking at the business department of a Sabrejet. These buggies mount six of these .50 cal. guns, three port and three starboard. Airman 3rd class Wayne Hunter is filling one of the ammo boxes.



The four pilots (in zippered suits) of a flight, watch carefully as Lt Douglas Bronson counts their hits on the plastic target. That big target looks a lot smaller at 20,000 feet.



It takes a lot of ground crew work to set up an aerial gunnery mission and no pilot would ever hit anything if the ground work weren't properly done. This is T/Sgt Robert Jones checking headspace on an F-86 .50 cal. gun. Cyclic rate? — only 1200 rounds per minute.

mately 500 feet above and 5 miles out to the side and parallel to the target. However, this criteria will often vary according to the idiosyncrasies of each pilot.

Only two of the six guns on the F-86, each loaded with 200 rounds of 50 cal. ammunition, are used during practice gunnery missions. The guns, which are boresighted on the ground to converge at 1,000 feet, are fired in the air between ranges of 1,200 and 650 feet from the target. The F-86 traveling at a speed of 440 miles per hour covers this distance in a matter of one to two seconds. This does not give the pilot too much time (!) to estimate range, engage the sight, keep the pipper on the target, and fire a burst of 56 rounds of ammo. When firing for record, the pilots must fire all their ammo in seven passes.

Scoring each pilot's hits on the target is not as difficult as you might think. The tip of each round of ammunition is painted with a specially prepared paint and as the round passes through the target, it deposits a small amount of the paint around the rim of the bullet hole. Each pilot fires ammo painted a different color. When the target is returned, the holes in it are counted according to color and credited to the pilot who fired the ammo with that particular color.

When firing at a target between 8,000 and 15,000 feet, a pilot qualifies as "expert" if he scores 35% (70 hits); as "sharpshooter" if he scores 26% (52 hits); as "marksman" if he scores 17% (34 hits). When firing above 20,000 feet a pilot qualifiies as "expert" if he scores 25% (50 hits); as "sharpshooter" if he scores 18% (36 hits); as "marksman" if he scores 12% (24 hits).

Obviously, there is more to aerial gunnery than that mentioned above. But to attempt to include all the ground training and procedures that go into preparing for and firing air to air gunnery would require more space than is available. In addition, certain factors cannot be dwelled upon here, due to the classified functions of the gunsight.

With increasing knowledge of the gunsight plus the experience gained through intensive training during the gunnery exercises, every pilot of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and 8199th Replacement Training Squadron should be able to qualify by the end of March. And considering the manner in which the exercises are progressing, it looks as though that will be the case.

F-86's take off four at a time from Honolulu Airport's runway 8 on another early morning gunnery mission.





By CWO Clarence M. Ignacio

On 5 May 1947 the first artillery unit of the Hawaii National Guard to be organized and stationed on the island of Hawaii was inspected and federally recognized. That pioneering unit was Headquarters Battery 487th Field Artillery Battalion and it is still located at the Keaukaha Military Reservation in Hilo. This brief history of the battalion is felt to be of interest as an example of how one of our newer units carries the history of a World War II Army of the United States battalion.

The predecessor of our 487th FA Battalion was the 32d Coast Artillery which was stationed at Kaneohe, Oahu, in 1944. On 1 March of that year it became the 32d Provisional Artillery Battalion, and on 31 March it moved to Schofield Barracks, Oahu, where it underwent intensive training for about six weeks. On 31 May 1944, the battalion, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Bernard S. Waterman, embarked for participation in the battle of Saipan under the 5th Amphibious Corps. The battalion supported attacks on Saipan and Tinian. After rehabilitation and further intensive training, the battalion embarked for Leyte on 29 November 1944, landing there on 6 December 1944 as part of the XXIV Corps.

Now redesignated as the 532d Field Artillery Battalion, it supported the 77th Division in the battle for Ormoc Corridor, and the 96th Division in its drive across Leyte. After successfully completing its mission on Leyte, elements of the battalion supported landings at Subic Bay on Luzon in January of 1945. Returning to Leyte, the battalion re-equipped and trained intensively in amphibious warfare, departing from Leyte in March of 1945 to take part in the battle of Okinawa.

On 31 March 1945, the battalion held the rare distinction of making an assault on D minus 1. The batteries were landed on Kamiyama Shima, an island in the Keise Shima group, and from positions on that island, some 7000 yards offshore from Naha, supported the main landings on 1 April 1945. The efforts of the 532d during this campaign won a personal commendation from General Joseph W. Stillwell, then 10th Army Commander. The commendation is framed and prominently posted on the Historical Bulletin Board of the 487th in Hilo. The Commendation reads as follows:

"For the superior manner in which the hazardous assignment of emplacing equipment on the Kamiyama Island of the Keise Shima group on 31 March 1945 was performed, and for the promptness and effectiveness of supporting fires which assisted materially in silencing enemy batteries and restricting enemy troop movements.

The difficult task of unloading this heavy equipment with limited facilities and emplacing the weapons on difficult terrain was planned and accomplished in a most expeditious and gratifying manner. The prompt registration of pieces by observers in artillery liaison airplanes and the rapid construction of an air strip, expedited the destruction of enemy weapons which could have threatened the successful landing of assault forces on Okinawa."

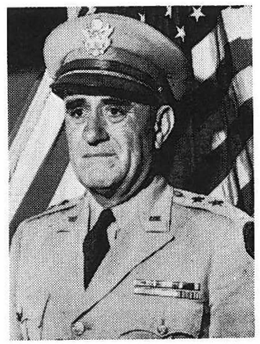
The battalion was on Okinawa when the war ended. From Okinawa, the battalion went to Korea as an occupation force remaining there until 2 December 1945. On 3 December 1945, the battalion sailed for Seattle, Washington, arriving there on 18 December, where it was deactivated. The fine record achieved by the battalion won the following battle honors: Western Pacific, Leyte, Ryukyus.

The battalion was redesignated the 487th Field Artillery Battalion on 4 August 1946 by the Department of the Army and was allotted to the Hawaii National Guard. The battalion is located at Keaukaha Military Reservation, General Lyman Field, Hilo, Hawaii, T. H., and is part of the 299th RCT, Hawaii National Guard.

The first unit organized and federally recognized was

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S PAGE



The army and air units of the National Guard while in the service of a State or Territory are an important part of Civil Defense organization. The State of Territorial mission fills a definite need in that field. As stated in Dept of Defense directives, this mission is to provide organizations trained and equipped to function efficiently at existing strength in the protection of life and property and the preservation of peace, order and public safety. It is apparent that this mission would render these units able to reinforce the law enforcement services of local Civil Defense organizations.

The National Guard Bureau has recognized the part that our units play in Civil Defense. In National Guard Regulations No. 15, authority is granted the States and Territories to organize State Headquarters and Headquarters Detachments for specific purposes, one of which is to train for use in national emergencies a group of officers and enlisted men for duties in connection with Selective Service, Internal Security and Civil Defense. Governor King shortly after taking office in 1953 appointed the Adjutant General as director of Civil Defense, in addition to his other duties. This close tie-in with the National Guard has resulted in the strengthening of Civil Defense forces in Hawaii.

Active participation of all Civil Defense forces in exercises is an important phase of training. The seventh in a series of exercises, known as "Eversharp No 7", wherein the armed forces and Civil Defense organizations participated jointly, was held on December 11, 1954. An alert period was announced in view of a tense international situation. This situation was built up to a point where there was every indication that Hawaii was to be a target for an attack by an aggressor nation. Based on this assumption the Governor declared a state of emergency and ordered the Oahu units of the Hawaii National Guard to be mobilized for Territorial duty to assist Civil Defense Agencies in the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, order and public safety. The Oahu units of the 298th RCT, the State Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 613th Ord Co, and the 120th MP Co were immediately mobilized upon recipt of the order by the Governor. Contacted through radio, telephone, and personal contact, the men reported to their armories. After the issuance of individual equipment, arms, etc., they were dispatched by units to their assigned sectors in the City of Honolulu to guard important installations, direct traffic, and to patrol in preparation for possible dispersal of civilians from their homes. The messes of the units were actually operational, communications were established and helicopter observation flights were conducted. Three first aid stations and a Regimental Collecting Station were manned by the Medical Company. Aggressor forces were sent out to simulate sabotage of the various installations which were guarded by National Guard troops.

After the simulated bomb attack, the National Guard units were used to assist the police in traffic control and to assist Welfare Services in the administration and operation of the Evacuation Centers. The 120th MP Co was given the mission of securing the mobilization of the Ft Ruger units and the guarding of the Civil Defense Control Center in Diamond Head Crater. The cadre of officers and non-commissioned officers of the Hawaii Territorial Guard were also mobilized and were attached to units of the Hawaii National Guard. They were directed to be prepared to implement their plans for mobilization of their units and to take over the missions of the units of the Hawaii National Guard should they be ordered to Federal duty. In the planning of the exercise it was assumed that the Hawaii Air National Guard had been ordered into Federal service. They were used on air defense misions and also carried out simulated air attacks on the city of Honolulu.

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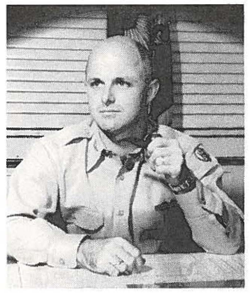
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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



In the last issue of the Hawaii Guardsman, I endeavored to point out the necessity for a National Guard and the real reason why we are performing this service. I stated that our participation is just to insure that our system of government will survive and to enable us retain our rich heritage which is America.

We are giving our services to maintain our way of life. This should be return enough but we receive numerous other benefits as well. You should know just what these benefits are so you can take advantage of them, which is your privilege, and also use them as an aid in selling your friends, not now in the Guard, into joining your unit. What are these benefits? I have listed them below, elaborating briefly on each.

Regular Pay — You get a full day's pay for each drill night you attend and pay and allowances for 15 days summer camp. With perfect attendance, your total pay from the Guard in one year is approximately the same as one-sixth of the base pay of members of the Army or Air Force.

Retirement Pay — With no contributions on your part, you may qualify for retirement pay at age 60 if you have completed at least twenty years of service and meet other requirements. You do not have to stay in the Guard until you reach 60 as long as you serve 20 years prior to that time.

Trade Skills — This needs little elaboration as you all know of the many educational opportunities that are open to all of you, ranging from learning to cook to radio repair, and even learning to fly a helicopter.

Promotion and Advancement — For one with ambition the opportunities are virtually unlimited. There is promotion to the various non-commissioned ranks which brings with it increased pay and greater responsibilities. There are available to all Guardsmen the various correspondence courses, officer candidate schools or Air Cadet training, and even West Point appointments. Any one of these can lead to commissions or promotions.

Branch of Your Choice and Draft Deferment — For those with no prior service, it is almost inevitable that the draft will step in, requiring active duty of such persons for at least two years, taking them away from their homes. By joining the Guard one can choose the branch of service he is most interested in and, further, if one joins before reaching the age of 18½ years, the Selective Service Board will grant him deferment from the Draft Call.

Comradeship — It is always pleasant to get together with the men in the spirit of comradeship and the clean good natured competition between units and for personal advancement. The Guard also sponsors sporting events, shooting matches, and mixed social parties.

Of course this list is not complete but it seems to me that if offers a lot of incentive to join the Hawaii National Guard and to stay in it. Remember, Guard service is a community service and it is expected that we all participate in some small way toward bettering our community. Looking at it in the light of a duty, which is expected of us anyway, what other community service, local or national, can offer as much personal gain and advantages such as you find in the Guard? I'd say the answer is NONE!

