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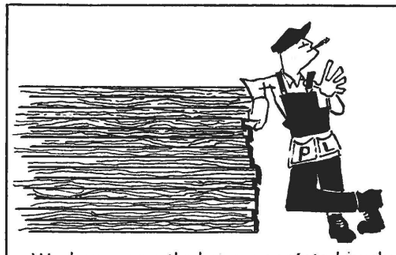
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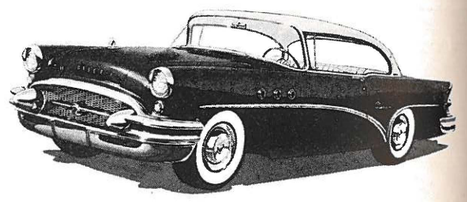
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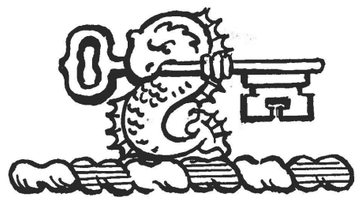
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The H-13 helicopter displays its hovering capability over the reef just off the beach on Sand Island.

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Operation Pele

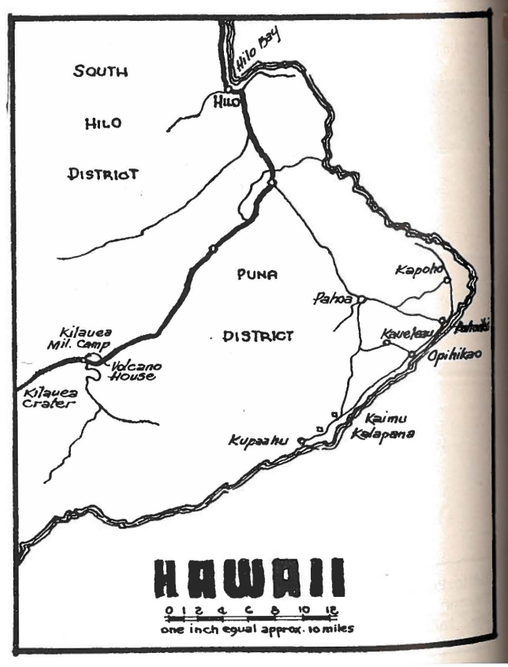
by Lt Colonel Michael R. Roman

The participation of the 299th RCT in "Operation Pele" commenced when a telephone call was received from the Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency that the cinder cone known as Puu Honuaula had erupted and that volcanic activity including a small lava flow was reported. This happened on the morning of 28 February 1955. Within a few hours this eruption, the first of its kind in the Puna district in more than 100 years, had developed into a major one, with the flow crossing and cutting off the secondary road from Pohoiki to Pahoa.

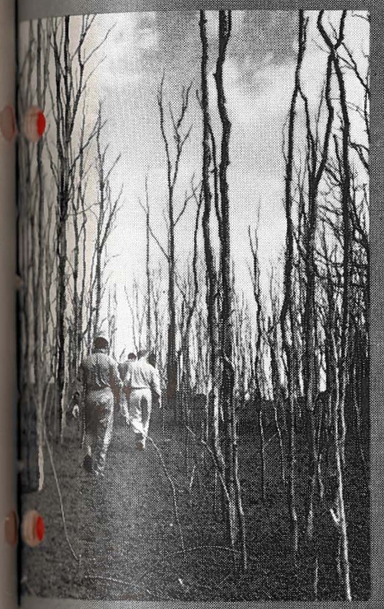
This initial eruption caused some concern for the welfare of residents of the area, however, it was short-lived. The activity ceased in the early afternoon of 1 March 1955. Immediately following the cessation of the actual eruption, earthquakes commenced with the frequency of tremors increasing as the day progressed. Cracks began to appear in the roads in various sections of the general eruption area indicating that future activity could be expected. In the early afternoon of 2 March the Puu Kii cone erupted. With this eruption the populace of Kapoho, which consisted of approximately 300 individuals, had to be evacuated to the Pahoa gym situated adjacent to Pahoa High School. Requests were received from the Civil Defense Agency for trucks with which to transport individuals and their belongings from Kapoho.

Previous to the Puu Kii eruption 4 vehicles had been dispatched to assist Civil Defense in the evacuation of individuals from the Malama Homestead area. Communication vehicles consisting of jeeps and ¾-ton trucks were also dispatched to assist in the directing of traffic on 3 March and were in operation with Civil Defense until 12 April 1955.

The Puu Kii fountain activity ceased on 13 March and earthquakes again rocked the area. On the 15th of March the frequency of the quakes had increased to where Pahoa and surrounding areas were receiving as many as 3 quakes per minute. The intensity of these quakes, for the most part, was very minor, although occasional severe jolts were felt. These quakes continued until noon, 19 March, on which date cracks were observed on the Kalapana road in the vicinity of Katsuto Hayashi's home. Six cracks were noted at 6:00 AM with no apparent





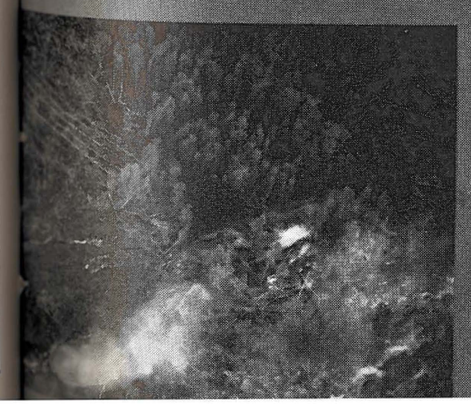


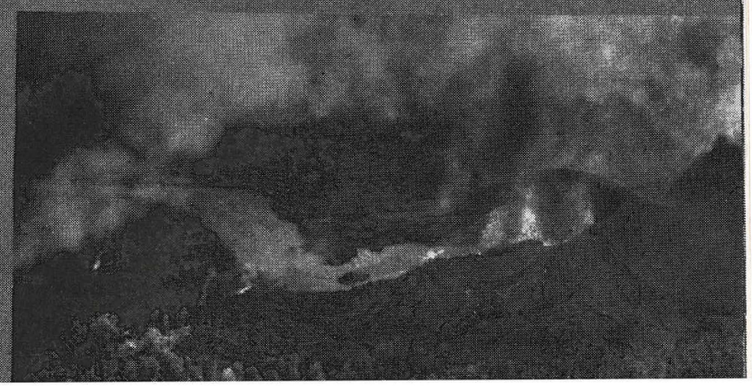


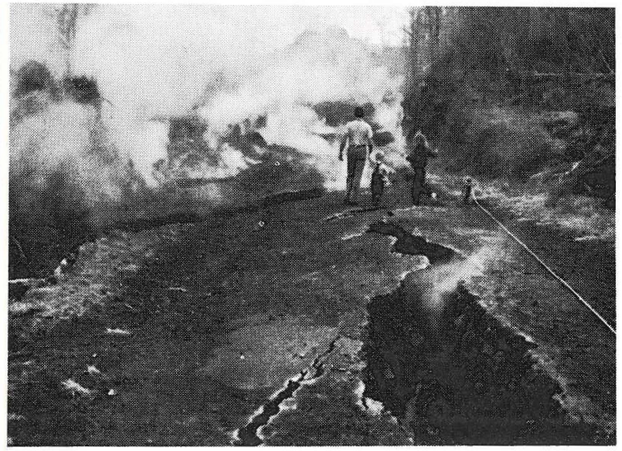
'FIRE IN THE HOLE!'
These photos taken from an L-19 show lilewa No. 2 in full eruption.

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A view of the Kalapana road showing the cracks opened by the eruption. (HNG photo)

increase until 2:00 PM the same day. At 4:00 PM a party of 4, which included Dr. Gordon McDonald, volcanologist with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Lt Colonel Michael R. Roman and 2 members of the local radio and press, visited the scene of the damage caused by cracks in the Kalapana road. While the group was on this reconnaissance, additional cracks appeared, along with a visible rise in the surface of the road. As the additional cracks appeared there seemed to be a definite "puff" under the road area which, unknowing to the group, was to be the scene of further eruption activity. Returning from the reconnaissance, the group visited the seismograph located at the Pahoa School. No quakes of any significance had been recorded during the period 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM. While the group was returning from the seismographic area, smoke was observed coming from makai of the Kalapana road along the rift line, at which Dr. McDonald exclaimed, "There we go again". This smoke developed into a very strong eruption which produced active fountains in the Puu Kaliu area.

While the party was trying to pin-point the rift, which incidentally opened at approximately 5:10 PM, it became obvious that it would be necessary to avacuate the village of Kaueleau. A request was transmitted to the net control radio stationed at Pahoa School through a relay jeep stationed at the junction of the Kalapana-Opihikao road to dispatch seven HNG 2½ ton trucks which were standing by at Pahoa to be used in such an emergency. These vehicles were directed during darkness into the Kaueleau village from Pahoa School. The inhabitants of that community assisted in loading the vehicles with whatever belongings could be salvaged. While this operation was going on, it was feared that the convoy as well as the group with Dr. McDonald (which by this time included communication vehicles, Civil Defense, and County officials) would be cut off, as the rift was increasing rapidly in the direction of Kilauea and if it continued, the Kalapana road would be severed. The only escape route available to this group, should this have happened, would be the Lyman detour which was cut through virgin forest circumventing the Puu Honuaula flow of 1 March. Reports were received via radio that steam cracks were very active in this detour area. This did not contribute

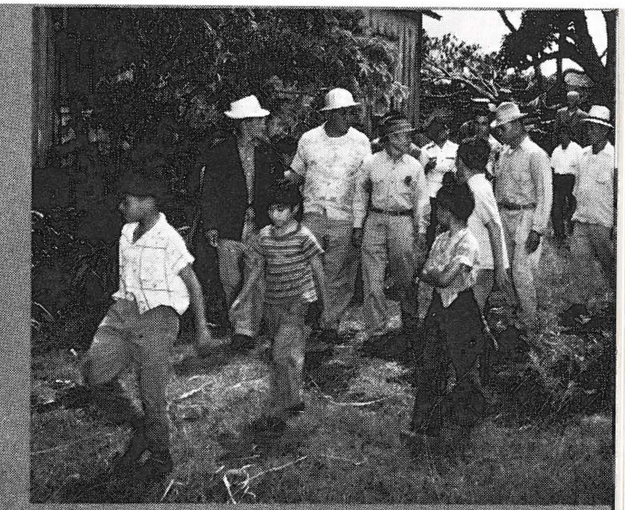


Communications jeep with radio contact between L-19 flying reconnaisance missions and net control station at Pahoa headquarters Civil Defense Agency. Left to right: Cpl Medillo Velasco, Lt Raymond Suefuji and Dr. Gordon McDonald. Lt Suefuji participated as a member of County of Hawaii Traffic & Planning Commission. The other person in the photo could not be identified. (HNG photo)

to the safety of the group inasmuch as Dr. McDonald felt that this was a definite indication that activity might be returning to the original cone thereby cutting off all escape routes for the group. The NCO in charge of the convoy was advised to hurry with the evacuation and within an hour, vehicles were loaded and on their way back to Pahoa by way of the Kalapana road. Fortunately, the road remained open and the convoy proceeded safely to the evacuation center.

The control of this convoy, as well as the transmission of information being relayed by Dr. McDonald to Civil Defense headquarters at Pahoa and from Civil Defense headquarters to Dr. McDonald, could not have been accomplished without the HNG radio net. In the meantime aerial coverage was being rendered by HNG and 25th Division light aircraft. Trained air observers rendered valuable assistance with their around-the-clock observation of the eruption.

At approximately 8:00 AM on 20 March 1955, the rift opened further and fountains continued to develop in the direction of Kilauea; however the eruption con-



EVACUATION!

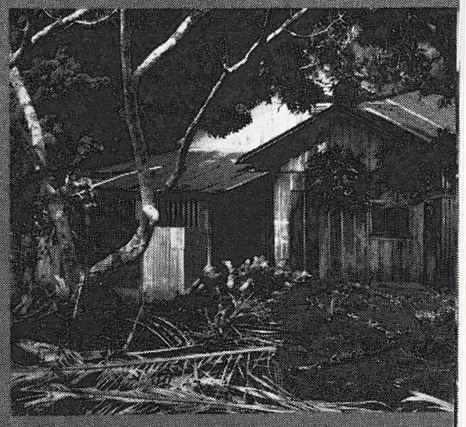
Guardsmen assist Civil Defense and Red Cross workers evacuating families from the town of Kapoho threatened by nearby lava flows.

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fined itself for the greater part of the day to Masayuki Nii's cucumber patch. The fountains were approximately 100 yards from the Kalapana road and spurted lava as high as 100 to 150 feet.

While this eruption was in progress, twelve 2½-ton trucks were dispatched to evacuate the village of Kamaili. This evacuation was completed without incident over the Kalapana road which, at this time, was not seriously affected. The prediction made by Dr. McDonald that the Kalapana road would be severed became a reality by 4:20 that afternoon. The road was ripped open by a fissure approximately 3 ft wide which developed into a series of fountains, one of which later destroyed Hayashi's home and rendered the Kalapana road impassable. Cones left by the eruption are of considerable height. Several small and short-lived flows began winding their way down the slopes but did not cause extensive damage as the activity in this area ceased after 24 hours. The fountains did not reactivate in this general area and activity moved further up the rift to Puu Iilewa which has since been called "Number 1". This cone produced the largest fountain of the eruption which at one time rose to greater than 1,000 ft above its base and continued for approximately one week. Flows again developed and endangered Iwasaki camp at Kamaili. As the activity continued, very careful surveillance was maintained by ground and aerial observers.

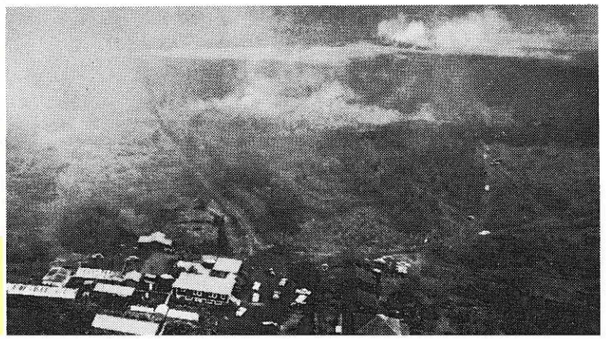
After a week, Iilewa "No. 1" ceased fountain activity and for all volcanic purposes was dead. However, it was only a short time until Iilewa "No. 2" decided to erupt and continued its activity until 7 April 1955. Four flows entered the ocean from the volcanic activity in the Puna district. Millions of dollars of damage was incurred, and had it not been for constant observance by HNG personnel as well as the availability of HNG trucks and radios the damages could have been much greater. Our participation undoubtedly saved human lives and property through prompt warning and action.

