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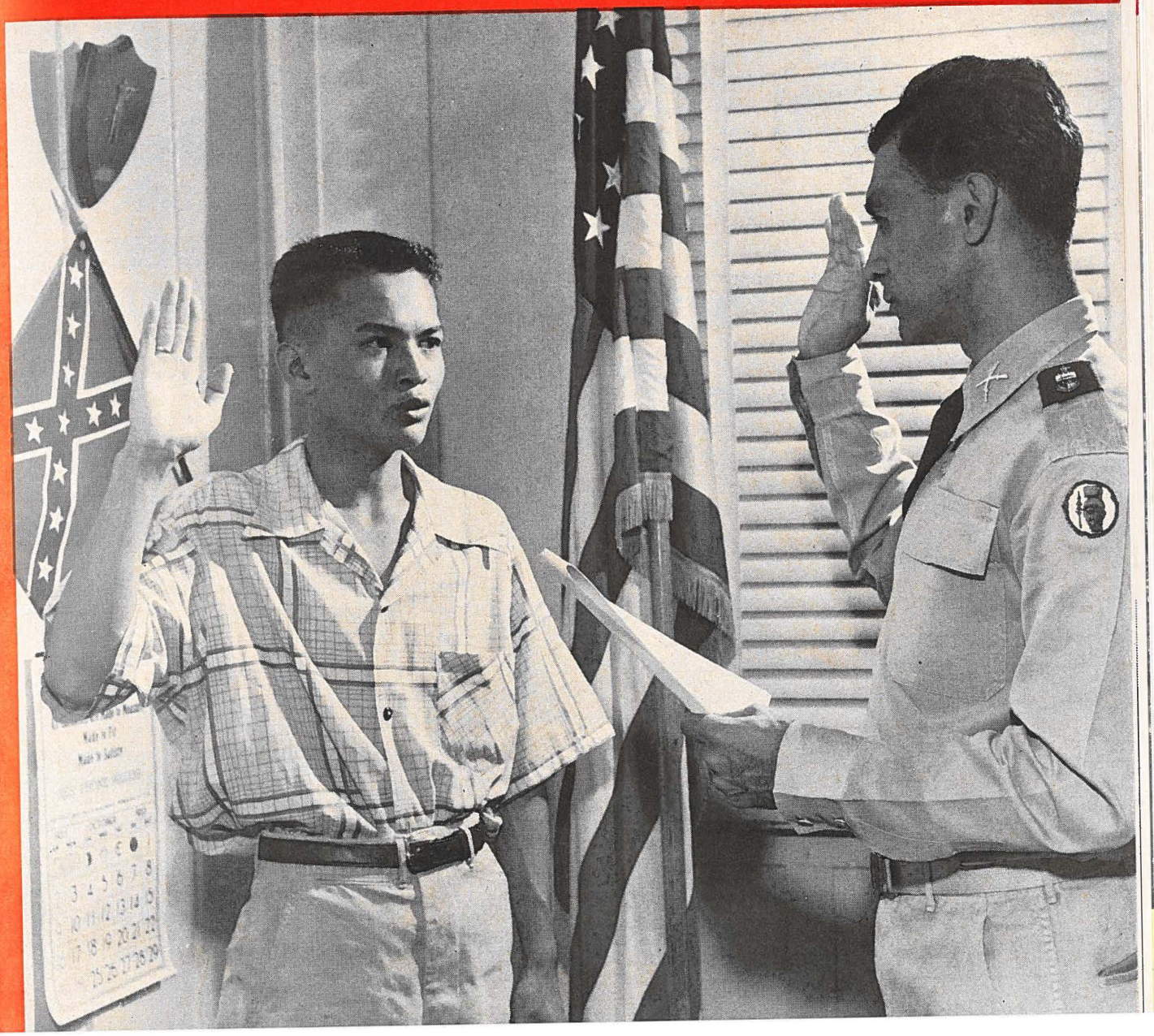