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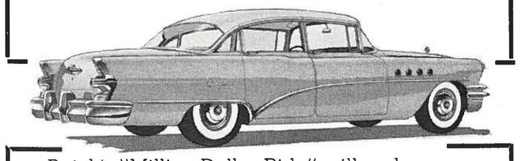
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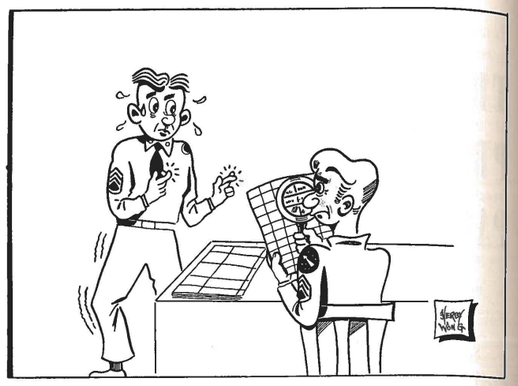
All of our army units were given their annual going over by inspection teams from U. S. Army Pacific during the last quarter of 1954. The results were excellent, quite a bit better than the previous year as a matter of fact.

61 units were inspected, and they earned 15 "Superior" ratings (3 more than last year), 40 "Excellent" (8 more than last year), and only 6 received the relatively low rating of "Satisfactory". There were no unsatisfactory units, nor did any unit have to be reinspected to get a satisfactory rating.

The superior units were equally divided, with one among the Special Troop units, and seven in each of the two combat teams. Hearty congratulations are in order for those hardworking outfits, and we list them here so that all of our readers will know where to look for good examples:

Special Troops
613th Ordnance Co (DS)

298th RCT
Tank Co, 298th Infantry
Co C, 298th Infantry
Co D, 298th Infantry



Co F, 298th Infantry
Co H, 298th Infantry
Hq Co 3rd Bn, 298th Infantry
111th Army Band, 298th Infantry

299th RCT
Hq Co, 299th Infantry
Co A, 299th Infantry
Co B, 299th Infantry
Hq Co 3rd Bn, 299th Infantry
Co I, 299th Infantry
Co M, 299th Infantry
Btry B, 487th Field Artillery Battalion

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A milk truck on a hillside
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Crashed down into a sleeping porch
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Start Digging, Brother

Here's a foxhole report on how it feels to be a doughboy on the receiving end of enemy air attack, with a note of concern lest history repeat itself

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If you wonder why this ex-infantryman of comparatively ancient vintage feels called upon to register his views on airpower, you won't wait long for an answer.

First, a doughfoot, by the nature of his trade, has a deep and abiding interest in who controls the air over the given segment of earth that he has been commanded to "seize and hold." Second, there are comparatively few, and that includes the thousands of battlescarred veterans of World War II, who have any conception of what it means to eat, to sleep, to dig, to fight, and to die literally under the guns of enemy aircraft.

Comparatively few in the United States Army, that is. The German veteran knows, perhaps better than any soldier in the world — unless it's the Russian. The Japanese know. Or ask the North Korean Reds or the Chinese Communists how it feels to lead the life of a hunted animal, scrabbling for cover from the prying eye of an enemy pilot. Sheer weight of numbers has been their only salvation in Korea. And this answer to airpower is repugnant to a nation such as ours, that is long on its regard for the sanctity of a human life and is short on masses of manpower.

To find American troops in a comparable situation calls for a little digging into the files, back to the early days of the campaign in North Africa, to the debacle at Kasserine Pass and before. There were the landings at Algiers, Oran and Casablanca against the French, the mad rush for Tunis and Bizerte by the British First Army and what American GIs could be snatched from the Algerian beaches and rushed to the Tunisian front. This was the abortive push that bogged down short of its goal and lost an initiative that wasn't regained until spring.

Tunis by Christmas, 1942, was the idea. And it was a good one, on paper. Rommel, the "Desert Fox," would be sealed from his escape ports and pounded to pieces by the pursuing British Eighth Army under Montgomery.

But the German high command, surprised and a bit shaken, didn't sit on its hands. Its reaction was swift and almost decisive.

Men, guns and tanks poured into Tunisia from Italian and Sicilian bases. In lightly escorted and unarmed transports the enemy moved as many as 1,000 men a day into ports and airfields that were in range of our own air bases. And all this with impunity from our own aircraft.

And then, with good airfields close behind their lines, they roamed the skies in ME-109 and JU-88s, punishing Allied columns and supply dumps almost at will.

I shuddered when I saw photographs of UN troops in Korea during the disastrous winter retreat, after the Red hordes of China had smashed the "Christmas dinner" offensive. Roads were clogged with tanks and trucks, locked bumper to bumper, crawling out to safety and a chance to reform and fight anew. This, I thought, is not war as I knew it. Or as these kids and their yet-to-be drafted brothers will know it when the ground rules are shelved for the duration and enemy fighters swarm around you like gnats around a fruit stand.

I remembered Tunisia, land of paradoxes, test-tube for a young, untried army. A country of choking dust and miring mud, of desert heat and mountain chill, of heavy packs and cold chow, and most of all, the scream of bombs and the overpowering omnipresence of the Luftwaffe.

I remember the Ousseltia Valley. A "stabilized" situation. Stabilized because we were too weak to do any more than dig in nervously on the defensive and wait for the enemy to decide where, and when, and how he would strike. Here the Luftwaffe called the tune and we danced — our eating, our sleeping, our responses to nature all subjugated to the whims of the German pilots.

This is how it was when the German controlled the air. And this is how it will be when the Russian controls the skies of Europe and Asia. As he will. We have lost air mastery for a long time to come, as General Spaatz so cogently pointed out last month.

Let me give you an idea of what it means. You eat two hot meals a day, one in the morning, before the sun rises to betray your chow line to lurking enemy planes, the other after the sun goes down and cloaks the land in wonderful, concealing darkness. Lunch is a nibble on a concentrated chocolate bar of the old D ration while you snuggle up in some secluded cranny.

You don't move around much during the day. Even one lone jeep on a dusty road is fair game for a strafing plane. You sleep in your shelter-half (the GI sleeping bag hasn't been dreamed up) and when you rise in the morning you roll your bedding and slide it under a protective bush, and you don't crawl back in your sack until the sun goes down once more.

You get used to it. They say you can get used to hanging if you hang long enough. You grow bitter and cynical about the absence of your own planes. The Air Force becomes the hated symbol of your own degradation. And you agree with the crusty old colonel who gives the word to air support with the growl, "why don't they send the bastards back to Hollywood?"

Somehow you grow to take the situation for granted. So much so that when Jerry makes his daily visit with chattering machine guns and barking cannon you work up a grin and say, "Every day the same old faces." Your ack-ack hasn't seen a friendly plane for so long that when they foul up a friendly Spitfire you say, "There goes our air support for the week."

Convoys move by night or, when daytime moves are necessary, with plenty of interval between trucks and with .50-caliber machine guns manned and loaded. Camouflage becomes second nature, as instinctive as pulling on your pants.

You learn to chew tobacco after nightfall to satisfy the craving for nicotine because the glow of a match or a cigarette spells trouble. Or you smoke clandestinely, like a schoolboy, with a blanket pulled over your head.

Your stomach tightens and your nerves twang like banjo strings when the circling Stukas go into their shallow, gliding dives. As the bombs scream down you claw the ground and feel it rise to meet you as the TNT churns the dirt.

That was the way you lived all through the lean days, when you learned to know all the bitterness and hopelessness that comes from being on a losing team. After Kasserine, things began to get better. You went on the offensive, you regained your mobility, you began to move around a little more freely, to fight the enemy on your terms instead of his.

In short, you had air cover. The kind you had heard about but never expected to see. Sure, you still got bombed and strafed but not with the old regularity, and, as the campaign ground on to a triumphant halt, with the cocky Afrika Korps pinned into a shrinking beachhead at Tunis, you didn't even look up when planes roared overhead. Or when you did you stood up in your foxhole and cheered, like the time you saw two formations of bombers in the same chunk of sky — one on its way up, the other on its way back for another load.

That was the way it was. Never since then have American soldiers known what it is to fight without a comforting umbrella of wings and guys, and bombs, and machine guns.

In Sicily, up the spiny Italian boot, through Normandy, northern France, and into Germany, up the island chains of the Pacific, airpower manifested itself. Not only in blasting the guns and tanks and fortifications that were blasting you, but by pounding away at supply lines and factories, smashing a tank before it could even be built to smash you. Not even in the darkest days of the Korean campaign has the American doughfoot known the gut-clenching fear of continuous air attack, because there the Red air strength has been content to nibble sulkily at the periphery of the battlefield.

Why am I raking over these dead coals? It is because, in fact, these coals are not dead but glowing brightly in their ashy bed, awaiting only a new war to fan them into flame. We talk much about the lessons we cull from the past. But there are lessons and lessons and the past must be studied in context for it to have any meaning for the future.

And here's where you can run into trouble. No one is more cocky and self-assured than the battle-wise veteran. Especially when he's passing along his hard-won knowledge to those less experienced than himself. But he's inclined to broaden his own personal experiences into hard, fast, and often unwarranted, conclusions.

This is the way we did it. It worked. Therefore this is the way you should do it. That's how the story runs. But the hard core of our Army, and the people who are supposed to wise up the boys now being inducted, are the veterans of World War II and their counterparts of Korea. And sheer attrition would mean that only a handful of these have ever been divebombed or strafed on a continuous basis.

Tunisia was bad enough with ordinary bombs and machine guns and aerial cannon. But when you sit down and think soberly about the technological advances of the past nine years your wig stands on end.

There's no convenient scream to give you prior warning. No lapse of even a few seconds to scrounge a little deeper into your foxhole. The jet is a silent, sneaky thing. You don't hear it till it's dumped its load and gone.

The airborne rocket that cripples your tanks and smashes your artillery is something with which the foot-soldier in Tunisia didn't have to contend, thank God! The devastating napalm bomb, with its ballooning blob of jellied fire, offers another horrible instance in which it is far more blessed to give than to receive.

What's the answer to these new methods of destruction, beyond the doughboy's beloved entrenching shovel?

The answer, of course, is airpower. A control of the sky that restores mobility to an Army dependent upon its ability to move and strike quickly to counter the enemy's superiority in sheer numbers. Airpower properly employed and, above all, enough of it.

We have the know-how for proper employment. And, like most of our doctrine, we got it the hard way. Which brings us right back to Tunisia, where our tactical air policies were forged in the crucible of war.

As an interested party, I have been checking into that forging process, and I have learned that the reverse of the coin is true, that numbers without know-how are worthless. I have learned some of the reasons why I cowered in a foxhole, dug for my life, and cursed the Army Air Forces. And in the learning I got a little hot under the collar.

For the astounding fact is that, during the bitter early days in Tunisia, when we were taking a daily beating on the ground from the German air, we actually had more planes in North Africa than did the Germans.

We had enough of them but we seldom had them where or when they were needed. They were parceled out piecemeal, as though the map lines that allotted responsibility for certain sectors on the ground to individual commanders could somehow be projected upward into the fluid medium of the air.

The sea and air ports through which the enemy moved 150,000 reinforcements, with their equipment, in the opening days of the campaign, lay less than 80 air miles from our own advance airfields. But we did nothing about it. As one observer put it when talking of our hamstrung air, "Who was containing whom?" It was an embarrassing question.

Each ground commander, down to and including corps commanders, had his own little air force under his direct control. And whoever saw a commander, ground, sea or air, who didn't think his own job was just a little more important than the next guy's? So the German air force was able to concentrate its attacks first on one soft spot, then on another, quickly realizing that we couldn't mass our own planes to meet them.