Participation by personnel of the 299th RCT totalled over 500 man-days for all men ordered to active duty in the service of the Territory of Hawaii including pilots who flew more than 250 reconnaissance flights over the eruption area. This latter figure does not include flights made by 25th Division pilots who were on duty with Civil Defense headquarters for a period of 10 days. Flights were made by Captain Frederick K. Chaney from Hq & Hq Det, HNG; Captain Joseph J. Kern, Hq 299th Inf; Captain Elroy Bohlin, Hq 487th FA Bn and Lt Francis A. G. Ashdown, Hq 299th Inf. Surveillance flights by our light aviation pilots provided an excellent training opportunity for them and acquainted them with requirements of future operations of this nature from the standpoint of aircraft operation under emergency conditions.

During the peak of the operation, the weekend of 19 and 20 March, the 299th RCT had a total of 30 vehicles and 4 aircraft operating in conjunction with the eruption. Members of this command appreciate the opportunity of being called upon to participate in such an activity where their services contributed materially to the saving of lives and personal property of the people who unfortunately were affected by the eruption.

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Iwasaki camp near Kaueleau. These buildings narrowly escaped destruction by the flow which can be seen crossing the cane fields in the background. (HNG photo)

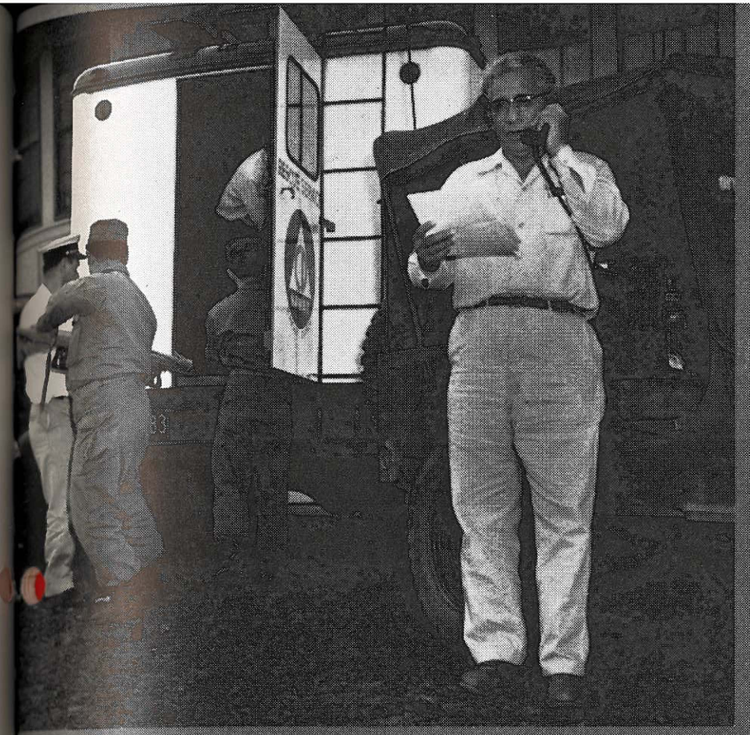


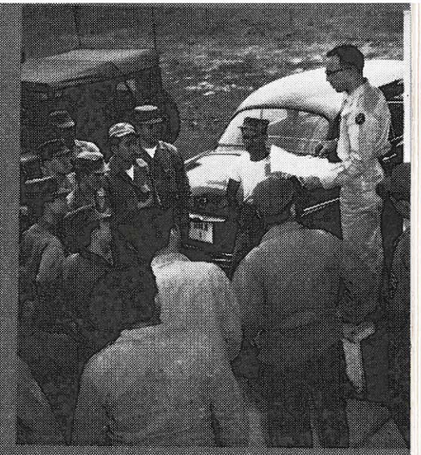
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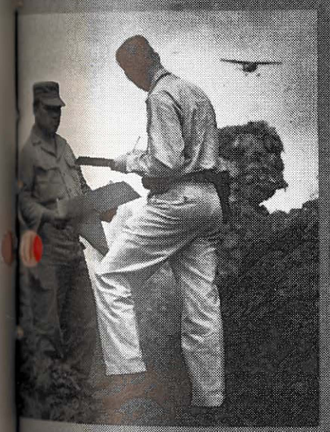
Capt F. K. Chaney, Army Aviation Officer of Hq Det Hawaii NG describes the support given to Civil Defense by our army aviation sections.

Our mission was to furnish Civil Defense Headquarters with on the spot reports via air to ground radio communications, concerning the volcanic activity, reporting particularly any noticeable change of activity, compass headings of lava flows, rate of movement of flows, probable course or path to the sea, and homes or other property in danger of being destroyed. All of this information was recorded at Civil Defense Headquarters on a large blackboord that covered two walls of the office. The center of activity during the period in which our reports were being received was a large terrain map spread out and tacked to a table where a plotter was hard at work transcribing our descriptions to the map.

Those National Guard personnel who took part as radio operators, plotters, and recrders, and our aircraft mechanics, did a commendable job, working 12 to 18 hours per day. I recall that on one early morning at 0545, I made a low drag over the Civil Defense radio station at Pahoa to alert the operators. It was customary to make such a low pass to alert the radio crew that the aircraft was returning to the eruption area and that a report would follow. Normally, shortly after passing overhead, "Terry" would acknowledge ("Terry" was the call sign for the CD Hqs station). I didn't get the usual prompt acknowledgement, so I tried calling, and then made another pass over the area without success. Being slightly perturbed, I really gave the area a blast with a *low* drag at full throttle. Needless to say I got Terry to acknowledge, but only with a voice that sounded like it came from a grave. "Sergeant this is Terry." I acknowledged briskly and he came in again "This is Terry, I thought I dreamt that I heard you passing over the first time." I learned later that this crew had had a very long night in the field and had just gotten to sleep about a half hour before I made my first pass.



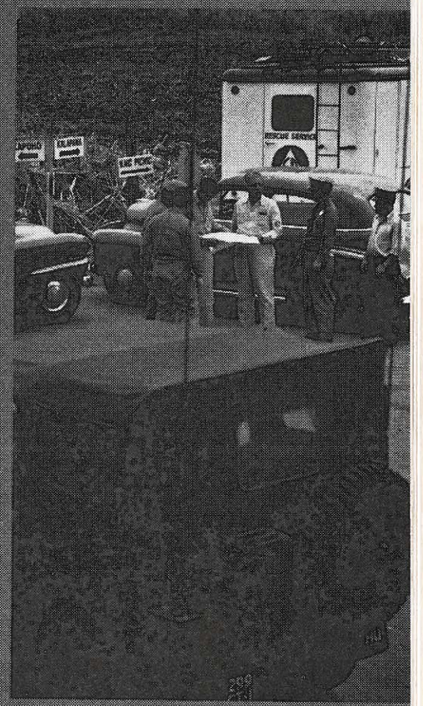




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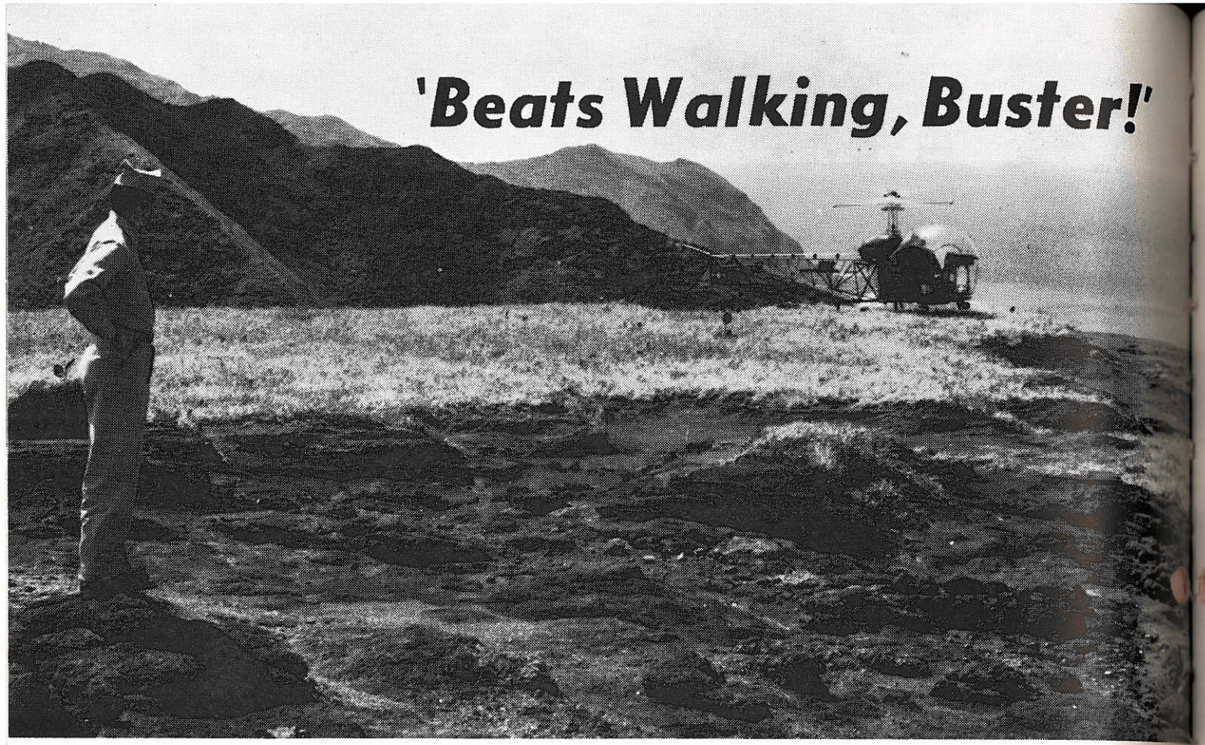
of Civil Defense included vehicles, radios, observation aircraft and personnel to operate the equipment on a 24-hour basis.

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'Beats Walking, Buster!'

A report from our army aviation section

by CAPTAIN KEN CHANEY

That crazy mixed up machine is here! The HNG recently took delivery of the first of its reconnaissance type helicopters, a Bell Model H-13G, shown above parked on a ridge top near Oahu's Makua Valley. This fascinating aircraft is capable of hovering motionless above the ground and is also capable of forward, backward and sideward flight. (That's no kidding—I rode in it!—Ed.) This same helicopter won the acclaim of military men during the Korean war by saving the lives of many thousands of wounded soldiers. Although it is sometimes called "Idiots Delight" this craft is truely a pilot's dream, yet it doesn't fly, handle or feel anything like a conventional aircraft. Why should it. It doesn't even look like an aircraft, yet it flys with amazing controllability. Eventually we will have two helicopters, one for each RCT Hq. At present there is only one qualified helicopter pilot in the HNG (your author), but Capt Henry H. McNeill of the 298th is away at school learning how.

In addition to the helicopter, and at last, our L-23B multi-passenger aircraft has arrived. This sleek twin-engine aircraft is assigned to headquarters. It is capable of carrying six passengers, including the pilot, at cruising speeds in excess of 180 MPH. The interior is almost as plush as the interior of a late model car and the plane is equipped with the latest navigational radio aids. This aircraft will be used primarily for inter-island command and staff work. Both the L-23 and the helicopter will be in operation during the coming summer camp.

In the midst of the joy over receiving our two new aircraft, we were set back a notch or two when, on the morning of the 23rd of February, a freak windstorm ripped at our maintenance facilities at Honolulu Airport. A section of corrugated iron roofing, approximately 150' x 16', was torn loose and scattered throughout our area causing serious damage to three of the L-19 aircraft. Two of these aircraft will not be available for summer camp this year, but are expected to return to service shortly thereafter.

The Navy, owners of the building we occupy, decided that it wasn't worth repairing and have scheduled it for demolition. Plans are now being completed to relocate our sections in one of the Concentration Site buildings at Honolulu Airport.

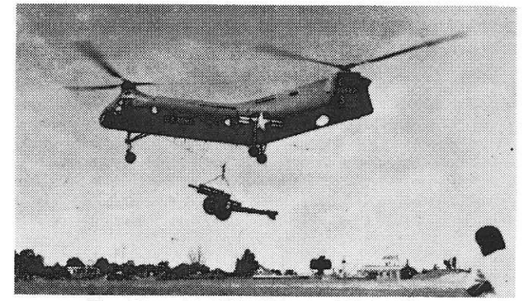
Since the delivery of the helicopter, there have been many questions as to whether or not the helicopter replaces the L-19? Positively not! Helicopters will never replace fixed wing aircraft, otherwise known as conventional type aircraft. The cost of operation, practical maintenance, speed, range, and the initial cost of the aircraft are important reasons for saying that. None of these factors favor the helicopter in comparison with conventional type aircraft in the same weight class.

The Army, realizing the advantages and disadvantages of both rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft, is spending a good deal of money in research and development of an aircraft that combines the advantages of both. The answer may lie in the Convertiplane, an example of which is the Bell XV-3.

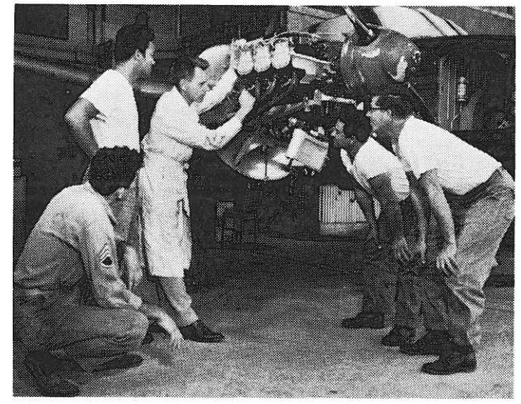
The Convertiplane is an aircraft fitted with a conventional wing and tail with normal aircraft control surfaces. It's motive power consists of an engine in the fuselage which drives two three-bladed rotor-propellors, one on each wing tip. Power reaches the roto-propellors through two unique transmissions which can be rotated between horizontal and vertical positions. In order to take off in helicopter fashion the pilot rotates the transmissions back and up to place the blades in a horizontal plane, whereupon they exert an upward lift just like a helicopter rotor. Once the aircraft is airborne, the pilot rotates the transmissions forward and down until the rotors are in the same position as conventional propellors. That adjustment gives the Convertiplane nearly the same speed characteristics as a conventional plane possesses. In order to land as a helicopter the pilot again rotates the rotors back to their take off position. The conversion from the helicopter type of operation to the conventional airplane is smooth and gradual, and can be completed in 10 to 15 seconds after the aircraft has gained sufficient forward air speed and effective lift has been produced through its wings.