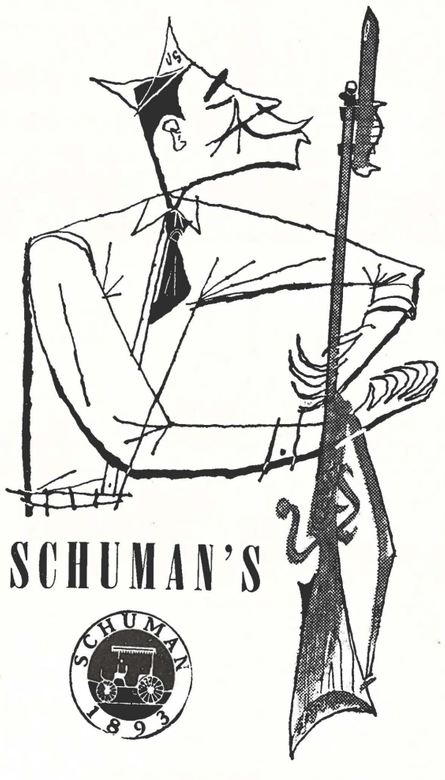

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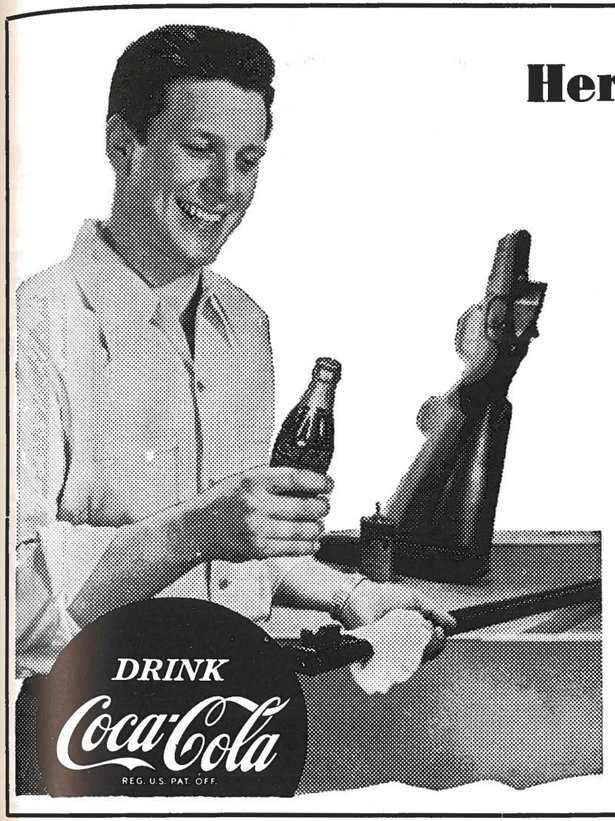

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ON OUR COVER

A new recruit was added to the roster of Company D, 298th RCT on Sept. 10, 1955. He is John S. Miranda, 17 yr. old graduate of McKinley High School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Miranda of Honolulu. Recruit Miranda is shown being sworn in by Capt. Solomon Kaulukukui, CO of Company D. Miranda when queried about what prompted him to join, said, "I've heard about the Hawaii National Guard, but it was only when a friend of mine in "Dog" Company invited me, that I decided to join."

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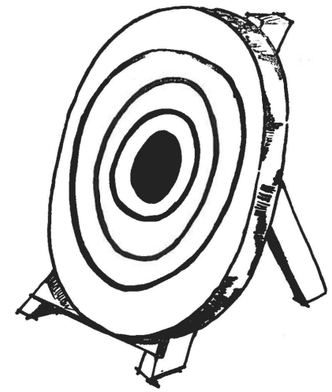

RECRUIT!



by

LT. COL. WILLIAM J. WEST

That's it, as far as the Adjutant General is concerned. He has directed that during the months of November, December, and January all commanders from the top down will devote their major effort to recruiting. The General and his staff have become increasingly concerned during the past year over the decline in strength of the army units. It became apparent shortly after summer camp that the situation was getting serious and required action.

For many months last fall and this past spring, the talk was that Congress would pass a national reserve plan that would provide a reliable continuing source of basically trained personnel for the National Guard. Despite opposition from a few sources within its own ranks, the National Guard as a whole had accepted a proposal for enforced membership of obligated reservists in the Guard. There had been a number of plans proposed to accomplish that purpose, all of which varied in details but were in agreement on the basic approach, i.e. a short period of active duty for basic training followed by a compulsory period of service in an active reserve component, including the National Guard. A firm plan was finally selected by the Dept. of Defense and submitted to Congress where it promptly fell victim to political expediency. The workings of the system devised to effect compulsory service in the National Guard were objectionable to the politicians of a strong group of States, and it proved impossible to pass the measure as proposed. The result was a considerably watered down version of the contemplated national reserve plan incorporated in the Reserve Forces Act of 1955. As that act took form in Congress it was apparent that it would not help the National Guard particularly, so our representatives suggested that the National Guard be excluded from most of the provisions of the new law. This was done, and the act as passed does not affect the National Guard directly except in minor ways.