I can cite chapter and verse.

In one instance, a ground commander demanded a 48-hour continuous air umbrella over his sector before an attack, because 24 Stukas were known to be operating in the area. It was pointed out to him that, on a 48-hour basis, only 12 fighters would be available for patrol at any given time — plus the fact that the planes on air alert would be relatively immobilized, unavailable for bombing and strafing the very airdromes from which the Stukas were operaing. Not to mention the job that could be done on enemy reinforcements and supplies moving into the area. But he insisted, and he got his air alert. But the attack failed.

Another instance. The British Beaufighter was then a highly secret job, packing a lot of classified airborne interceptor equipment. RAF policy forbade their flying over enemy lines. A corps commander insisted on a mission. Several were shot down. Security was breached, at what cost to the over-all effort no one will ever know.

Case history number three: Included in the pool of Allied planes were some British Bisleys, obsolete bombers that could venture forth safely only at night. But a squadron was ordered out on a daytime bombing mission over the violent objections of the squadron commander. The entire squadron was wiped out.

Another example of the meaninglessness of lines drawn on a map when applied to airpower: An Allied corps was under bitter attack. Only 70 miles away by air, but over tortuous mountain terrain, the aircraft of another corps lay idle in a comparatively quiet sector. An appeal for help was turned down, just in case the planes should be needed where they were. And they were only 70 miles away!

Meanwhile, during the fumbling and stumbling phase in Tunisia, on the Western Desert the Eighth Army and its Desert Air Force were hammering out a new concept of airground teamwork, using Rommel's retreating army as an anvil. Someone got the bright idea that the first job of an air force supporting troops on the ground was to knock the other guy out of the sky.

There are two very good reasons which back up this premise. First, control of the air performs the vital function of keeping enemy planes from clobbering your own infantry. Second, it allows you to punish the enemy almost at will. The intermediate, or interdictory, phase is a natural corollary.

More ancient history, you say. Perhaps, but it seems more than coincidental that the tide did not begin to turn in Tunisia until Eisenhower set up a similar arrangement in his command. And the principles evolved were eventually embodied in field manuals that laid the foundation for present doctrine.

Now the situation is reversed. We have our cruelly-won know-how. But the planes to implement it are conspicuous by their absence. We are faced, not only in Europe, but in Korea and other sensitive areas, with a crushing preponderance of air strength that awaits only the Kremlin's nod to send it into action.

What conclusions can we draw from all this? First of all, it would seem obvious that the troops going to Western Europe — and those already there — must face some hard, cold facts.

(1) In case of a shooting war the Russians will command the sky.

(2) What Allied air strength there is initially will be committed to beating off the Red Air Force. Very little, if any, can be committed to the close support of the ground troops.

(3) This means our men must know how to fight and survive under the constant pummeling of air attacks. They will have to learn to practice camouflage and convoy discipline to an extent that the American Army has not seen for going on nine years.

Whether or not troops should go to Europe is beside the point. Certainly their presence there is desirable to stiffen the spines of the free nations on which we must depend to halt the sweep of the Russian ground armies. But they have a right to know exactly what they may be up against.

At the risk of sounding stuffy, old-fashioned, and out-of-date I suggest that there is much of value that can be raked from the rocky sands of Tunisia. We are not a nation that accepts defeats, even temporary ones, gracefully. That we do have the resiliency to snap back has been well demonstrated.

But how resilient can you get? We must accept the fact that in a common, garden-variety sort of war a heckling, punishing enemy air force is going to be breathing down the backs of our necks. We cannot count on a lull that will give us a chance to re-form and re-fit. We can hope for the best but we had better be prepared for the worst.

So the infantryman has a peculiarly intimate stake in airpower — the kind of airpower that we lack at the moment but the kind we must have to make sense out of Western Europe, or any other kind, of defense planning. Even with adequate airpower overhead the ground job is tough enough. Without it, the task becomes suicidal.

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What's New



Army NG Field Training Plans. Now is the time to start getting ready for our annual field encampment. This summer the infantry will really be camping. No quadrangles to police, just tents and grounds. A few years ago we spent the full 15 days on the Kahuku Beach and in spite of the mosquitos we returned home feeling that we had really been to camp.

Here are the dates and localities for all army units:
Special Troops and 298th RCT (-) 4-18 June, Schofield Barracks
299th RCT (-) 11-25 June, Schofield Barracks
487th FA Bn 4-18 June, Hawaii
483d FA Bn 11-25 June, Hawaii

The Schofield Barracks camp will be at Area X just opposite the known distance ranges. Our squad tents will be plushed up with steel cots and electric lights and at the end of the battalion streets will be the latrines. The 25th Division will be our host and they are going all out to make our stay as profitable as possible. Adequate ranges and close in training areas in Schofield will be made available, as well as East Range, Kahuku and Makua.

The artillery units will again have free run of the Big Island. They'll have a week at Keaukaha Military Reservation for their individual and basic unit training and a week at Pohakuloa for battery tests and battalion RSOP's and service practice. If all goes well the equipment for use at Pohakuloa will be much improved and no one should get the chills.

The airlift of troops between the islands will be set up again to save two days of training time. Ammunition will be adequate for qualification and field firing and the conduct of army training tests.

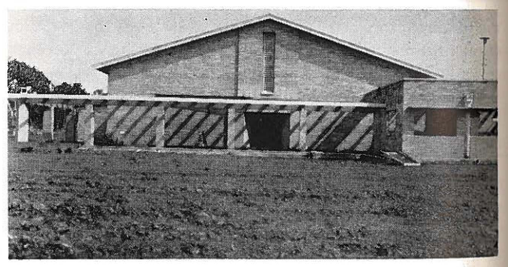
The training mission will be similar to last years. Emphasis will be on the completion of individual and small unit training. The new Army Training Programs outline the major subjects to be covered. Training exercises will be thoroughly planned to fit the available terrain and to bring out the principles of security, fire and maneuver, and the use of the triangular concept of operations. Night training will play a big part, and marches and bivouacs will be tactical whenever appropriate. Aggressor forces will be employed to add realism to tactical exercises. The infantry and tanks will again work together to develop cooperation in this important team. Also the tankers will have a chance to fire their 90mm guns at sea towed targets. Perhaps if all goes well some tank crews may have a chance to blast ground targets on the slopes of Mauna Loa.

It is planned to ask the Governor to visit the troops at Schofield on 17 June. He will first observe the tactical operations of the 298th RCT, and later in the day the 299th RCT (-), a composite unit of the 298th Inf, and the Air National Guard will pass in review.

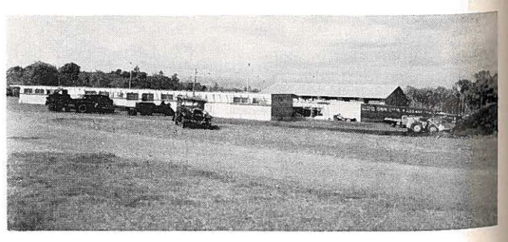
Advisor Notes. Lt Col Robert L. Newell arrived from the Mainland in December, 1954, and has replaced Major Roy M Taylor as unit advisor of the 1st Bn 299th Inf, on Maui. Major Taylor has been reassigned to Fort Ruger and is presently serving as executive officer to the Senior Army Advisor. In January of this year, Lt Col George W. Carter went to Hilo, Hawaii, to become the Advisor of the 299th RCT, relieving Lt Col James L. Osgard, who moved to Oahu to take over as Advisor of the 298th RCT.

Another new arrival, in October, was Major Frank Easley, who took over as instructor with the 109th AC&W Squadron. Major Easley came to us from an assignment in the O & T Branch of the Air Division in the National Guard Bureau.

Facilities. The new armory at Keaukaha Military Reservation in Hilo really looks like something these days, as you can see in the two pictures below. The top



picture is a view of the main entrance into the drill hall with the Regt'l CO's office in the wing at the right. The



other picture, taken from the rear, shows, on the left, a wing containing orderly rooms and supply roms, and on the right the locker room wing. Since these pictures were taken in January the roof has been put over those wings and the building is approaching completion.

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The violent windstorm which hit Oahu and other islands on 21 January completely destroyed the shed over the pistol range firing points in Diamond Head Crater. The wind tore the corrugated metal roof off of the shed and blew it some distance away. The facilities section estimates the cost of repairing the damage at $12-14,000. Other than the pistol range, the Guard suffered no major damage from the storm.

Maintenance Conference at Tacoma. A two-day maintenance conference was conducted by the National Guard Bureau for National Guard maintenance personnel at the Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Washington on 18 & 19 January 1955. Those attending from Hawaii were Lt Colonel Clark G. Johnson, USP&FO for Hawaii, Lt Colonel Clarence R. Johnson, State Maintenance Officer, Captain Nicholas M. Belobrek and Captain Louis H. Pavao, Supervisors of the Combined Field Maintenance Shops, Captain Frederick K. Chaney, Army Aircraft Supervisor, Captain Thad L. Farris, Army Aviation Advisor, and Captain John B. Baxley, Ordnance Advisor. This delegation left Honolulu by MATS transportation to Travis AFB and from Travis AFB to Tacoma, Washington and return by commercial air.

Also attending the conference were various representatives from Willys Motors Co., Cadillac, Allison, Fargo, General Motors, Delco Remy, Philco and representatives of various depots such as Sacramento Signal Depot, Mount Ranier Ordnance Depot, Benicia Arsenal, Fort Lewis Ordnance Depot, Pueblo Depot, and 6th Army Headquarters.

An interesting point in the trip was the visit to the new Washington National Guard CFMS. 63 floor plans for the shop were drawn before the final floor plan was approved. The shop was built for the equipment that the Washington NG supported at the time the plans were drawn. However, just 3 months after the shop was finished, the Washington NG was given 120MM anti-aircraft guns which are too tall for the ceiling of the new shop and they must be overhauled or disassembled outside the new shop building.

It was also stated at the conference that the T/O&E of the Ordnance Direct Support Company is being changed to include 4 vehicle mounted radios so that the division commanders and or attached units may have radio contact with their ordnance support.

The conference was well planned and efficiently conducted by Colonel Sampson of the National Guard Bureau and afforded everyone attending an opportunity to find out how his problems were handled in the various NG units represented.