Another new development in the field of Army aviation, is the XT-37, a high speed reconnaissance aircraft. This twin-jet aircraft, completely unarmed, is designed to penetrate deep into enemy territory to adjust long range artillery fire. It's high-speed will permit fast penetration and get away which is necessary in atomic warfare.

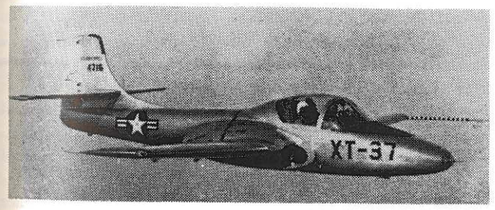
In the troop carrier field, the H-16 and H-21 helicopters are possibly destined to out mode the sea going landing craft. The H-16 will transport 44 combat loaded troops, the H-21 approximately 20. These large helicopters, just coming into use, will have a profound effect on tactics and logistics. Todays Army is highly mobile. New equipment is constantly replacing outmoded equipment. For the Army, mobility through the air was inevitable. Conventional aircraft, helicopters, and jet reconnaissance aircraft, are an integral part of our ground forces. The mission of Army aviation by no means duplicates the efforts of the Air Force, but rather, supplements it.



The Piasecki H-21 lifting a 105 howitzer.



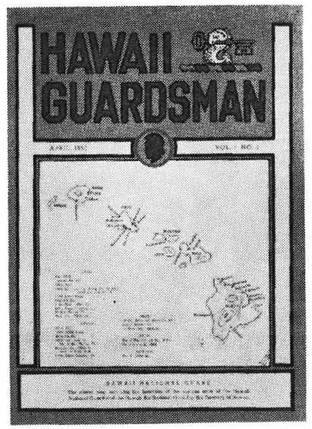
Mechanics of the aviation sections were thoroughly briefed on the new L-23 by Mr. M. J. Wege (in smock) technical representative from Beech Aircraft Corporation. L to r: Sgt Henry Gomez, Sgt Joseph Halbuna, Wege, Sgt George Pacheco, and Cpl William Craver.



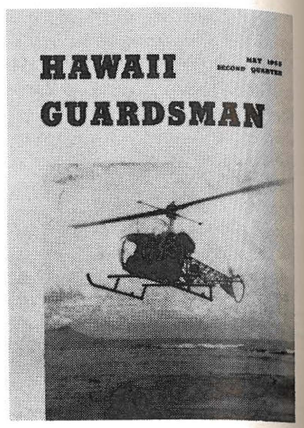
Can't tell the army from the air force these days. This is a test model (tested by USAF) of the Cessna built T-37 jet reconnaissance aircraft.

An L-23B of the type recently issued to Hq Hawaii National Guard. (Beech Aircraft Corp Photo)





FIVE YEARS



by Lt Col John Campbell

In April 1950 the first issue of the Hawaii Guardsman went to press. There is no doubt now that the idea was good for it paved the way for some 20 issues to date. It wasn't easy getting started, as you can understand, and there were doubts as to our editorial ability and as to how you and our merchants would take to the idea — but more of that later.

For several years General Makinney had forseen the need for a Hawaii National Guard Association. It is true that the National Association was well established but being concerned with nation wide problems, it could not be expected to accomplish what we needed in Hawaii for Hawaii. Other states had strong associations and were publishing fine magazines that told the story of their Guard units, so why not us — we had excellent units, esprit de corps and the right to let our friends and even ourselves review our accomplishments. On several occasions there were informal talks about an association but nothing firm until a few brave hearts put together the make-up copy of the first issue of the Guardsman. With the Adjutant General's blessings, potential advertisers and writers were contacted and shown the make-up. The response was gratifying and so the first issue was born. Shortly thereafter the founders of the Hawaii National Guard Association met and drew up our Constitution and By-laws.

What have we accomplished? Well, that is not easy to say, because except for the Hawaii Guardsman, most of our accomplishments are intangible. The magazine speaks for itself, whereas the Association is in the "Good Will" field. It speaks to the National Guard Association and our own Territorial and County fathers and by its prestige enhances esprit de corps among our units. Any association which can sustain a membership of nearly 100% is strong and has the confidence of its members.

On looking back into that first issue we read, "This magazine is published to stimulate interest in and provide information for members of the Hawaii National Guard, and all other persons interested in the welfare, activities, and efficiency of the Hawaii National Guard." This policy has been continued in every issue and every issue has lived up to this statement of purpose. There is no doubt that the Guardsman is a good magazine, and it is also a fine historical record of not only our military, but our athletic and marksmanship activities. So you advertisers, writers and subscribers, take a bow, for without each of you we could not exist very long.

The Association has a creed and it deserves a place in this article. "To strengthen the national defense, to further the interest of the Hawaii National Guard, and to promote the sound organization and development thereof." A big job for one man but a small one for a strong team. The Association since its conception has accomplished much in assisting the Adjutant General in matters of policy, and in obtaining support of projects so necessary to the welfare of the Hawaii National Guard. Every year the Association has elected and sent a good representative delegation to the General Conference of the National Guard Association of the U. S. For benefits derived from these conferences, read Capt John Ing's article "Why Support the National Guard Association" which appeared in the November 1954 Hawaii Guardsman. Also our Association did a lot to get our HNG Special Services Board started and this Board is the guiding angel of our athletic and competitive marksman programs.

Now that we have experienced five years of existence we can look back with some pride to our accomplishments and since we have shown a steady increase in circulation and membership, we can expect with confidence that the Hawaii National Guard Association and the Hawaii Guardsman are here to stay.

WE TAKE IT BACK

by Capt Robert A. Hite

In an article which appeared in the last issue of the Hawaii Guardsman, plans to move the 109th AC&W Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, from Koko Head to Battery Closson, Fort Kamehameha were discussed. However, due to sudden requirements of the United States Army, Hawaii Air National Guard plans pertinent to Battery Closson had to be completely discarded.

The question of where the 109th AC&W Sq would go still had to be faced, inasmuch as the Koko Head site was not suitable for future operations in an "as is" condition.

Personnel of the Hawaii Air National Guard set out to inspect several possible locations on the island of Oahu to which the 109th might move. Of all that were considered, the best seemed to be Sand Island, particularly a portion of that area in which the old quarantine station was situated. Besides the numerous wooden frame buildings in the area, three concrete buildings within close proximity of each other seemed to afford the best basis for an area. These concrete buildings were once used as an administrative building, a mess hall, and a dispensary. Other than nearly normal rehabilitation work which would be required, there seemed no unsurmountable problem connected with using them. In addition, many of the frame buildings, with proper rehabilitation, could be used adequately for the purposes desired.

Negotiations with USARPAC were entered in to for use of fourteen and a half acres of the area. The license for the use of the Sand Island site was received during the latter part of March.

To date, personnel of the 109th AC&W Squadron have taken the initiative, and with equipment borrowed from the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, the area to be used has already been cleared and graded, and even arrangements for top soil have been made.

Inspections and repair of all utilities, such as electricity, plumbing, and sewage are presently being performed.

Materials for rehabilitation are on order, and upon their receipt work will commence. Also involved in the rehabilitation program is the demolition of many of the frame buildings in the area which are no longer useable. The demolition of these buildings will take place upon commencement of the actual rehabilitation of the buildings in the area.

The Sand Island site, as was the Koko Head site, will be primarily one for training. A TPS/1D radar set will be installed in the area, and personnel of the 109th will accomplish their training through the use of this set. In addition, the Sand Island site will be the headquarters for all Hawaii Air National Guard non-flying units. It is a home for these units, something which they have never had before.

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by Major Edward M. Yoshimasu

Four hundred or so youngsters, all recent enlistees of the 298th and 299th RCTs, are destined to receive some real down to earth G. I. training come field training this June.

Their training, geared directly into the current Army Training Program, incorporates the doctrine of qualification of individuals in basic subjects prior to assignment to Tables of Organization units. The active army has accomplished this by processing their no prior service draftees and enlistees through Army Training Centers. Other services have like programs to achieve this result. In the case of the Guard the two week period of field training is the only logical time where these "recruits" may be properly "soldiered" before they are channelled into unit type training.

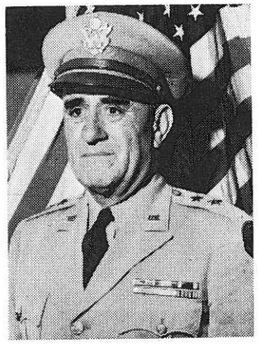
The two Regimental Combat Teams of the Hawaii National Guard will endeavor to accomplish this mission during this year's field training. All men enlisted since 1 March 1955 will be assigned to either the 298th or 299th Recruit Detachment. These Detachments will be organized as separate organizations and implement specific training programs designed toward completion of those basic subjects provided for in the ATP.

Both Combat Teams have programmed ambitious schedules for this year's recruit training. From the first day of camp when the recruit reports to his Detachment, he will feel the impact of things to come for the remaining fourteen days. He will be under the strict but reasonable guidance of selected officers and NCOs who will monitor his every behavior in order that he may develop into a disciplined and effective soldier. In the classroom and out in the field he will be phased into a multitude of subjects in order that his basic military knowledge may be enlarged. He will be taught the importance of military courtesy and discipline, interior guard, close order drill, and map reading. He will spend much time on the nomenclature, operation, and maintenance of the various individual weapons. Many are the days when he will be on the range learning to shoot and qualify with the M-1 Rifle and the Carbine, His day, from Reveille to Retreat, will be one of training and more training. His off duty hours will not be altogether his own. His mental attitude, his behavior, and his personal apearance will be under close scrutiny of his Detachment Commander and the Commander's staff at all times. His haircut, shoeshine, and condition of quarters will be carefully noted.

A spirit of competition and desire to learn will be indoctrinated into the recruit from the first day of camp. To stimulate this desire, both Combat Teams have programmed for the selection and recognition of outstanding recruits in the various phases of training. It has been reported that appropriate awards await the recruits selec-

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S PAGE



One of the most important legislative matters affecting the National Guard and other reserve components is now being processed through Congress. It is H. R. 5297, introduced by Mr. Overton Brooks Representative from Louisiana and Member of the House Armed Services Committee, identified as "a bill to provide for strengthening of the Reserve Forces and for other purposes." This bill, known as the National Reserve Plan, has as an objective the funneling of men into the Army and Air National Guard and other reserve components after a period of active duty training.

Needless to say, such legislation is urgently needed if the National Guard is to be an effective ready reserve capable of carrying out its Federal mission on M-Day. The bill must contain definite workable procedures to accomplish the objective sought. Comments received from the National Guard Association indicate that this legislation is highly technical and complicated, but after a hasty review it is believed that the rights and interests of the States and Army and Air National Guard have been fully protected.

The yearly turnover of guardsmen here in Hawaii has averaged 30%. Our main losses have occurred among young men without prior service through enlistments in the active services, departure from the Territory, etc. This large turnover means that a great deal of our armory drill time is spent on recruit training. It is hoped that this legislation will eventually eliminate the need for recruit training in our units and provide for filling our ranks with men who have had at least six months of training in the armed forces. Our training can then consist of small unit and company training.

The bill calls for individuals to perform service in the reserves in several ways:

Men entering any of the armed forces including the reserve components thereof, before their thirty-fifth birthday would have to put in eight years total service. Those released from active service would be held in, or transferred to, one of the reserve components to make up the remainder of the total eight years period. The National Guard (Army and Air), under the bill, would continue to consist of volunteers. If a State failed to get enough men voluntarily, individuals coming off active duty could be assigned to the Guard, at the request of the Governor, for training for the remainder of their total eight year obligation.

A second method would permit an individual under 19, who had not been drafted, to enlist in the Guard within quotas fixed by the President and take:

(1) Six months active training followed by 9½ years in the Guard.

(2) Two years or more of active training and service, with a remaining period up to a total of eight years in the Guard.

Those sixth month's trainees who failed to serve satisfactorily in the Guard, could be drafted back into active service for 18 months.

As this issue went to press, this legislation had been reported favorably out of the House Armed Service Committee, but it's future course in Congress was naturally uncertain. However, we hope it will pass this session, and in a form which will benefit not only our units, but the entire reserve component system of the armed forces.

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SAND ISLAND (Con't)

There is a great deal to be said for the Sand Island site. One great enhancing factor is its easy accessibility. The long drive to Koko Head will be a thing of the past. Sand Island is practically in Honolulu and but a short drive from any portion of Honolulu proper.

Rehabilitation of several barracks in the area will afford excellent quarters for the airmen during Field Training. Sand Island, of course, will become the permanent Field Training site for non-flying units of the Hawaii Air National Guard. It is rapidly becoming apparent that the Sand Island site will have greater significance in development of the potential still remaining in the future training of the Hawaii Air National Guard AC&W components.

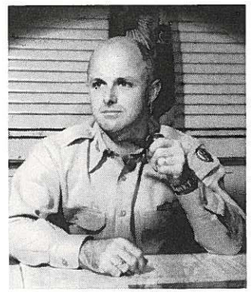
RECRUITS (Con't)

ted as the top three in both Combat Teams. Achievement in rifle marksmanship will also be recognized with similar awards. These selections will be made at the termination of the field training period by a board of officers designated by the respective RCT Commanders.

In order to provide for the fullest training, individuals assigned to these Recruit Detachments will be relieved of all company duties which are normally required. Administrative functions will be provided for by cadre personnel and details pooled from the various units of the Combat Team.

The Recruit Training Cycle will terminate the second week of field training at which time a graduation and presentation ceremony will be held. Recruits completing this cycle would then return to their units fully confident and technically qualified to take further unit training.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



I have previously discussed with you why there is a Hawaii National Guard and what purpose there is for us to serve with it. I have also pointed out the many and varied benefits accruing to us by virtue of being in the Guard. To answer why we participate and what we get out of it was a sort of a salve — it sounds nice and is easy to take. But if we want to keep the Guard in its present efficient and respected state, we have to work at it and work hard.

Nothing stands still — everything either deteriorates or improves. We should therefore consider ways and means that you as individual Guardsmen can improve your National Guard and more particularly the Hawaii National Guard.

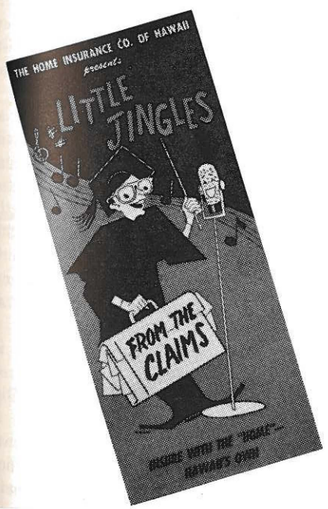
If each of us were to do our best and then a little more to make ourselves better soldiers or airmen and, by doing so, develop a team effort to make each guard unit a better one, there would develop an overall pride in the accomplishment and appearance of the unit. Such a unified effort couldn't help but improve our weak points and make us better and stronger. It is the responsibility of each of us to help in building up interest in our units on the part of the men who serve with us. By so doing, everyone will be working on the same team. Attendance should go up as well as recruiting. Training should be more constructive and interesting and performance before inspectors will result in higher ratings.

The foregoing covers what can be done from within the Guard. It must not be forgotten that a lot can be done to better ourselves by proper community support. It follows that if a unit is a good one the community will know it and assist it in many ways. With this assistance the unit will improve and the cycle repeats itself. Good community relations help us in many ways which you in the so called country units will attest to. In the city it's harder but one good example is the wonderful support we are given by local business houses allowing us to take close to 100% to camp each year. The newspapers help a lot too in the fine coverage they give us. We wouldn't get any of this support if we didn't deserve it. We get it because we are a good outfit, are courteous and well disciplined, presenting a fine appearance. This is an old story but it rings true; but we have to work for it continuously.

The big opportunity in this connection is coming up soon. At camp this summer the eyes of the regular services and the civilian communities will be upon us. The newspapers will carry stories about us; and all the while there will be an unconscious comparison made with the regular forces, especially the 25th Division at Schofield.

If we face up to the fact that we have to look good and perform well, we'll be improving ourselves and so on through the cycle of better unit yields better soldiers; better soldiers yield unit pride and community pride; these in turn yield a better Guard and the cycle starts again.

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What's New



Armed Forces Reserve Medal has at long last been issued. AGO-HAW has received an initial supply of the medals and the hourglass device signifying additional awards. By the time this is read the medals will have been distributed to persons who were previously given the award of the ribbon only. The distribution will be automatic and individuals need not ask for their medal.

Career Incentive Act of 1955 is merely another way of saying "pay raise", which went into effect for the regular services *and* the reserve components on 1 April. In order to help you figure out your camp pay, the pay tables are re-produced on page 16 of this issue. The new pay scale did not change the allowances for quarters and subsistence, which remain the same as they have been.

Ordnance Notes. Word has just been received that the HNG will soon receive twelve M2A2 105 Howitzers. These howitzers will be available for use during training. In outward appearance the M2A2 resembles the M2A1, however, due to the design it is reported to have a greater range and is more accurate than the M2A1.

Air National Guard Conference. A two day conference was conducted on 1 and 2 March by the National Guard Bureau for the Adjutants General and senior Air National Guard officers from all states at the Pentagon. General Makinney and Colonel Valentine A. Siefermann, Chief of Staff (Air), attended the conference.

In opening the conference, General Nathan F. Twining, Chief of Staff of the USAF, stated that the Air National Guard had reason to be proud of itself and that he was very happy with the Air National Guard program. The "Guardsmen" had reason to puff out their chests after hearing General Twining, particularly when they got a briefing on how they've filled the gaps in the Air Defense Command's protection of the United States through the "runway alert program". Under this program seventeen units of the Air Guard each have five pilots on active duty at Air National Guard bases under the operational control of the regular Air Force. As of the date of the conference, Guardsmen in this program had made 2,762 scrambles under orders from the Air Defense Command, 5,848 intercepts and had flown 8,007 hours.

The National Guard Bureau announced that they want to step up the basic training of airmen, the idea being to send new recruits to eleven weeks active duty for training at an Air Force service school. In compliance with the desires of the Bureau, the Hawaii Air National Guard is sending approximately 180 of its new recruits to the West Coast for basic training during school vacation this year.

USP&FO Notes. National Guardsmen are now authorized to wear the "U. S. Army" insignia over the left breast pocket of the HBT jacket. Officers will be issued two insignia and EM will be issued three. Individuals are responsible to have the insignia "machine sewed" onto the jacket.

Camp Supply Officers have been selected for each camp, Major F. A. Hatfield for Schofield Barracks and Captain John E. Aiona for Keaukaha Military Reservation. Any questions regarding logistics for the respective camps may be addressed to these officers.

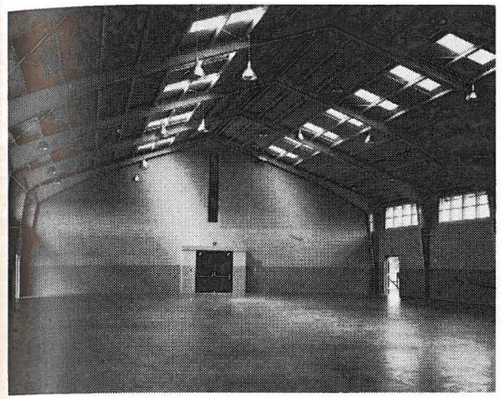
Advisor Notes. Major John A. Ely, Unit Advisor, 1st Bn, 298th Inf, departed for the Mainland on 26 March 1955, for a new assignment with the 5th RCT at Fort Lewis, Washington. Major Delmar A. Pugh and Major Richard A. Weightman, have arrived from the Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla. Major Pugh has replaced Major Archibald S. Miller as Unit Advisor 3d Bn, 298th Inf on Kauai. Major Miller has taken over as the Unit Advisor to the 1st Bn, 298th Inf. Major Weightman has replaced Capt Paul J. Kay, as Unit Advisor to the 487th FA Bn. Capt Kay is now commanding the 8285th AU, at Fort Shafter. Other advisor personnel scheduled to leave in the near future are Col H. F. Haberman, Senior Army Advisor, who will leave in July or August for a new assignment yet to be announced, and Maj Roy M. Taylor, Jr. who leaves in July for enrollment in the next regular course at the Command and General Staff College.

Facilities. The completion of the five-unit armory at Keaukaha, Hilo, in April marked the end of the second armory project to be completed in Hawaii under the Federal Aid Armory Construction Program. To date the Federal Government has paid out or obligated the sum of $209,587.90 in Hawaii for the construction of new armories or the rehabilitation and modification of existing armory facilities. These same projects have cost the Territory $95,895.64.

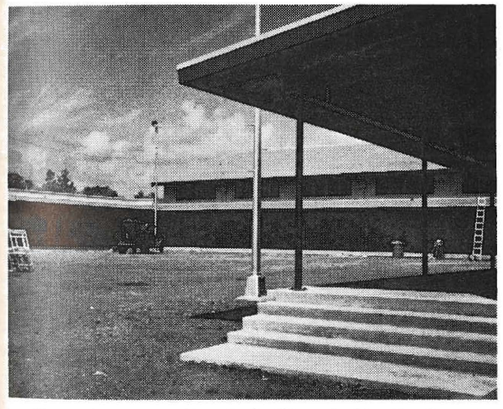
Work is currently in progress on a one-unit armory at Kekaha, Kauai, which, when completed in late May, will house Company M of the 298th Regimental Combat Team. That company is now at Ft Ruger, but will be inactivated there after camp and reorganized on Kauai. Presently assigned personnel will be transferred to other 298th units at Ft Ruger. Contracts have been signed and work is expected to begin shortly on modifications and an addition to the armory for Company I, 298th RCT at Hanapepe, Kauai.

The 1955 session of the Territorial Legislature is expected to provide funds for the construction of three new one-unit armories to be located at Olaa on the Big Island; Kahului, Maui, and Kapaa, Kauai; and for a new three-unit armory at Wahiawa. The Wahiawa Armory will be given first priority, in view of the fact that the Wahiawa units are being evicted from their present East Range facilities in July. Temporary facilities for these units are now being sought in the old cantonment area at Wheeler Field.

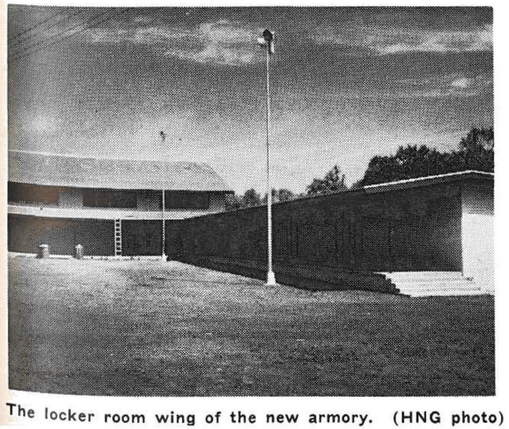
In the meanwhile, the Facilities Section is busy preparing camp sites at Keaukaha on Hawaii and at Koko Head on Oahu. In addition a project is now in progress for the rehabilitation of approximately twelve buildings and facilities at Sand Island, which will constitute a new home for the 109th AC&W Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard. This project will include the construction of a new 4000 square foot supply warehouse and a security fence surrounding the area. All of the above projects are being accomplished by the purchase and hire method.



The drill hall of the new armory measures 68 x 121 feet, a total area of 8228 square feet. (HNG photo)



A view of the courtyard looking at the headquarters offices behind the compressor. (HNG photo)



The locker room wing of the new armory. (HNG photo)

If negotiations for the temporary facilities to accommodate the Wahiawa units at Wheeler Field are successful, some rehabilitation in that area will be necessary. In view of the temporary nature of the facilities, however, this work will be kept to the absolute minimum required.

Several projects for which plans and specifications are completed are not yet approved by the National Guard Bureau. These include the reroofing of five large concentration site storage warehouses at Wheeler Field, the rehabilitation of Service Center No. 7 at Hanapepe, Kauai, and the construction of a Paint Shop Building for the CFMS at Fort Ruger. Upon receipt of approval to proceed, these projects will immediately be released for bids.

Field Training. The 1955 Hawaii Air National Guard field training plans are basically the same as last year. Units training at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, Oahu, from 11-25 June, are Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard, 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 8199th Replacement Training Squadron, and the 199th Forecasting Flight. Detachment "A" of the 109th AC&W Squadron will train at Koko Head during the same dates, with Detachment "B" of the 109th training from 2-16 July inclusive.

In addition to the above, approximately three officers and forty-eight airmen of the Hawaii Air National Guard Base Supply will operate from Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu. HANG Base Supply will act as support for all units in the field .

The fighter units will place particular emphasis on Air-to-air Gunnery and Ground Controlled Intercept (GCI) missions, the latter being in conjunction with the 109th AC&W Squadron. The 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron will be particularly fortunate this year as far as air-to-air gunnery is concerned. An Air Force fighter weapons instructor from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada will be on TDY with the 199th for the entire training period. With his instruction and assistance, pilots of the 199th and 8199th hope to be able to raise their air-to-air gunnery scores considerably.

During previous camps GCI missions were flown on a "canned" status, i.e. regular times of takeoff were established and "enemy" aircraft were supplied by the 199th. This year, however, study is being given to conducting a daily fourteen hour alert, with surprise missions being conducted against unknown aircraft.

For the army units we gave you in the February issue a brief insight into your most important phase of training, i. e. field training. As there are no major changes to that report, we will confine our comments to new developments of interest.

Governor King will visit the field artillery units on 16 June. In the morning he will observe the 483d FA Bn RSOP in the vicinity of the 299th RCT Rifle Range. After lunching with Hq Btry, he will motor to Pohakuloa to watch the 487th blast the slopes of Mauna Loa. The next afternoon he will visit Camp Hq at Schofield Barracks

where he will be rendered the appropriate honors. After a short briefing, the Governor will inspect the camp site and observe the training of both regiments. To end the day, the 299th RCT will honor the Governor with a retreat parade.

Wonderful news for the tankers for they'll have an opportunity to fire their big 90's at Navy towed targets at the Mokuleia range. There is a rumor that the three best tank crews may have a chance to do a little target practice on the big island.

Most of our programs and schedules have been published and when implemented should assure the accomplishment of our mission. The mission as set forth in the directive is excellent but could be reduced to simpler terms such as "train the individual in his job and the unit will take care of itself." We must not forget that administration, maintenance, supply and safety are all a part of training and a breakdown in any one will seriously affect the accomplishment of your mission.

Don't forget to take your training aids and equipment. One important piece of equipment is your steel helmet — in addition to its other duties, it'll be your wash basin. A check list is a must and now is the time to make it up.

The new Forms 115 have been received and are a little different from last year. The scope of inspections however will be about the same.

Communicators will be happy to know that our new SOI and SSI have been issued. Any errors or suggested improvements will be welcomed by the Signal Officer.

Preparation of Area X is coming along nicely and should be completed by the end of May. This camp will be excellent, with all our basic needs — even our own theater, PX and pay telephones.

A word of thanks to USARPAC and the 25th Infantry Division is in order for they have gone all out to give us what we need. You will see many Division personnel helping us with our training and support problems and you will find them sincere in their desire to assist in every way.