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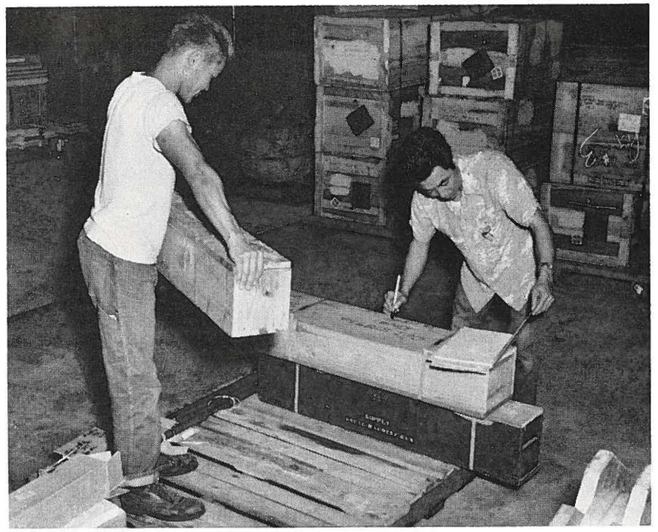
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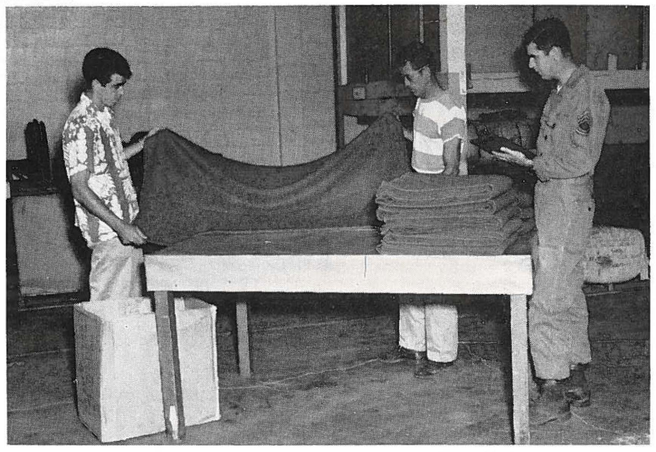
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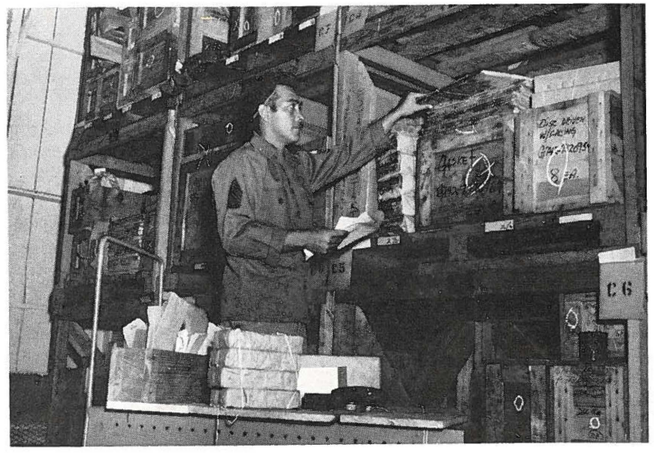
All supplies and equipment used by units and activities of the Hawaii National Guard are shipped by the various local Army Depots to the USP&FO Warehouse. This photo shows Sgt Richard Miki, Asst Whse Supervisor as he checks on incoming shipment from one of the depots against an Army Shipping Document.

The shipping section of the USP&FO warehouses is the center for all shipment of equipment and supplies to units of the Hawaii National Guard on outlying islands. Shown here are Herbert Wong, left, and Kunio Tamura as they assemble a shipment of supplies for one of the units on the outer islands. In the background may be seen an assembled shipment of new reproducers that reached the troops on or before 1 Feb 55.





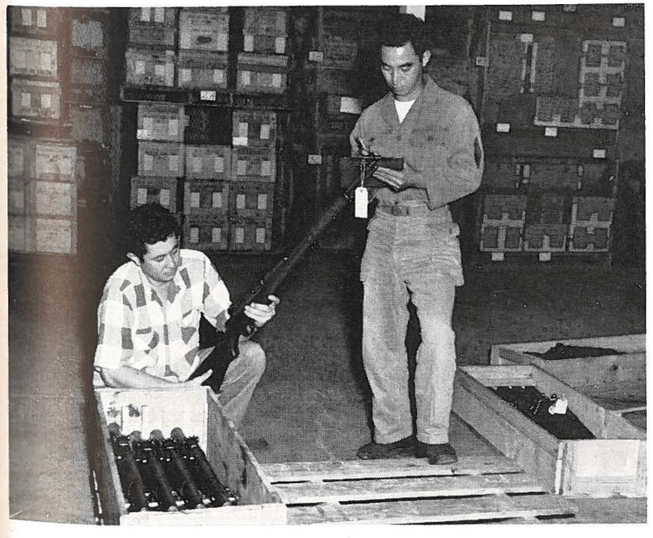
This pictures portrays on part of the many ities of the USP&Fes at Fort Ruger. e property and sup army units go thro arehouses.



Inspection of supplies and equipment in storage is another function of the USP&FO warehouse. Here we see Clifford Sylva, left, Manuel Nunes, center and Sgt William L. Duncan of the QM section as they inspect blankets before they are packed and stored.



Storage of supplies and equipment is one of the many functions of the USP&FO Warehouse. Sgt Albert I. DeVille, left, and John Silva, right of the Signal Section are shown as they put into warehouse storage a recent shipment of new signal equipment that will eventually be issued to units of the Hawaii National Guard.



Issue of spare parts to the service centers and Field Maintenance Shops is one of the missions of the Automotive Spare parts warehouse. Here Sgt Eckley Yim, prepares to make an issue of automotive parts to one of the service centers.

Sgt M. Murakami, right and Moses Lapera, of the Ordnance Section are shown as they prepare an issue of weapons for one of the units of the Hawaii National Guard. Checking of serial numbers of all weapons is one of the important ways that the USP&FO has to account for weapons.



QUESTION: What is meant by "voluntary" induction?

ANSWER: Under the present selective service law an individual who is subject to induction can volunteer to be inducted sooner than he would normally be called. He must be in a classification subject to call and he must volunteer in writing. When he does so he goes to the top of the list and is usually inducted immediately. He does *not* receive any special consideration such as a shorter tour of service, preferred assignments, etc.

QUESTION: I am a married Corporal with six and a half years service. I will complete seven years during the middle of field training. Am I eligible for BAQ and dependency claim for the second week of summer camp?

ANSWER: Yes. A Corporal becomes eligible for BAQ as of the day he attains his seven years of service. National Guard enlisted personnel, provided they are qualified, will receive a flat $2.25 BAQ regardless of their grade or the number of dependents.

QUESTION: Is the National Guard sponsoring a baseball team in the Hawaii Winter League again this year?

ANSWER: Yes. They played their first game on Sunday 23rd January at the Moiliili Field against Petrous and lost 8-2. Other teams in the League are the Mary K. Robinson, Royal Beer, and the Aliis.

QUESTION: I am a Sergeant with three dependents. My total wages shown on my Withholding Statement for last year's field training were less than I actually received. How come?

ANSWER: Only the base pay is taxable. In all probability, you received your Basic Allowance for Quarters which was not taxable and therefor not indicated as part of your earnings on the Withholding Statement.

QUESTION: Is a National Guardsman entitled to a military funeral if he is not a veteran?

ANSWER: Yes, provided death occurred in line of duty as a result of injuries or disease incurred during an authorized training period for which Federal pay is received. However, burial in a national cemetery is authorized only if the Guardsman is a veteran of active Federal service.

QUESTION: What is the total authorized and assigned strength of the Hawaii Air National Guard?

ANSWER: The Hawaii Air National Guard has an authorized strength of 983 personnel, and presently has 882 personnel assigned, which is 89.7% of the authorized figure.

QUESTION: What is the breakdown between assigned officers and airmen?

ANSWER: 88 officers and 784 airmen.

QUESTION: How many of Hawaii Air National Guard personnel are presently taking advantage of USAF service schools on the mainland?

ANSWER: As of 31 December 1954, 44 men were in USAF service schools on the mainland, with 71 men awaiting assignments.

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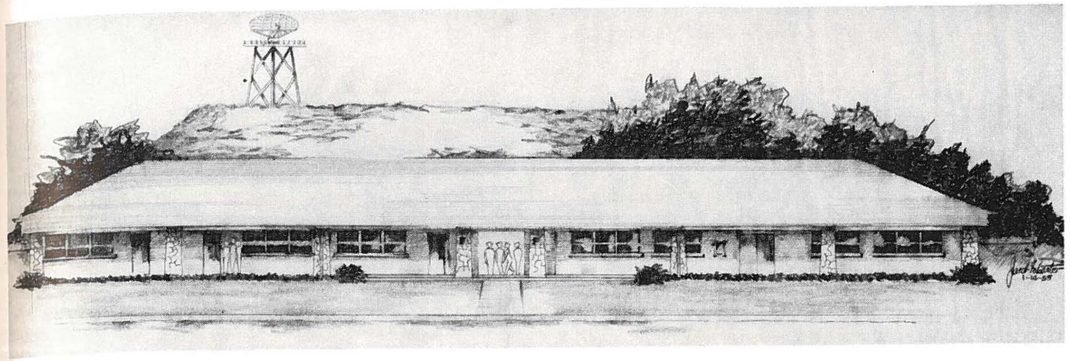
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ACWRON TO RETURN HOME

By Lt Col Valentine A. Sieferman

Sometime this year, or early next year, pending completion of negotiations with USARPAC, a new building will be built, and the 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron will return to its old home—Battery Closson, near Honolulu Airport.

The installation at Koko Head has proved to be inadequate for a unit as large as our Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron, and also too expensive to maintain, so General Makinney directed that a survey be made of other available sites that would meet the required criteria and be in a location convenient to a majority of the personnel of the 109th. The survey team composed of personnel from Headquarters Hawaii National Guard, the 109th and the Air Advisor's office arrived at the conclusion that the facility most suitable for our radar unit, from the standpoint of location, was Battery Closson. After this decision was reached, only one item was left to be determined—would the site afford the radar coverage necessary to train our radar personnel? To solve this problem, Navy electronics personnel from Pearl Harbor were called in as consultants. After a complete study, they submitted a favorable report.

The next step in the program to establish Battery Closson as home for the 109th was to insure that the unit had sufficient space to meet all its requirements. Although the battery, an old coast artillery installation, contained a large area readily adaptable to the unit's needs, space for administration, locker room, messhall, and latrine was lacking. In order to provide the additional space necessary, approval was requested from the National Guard Bureau to draw up plans and specifications for the construction of a new building containing some 8,100 square feet of floor area. The Bureau approved the request in October 1954 and the project was turned over to Lt. Colonel Clyde W. Woods, our very capable staff engineer.

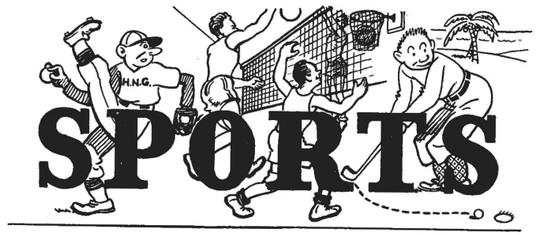
The plans and specifications have been completed and are in the National Guard Bureau for approval. Upon receipt of approval of the plans and specifications, bids will be solicited after which construction of the building will commence.

Colonel Woods exceeded our fondest expectations in designing the new building which will house the kitchen, messhall (which can be converted into four classrooms through the use of folding partitions), locker room, and latrine facilities. The building, which will be of concrete and hollow tile construction, looks more like a mansion than a training facility. The plans call for the best in hardware, a modern gas water heater and the latest type folding partitions.

The cost of the new building is estimated at between $75,000 and $80,000. In addition to the new building, some $10,000 will be spent on remodeling existing structures. The cost of the new construction and remodeling will be borne entirely by the Federal Government.

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By MERLE KELAI

Co. L, 298th Inf. Wins Cage Honors

Oahu, represented by Co. L, 298th Inf. won the Territorial Basketball Championship in Hilo, 12-13 November, with decisive victories over Co. D of Maui, Co. B of Molokai, and Service Battery, 487th FA Bn. of the Big Island. The Artillery men placed second by whipping Co. I of Kauai.

Oahu started activities on Friday night with a 44-31 win over Maui. Art Smith led the winners with 14 points, while R. Sagon tallied 12 for Co. D.

In the second game of the single elimination tourney, Hilo's Service Battery, sparked by A. Mendonca's 16 digits, ousted Kauai 55-37. F. Morino was Kauai's best scorer, making 12.

Oahu came back on Saturday and annexed their second win over a scrappy Molokai squad 54-37. Smith was top scorer again with 18. R. Bustamente made 16 for the losers.