MONTHLY RATES OF BASIC PAY OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ON ACTIVE DUTY, UNDER THE CAREER INCENTIVE ACT OF 1955

Pay Grade	Title	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4
O-8	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;[1] General of the Army;[2] Chief of Staff to the President;[3] Chief of Staff, USA;[4] General;[5] Lieutenant General;[6,7] and Major General	$963.30	$963.30	$1021.80	$1021.80
O-7	Brigadier General	800.28	800.28	850.20	850.20
O-6	Colonel	592.80	592.80	631.80	631.80
O-5	Lieutenant Colonel	474.24	474.24	507.00	507.00
O-4	Major	400.14	400.14	429.00	429.00
O-3	Captain	326.04	326.04	351.00	374.40
O-2	First Lieutenant	259.36	274.18	335.40	335.40
O-1	Second Lieutenant	222.30	237.12	296.40	296.40

Pay Grade	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14
O-8	$1021.80	$1021.80	$1021.80	$1021.80	$1021.80
O-7	850.20	850.20	850.20	850.20	850.20
O-6	631.80	631.80	631.80	631.80	631.80
O-5	507.00	507.00	507.00	530.40	561.60
O-4	429.00	452.40	483.60	499.20	514.80
O-3	405.60	421.20	436.80	452.40	468.00
O-2	351.00	366.60	382.20	397.80	413.40
O-1	312.00	327.60	343.20	358.80	374.40

Pay Grade	Over 16	Over 18	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
O-8	$1021.80	$1021.80	$1021.80	$1021.80	$1076.40
O-7	850.20	850.20	850.20	904.80	967.20
O-6	655.20	717.60	748.80	780.00	811.20
O-5	577.20	608.40	639.60	670.80	670.80
O-4	530.40	561.60	577.20	592.80	592.80
O-3	483.60	499.20	514.80	514.80	514.80
O-2	413.40	413.40	413.40	413.40	413.40
O-1	374.40	374.40	374.40	374.40	374.40

MONTHLY RATES OF BASIC PAY OF ENLISTED MEMBERS ON ACTIVE DUTY, UNDER THE CAREER INCENTIVE ACT OF 1955

Pay Grade	Under 2	Over 2	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10
E-7	$206.39	$222.30	$230.10	$237.90	$253.50	$261.30
E-6	175.81	187.20	195.00	214.50	222.30	234.00
E-5	145.24	163.80	183.30	191.10	202.80	210.60
E-4	122.30	140.40	159.90	167.70	179.40	187.20
E-3	99.37	117.00	132.60	140.40	148.20	156.00
E-2	85.80	101.40	109.20	117.00	124.80	132.60
E-1	83.20	98.80	106.60	106.60	106.60	106.60
E-1 (under 4 months)	78.00					

Pay Grade	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
E-7	$273.00	$280.80	$288.60	$304.20	$319.80	$335.40	$335.40
E-6	241.80	249.60	257.40	273.00	288.60	288.60	288.60
E-5	218.40	226.20	234.00	241.80	257.50	257.50	257.50
E-4	195.00	202.80	210.60	218.40	218.40	218.40	218.40
E-3	159.90	163.80	163.80	163.80	163.80	163.80	163.80
E-2	132.60	132.60	132.60	132.60	132.60	132.60	132.60

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Pay Grade	Title	Under 2	Over 2	Over 4	Over 6
W-4	Chief Warrant Officer	$332.90	$354.90	$354.90	$370.50
W-3	Chief Warrant Officer	302.64	323.70	323.70	331.50
W-2	Chief Warrant Officer	264.82	280.80	280.80	288.60
W-1	Warrant Officer	219.42	251.20	251.20	266.80

	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14
W-4	$386.10	$401.70	$421.20	$452.40
W-3	339.30	347.10	358.80	374.40
W-2	304.20	319.80	335.40	350.00
W-1	286.30	294.10	305.80	313.60

	Over 16	Over 18	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
W-4	$468.00	$483.60	$499.20	$514.80	$530.40
W-3	382.20	405.60	428.00	443.60	459.20
W-2	357.80	373.40	389.00	404.60	420.20
W-1					368.20

News of the Quarter

FROM OUR UNITS



Hawaii Air National Guard

Eighteen days of special aerial gunnery exercises were held to aid in providing a combat ready squadron. Being in the first line of air defense demands proficiency. Business firms cooperated; twenty-nine fighter pilots and thirty-six airmen got off from their jobs to participate for an average of six days each. Some 340 sorties of air-to-air gunnery were flown; over 48,000 rounds of cal. .50 ammunition were expended. Three fighter pilots "broke the ice" by qualifying both below and above 20,000 feet. The first HANG jet fighter qualifications were: Major Duncan and Lt Fisher as Sharpshooters, Lt Russell as Marksman.

One of the major difficulties in aerial gunnery has been keeping the F-86 Sabre Jet's armament sighting system in commission. It is electronically operated and considerably complicated. Initially we had a factory Tech Rep to give us a start with classes and on-the-job training. There was much self-study with the tech orders! Three airmen have returned from service school and three others are still in school. Test equipment has filtered in. It won't be long until the sighting system will be a problem of the past.

The life-blood of a fighter interceptor squadron is it's fighter pilots. The earlier program of sending qualified guardsmen back to flying school is beginning to pay off. Some eighteen months ago we sent four off to USAF flying school. They've recently returned — Lieutenants (and fighter pilots) Clissold, Sakamoto, Giddings, and Tokunaga. Everyone a tiger!!

Only two of our lads met the exacting requirements and became qualified aviation cadets during this past quarter. Letters, occasioned between the rigerous curriculum, come back—Aviation Cadet Wikeen reports he finished second in his pre-flight class at Lackland AFB, Texas; Lts Heilbron and Olds are flying T-6 trainer aircraft at Moore AFB, Texas.

New training directives have laid out an extensive basic training program for newly recruited non-prior service airmen. The number of hours required could conceivably have a recruit still performing this type of training one year after enlistment. Once again the Squadron fell back on the USAF Service School program. A campaign began, and some 115 applications from the 199th and 8199th have been forwarded for USAF Basic School at Parks AFB, California. The National Guard Bureau has arranged for quotas which fall within the high school summer vacation — A pleasant trip to California, and much learning to be a soldier in the Air National Guard! For many it will be their first trip to America.

The 8199th Repl Tng Sq continues to outshine the 199th Ftr Intcp Sq in drill attendance. Its close though, only 2% different — what say, 199th? Hq HANG and

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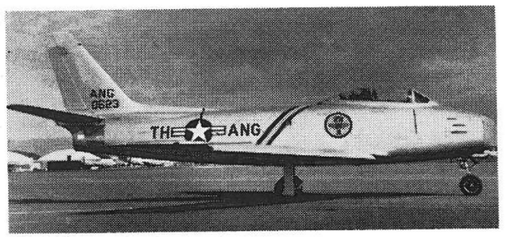
199th Fcstg Flt, having fewer personnel assigned, continue to battle in maintaining their 100% average.

Congratulations to our SSG Apo in placing number 2 out of 245 individuals in the Commanding General's Rifle Match at Schofield Range. SSG Apo was awarded the Silver Award for his shooting. Ditto to SSG Heu, who was a member of the HNG 1st Place Rifle Team. This HNG team out-shot the 25th Division Rifle Team.

The air technician bowling league seems to become an annual affair. This year there are eight teams. The teams names were apparently made up after work in the HANG Out Club — Lee's Lemons, Mau's Mullets, Shim's Slickers, Mattos's Mynahs, Choi's Crusaders, DeLima's Dodgers, Kato's Keglers, and Bissen's Boosters . . . Last year's winner was DeLima's Beans!

Aircraft Maintenance has established an F-86 engine build-up shop under the guidance of MSG Fred Mau. This Shop, by concentrating on building-up newly arrived engines, accelerates engine availability. It also provides a better training facility for all personnel during unit training assemblies.

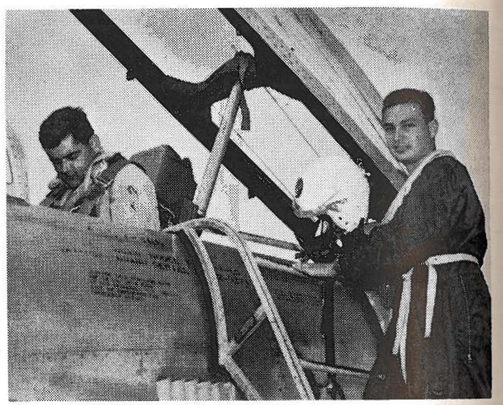
MSG Harold Mattos came up with the best design to distinctively mark the Sabre Jets. One F-86 was painted



as a test (SEE PIC) and a request for approval has been forwarded to the NGB.

George Kitkowski had the novel opportunity to be a Major General, Major, and Airman Basic all at the one and same time. Respectively he was "Boy" Adjutant General on Citizenship Day, Major in the St. Louis College ROTC, and is assigned to Squadron Installations as an airman basic. His tour as Adjutant General included a T-33 jet trainer ride, which he described as follows:

"Climbing into my blue suit, I was then fitted with a Mae West and finally a parachute. My helmet came next and with it a set of instructions from the Major (Harrison) and the Captain (Hite) as to what to do in case of an emergency bailout or such. Then we were on the little trailer truck heading out to the flight line, where



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Major Harrison was already inside and upon word from Captain Hite, I posed for a picture (SEE PIC) on the ladder to the pilot's cockpit and then climbed in. Captain Hite helped rig me up, strapping on my parachute first, then my shoulder straps and my safety belt. My helmet was then slipped on and my oxygen mask fitted, plugged in, and then my radio cord was plugged in. Testing for hearing from Major Harrison, we were at last ready to roll with a few last minute instructions.

We rolled down the runway, then waited for the 'all clear' signal from the tower and then, revving up the engine, we slowly picked up speed down the runway and then we were climbing. All through the trip Major Harrison kept me informed as to what the instruments were about. We zoomed up and down thru cloud banks and then downstairs again to view the island. A half an hour later, we were landing at the base.

We taxied over to the runway and then unhitched ourselves from the aircraft and climbed down. That ride made me the envy of everyone who held office on Citizenship Day. I'd like to thank Major Harrison for that smooth ride, which sold me on the idea of the Air Force as a career."

Our congratulations to Captain Nobuo Tanigawa and SSG Robert Lee who received letters of commendation from the USAF Extension Course Institute.

Buzzing home from Tyndall AFB, Florida are (Interceptor Controllers) Captains Marcus Asch, Peter Fowler, and Frederick Hemmings.

Completing the Officers' Basic Military course at Lackland AFB, Texas is 2nd Lt Evans Bell.

Returning to the Radar Maintenance Section and increasing the number of "soldier-gunners" & "test-lead technicians" are A2c Yoshiaki Daikoku and A3c Francis Fujimoto (AC&W Radar Repairmen) from Keesler AFB, Mississippi. Also from this same base are 1st Lt Clyde Chun (Ground Electronics Officer) and A2c Harry Oda (AC&W Operator.)

I hear tell that Warren AFB, Wyoming was too much for SSG Gilbert Yoshida (Organizational Supply Supervisor) and A3c George Okuhara (Organizational Supply Specialist). It seems that the battle with the elements of nature (Snow, Hail, Dust & Windstorm) was their biggest gripe.

To date, there are five officers and seven airmen still at service schools in the Z1.

Promoted to Staff Sergeant is Paul "Cookie" Puaa, Jr of the Food Service Section.

Elevated to Alc's are Franklin Leong (Surveillance/Control Section) and Keith Lucke (Air Advisor Staff).

Feeling out their first stripes are A3c's Kenneth Asato, Gordon Au, James Buck, Kenneth Carvalho, Don Castaneda, Robert Chee, Wilfred Honda, George Iwasaki, Norman Kam, Herbert Katayama, Robert Kato, Don Kumashiro, Frederick Lau, Allen Morishige, Fred Rokero, Kenneth Sakanashi, Kenneth Shiroma, Daniel Tajiri, Edgar Takamoto, Gary Tanabe, and Allan Yamauchi.

Receiving the "parallel-bar" is Captain Edward Kasper. Watching their "gold" turn into "silver" are 1st Lt's Paul Haygood and Henry Lau.

It was "I do" for SSG and Mrs. Daniel Chamizo and A2c and Mrs. William Martin, Jr. Welcome aboard!

Here is what's new in pink and blue and this time we're evenly matched for a tag-team contest. In the "blue corner" sporting their new baby boys are A1c and Mrs. Roland Sagum, Jr and A2c and Mrs. Buenaventura Pabingwit. Meanwhile, in the "pink corner" primping their brand new baby girls are SSG and Mrs. Val Solusod and A1c and Mrs. Kenneth Hew.

Welcome to MSG Harvey Hamilton, newly arrived from Bergstrom AFB, Texas and Aloha to TSG Wilbur Marsden (Air Advisor Staff). MSG Hamilton will replace TSG Marsden whose new assignment will be at Sedalia AFB, "Misery" Missouri.

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SPECIAL TROOPS

by SGT M. FERNANDEZ

Boy! It really feels good to visit old friends once again, and I'm telling you it brings back old memories. Yep, the old companies that at one time were your companies. Old buddies that you meet ask you if you're returning once again to the company, but you turn around and say, "No! just visiting."

But enough for reminiscing and let's see what the troops have to say about their various activities, and their plans for summer encampment.

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The 120th MP Co was the first on my list, and there's a company with a lot of enthusiasm. These boys are the ones who are plenty sharp in appearance as well as in military courtesy. Morale in the company has gone up as compared to the old days in the company. To show you what I mean, this company has taken upon its shoulders, not as individuals but as a whole group, the tremendous task of raising funds, and you know for yourself that raising money is not an easy task. They've conquered this problem not by going to the individual members of the company for money, but going out in public and selling sweetbread. This money that they raise is set forth for the purchase of sports equipment, and food for special occasions. On their last sale they made a pretty profit of 300 dollars and intend to make a little more on their next sale, so if an MP stops you when you're going home from drill, that is to say a National Guard MP, then you know what it's for, so be prepared. Their next sale is supposed to be sometime in May. Kokua Kela Plaua Sale! OK!

Good work boys! Keep it up. If there's a company with initiative and go, you've got it. As your CO has said, "We've been beaten at almost every sport except shooting, and I notice that we are being beaten because other units have better equipment. If this is the case, then By Golly, we'll get the equipment and beat them at their own game." So you other units better watch out for these boys next year!

Well, now let's visit another 120th, and that is the 120th Signal Support Co. Here's an outfit that has been newly organized and one I should say with very capable officers, and Noncoms. Capt Lawson's company is one that has been needed for a long time and they've got a CO who really knows his stuff. Yes, these people are going to have their hands full at this summer encampment. They now have 5 officers and 80 enlisted men, but they expect to have 100 by summer camp. Here's hoping that their wishes come true.

Incidentally if you know any radio bugs who are interested in communications send them over to the 120th Signal outfit. They'll do wonders with and for the company.

Here's the type of equipment that they've got: 3—AN-GRC-26's, Switchboards for you boys who like to be telephone operators, Radios for Comics, and 1 Light Aircraft for guys who are always up in the air.

Sgt Homer Kau is leaving the 120th Sig Co and seeking his commission again. His haunting ground will be his old Company, Co C. The boys at 120th are going to lose a good man. Good luck! Homer.

Let's take a walk towards the Kahala gate and see another company that's in the news. This is the company that is the best of all the Special Troops. Don't get mad at me because I say that this is the best. I have to say it because this is my company. This is the 613th Ord Co DS. Incidentally if you people still don't know what DS stands for, it means "Darn Sweet," I mean "Direct Support."

Anyway here's the latest with them. Getting up in the world are the following boys. Why? Because promotions are the cause of it all. Getting promotions are: from Cpl to Sgt Clarence Park. From Pfc to Cpl Wilfred Ahue, Alvin Hatori, Henry Lum, Charles Sakurai, Ronald Sugita, Francis Wright, Fred Young, and from Pvt to

PFC Augario Esias, Manuel Ferreira, Norman Lee, and Joseph Viveiros. From Grade E1 to Grade E2, Calvin Wong. Congratulations boys. Keep up the good work! You might become officers 40 years from now if you live that long. I hear life expectancy is 75. You might have a chance.

Here's something for you to chew on. Yep! Men are deserting their companies to come to this DS outfit and they are; from Company A, Maurice S. Matsuno and Kiyoshi Okamura, from Hq & Hq Company Anthony Lau. I don't know if these boys are our gain Capt Beloberk. Maybe somebody pulled the wool over our eyes. Ha Ha Ha! Hee! Hee!

We're not trying to recruit anybody, but take a gander at this next news item. These men having served their time with Uncle Sam and having been discharged from the Army are coming back to the Guard (believe it or not) and enlisted with this company. They are Cpl Richard B. Rapoza (MP), Cpl Walter Shiraishi (Signal), Cpl Richard Takai (Signal). New enlistees are, Lawrence Aiwohi, George Tagashira, and Alvin Rapoza.

Hooray! Whoopee! Yeah! Three cheers for 613th. Why? For the first time since the company has been activated in 1946, the company had a perfect drill attendance . . . Did you get that! I said they made a 100% attendance on 12 April 1955. Big bang! small result!

I'd like to take this time right now to say we really miss our Small Arms Officer WOJG Paul Chock. Our loss was due to some physical strain and we wish him all the luck in the world. Speedy recovery to you from all of us at "613th."

Right across from the Adjutant General's office is a little unit that nobody has heard anything about for a long time. This unit is one that goes out about two weeks ahead of all the National Guard Units during Summer Camp and start to get things ready. These are the boys that get your bunks, and various things that need attending to at Summer Camp. They even have to stay back two weeks to straighten out the mess that everything is in, and try to get things back in order again, and they are the last ones to leave Schofield Barracks.

Poor Boys! We feel for you though! There's going to be a terrific loss in the unit because a majority of the men, that is noncoms, are getting discharged. But on the brighter side the new men are going to like this because there is a chance for advancement. Say! By the way Capt Roberts? Do you have an opening for Second Lieutenant? I'm available you know. Seems also that nobody is available to go to camp this year because of various conditions which prevail. Too bad, though, I hear chow's going to be terrific this year. Yeah. Seems we're going to introduce for the first time this year a new ingredient. A new spice called "Schofilidus Red Dirtus."

Cpl Dan Kaloa a good looking boy from the MP Co has transferred to Hq Det and become the General's driver. Take care boy. Keep your nose clean and you'll really go places.

(Continued on next page)



Acting in behalf of General Thomas Rilea, Adjutant General of Oregon, Leland F. Hess, executive head of the Royal Rosarians of Portland, Oregon, planted a peace rose bush in February in front of the Ft Ruger headquarters of Major General F. W. Makinney, Adjutant General of Hawaii.

The Royal Rosarians are a civic organization of professional and business men who sponsor a Rose Festival in Portland each June. Mr. Hess wears a cape designation of his official position with the organization. Left to right: General Makinney, Mrs. Hess and Mr. Hess. (TCDA photo)

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Sports is our next topic and here's the latest gab in that field. The unfortunate MP's lost their chance to become the Special Troops champs and guess who the Champs are. Yep! you guessed it. It's the 613th again for the 4th consecutive year. It was a close game though and men were really slamming that little leather ball around. We played Hawaiian Rules and not National Rules so the ball although not manufactured with handles had handles that game. We enjoyed the game though! We should. We won. But here is something for "613th", watch out for the MP's pistol team in the "Provost Marshal General's Trophy Shoot". Why? Here's why! The 120th MP Co has won that trophy for 3 consecutive years and they expect to keep it for another year. Come on gang and go get em.

613th again has a chance to become the State champions in the volleyball league after having a close scrape with G company in the game to represent Oahu. The game was a close one all the way and I can tell you that G company has improved 100% over their last years game. It's too bad though they can't make the trip. The fortunate ones are going to Molokai on the 2nd of April and I hear they are going to have a wonderful time. I should know because I'm going.

Oh here's something I missed. Ralph Faufatta and Bill Nary after having completed a successful stay in the Army have returned to the guard also. They also have returned to their former company. That is to say "120th MP Company."

Schools are in the news and there are a lot of men who are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. This is really something. SFC Charles Akina has returned from motor school at Ft Benning. Local boy makes good down there in the South. By the way Charlie did you have to ride in the back of the bus, yo' all! Also attending schools from Hq Det are Capt Kuniyuki attending the AG school at Fort Benjamin Harrison and Sgt Thomas Kida attending the food service school at USARPAC. Cpl Harold Karimoto just finished food service school and I hear he had an excellent rating. Well done Boy! Lt Holck will be attending school at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He's from the 120th Sig company. Here's good advice, if you want to learn something take advantage of the schools that the National Guard has to offer you. You get paid while you learn and you really learn.

Summer camp is just around the corner and I'm sure all of you are going to have a nice time. Take care of yourselves and be good. See you all in camp boys.

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298th RCT

by WOJG Thomas N. C. See, Jr.

Highlighted by the "booming" of rifles, "swishing" of rockets, and the "monotonous chatter" of machine guns; activities of this Combat Team during the past quarter had the air tingling with anticipation of field training! Matching the ever present roar of weapons were the softer whispers of busy typewriters, as detailed plans for the ensuing encampment went to press.

Range firing for most of the "old timers" terminates with completion of Inactive Duty Training, and the road is left clear for the newer additions to the RCT. Individuals who enlist for duty with the 298th after 1 March will be qualified with their weapons during field training. Each enlisted man in this category will be assigned to the Recruit Detachment and receive top notch instruction in all military phases come 4 June. No doubt, many sharpshooters will be unveiled at that time, and may outdo some of the following "old timers" who have come up with top scores in their respective weapons so far:

Weapon	*Name*	*Unit*	*Score*
Pistol, Cal .45 —	Sfc Takeshi Watanabe,	Tank Co.	321
Carbine, Cal .30 —	Cpl Julian Rilveria,	Co. H	192
Rifle, Cal .30 M1 —	Pfc Harry Rodrigues,	Co. E	196
Automatic Rifle —	Cpl Robert Primacio,	Co. E	112
Machine Gun (W/C) —	Cpl Ed T. Okuhara,	Co. D	170
60MM Mortar —	Cpl Francis M. Tojo,	Co. E	184
81MM Mortar —	Pvt-2 Carl T. Nakamura,	Co H	180

Congratulations are in order for the 2d Battalion shooters who nearly made a clean sweep of the honors! At this writing, scores from our units on Kauai have not been received. Who knows—the Garden Isle shooters may unseat these Oahu "Experts"! This presumption is not unlikely as Company I, located at Hanapepe, was recently awarded the Pershing Trophy for its outstanding marksmanship with the M-1 Rifle and Carbine during 1954. This unit topped all other Guard units in the Sixth Army Area with a Figure of Merit of 95.76%.

The RCT's recruiting efforts in early February were not in vain, as we have added fifty-seven Guardsmen to our rosters from various local and rural high schools since that time. The recruiting team stressed the importance of preparatory training of all able bodied Americans, in order that they may be better qualified for active service in event of a national emergency. Presented with the realization of the provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, all students showed extreme interest and left the assemblies better qualified to plan their future. Success in this venture can be accredited to M Sgt T. Iyamatsu, M Sgt W. Kam, Sfc W. Yuen, and Sfc H. Iha.

With the lifting of strength ceilings throughout the command, the recruiting efforts can be expanded based on experience gained from the high school visits. Announcement of authorization for enlistment of personnel up to reduced TO strength came as a gift to unit commanders. Although it may take some time and much work to fully take advantage of this gift, commanders are convinced that an increase in unit strength will be a definite asset toward successfully accomplishing the mission of the unit.

Between now and field training one big event will take place and involve all Oahu units of the Combat Team. Joining all regular services and reserve components, the 298th will display its might in the Armed Forces Day Parade scheduled for 21 May. Subject to approval by higher headquarters, participation will include marching and motorized elements, highlighted by new M-47 Tanks. Last year Company E was highly commended by Commanding General, USARPAC, for its outstanding appearance. This year all units are primed and Capt Moses G. Palacio, CO Company E, can expect stiff competition.

BULLETIN

As this column went to press word was received that the National Guard had approved the recommendation of the Hawaii National Guard board on award of the Eisenhower Trophy for 1954. The winner? FOX COMPANY 298

This Pearl City unit is commanded by Captain Isaac K. Mahelona (since September 1951 by the way) and has a current strength of 5 officers and 112 men. It was chosen for the award on the basis of Superior ratings at both field training and in the armory inspection, as well as on its outstanding achievements in other ratings.

During summer camp, Fox Company will take over the perpetual Eisenhower Trophy from the previous year's winner, Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf of Wailuku. Details of the ceremony will be announced later.

Two weeks after the big parade, Infantry units will be mounting trucks for transport to Schofield and Summer Camp. The stage has been cleared and advance preparation is nearly complete at this writing. Artillery elements of the Combat Team will depart for training on the "Big Island" one week after the Infantry units. Again, employers are giving their whole-hearted support in allowing Guardsmen the necessary time off to attend the encampment. We are looking forward to an exciting two weeks in our new "Tent City". As last year, training has been geared to allow maximum participation in unit problems. It is hoped that 100% of the command will attend to top last year's percentage of 99.3.

Personalities in the news include promotion of four First Lieutenants to the grade of Captain and addition of four officers to the RCT ranks. New Captains include: Oliver H. King, Moses G. Palacio, Gary Y. Nishimura, and Solomon W. Kaulukukui. Of the four eligibles for officer slots, two became qualified by virtue of having successfully completed the Ten Series of the Army Extension Courses; one is a reappointment; and one is eligible for a warrant officer position in Service Company. Prospective Second Lieutenants are Richard Kanehisa and Paul Kim. The warrant officer position is reserved for Sampson K. Bright, and the reappointment is earmarked for M Sgt Homer V. Kau. Sgt Kau is currently assigned as a member of the 120th Signal Support Company, and formerly held a First Lieutenants commission in this Combat Team.

The 1st and 3d Battalions have new Army Advisors in the persons of Majors Archibald Miller and Delmar Pugh, respectively. Although new to the 1st Bn, Maj Miller is not new to the RCT as he served as Army Advisor for the 3d Bn on Kauai prior to this reassignment. We take this opportunity to welcome both he and Maj Pugh to their new assignments!

Two officers and twenty enlisted men successfully completed a course of instruction in the new M-47 Tanks at Schofield on two separate occasions. This instruction was furnished by personnel of the 89th Tank Battalion, 25th Division, for the benefit of 299th RCT Tank personnel as well. A quote from our Tank Company reveals

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that the new M-47 Tanks are "gorgeous but rugged machines". Those graduating are as follows: Tank Company—1st Lt S. Ito, CWO H. Kono; Sfc's H. Cozo, P. Gaboya, A. Gomes, S. Rodrigues, R. Sylva, and A. Rego; Sgt's R. Halemano, Jr., H. Isobe, Tadashi Izumi, W. Olaso, H. Parrilla, and D. Rodrigues; and Pfc's W. Mishima and R. Rego. Service Company—Sgt's S. Bright and F. Moniz; Cpl J. Doctorello; and Pfc M. Tamayose.

Topping the news from the units, we find that the 1st Battalion has accomplished a remarkable feat. On the evening of 4 April, roll call revealed that nary a soul was absent from the ranks of all units. That's right, what is believed to be a record for a battalion size unit was attained for the first time since reactivation—100%—ALL PRESENT—PERFECT ATTENDANCE! We are proud of this achievement, and who knows—one of these days we may realize 100% attendance for the entire RCT. Congratulations Lt Col Francis S. Takemoto and all Officers and Enlisted Men of the First Battalion for this outstanding achievement!

Plans for relocation of Company M have been initiated and combined efforts for reorganization on Kauai are earmarked for Fall 1955. More on this subject will be available at the next writing, and we will keep our readers up to date at that time. It was enlighting to learn that much of the spirit of "Mike" Company personnel was not diminished by announcement of this move. Although, faced with the thought of leaving old buddies to infiltrate into adjacent units; 95% of the personnel chose to remain with the 298th. We are proud of this majority who are prepared to serve with the Combat Team whatever the circumstances may be.

Sportsways, there has been very little to report! Company G again proved their prowess on the Volleyball court and skipped off with the Regimental Championship for the 2d consecutive year. The Kaneohe lads nearly unrooted the 613th spikers in the Oahu playoffs, but the pressure was on and experience did the trick for the Ordnance team. Inter-battalion playoffs determined who would represent the battalion prior to the Regimental tournament. Company L represented the 1st Battalion and Hq & Hq Btry 483d FA Bn, eventual Regimental runnerup, represented the artillery.

Although, we have come to the end of another in the series of "News from the 298th", we will be back with big news of field training and a multitude of pictures. In the meanwhile—"We'll be seeing you at the Armed Forces Day Parade!" and "Keep your Guard up!"

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299th RCT

by Lt Col Michael R. Roman

On the Big Island of Hawaii where everything seems to occur simultaneously, the 299th, although pressed into the service of the Territory of Hawaii in connection with the eruption in the Puna District, did carry on their normal training activities which was most unusual in that several things out of the ordinary occurred. We'll do our utmost and level best to attempt adequate coverage of what occurred and, here we go.

During the month of January all units began inactive drills with the Provisional Bn occupying the ranges at the Keaukaha Military Reservation during the month of January; the 2d Battalion during the month of February; the 3d Battalion, in March; and the 487th FA Bn, our big brothers in the Combat Team, during the month of April. Up to 31 March all units had completed one-half of their outdoor training program with the remaining portion to be completed in the 4th quarter of the current fiscal year.

In addition to participating in outdoor training activities, intensive detailed planning for the forthcoming field training exercises was undertaken and the Combat Team directive covering this activity was published on 4 March 1955 at a time which we feel will provide adequate planning time as well as time for reconnaissance on the part of lower commanders. As of the time this is being written, further reconnaissance of training areas as well as revision of lesson plans and procurement of training aids, etc., are continuing without let-up.

Since the last issue of the Hawaii Guardsman, changes in personnel are continuing throughout the command. Our hope is to add new faces before the encampment and since we have rescinded our ceiling imposed on units, we are going out to get them into this Combat Team so that we may go to the encampment with the greatest number possible and with the greatest percentage possible.

For a brief rundown on the activities of the various battalions; we go to first, the Provisional Battalion —

Congratulations are in order to the following men, Hq & Hq Co, who were recently promoted: MSgt Wallace Chan, Sgt Ernest Chan Nui, Sgt Roy T V D Kimura, Sgt Isidro D Ibarra, Sfc Masaji Ozeki, Sgt Harumi Kushi, Cpl Raymond I Mimaki, Cpl Edwin E Kaneshiro, Cpl Andrew A Kahili, Cpl Masaru Watanabe, Cpl Paul T Nishimura and also to the men in the Light Aviation Section, Sgt Harry W Ferreira and Cpl Stephen R Correa.