In the title game, the Honolulans, paced by Art Smith's 16 points, copped their 1st HNG crown, spanking Hilo 46-38. Stan Costales scored 14 for Hilo. Herb Leslie and H. Kaniho were outstanding on the rebounds for Co. L and it was the overall balance of the winners, that turned the tide.

Lt. Col. M. Roman made the presentation of awards, which included pennants and charms. Lt. A. Auna coordinated the tournament and was assisted by WOJG Teddy Wong of the Athletic Board.

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Mau Wins Golf Tourney

Fred Mau won the Second Annual HNG Golf Championship on 20 November at the Leilehua Links, carding a gross 75. Runner-up honors went to Carl Kang, with 80.

In the Handicap bracket, George Kalaiwaa's 85-17-68 copped 1st, while James Kaulukukui placed second, shooting a 98-28-70.

A team match, held in conjunction with the championship, was won by the HNG team of F. Mau, C. Kang, D. Nahele, and T. Kaipoepoe with a net of 305. Second place went to the USARPAC squad, 312, followed by the Army Advisor's 321. Trophies and golf balls were presented to the individuals and gold cups to the team members.

A note of interest is the fact that Mau, Kang, and Kalaiwaa are all members of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

A field of 33 golfers participated from all the islands. Tournament Director was Lt. Col. John Campbell.

Volleyball

Territorial Championship will be held on April 1 and 2 on Molokai. Island eliminations will soon be conducted on all the islands. Oahu's 613th Ordnance Co. is the defending titlist.

1954 Highlights

Recapping the sports highlights in 1954, the volleyball crown went to the powerful 613th Ordnance Co. from Honolulu. The playoff was on Maui. Next came softball and the 299th Inf walked away with top honors. Co. D of Maui and Service Co. of Hilo copped 1st and 2nd respectively. The Garden Isle hosted the games.

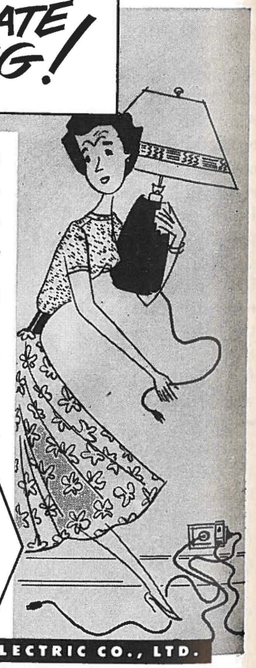
Co. L of Honolulu copped the basketball crown in Hilo with Service Battery placing second. Golf saw Mau crowned winner, with second place going to Carl Kang.

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By WOJG RALPH K. APO

The Hawaii National Guard, conductor of many successful pistol and 30 cal rifle matches, closed out the 1954 shooting season with a bang-up job on the four-position tournament held on December 17, 1954. The tournament was conducted on the newly constructed smallbore range in Diamond Head Crater. One hundred and fifty-nine individuals participated in this four-position shoot. Eighteen senior and twenty-three junior teams vied for team honors. In the final outcome. HNG team "A" took the team trophy in the senior division for the second consecutive year, posting a score of 1424 to 1418 for team "B" from U. S. Army Pacific.

HNG "A"

Eckley Yim	363
Edward K. Apo	350
Ralph Apo	363
Eikyu Higa	348
Score	1424

Other teams in the running:

3rd USARPAC "A"	1408
4th Oahu Rifle & Pistol Club	1385
5th HNG team "B"	1381

HNG "B"

Harry Wood	350
M. Murakami	329
K. Miyamoto	331
Manuel Sylva	371
Score	1381

The NG unit team championship was won by Service Co, 298th Inf with a score of 1415 to 199th Ftr Intcp Sq 1380. 613th Ord Co posted a 1358.

Svc Co, 298th Inf

M. Sylva	371
R. Apo	363
H. Wood	350
K. Miyamoto	331
Score	1415

199th Ftr Intcp Sq

E. Apo	350
J. Beaumont	341
S. Heu	348
R. Jones	341
Score	1380

613th Ord Co (DS)

E. Yim	363
J. Nakoa	344
C. Park	341
M. Mendonca	310
Score	1358

Sgt Manuel Sylva of Service Co, 298th Inf, walked off with top honors in the senior division. Sgt Sylva won himself the Bill Hart Trophy. Following Sgt Sylva in 2nd and 3rd spots respectively and posting identical scores of 363 each were WOJG R. Apo and Sgt Eckley Yim.

League No. 1 have posted the only big upset to-date. 613th Ord Co, pre-season favorite to win the territorial championship lost out by three (3) big points to the 199th Ftr Intcp Sq. In a hotly contested match from start to finish, both teams posted very high scores. Not until the final shots were fired did 613th Co realize the inevitable was at hand. The results of the first day relay gave strong indications that the outcome would be determined by a scant margin.

First relay results:

199th Ftr Intcp Sq

R. Jones	263
J. Beaumont	268
S. Heu	271
Score	802

613th Ord Co (DS)

E. Yim	269
M. Mendonca	263
C. Park	270
Score	802

Second Relay results:

199th Ftr Intcp Sq

E. Apo	276
D. Yap	266
Score	542

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487th FA Bn (Cont.)

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. On 5 May 1947 federal recognition ceremonies were held at Lyman Field, Hilo, Hawaii. The first commander of the 487th Field Artillery Battalion was Lieutenant Colonel George H. McPherson who served from 5 May 1947 to 11 May 1953.

Service Battery and Baker Battery were federally recognized on 17 July 1947 followed by Charlie Battery on 15 August 1947 then Able Battery and the Medical Detachment on 5 November 1948. Able and Charlie Batteries are located at Kealakekua, Hawaii, a distance of about 100 miles from Battalion Headquarters, while all other units are located in Hilo.

Succeeding Lt Col McPherson as Battalion Commander was Major Masayuki Kawasaki, who commanded from 12 May 1953 to 31 August 1954.

On 1 September 1954, the third change of command took place in Hilo. Lieutenant Colonel Roy W. Replogle became the new commander, effective 1 September 1954, and presently heads the organization.

Like other units of the Hawaii National Guard, the battalion participated in annual field training at Schofield Barracks, Kahuku, and Makua each year until 1954 when the battalion conducted annual field training exercises on the island of Hawaii for the first time.

Much of the above information was provided by Captain Paul J. Kay, now serving as Army Advisor to the 487th FA Bn. Capt Kay served with the 532d FA Bn during the war as Forward Observer, Firing Battery Executive, Battalion Recon & Survey Officer, and Battalion S-2.

O. C. S. (Cont.)

understand that he must diligently apply himself to study and must have the proper motivation for this rigid training in order to successfully complete the course.

Hawaii was originally allotted four candidates to the first special OCS class. However, six applied and all were accepted. Of the six who attended this class in June 1953, five were graduated and awarded certificates. Upon return to Hawaii these Guardsmen passed the Federal recognition board and were commissioned 2d Lieutenants in the Hawaii National Guard.

In 1954 the Special NG OCS moved to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia and a special course for Artillery candidates was established at the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Both courses parallel the regular Army officer candidate courses presently being conducted at those schools.

Eleven Hawaii Guardsmen were graduated from the Infantry OCS and one from the Artillery OCS in 1954 and were awarded Certificates of Completion. All but one have subsequently been commissioned in the HNG and the NGUS.

These courses have proven so successful that the quota of candidates at the Infantry School has been increased from 200 to 300 candidates with two classes scheduled for 1954. The first class will start on 2 May. The Artillery School has also increased its quota but will only hold one class which will start on 16 June and close 3 September 1955.

Another big change this year is that commissions will be presented at graduation to candidates who successfully complete the course. The quota allocated to Hawaii for this summer is six candidates for the Infantry OCS and one for the Artillery.

Lt Gen Clarke (Cont.)

Following the war in Europe he was transferred to Pacific Theater where he asumed command of General Base Section Two with headquarters at Manila.

He returned to the United States in September 1945 and served with the Plans Section at the Pentagon and then as G-3 for Army Ground Forces until February 1948.

Following a tour as Assistant Commandant of the Armored School at Fort Knox, he went overseas to Germany where he commanded the Second U. S. Constabulary Brigade and established the first Constabulary Non-Commissioned Officers Academy.

He returned to the United States in February 1951 and was named to command the 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas on March 10, 1951. Two months later he assumed command of Fort Hood and in April 1953 he went to the Far East where he took command of the U.S. I Corps. On October 13, 1953 he was appointed Commander of the X Corps (Group) of the U.S. Army in Korea and one year later assumed additional duties as Deputy Army Commander of the Eighth U.S. Army in Korea. He also commanded the Eighth Army in Korea during the absence of General Maxwell D. Taylor.

General Clarke's decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, The Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with two clusters and "V" device, the Air Medal and Commendation Ribbon with metal pendant.

Among his foreign decorations are: The Philippine Liberation and Philippine Independence Medals, the French Legion of Honor, the French and Belgium Croix de Guerre with palm, the Taeguk with 2 Silver Stars from Korea and the Colombia Meritorious Medal.

General Clarke was born at Adams, N. Y. on April 29, 1901.

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Hawaii Air National Guard

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Sir:

I am forwarding herewith an extract copy of letter received by Captain John C. Y. Ing from Major General Ellard A. Walsh, President of the National Guard Association of the United States in recognition of Captain Ing's article "Why Support the National Guard Association?" which appeared in the November issue of the Hawaii Guardsman.

The comments made by General Walsh, I know, will be of interest to all members of the Hawaii National Guard (Army and Air).

I take this occasion to congratulate Captain Ing for his fine article which received such outstanding recognition by the President of the National Guard Association.

Sincerely,

(s) F. W. MAKINNEY
Major General, HNG
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Captain John C. Y. Ing
816 Judd Street
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Dear Captain Ing:

When the November 1954 Fourth Quarter issue of "The Hawaii Guardsman" came to my desk this morning, I not only read your exceptionally fine article on "Why Support the National Guard Association?" but was pleased beyond measure and felt highly complimented and far beyond my due. It would be a wonderful thing if every officer and warrant officer of the Army and Air National Guard read it. Accordingly, and provided you have no objection, *I intend to re-print the article in full in the May issue of the National Guardsman* so that it will be brought to the attention of all concerned just prior to the field training period.

Naturally, I was impressed and flattered with your reference to the manner in which the General Conferences of the National Guard of the United States are conducted and particularly the Miami Conference. For a number of years, I have contended that it would be inexcusable to bring 1,500 to 2,000 of our officers and warrant officers from each of the States, Commonwealth, Alaska, Hawaii and the District of Columbia to a General Conference unless things were so organized and conducted that there would not be a moment wasted and it was on schedule at all times. . . . I am deeply indebted to you for your very fine article and most grateful.

Very sincerely yours,
(s) E. A. WALSH
Major General, NG, Ret.
President

TRAINING—Jet Jockeys recently returned to the 199th Fighter Intercepter Squadron from flying school are: 2d Lt's Robert A. Hinkley, Donald P. Giddings, Herbert M. Sakamoto, Roger K. Clissold, and John E. Russell. New pilots from the Reserve: 1 Lt's Paul L. Hummel and Kenichi Nomura. Those who recently departed for flying training are: 2 Lt's Melvin G. Yen and Richard H. Sanchez; and Aviation Cadets John R. Wikeen, David S. Savella, and Randolph Galt.