During the recent eruption in the Puna District, Hq & Hq Co provided 17 enlisted men to operate the communications net that had been set up in the district. In addition to these enlisted men, Capt Joseph J Kern and Lt Frances A G Ashdown, light aviation pilots assigned to this unit but attached to the 1st Bn on Maui, participated in providing aerial coverage of the eruption area. They all had an enjoyable time with each individual hav-

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ing a grandstand view of the eruption. Cpl Medillo Velasco had his picture in the local paper posing with volcanologist Dr. Gordon A. McDonald. Quite a treat for Cpl Velasco to be pictured with such a distinguished personality as Dr. McDonald. He also set some sort of record by staying at the eruption area for a period exceeding 3 weeks for which he received a check of $130.00.

Enlistments in Hq & Hq Co are: Sfc Delbert Y K Ching, formerly of Co L 299th Inf, Cpl James Okihiro, Pvt Robert K Sakumoto, Pvt Robert L Marquina, Pvt Theodore J Benedicto, Pvt Cypriano Perez, Pvt Stanley S Shigeoka and Pvt Stanley T Okahara.

In the Tank Co several activities of interest took place during the quarter. Additions to the company are Pvt Wilfred Ah Yo, Marvin Enos, Oliver Fujiyama, Ronald H Iwaoka, Daniel Ongais, Eugene Kia and Stanley S Kimura.

Personnel returning from service school, specifically the Tank Maintenance Course, conducted at Schofield Barracks, by the 25th Inf Div included Lt Clarence A Blain, Sfc Douglas P Benevides, Cpl Masayuki Mitsuda, Cpl Joseph Kalua and Pfc George E Britto. Lt Blain, incidentally, placed first in the entire class and Sgt Benevides placed second. Congratulations are in order to these gentlemen for such a wonderful showing.



HEADQUARTERS, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION. Schofield Barracks, Mar 15—Lieutenant Clarence A. Blain, right, honor graduate of a recent tank maintenance course conducted by the 89th Tank Battalion at Schofield Barracks, receives congratulations and a certificate of completion from Major General Herbert B. Powell, 25th Infantry Division Commander. Looking on is Lieutenant Colonel Raymond P. Campbell, Jr. 89th Tank Battalion Commander. Lieutenant Blain, who lives at 108 Oliana St., Hilo, is a member of the 299th Regimental Combat Team, Hawaii National Guard. (U. S. Army Photo)

In addition to these individuals, Sgt Tsutomu Ueno is scheduled to depart on 24 April for the Armored School, Ft Knox, Kentucky where he will enroll in the Armored Advanced NCO class. We all wish him the best of everything in completing this course.

Personnel in the Tank Co, particularly Lt Chester K Long, the commanding officer, are making every effort to recruit so as to enable the unit to take to camp the greatest number of individuals possible to enable better training of all personnel.



HEADQUARTERS, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Schofield Barracks, Mar 15—Big Island graduates of a recent tank maintenance course conducted by the 89th Tank Battalion are kneeling, left to right: Cpl Joseph Kalua, and Cpl Masayuki Mitsuda. Standing: Pfc George E. Britto, Lt Clarence E. Blain and Sgt First Class Douglas Benevides. Lt Blain was honor graduate of the course. All the men are members of the 299th Regimental Combat Tam, Hawaii National Guard, and live in Hilo. (U. S. Army Photo)

Congratulations are in order for 2d Lt Arthur F Kepoo who was commissioned on 23 March 1955 and assigned platoon leader in the 230th Engr Co (Combat). Lt Kepoo, who successfully completed the Army Extension Courses 10 series, Engineer, came up from the ranks in the Engineer Company. He enlisted in the HNG on 2 June 1948 as a private.

Enlistments in the Engineer Company have been at its best. New enlistees are Privates Leslie Kaneshiro, Theodore Medeiros, Harry Chun, Awili Kama, Benjamin Makaea, Ronald N Nowaki, Allen Ai, Albert Akine, Edwin Hayashi and Ted Nakaji. Transferred from the U. S. Army Reserve was Cpl Kazuo Obasa. Reenlistments have been Sgt Louis Hokoana, Sfc Morris Graciidis, Sfc Harry Riedel and Pfc Stanley Araujo.

Promotions were in order for the following privates who were promoted to PFC's during the quarter upon completion of one year of service: Paul Kodama, Ronald Kuratsu, Tadashi Haimoto, Michael Hamada, Harold Masumoto, Harold Oliveira, Thomas Perreira, Hisashi Shintani, Jitsumi Sumiki and Satoshi Sumiki. Advanced to Pvt-2's from Pvt-1 after 4 months of service with 100% attendance were: Charles Burgess, Joseph Miranda, James Pakele, Patrick Tim Sing, Herbert Urasaki, Ronald Arizumi, Sherwood Hara and Alvin Jitchaku.

In preparation for the annual field training exercises, the "Pill Rollers" of the 299th, our standby Medics, who are always desired in time of need have undertaken in a big way their weekend training exercises. The word most commonly heard during the Sunday exercises has been "Medic" as each individual who has acted in the capacity of a casualty has had a need for a "medic" in order to carry out, in the true spirit of the problem, the proper application of medical personnel. Several "casualties" were noted during the most recent exercises; such as a foot blown off, severe gun shot wound, broken limbs, etc. These "casualties" are intended to develop the ability of aidmen as well as train them in the proper method

of applying the tourniquet, the administration of blood plasma and the application of necessary medication. Several "casualties" have had the honor of being transported to the aid station for further medical treatment on a litter. Of course, all of the others had to walk except the ones who were the "casualties". These weekend activities do bring into view the necessity of having medics and their importance in an organization and also focuses into reality the knowledge as well as the training which all Medical Co personnel should have. We hope that the valuable lessons learned at our Sunday exercises will not be soon forgotten as we will greatly require such knowledge during our field exercises.

The men are looking forward to the encampment at Schofield and recruiting activities are being stepped up with "Schofield Bound" as the slogan to procure new men. Although the camp this year will not be as "plush" as in the past years when we had use of the 3-story barracks in lower Schofield, the tent camp arrangement in Area X, known to many of our men who first entered service in 1940 as "Boom Town" or "Tent City". However regardless of its title or its designated name, it is the same place and we will be there for one purpose only—training.

Promotions were very few during the past quarter and were restricted to the promotion of Louis P Araujo to SFC, mess steward, and Robert Gomes, SFC, platoon sergeant. Congratulations to both men and we know you will do a good job.



When USARPAC wanted pictures of soldiers training in Mauna Kea's snow, there were no RA soldiers around, so these 299 guys volunteered to freeze their————off at 10,000 feet. (U. S. Army Photo)



The Medical Co has been honored with the distinction of having two of its officers leave simultaneously to attend the Medical Service Corps Officers Orientation Course at the Medical Field Service School, Ft Sam Houston, Texas. We are certain that upon their return from the school, their value to this company will have increased greatly. We hope them both a very pleasant and enjoyable tour while on their first trip to the continental United States.

All members of the 110th Army Band volunteered their services on Sunday, 27 March 1955, when they participated in 2 concerts for evacuees of the volcanic stricken Puna district. The first of the concerts was held at Pahoa for evacuees of the Kapoho area and the second was conducted at Olaa for the evacuees of Kalapana. In both concerts Baclig's "Warriors" proved very popular with their musical renditions and were very well received by all those present. The outstanding gesture on the part of the members of the Band was the fact that they volunteered their services. It was very gratifying to note that comments received after the concerts were very complimentary and indicated that the concerts were an over-whelming success.

Now, we go to the Fighting First—

Among those joining Lts Tavares and Kahoohanohano at Ft Benning, Ga are 2d Lt Louis J Abreu, Platoon Leader, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn; MSgt Alvin P Haole, Platoon

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Sergeant, Heavy Mortar Co; and SFC Walter C Freitas, Section Leader, Charlie Company.

Lt Abreu departed 30 March for TIS to attend the Inf Off Basic Course. MSgt Haole and SFC Freitas also departed 30 March for TIS to attend the Inf Adv NCO Course. Other members of this Battalion attending service schools are: Sgt Harold S Kasai, Co C attending USARPAC Food Service School at Schofield Barracks; Cpl Philip D Pagay, Co B attending USARPAC AG School at Fort Shafter; Pfc Joseph N Keanini, Co B attending USARPAC Ord School at Schofield Barracks.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past quarter. They are from Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn, wearing new stripes: Cpl Roland Y Ibara, Cpl Juanito Prito, Cpl Florendo Villanueva. Appointed to Pfc is James R Fernandez. Advanced to Pvt-2 are Yukito Matsuura, Pedro O Moleta Jr and Arnold Ventura.

From Abel Company, promotions are as follows: New SFC's are William Auwae Jr and Wallace Fujishiro. Sergeants are Seichi Asami and Bartulome Catugal. Brand new NCO's for this company are: Cpl's Joseph C Arcangel, Nicanor B Condolizas, Louis R Garcia Jr, Clarence Hauki, John E P Miner, Solomon Naleieha, Arthur F Paahana, Kenneth A Rickard and Leslie B Rickard; new Pfc Lawrence H. Tengan. Advanced to Pvt-2 are Abner K DeLima and Solomon D Nahuna.

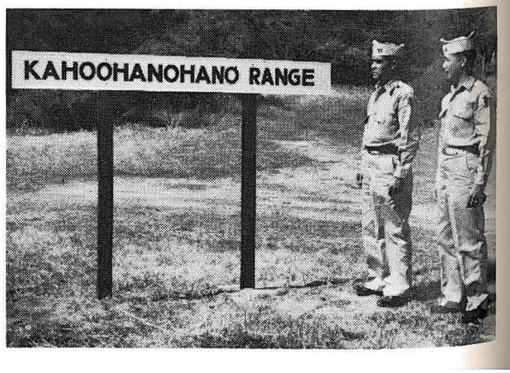
Promoted to Pfc is Raphael F Bacos of Charlie Co.

1st Bn Med Plat (The Pill Pushers) have upgraded some of their aid men (Torture Artists). They are: SFC Ernest A Vares, the new platoon sergeant; Sgt Clarence Cravalho, James J Tavares, Sgt Stanley C Lee and Sgt Patrick F Vares. Promoted to Cpl are Gregorio B Bucauto and Kazuo Hasegawa.

Charlie Company proved the team to beat as they captured the volleyball championship of the 1st Bn on Maui. Lots of luck in the tournament over on Molokai.

A news item worthy of mention is the new Pistol and Machine Gun Range (1000-inch) which has just been completed on Maui. It is in the Camp Paukukalo Area. The new range is called the *Anthony T. Kahoohanohano Range.*

Pfc Anthony T Kahoohanohano, United States Army, and formerly a member of Heavy Mortar Co, 299th Inf, was killed in action in Korea on 1 September 1951. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action which resulted in his death.



Comes now the Thundering Third with a brief round-up of their news—

The 3d Bn has just completed weapons qualification and is happy to announce that 97% of enlisted men qualified with their individual and crew-served weapons. They hope to go to field training with 100% of their enlisted men qualified with their individual weapon.

The following Unit Efficiency Awards were presented by the National Guard Bureau for 53-54 to units of this Battalion:

Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn	Gold Award (Superior)
Company I	Silver Award (Excellent)
Company K	Silver Award (Excellent)
Company L	Silver Award (Excellent)
Company M	Silver Award (Excellent)

Lt Col Michael R Roman, Regimental Executive Officer, presented the Gold Certificate Award to Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn in a brief ceremony. Good work, men.

Drill attendance during the past quarter averaged well over 94% throughout the battalion. Of interest to all, the Mighty "M" Company made 9 consecutive 100% drill attendance. This includes 2 drills on the firing range on 6 and 13 March, and tops all previous quarters and is indicative of the high morale and interest of the men.

In the midst of the volcanic activity which required the services of Capt Elroy Bohlin and Sgt Edwin Carreira in connection with aerial activities related to the eruption, Capt Paul J Kay, Army Advisor, and his family departed for Oahu and a new assignment. Farewell, friend of the 487th. We enjoyed your friendship and assistance very much. Your job was well done.

Captain Kay will long be remembered by those with whom he worked. He, too, will be remembered by all personnel of the battalion since he donated the "Captain Kay Award for Marksmanship." On this award are placed names of those soldiers who attain the highest scores during range firing of the Carbine and the Rifle. The picture below shows that it's a beauty.



First on the award are Sgt Mikio Kato of Hq & Hq Btry who won the Carbine high score and Cpl Robert M Fujino of Battery Able who copped honors with the M1 Rifle. 1955 winners are: Carbine—Sgts Pedro Cantor and Sadayuki Inouye with identical scores of 196. M1 Rifle—Pvt Luther N Keliikuli of Battery A who enlisted on 7 February 1955. Matter of fact all winners are from Kona since the carbine winners are from Battery Charlie. Nice going, you Kona boys! Maybe these Hilo "slickers" will heed your deed.

Replacing Captain Kay as Army Advisor is Major Richard H Weightman. Major Weightman's last assignment was at Camp Carson. Welcome aboard, Major! You are now advisor to the finest artillery unit in the HNG, one of the finest in the NGUS. Major Weightman was fortunate in that his arrival here was timed with that of Pele. He is one of the few visitors who got here in time to witness lava activity in its various stages. Soon we'll be able to call him a Kamaaina.

Summer camp around the corner. All officers and key NCOs are very busy giving their units and sections the once-over. To be sure, that's all!

Unique in National Guard units is the organization of "Hui Makaala", a group organized by wives and female employees of the National Guard. The purpose of this organization is to create better relationship and understanding among the women-folk and to coordinate, conduct and supervise social activities, with special emphasis placed on the employees' children. This group was organized in January 1955 and has conducted as its first project an Easter party for the employees' children. They also plan to undertake the planting as well as the supervision of landscaping the new armory site. Procurement and type of plans have been decided upon as well as their location at the armory site.

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There are approximately 35 members in this organization and it is expected to grow when our bachelor employees are approached and finally overpowered by cupid. The male employees of the 299th RCT desire to congratulate the women-folk for such an undertaking and wish them every success in all of their projects, particularly with taking care of the children as the men feel that the ladies are more adept in that phase of life than we men are.

It has been the custom of the fulltime employees on the island of Hawaii to have an annual Christmas party for their families. This party is normally held at Club 299. With the women-folk organizing their club, in the future they will undertake this project also, with the assistance of their husbands, boy friends, etc.

It has been found that although this organization has been in existence just a short time, it has made a tremendous difference in the lives of the females as they know each other a lot better and the previously non-existing cordiality has been overcome with the friendly feeling and spirit significantly present.



QUES: I am a Sergeant in one of the Special Troop units. I am as yet single and do not anticipate getting married before this field training. However, I have a dependent father over 60 years of age residing in the same household. Am I entitled to dependents allowance?

ANS: First of all, the allowance that you probably have in mind is referred to as "basic allowance for quarters (BAQ)". In your particular case there is every indication to believe that you are authorized to receive such allowance. However, BAQ on behalf of a dependent parent cannot be claimed on the regular field training payroll. The claim for the allowance only must be accomplished on a supplemental payroll.

QUES: What requirements must I meet in order to qualify for the Armed Forces Reserve Medal? I have a total of more than 11 years of service in the AUS and the National Guard. Can I qualify for the medal?

ANS: It all depends. Par 37, AR 672-15 dated 24 Nov 54 specifies that in order to qualify for the medal, an individual must have performed 10 years of service in a reserve component *within 12 consecutive years*. Under this regulation, service in the Army of the United States without component, is considered to have been service in a reserve component.

QUES: The last issue of the Hawaii Guardsman, in the "Any Questions" section, stated that there were 88 officers and 784 airmen in the HANG. What is the present percentage against the authorized strength and how does it compare with the Army NG units?

ANS: The Air National Guard has an aggregate percentage of 94% of its authorized strength, while the Army units of the HNG have a combined aggregate strength percentage of 61% of their authorized strength. On the basis of present strength, a recruiting drive for the Army units is in the making.

QUES: When will the warrant officer position as unit administrator be eliminated?

ANS: It is a good question often asked but one that we are not able to answer at this time. As far as it is known, the decision on the matter is still being studied by the NGB and the Department of the Army.

QUES: I am an airman 27 years of age without prior active service. My current terms of enlistment will expire just prior to the annual summer training. Will I be drafted if I don't reenlist?

ANS: That depends on your date of enlistment. Under current Selective Service Regulations, those individuals who were members of the NG on 1 February 1951 will be exempt from the draft upon attaining the age of 26. Those individuals who enlisted subsequent to 1 February 1951 will be liable for the draft until age 35.

QUES: What is the present "ideal" on commissary privileges for those Guardsmen with dependents attending Army service schools?

ANS: Upon receipt of AGO-HAW orders authorizing the individual to attend a service school, the individual desiring the privilege should go to the Provost Marshal's Office at Ft Shafter with copies of the order and documentary evidence of dependency to obtain the commissary card.

QUES: If a person has a National Service Life Insurance policy for $10,000 term insurance in force, would his beneficiary be able to collect an additional $10,000 in the event of his death while in active Federal service?

ANS: No. If a person has less than $10,000 National Service Life Insurance or United States Government Life Insurance in force, he is insured under the Servicemen's Indemnity for the difference between the amount of such insurance in force.



by SFC CHARLES AKINA

For the fourth consecutive year the 613th Ordnance Company was crowned the HNG volleyball champs. In the territorial championships played on 22-23 April they defeated Company I of the 298th to cop the title.

The Kauai team started strong to win the 1st set 15-11. In the 2d and 3d sets, however, the 613th came to the fore and won handily with scores of 15-6, 15-8.

In the preliminary eliminations Company C, 299th Inf, defeated Company B, 299th Inf, and were later eliminated by the 613th. Company I defeated Company B, 299th Inf, and were later eliminated by the 613th. Company I defeated Company G, 299th Inf, to go into the championship playoffs with Ordnance and wound up as territorial runners-up.

Company B, 299th Inf, as tournament hosts, are to be congratulated for the fine manner in which the tournament was conducted.

Not many people realized when Stan Harrington met Henry Davis in their welterweight boxing match a few weeks ago, that the contest could have been billed as a battle of the "B's" for Stan is presently a member of Baker Company, 298th Infantry, while Davis was a member of the same outfit from 1947 until he left to campaign on the mainland in 1952.

Of course the meeting was more business than social as attested by the 10th round KO registered by "Stan the Man".



613TH ORDNANCE CO, Ft Ruger, T. H. Kneeling, left to right: Sgt John Keliiwaiwaole, Cpl Llewellyn Shea, Cpl Jonah Hema, Cpl George Malo. Standing: Cpl Hiram Goldstein, Cpl Samuel Ahau, Pfc Roland Leong, Sgt Manuel Fernandez, Cpl Joseph Nakoa.

Henry Davis helped train and coach the HNG boxing team back in 1949 when the Guardsmen were deep in the midst of the local simon-pure wars. Another old-timer of Baker company, Sgt Marce Totor was Henry's contemporary in the training and coaching effort, as well as in the local professional boxing picture. Incidently Marce is still a member of Baker company.

Stan Harrington is upholding the fine boxing tradition of the "Boxing" Baker company. Many fighters came out of the outfit during the ring seasons since 1948 and Stan is the fourth to hit the professional trail.

Baker company feels that he will not be the last.

Television viewers have seen the trampoline artists from the Central YMCA in Honolulu on various programs from time to time, and beachgoers have enjoyed these same acrobats performing in the sand on weekends. Newspaper readers are familiar with them through articles in the magazine sections. Of fraternal interest to the members of the 613th Ordnance Company is the fact that two of these acrobatic artists are in their outfit.

Sergeants Frank Ho, and Hesos Asentista have staged exhibitions and benefits all over the island of Oahu for many worthy causes and are a credit to the sports domain for their work with the young people of Honolulu. They recently took part in that enterprising project, "The Bungling Brothers Circus", for the local YMCA, and are looking forward to the pleasure of another season of sun, stunts, and seashore during the coming summer months.

Frank works at the Honolulu Concentration Site, and Hesos is a mechanic at the Combined Field Maintenance Shop at Fort Ruger.

The HNG baseball Team, The Guardsmen, finished fifth in the recently completed Winter Baseball League. Coached by Sol Kaulukukui and managed by Manuel DeMello the team was composed of the following members: Sidney Lindo, Walter Arasato, George Lindo, John Cruze, William Perry, Duncan Vierra, Philip Minicola, Marlin Little, Sol Kaulukukui, Maurice Souza, Ricardo Dangaran, Joe DeMello, William Aarona, Richard Kaulukukui, Simeon Agao, W. O. Henry Aken, Rodger Fraine, George Kanamu.



COMPANY "I" 298TH INFANTRY, Kauai. Kneeling, left to right: Cpl Juan Pantohan, Sgt Joseph Manini, Cpl Epifanio Oroc. Standing: Sgt Clemente Ceballos, Sgt Clarence Ariola, Sgt Louis K. Wong, Sgt David Ruiz, Cpl Bennett Naholoholo, MSgt Mirvine Hookano.



Ready on the Firing Line

by WOJG RALPH K. APO

The first of the 30 cal rifle matches fired at Schofield Barracks and sponsored by the United States Army, Pacific, the Major Commanders Match (M-1 Rifle) 26 & 27 March 1955, ended with favorable results for the Hawaii National Guard.

In the individual match fired on 26 March 1955, Sgt Edward K. Apo, 199th Fighter Squadron, HANG placed second with a score of 231-18V. Capt John W. Kolb, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, fired a 235-15V.

Two hundred and thirty eight competitors participated in this fine match. The National Guard was represented by 27 guardsmen.

A total of 18 awards were presented. Hawaii National Guardsmen walked-off with eight of those.

Qualifying for awards & medals:

Sgt Edward Apo	231-18V	Silver	Platter
Sgt Eckley Yim	222-7V	Silver	Medal
SFC Kaoru Miyamoto	221-4V	Bronze	”
WOJG Ralph K. Apo	220-10V	”	”
SFC Anthony Conti	220-8V	”	”
Cpl Oliver Cummings	220-8V	”	”
SFC Stephen Heu	219-9V	”	”
SFC E. Higa	217-7V	”	”

Results of the second match (team match) fired on 27 March 1955, also proved gratifying. The National Guard “A” & “B” teams placed 1st and 2nd respectively; with the Provisional Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment in 3rd place.

Team Members:

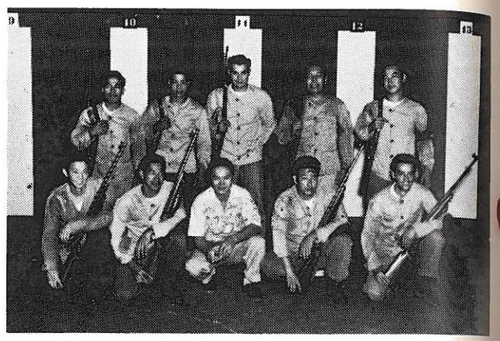
“A” Team — Score — 1305-67V

Sgt E. Yim	214-10V
Sgt S. Heu	220-13V
M/Sgt G. Moniz	215-9V
Sgt T. Oda	224-11V
SFC A. Conti	203-7V
Sgt E. Apo	229-17V
WOJG R. Apo	Coach

“B” Team — Score — 1292-50V

SFC K. Miyamoto	224-11V
Cpl O. Cummings	230-7V
Sgt E. Higa	224-12V
Sgt J. Sabey	188-3V
Sgt J. Nakoa	204-4V
SFC V. Peroff	222-13V
SFC H. Wood	Coach

In a return engagement on 9 April 1955 (Commanding General USARPAC Match) the Guard had to be content with 5th place. The 25th Infantry Division Special Troops team posted the winning score of 1316-55V. Hawaii National Guard Special Troops team scored a 1279-46V.



HNG TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONS: Service Co, 298th Inf, Oahu, T. H. Kneeling, left to right: Bernard Lee, Charles Puuohao, Clarence Chock, Kaoru Miyamoto, Ralph Apo. Standing, left to right: Manuel Sylva, Frank Adams, Louis Miranda, Harry Wood, Mitsuharu Murakami.



RUNNER-UP: Heavy Mortar Co, 299th Inf, Wailuku, Maui, T. H. Kneeling, left to right: Clinton Wood, Eiho Arakaki, Tom Oda, Edwin Venhuizen. Standing, left to right: Louis Garcia, Joseph Dolim, Peter Sierra, Gabriel Moniz.



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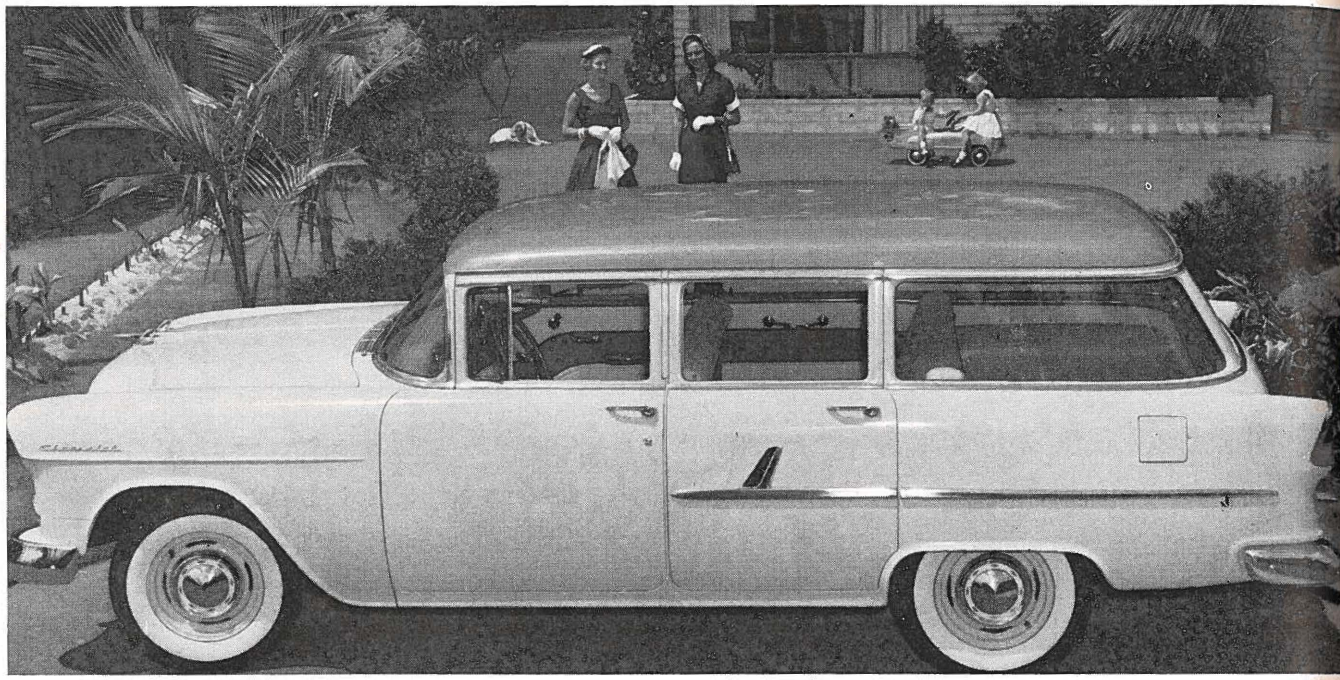
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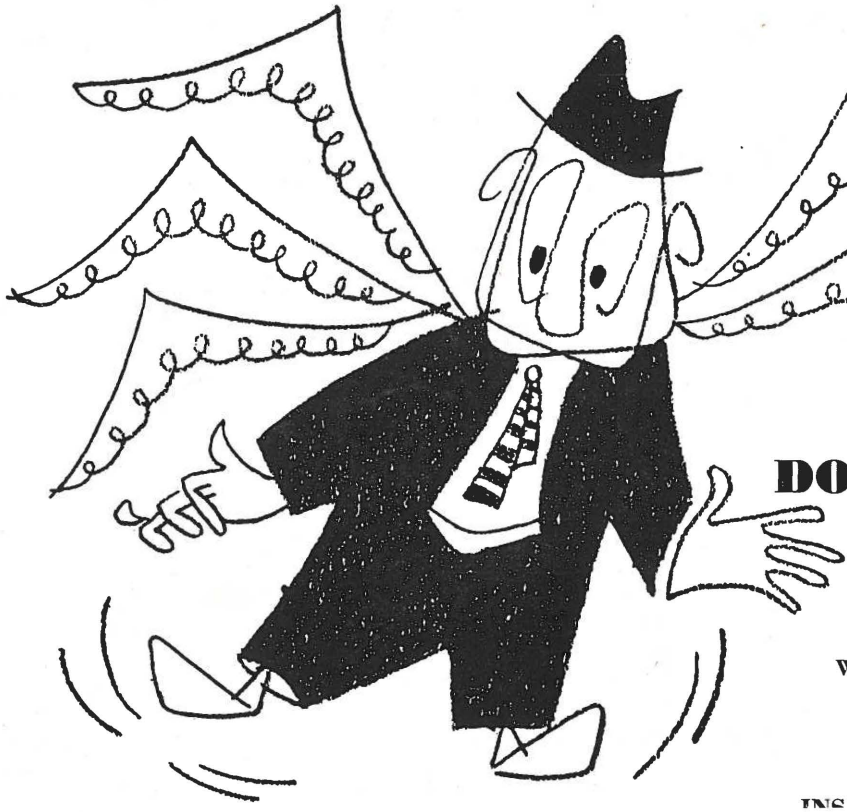
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