109th AC&W Squadron school graduates with letters of commendation: A/2C Linus Chock, A/2C Jiro Arakaki, and "Honor Student" A/1C James Oshiro. Others recently graduated from Air Force Schools: A/2C Dan

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613th Ord Co (DS)

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Score	539
199th — Total Score	1344
613th —Total Score	1341

Other teams serving notice as strong contenders for the much coveted AG trophy and posting scores of 1336 or better are:

Service Co, 298th Inf, Oahu
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Legaue champions to-date:

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No 2 Co B, 298th Inf
No 3 Co H, 298th Inf
No 9 Service Co, 298th Inf

News of the Quarter

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Chung and Frederick Tao. Also returned from school: Capt Arthur Ishimoto and 2d Lt Daniel Sherrin.

At present, a total of 7 officers and 44 airmen of the Hawaii Air National Guard are attending schools on the Mainland. One (1) Officer and 67 airmen awaiting class assignments.

The 199th Fighter Intercepter Squadron is presently conducting supplemental gunnery exercises which will last through March. In addition, the 199th FIS and 8199th RTS will be attending separate Sunday unit training assemblies.

PROMOTIONS—109th AC&W Sq Airmen to Staff Sergeants: David Langsi and Robert Lee; to Airman 1st class: Norman Kuwahara, Mitsuru Suehisa, and Wilfred Won; to Airman Second Class: Abel August, Jr.

BIRTHS—Proud fathers: A/1C Frank Costello and A/2C Harold DeCosta of the 199th; Lt Paul Haygood and A/2C Kenneth Kaneshiro of the 109th.

CHANGES—Lt Col James R. Ashford assumed command of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron on 15 February 1955; Major Robert Paine assumed command of the 109th AC&W Sq on the same date.

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SPECIAL TROOPS

The 120th Signal Support Company had a happy birthday on 4 January. The unit was one year old that day, and the Adjutant General, members of his staff, and the Senior Army Advisor visited the signallers during drill. Punch and doughnuts were served after drill, courtesy of Capt Lawson. The Signal Company's strength after a year of activities shows an increase to 5 officers and 71 men as compared to 3 and 26 on 4 January 1954. They need 6 more officers and 118 men for full strength. There is a critical need for cooks, message center personnel, telephone installers and repairmen, and teletype operators. Vacancies also exist in the radio and radio carrier platoons.

The annual 613th Ord Co Christmas party which was held on 17 December was a huge success and the entertainment was terrific. Sgt Frank Ho and his acrobats did a tremendous job. Sgt Hesos Asentista with his high bar act and trampoline act met with tremendous approval from the guests and families of the fighting "613th". Mr. Coker from Fort Shafter, with his banjo, had to play so many encores he thought he was part of the company after awhile. The company's combo (The Four Jacks) did a wonderful job of entertaining. And of course we can't leave out our poor Santa Claus! This is one year the kids weren't afraid of him, because he was none other than jolly old Major Walsh, the talking Santa Claus! (1613th Ord Company! Oops slipped!!)

The MP's are very happy to announce that their unit pistol team won the Military Police Pistol team matches, National Guard, for the third consecutive year. Congratulations are extended to the team members, Capt George Roberts (Now CO of Hq Det), 2nd Lt Edmund S. Hara, M Sgt Ah Sung Char, Sfc Herbert Panoke and Sgt Richard Yoshimura. M Sgt Char was the national individual high scorer for the 1954 competition. Nice going men.

Hq Detachment is prospering under their new commander, Capt George Roberts who transferred in from the MP's last fall. Capt Henry S. Kuniyuki relinquished his command to Capt Roberts after a tour of a little over a year "to get some command experience" as his superiors put it. Respected and admired by the enlisted personnel, Capt Kuniyuki's enthusiastic and responsible leadership during the one year he was commander brought many favorable changes in the detachment. His understanding leadership boosted the morale and espirit de corps of the outfit to new heights. To show their appreciation for his outstanding contribution as Detachment Commander, the personnel honored Capt Kuniyuki with a dinner party at Kewalo Inn and presented him with a silverware set. Capt Kuniyuki's transfer was not a complete loss to the detachment however, as he assumed his former position as Ass't G-1.

These enlisted men of Hq Detachment will run the activities of the Green Scarfs club for 1955 as club officers. SFC David Mahukona, president; Pfc Leroy Akamine, vice president-secretary; and Sgt Clarence Kusumoto, treasurer. Pfc Mel Chan and Pfc Albert Fong were elected to serve with the officers. Cpl Herbert Uyeda's idea of having an Aloha Committee covering births, marriages, departures, and other special occasions within the detachment has led SFC David Mahukona as president of the Green Scarfs club to appoint three enlisted men to look into the possibility of creating such a committee. Those appointed were SFC Wilfred Shobu, chairman; M Sgt George Robello and Sgt Roland Yee.

The quarter saw lots of personnel changes in the Special Troop units. Some have been reported to us, and we pass them on to you. Congratulations to these officers and enlisted men of Hq Det on their recent promotions. Lt Col Clarence Johnson; CWO-2 Edmund Tyau; Pfc's Leroy Akamine, Harry Asato, Edward Chinen and Walter Tsumura; and Pvt-2's Gordon Cavaco and Robert Itagaki. Congratulations are also in order for the following 613th promotions: Pfc's to Cpl's: Harold T. Karimoto, Royden K. Arashiro, Leroy J. Calhau, Richard N. Kujiuji, Kenneth S. K. Kam, Robert K. Nakasone, Renaldo N. Santiago. Pvt E-1 to Pvt E-2: Bernard P. M. Song. Pvt-2 Norman K. Chang, Pvt-2 Jean R. Martin, and Pvt-2 Ralph Vicens Jr. of the MP Co were promoted to Pfc. You're on the way men.

New faces in the 120th Signal Co include 2d Lt Fred A. Holck, a former instructor at the USARPAC Communications School; Sgt Robert Ishimoto, a Hawaiian Telephone Co switchman; Cpls Doyne D. Auna and Ken Miyamoto, brother of Sfc Kaoru Miyamoto, Svc Co 298th Inf; Pfc Clarence Amaral, formerly of Hq Co 298th Inf; and Pvt Jack Cambra, a student at St. Louis College. Pvt-1 George K. Kaleikini enlisted in the MP's on 11 January 1955. Welcome George. The MP's were also very glad to welcome back former members who were inducted into the Army and served in Germany, Sgt William L. Nary and Pfc Francis R. Reis. Their knowledge gained while in the Army will be a great credit to this unit. We are also expecting more of our former members back in the unit as they are released from the service. The Detachment said welcome back to M Sgt Eddie Leong! We are all happy that you are well again. A welcome back also went to SFC Wilfred Shobu who braved the wind and cold in attending the QM School at Ft Lee, Va. SFC Shobu was quite disappointed that his plans for visiting New York City did not materialize due to limited time. However, he did have an enjoyable time touring Washington D.C. Friends in Hq also said aloha to Sgt Merle Kelai who enlisted in the U.S. Army in January. Sgt Kelai's absence will weaken the Detachment's softball and basketball teams as he was an outstanding performer in both sports. Maj Gen Fred W. Makinney will also miss Merle who was his chauffeur. Our aloha and best wishes also to Pfc Donald Imamoto who like Merle enlisted in the U.S. Army in January. Pfc Imamoto was a student at the University of Hawaii and was a member of the senior football team last fall.

The 613th reports a few men who have joined the exalted order of "The Gold Bands" and they are: Sgt Asentista, Cpl Karimoto, Pfc Chong, Pfc Wright, Pfc Sumida, Pvt Viveiros, Pvt Hosaka. Too bad boys! Gloom must come to us sooner or later! Our heads are bowed in humble prayer for your misfortune. The regular services are lucky to have the HNG as a source of recruits. We sure lose a lot of good men in that direction, and in addition to the Detachment losses mentioned above, the MP's were very sorry to say good-bye to Sgt Edgar K. Hanohano, Cpl Joseph M. Arrona and Cpl Henry K. Hanohano, who decided to put their considerable talents to good use in the service of the United States Air Force. Good luck fellows, we hope to have you back with us when your tour of duty is over.

At the same time, Cpl Harry M. Fujiwara, Cpl William J. Vasconcellos Jr, Cpl Patrick R. Cullen, Cpl James Y. Kobayashi, Pfc Stephen D. Castro, and Pfc James Kalua Jr, all MP's, reenlisted for another three (3) years.

Lt Chong, CO of the 120th MP's recommended Cpl Daniel K. Kaloa, Cpl Stanley Prestidge and Pfc James Kalua Jr for the Hawaii National Guard Attendance Badge for three (3) years of perfect attendance at training. Keep it up fellows.

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298th RCT

By WOJG THOMAS N. C. SEE, JR.

Dear Readers—We've got a new deal on unit news in this issue of the Hawaii Guardsman, and yours truly, correspondent for the 298th RCT, hopes that you will like it. Your suggestions will be welcome. In this column we hope to keep you posted on news from Fort Ruger, Pearl City, Wahiawa, Waialua, and Kaneohe on Oahu and from Lihue, Hanapepe, and Kapaa on Kauai! Are you ready? Here we go——!!

At Fort Ruger everyone is buzzing about the outstanding I. G. Inspection ratings received throughout the Combat Team. Of the twenty-eight units on Oahu and Kauai, 7 earned ratings of Superior, 19 achieved Excellent, and 2 were rated Satisfactory. Again, as last year, no units were Unsatisfactory, a fact which can be credited to the tremendous support and devotion to duty displayed by all personnel during the course of the inspections. Laurels are in order for Company C, commanded by 1st Lt William S. K. Burgess, and the 111th Army Band, ably led by CWO Carl S. Baptiste, who garnered their fifth and fourth Superior rating, respectively. Rounding out the Superior bracket were "first-timers" Tank Company (90MM Gun) and Company D; and "second-timers" Company F, Company H, and Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn. Letters of commendation from Commanding General, USARPAC, indorsed by the Adjutant General, were addressed to each unit commander commending them for a job well done.

Commendation letters from the Regimental Commander were presented to forty-five enlisted men, in recognition of their outstanding performances during the night phase of the Inspection. Commendations covered the following:

Military Bearing and Soldierly Appearance (19)
Outstanding Instruction (19)
Initiative, Admin Ability, Supply Discipline (3)
Knowledge of Basic Military Subjects (2)
Proficiency in Duty Assignment (1)
Proficiency in Close Order Drill (1)

Our hats are off to all units for their fine showing, particularly to those men who furnished their services to the Guard after normal working hours!!

Looking back further to early November we remember Sfc Henry S. Iizaki and his crew busy at work on the lanai fronting Regimental Headquarters. What, pray tell, is all this hustle and bustle? Whose pulley is this? Imagine playing with "bean bags" at your age! — All of these and more were comments made by battalion and regimental staff officers as they conscientiously participated in two days of staff training. All battalions successfully repelled a simulated hostile force which landed in the vicinity of Kaneohe and comments made by Lt Col George W. Carter, Army Advisor, to the effect that all echelons showed marked improvement, were enlightening indeed. — Oh yes! The pulley and "bean bags" were ingenious devices to expedite the flow of messages. The pulley was used to transmit messages from the first floor to the second and the "bean bags" were utilized as weights to toss the missives from one messenger to another. "When one considers that nearly 1,000 messages were written," states Sgt Iizaki, "All told my messengers must have saved at least twenty miles!"

On the 11th of December all Infantry units of the 298th were alerted in conjunction with Exercise Eversharp #7. Although this constituted the first alert of this type in five years, personnel from all units began flowing in steadily within one hour from time of notification. Several individuals from Nanakuli and Kailua made Fort Ruger in less than two hours. Considering the early morning hour no complaints were registered and the populace of Hawaii can be assured that the 298th is ready to serve them on the spur of the moment if necessary. A remarkable attendance percentage of 89.82 reported for duty, with 2d Battalion units plus Tank Company reporting at well above the 95% level. Although the alert was confined to the Island of Oahu, Lt Col Albert W. Duvel, commanding the 3d Battalion on Kauai, was placed on standby alert until cessation of the problem.

With completion of I. G. Inspections, Staff Training, and Exercise Eversharp #7, the 298th is currently engaged in weekend training which will find troops training each Sunday for the next four months. The primary objective this year is to qualify every man with his primary weapon.

Summer camp this year will be from 4 through 18 June for the 298th Infantry and the 227th Engr Co (Combat) and from 11 through 25 June for the 483d Field Artillery Battalion. As last year all troops will train on Oahu with the exception of the 483d which will put in its two weeks on the Big Island. Since the 25th Division has returned to the Islands, and has taken the permanent buildings, squad tents will be provided for Guardsmen at Schofield.

We are hoping to bring our strength up to 2,500 men prior to field training, the first efforts toward this goal will be made on 7 February when a team of experts will direct their attention to the various local high schools in an extensive recruiting drive. Our hopes rest on the shoulders of recruiters: M Sgt Thomas T. Iyamatsu, 227th Engr Co (Combat); M Sgt Wallace Y. M. Kam, 483d FA Bn; and Sfc William T. H. Yuen, 111th Army Band.



Cpl Joe Castro presents a new sign for Co C to Lt Burgess, CO

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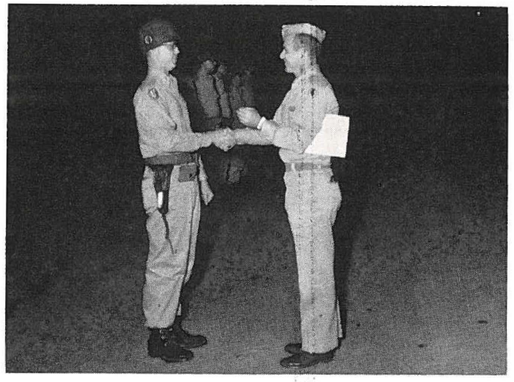
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The new year of 1955 will see many new faces. First of these faces came in the person of Lt Col James L. Osgard who replaced Lt Col George W. Carter as Army Advisor for the Combat Team. Although Col Carter's tour of duty with the 298th was short we shall long remember him for his support and cooperation. We extend our thanks to Col Carter and take this opportunity to welcome Col Osgard!



Receiving congratulations and silver leaves from Col F. A. Schaefer, III, are Lt Cols J. M. Becker, top and Manuel Kwon recently promoted to their present grade.



Promotions and appointments during the last quarter reached a new high. At two separate ceremonies Col F. A. Schaefer, III, Regimental Commander, presented silver leaves to Lt Col Manuel Kwon, Co 2d Bn, and Lt Col John M. Becker, CO 483d FA Bn. Other promotions were: To Captain—Richard S. Furukawa, Franklin P. Hee, Alexis T. Lum, and Hirotoshi Yamamoto; to 1st Lt —Edward J. Costa, Basil W. Hansen, George T. Iwamoto, and Thomas M. Shields, Jr. Four enlisted men became eligible for appointment to the grade of Second Lieutenant by virtue of having completed the Special National Guard Officers' Candidate School at Fort Benning during the summer of 1954. Joining four other OCS graduates who completed the course at Fort Riley in 1953 were: M Sgt Douglas K. W. Tom, Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn; Sgt Louis S. Inagaki, Co M; Sgt Richard T. Murakami, Co E; and Sgt Pedro N. Sanchez, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn. Sfc Samuel L. Keala, Jr. of Company C was also elevated to the grade of Second Lieutenant by reason of having successfully graduated from an accredited university.

We mustn't forget to congratulate 2d Lt George M. Miyachi who recently won honors for the "Photograph of the Year". Lt Miyachi's photo of a distressed mother running from her burning home on St. Louis Heights appeared in Life Magazine and caught the eyes of local judges. Congratulations Lt Miyachi! — Incidently George was assigned as the Regimental photographer for three years before accepting a commission in 1953.

Congratulations are also in order for 1st Lt James Namahoe and WOJG Herbert Kumai who were awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal for ten years of faithful service in the AUS and the National Guard.

Service Company, the "shootingest" company in the 298th, captured the Unit Team Award in the 1954 Four-Position Smallbore Rifle Championships with a score of 1415. Long admired for its excellent marksmanship this unit never fails to enter and place in all small bore rifle shoots. Keep it up boys! Individual match honors went to another of the 298th as Sfc Manuel Sylva exploded with an impressive score of 371 out of a possible 400.

Out at Pearl City where the rainstorm of 28 November will never be forgotten, our Company F is slowly getting its unit area and armories back into shape. M Sgt Isayas D. Santa Ana, AS&MT for Fox, was certainly surprised when he reported to work on 29 November. Eighteen inches of water greeted him as he opened the door together with a file cabinet which keeled over during the storm. Sgt Santa Ana shook his head and said, "What's going to happen next?" — I guess you can't keep a Superior company down!

From the 483d Field Artillery Battalion comes news that Service Battery won the I. G. Trophy for the third consecutive year. This trophy award sponsored by the 483d is presented annually to the most outstanding unit of the battalion. Capt William B. Stevens, Battery Commander, seems to have found the key to perfection.

In the athletic spot-lights we find a new HNG Basketball Champion in the 298th's Company L who walked away with the "bacon" in the Territorial Finals held in Hilo. For Company L it was well earned championship as it represented this RCT for the past three years and lost out in the finals. Our congratulations to the whole team for their fine play.

Currently each battalion is conducting a red hot volleyball tourney. Time will tell if a team strong enough to topple Company G, last years champions, is around. 2d Lt Richard Kaulukukui is the Athletic Board coordinator for this event and announces that the Regimental playoff to determine the RCT Champions will be conducted in early March.

In November a thin turnout represented this RCT in the HNG Golf Championships. In spite of the odds, we can boast of Lt Col Francis S. Takemoto who placed third in the handicap race. Last year three lads from the 298th scooped medal and handicap laurels.



299th RCT

In an outfit as big as the 299th, it's hard to decide where to start on the news from a whole quarter of the year, particularly when the outfit is spread out so far. There are so many interesting things going on, that it's impossible to cover them in a few short columns. We'll do our best, however, and here goes.

The last few months have seen lots of personnel changes, and new faces are popping up all over. In Regt'l Hq Co Capt John R. D'Araujo vacated as CO and moved to Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 299th Inf for duty as Battalion S-3. Capt George M. Aoki, formerly of Co K, returned to familiar surroundings as CO. Assisting Capt Aoki as Executive Officer, is 1st Lt Robert A. Souza, formerly of Co M. Enlistments in the Engineer Company have been better than average. New members that were enlisted are: Pvt's Charles E. Burgess, Joseph F. Miranda Jr., James Pakele Jr., Patrick A. K. Tam Sing, and Herbert M. Urasaki, who are coming up in the ranks as good men for a good company. Pvt's Ronald K. Arizumi, Sherwood H. Hara and Alvin M. Jitchaku, buddies in civilian life all decided to become Engineers. Starting the New Year with a bang, the Engineer Company enlisted the following; Sgt George A. Kamalamalama Jr, former member of the unit who took a break for a while; Pfc Virgin J. Santos (A Korean veteran who knows plenty and can pass on good instruction on the machine gun), and Pvt Herman Wela. Aplication for Commission as a Second Lieutenant, CE, is being prepared for SFC Arthur F. Kepoo who has completed his extension course with the Engr School and is a recent graduate of the NCO Course at that institution. Congratulations Arthur. We all wish you every success! In Medical Company Sgt Harold T. Ferreira joined from Service Co 299th Inf and will be assigned to the Motor Sergeant vacancy in the medics. Other gains for the quarter were Roy T. Hatami and Doroteo Pitoy. Welcome men. I am sure you will enjoy serving with the Medics. The 2nd Bn gained a new CO when Lt Col George S. McEldowney was transferred in to take over from Lt Col Rohner who resigned to go into the Army Reserve. Major Sau Hoy Wong moved in at the same time to replace Major Schattauer as Bn Exec. Capt Major Desha (!! confusing name, eh?) moved up from Co F to take over as Bn S-4. Lt George W. Makaea, Jr has replaced Capt Desha as commanding officer. Fox Company also lost Lt Robert C. McKeen who resigned due to pressure of work. Men enlisted in the battalion during the quarter included, in Hq & Hq Co, Manuel S. Morgado, Henry H. P. Ching and James T. Saito, Sgt Charles A. C. Young who reenlisted in Co E for another three years, Robert Makini, Albert Araujo and Carlos Gacuzana who enlisted in Company F, and didn't anyone tell you that you had to go through cane "jungle" to reach Co G at Olaa? Well, it's not that bad, but it's quite a distance from the main highway. Strength has increased from 65 to 73 since 1 Jan 55 and that's a good

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sign. Will have to request an increase in the ceiling strength if that keeps up. Recruits were, Eddie Miyatake, Roy Makio, Douglas Sakoda, Edward Taguchi, Edward Tanaka, Roy Tsukada, and Hideki Yoshida. Another member welcomed to the fold was Cpl William Hewelu, former member of the 25th Division.

IG inspections occupied most of our time during the past quarter, and we're sure glad they're over. The 299th came out pretty well, with seven superior units. We quote here what the inspector had to say about the two superior units in the 1st Bn.

Co A—"Training observed on the night of inspection was Superior. Non-commissioned officers were well trained and effective. Personnel of the unit performed with snap and precision and soldiers in ranks answered questions promptly and with confidence. Training aids were appropriate and properly used. Emphasis during training was on practical work. Morale of the personnel was exceptionally high as indicated by the attendance rates and appearance of uniforms, accoutrements, and also personal hygiene".

Co B—"Administration and supply records were exemplary—in fact, the best of all National Guard units inspected this year by this inspection team. Also, maintenance of equipment stored in the supply room, especially small arms, was accomplished in an outstanding manner. The excellent standard of instruction conducted by this unit could only have been attained with a maximum amount of preparation and prior planning. Instruction was presented in such a manner so as to insure genuine interest by all participants. Training aids were utilized to the utmost. Most individuals answered questions concerning past instruction promptly and with confidence."

A rating of Excellent was given to Tank Co, inspected on 22 and 24 Nov 54. Lt Col Roland N. Paul conducted the Day Phase portion and Major T. B. Earll inspected the unit during the night phase. The IG noted that the men in ranks were neat in appearance and were well disciplined. Congratulations are in order to all officers and enlisted men of the 230th Engr Company (Combat) of Hilo. Why? Because the Engineers put on and conducted one of their best I. G. Inspections on 24 November 1954. This unit participated 100% and put on a show that was well worth the rating of Excellent awarded to the unit. Instruction was tops and the conduct of the men during the inspection was even better. The social after drill really hit the spot. Good work Engineers for a job well done. Keep it up and let's hope that the next one will be even better . . . In connection with the inspections, our correspondent from Medical Co, 299th, says "In order for an association such as ours to be worthy of its name and to accomplish its aims and purposes, it must be supported by each and every man in the company. Realization of this fact, plus the many hours of team-work has again brought forth its rewards, keeping our company on a solid footing, and attaining a final rating of "Excellent" for the annual IG Inspection held on 9 and 10 November 1954. Checking back in the IG history of the Medical Company, it is noted that we are yet to attain a rating of a superior. I am sure that if each and every one of us keeps in mind the requirements for such an achievement, strengthen the unit in all its aspects and continue to give full cooperation, our ultimate goal shall be achieved, thus leaving us with a great deal of pride and satisfaction." IG Inspections in the 3rd Battalion this year proved by far the most interesting and constructive to date. With the exception of a few minor errors, unit administration and supply records, including maintenance, safeguarding, storage and security ranged from excellent to superior in this THUNDERING THIRD BATTALION 299th RCT. The training performance of this battalion exemplifies what every commander strives for but seldom achieves. Much of the credit for their outstanding results (3 Superiors — 2 Excellents) is due to the respective unit commanders for their untiring effort in bringing this battalion to what it is today. They are Capt Anthony L. Teves (Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn), 1st Lt Clarence A. Morgado (Co I), 1st Lt Yutaka Nakashima (Co L), Capt George M. Aoki (Co K), and 1st Lt Robert A. Souza (Co M). Individuals commended by the inspectors included Capt August M. Nascimento, Bn Exec, 1st Bn, for intense interest, exceptional initiative and ingenuity, and leadership; M Sgt Manuel Castro and Sfc Joseph Vierra, Co A, for outstanding instructional ability; Cpls Benedicto P. Bayron, Abel Sagon, John T. Sardinha, and Pfc Wilfred Canha of Co D for outstandingly smart military appearance and exceptional knowledge of military subjects; 1st Lt Isao Joyo, Sgt Edwin T. Silva, and Sgt Tom F. Oda of Hv Mort Co for exceptionally outstanding instructional ability; and in the 110th Army Band, CWO Andres A. Baclig, a very capable bandleader and instructor, Pvt Barr Canario and Pvt George Real, outstanding soldiers and dependable musicians. Sfc Hitoshi Kanayama and Sgt Tokuichi Hokomoto of Co F were commended for superior soldierly appearance by the IG. Lt Robert S. Watanabe, CO of Co E, was commended for outstanding recruiting, SFC Robert H. Yokomizu and Sgt Edward Y. Toriano for being outstanding instructors, and Cpl William E. Muirhead was noted for superior soldierly appearance.

In the realm of news about training we note that 1st Lt Lawrence Tavares (just promoted) and 2nd Lt Abel L. Kahoohanohano, Platoon Leaders in Heavy Mortar Company, departed 24 January 1955 for TIS Fort Benning, to attend the Inf Off Basic Course. Capt August M. Nascimento, 1st Bn Exec, and Capt Joseph J. Kahoohanohano, Jr. returned on 3 November 1954 from TIS Fort Benning after successfully completing the Associate Advanced Course. Capt Kahoohanohano is assigned as Commanding Officer of Company D. 2d Lt Francis A. Abreu, Platoon Leader in Co D, returned from TIS Fort Benning's Inf Off Basic Course. On 19 February 1955, Lt Blain, SFC Benevides, Cpl Mitsuda, Cpl Kalua and Pvt Britto of Tank Co will be leaving for Schofield Barracks to attend a two week course on maintenance of the M47 tanks. Hope that you enjoy this course. Lt Arita of Co H has completed his course at Ft Benning, and is now on 45 days leave to take in the country. Wonder how he is enjoying the winter there, what with the cold wave sweeping the country. Lt Suefuji, temporarily has replaced him and is doing a darn good job. On 9 January 1955, the Medics "celebrated" their first outdoor inactive duty training for FY 55. The attendance consisted of 57 EM and 5 Officers (100% attendance),

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with delicious fried ham steaks being served for lunch. The major obstacle for the day was the uncertain weather. The first of the six Sunday drills for Tank Co was held on 9 January 1955. During this drill, training consisted of Preparatory Marksmanship of individual weapons. On 23 and 30 January 1955, this unit will participate in range work qualifying in individual weapons. Well, we can't leave out the Mess Section. They were also busy preparing chow for the men.

We didn't have very many promotions reported to us this quarter, but here's what we got. In Co E at Pahala Sgt Robert H. Yokomizu to SFC; Cpl Franklin T. Shibuya and Cpl Edward Y. Toriano to Sgt; Pfc Charles T. Funai and Pfc Charles H. Sakamoto, Jr. to Cpl. M Sgt Dominador A. Valledor has completed his 10 Series and is now enrolled in the 20. Hope to see him receive his commission soon. In Fox Company displaying one rocker were Donald Leopoldino and Peter Villanueva, recently promoted to Pfc. Tank Co men advanced to pay grade Pvt-2, include Pvt-1's Enos, Haena, Keliihomalu, and Puumoewa. Congratulations!!

Here's a message from the 110th Band.

"With the regular Armed Forces luring away some of our best men we are faced with a serious recruiting problem which is typical of all specialist type units. We need men that know how to play musical instruments, especially Baritone, Bass, Clarinet, or Snare Drums. Do you know of anyone who might have any of these qualifications and would like to join the Band? We have about 4 vacancies at the present time and would be glad to have them."

In the Medical Co, December 17th brought the company men, wives and "girl friends" in closer harmony as we celebrated our Christmas party at the 299th Club House. The feast consisted of Teriyaki Steak with all the trimmings and after dinner music, superb for dancing, was furnished by McRae's Combo.

That about does it for this issue. Hope you all like our "new kine" unit news, and let's have your suggestions for more and better news in future issues.

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YOUR MONTHLY RETIREMENT PAY AS A TYPICAL RETIRING GUARDSMAN

*Rank or Grade	With 5 yrs. active duty & 15 yrs. N. G. duty†	With 5 yrs. active duty & 25 yrs. N. G. duty†	With 20 yrs. N. G. duty†	With 30 yrs. N. G. duty†
Colonel	$129.43	$185.32	$66.40	$113.43
Lt. Col.	111.37	155.06	57.14	94.91
Major	102.34	136.15	52.50	83.34
CWO-W4	89.13	123.57	45.73	75.64
M/Sgt.	55.89	78.03	28.67	47.76
SFC	49.68	66.33	25.49	40.60
Sgt.	45.02	60.47	23.10	37.01

*Figures are not shown for officers below the rank of Major or enlisted men below the grade of Sergeant since (after the twenty years of service required for retirement pay) most Guard officers will have attained the rank of major and most enlisted men will have reached the rank of sergeant or higher.

†Computations for National Guard duty are based on each Guardsman's having earned 75 points per year. (60 points for belonging to the Guard and for armory drill attendance plus 15 points for attendance at 15 days summer field training.)

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HOW TO FIGURE YOUR RETIREMENT PAY IF YOU ARE A NATIONAL GUARDSMAN

Tables I, II, & III below may be used to compute your monthly retirement pay for any possible combination of active duty in any service and National Guard duty.

To compute your monthly retirement pay:

1. **Determine the percent of pay for the number of years you have served on active duty (Table I).**
2. **Determine the percent of pay for the number of years you have served on National Guard duty (Table II).**
3. **Add the figures obtained from Tables I and II and multiply by the basic pay for appropriate rank or grade (Table III).**

EXAMPLE: Master sergeant with 5 years active duty service and 15 years National Guard service:

5 years active duty (Table I)	12.5%
15 years N. G. duty (Table II)	7.81%
total	20.31%

Basic Pay (Table III) $275.18

Monthly Retirement Pay ($275.18 x 20.31%) = $55.88

TABLE I

ACTIVE DUTY			
Years of Service	Percent of Base Pay	Years of Service	Percent of Base Pay
1	2.5	16	40.
2	5.	17	42.5
3	7.5	18	45.
4	10.	19	47.5
5	12.5	20	50.
6	15.	21	52.5
7	17.5	22	55.
8	20.	23	57.5
9	22.5	24	60.
10	25.	25	62.5
11	27.5	26	65.
12	30.	27	67.5
13	32.5	28	70.
14	35.	29	72.5
15	37.5	30	75.

TABLE II

GUARD DUTY*			
Years of Service	Percent of Base Pay	Years of Service	Percent of Base Pay
1	.52	16	8.33
2	1.04	17	8.85
3	1.56	18	9.37
4	2.08	19	9.90
5	2.60	20	10.42
6	3.12	21	10.94
7	3.65	22	11.46
8	4.17	23	11.98
9	4.69	24	12.50
10	5.21	25	13.02
11	5.73	26	13.54
12	6.25	27	14.06
13	6.77	28	14.58
14	7.29	29	15.10
15	7.81	30	15.62

*The percentage figures in Table II are based on each Guardsman's earning 75 points per year.

TABLE III

OFFICERS		ENLISTED MEN		
Rank	Basic Pay* (18 to 22 yrs. service)	Grade		Basic Pay* (18 to 22 yrs. service)
		Army	Air	
Colonel	$637.26	M/Sgt	M/Sgt	$275.18
Lt. Colonel	548.34	SFC	T/Sgt	244.61
Major	503.88	Sgt	S/Sgt	221.68
Captain	444.60	Cpl	Sgt	198.74

WARRANT OFFICERS			
Grade	Basic Pay* (18 to 22 yrs. service)	Grade	Basic Pay* (18 to 22 yrs. service)
WOJG	$279.95	CWO-W3	$363.17
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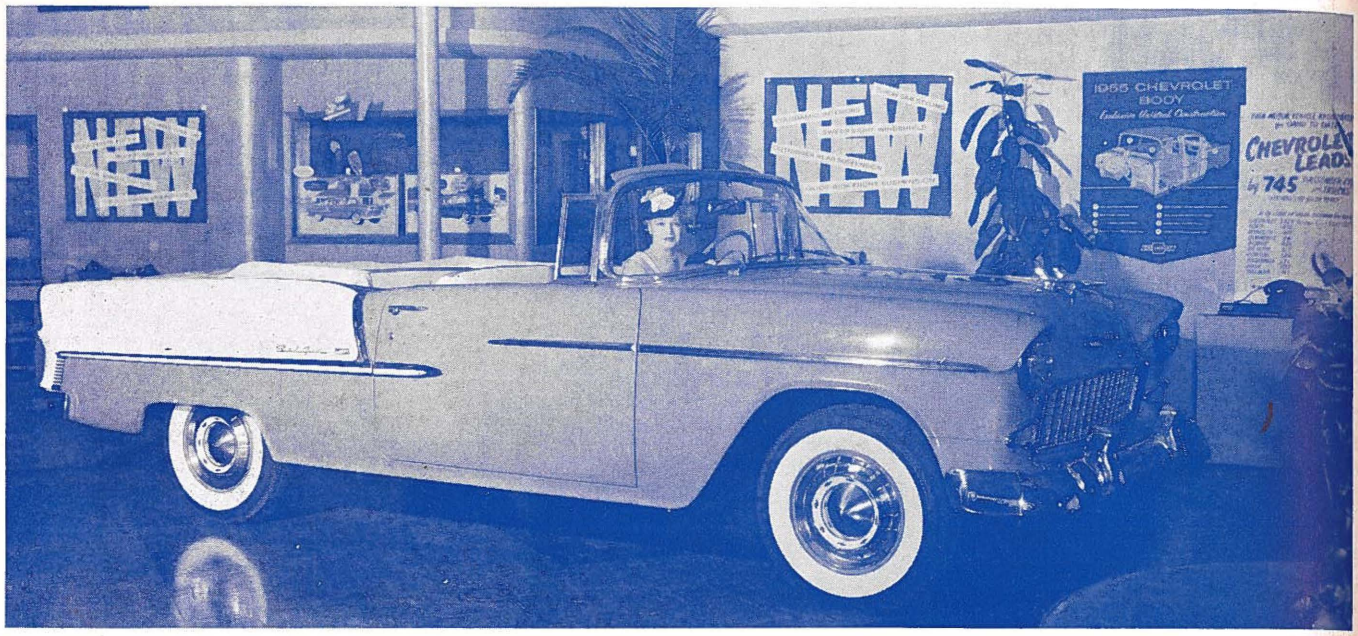
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