However, the indirect effects of this act on the National Guard will probably be serious. The reason for that statement is the fact that certain provisions of the act (known as special enlistment programs) allow other reserve components of all services to compete with the National Guard for the enlistment of 17-18½ year olds on an equal basis with respect to draft deferment, etc. That age group represents the largest source of the present National Guard strength and has in the past been almost exclusively a National Guard preserve. Active competition for those men will undoubtedly cause serious problems for National Guard units in maintaining their strength. This fact led certain circles in the Department of the Army to predict that the National Guard would not be able to meet its strength objectives and would become secondary to the USAR as the Army's strongest reserve component. General Erickson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, takes exception to those predictions and maintains that the National Guard can and will meet its objectives. In a series of recruiting conferences held in each of the army areas (Hawaii was represented at the Sixth Army meeting) General Erickson and members of his staff placed the problem before the states and offered

their suggestions as to how the recruiting problem should be tackled. The General stated that the Guard *must* do two things:

(1) Meet *all* of its strength objectives, and
(2) Raise the level of its training to maintain the interest of present members and to improve its ability to qualify for its M-Day mission.

The Bureau recommends that Guard recruiting be aimed at three specific categories,

(1) 17-18½ year olds
(2) Veterans
(3) Men 18½ to 26

We have not gone after men in the latter category in the past, because of their liability for draft, but in view of the limited draft calls now in effect, there is no longer any serious objection to the enlistment of these men.

The Adjutant General's decision to place such emphasis on recruiting for the next few months was based on what was discussed at the NGB conference, as well as the observed decline in the strength of our army units. The charts on the next few pages are intended to provide our readers with a clearer picture of the problem.

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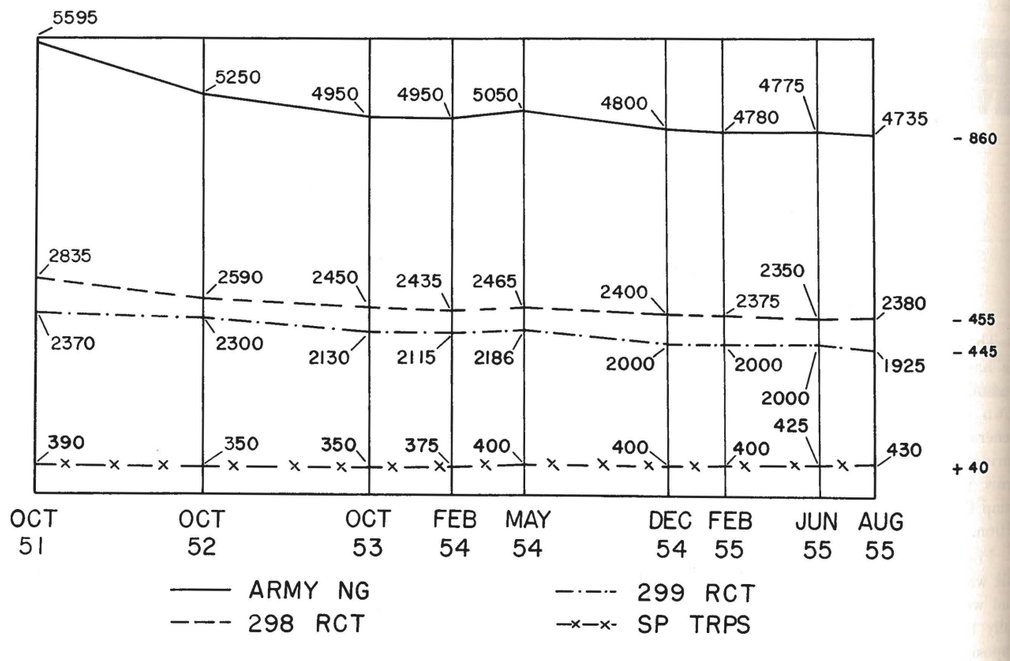

Decline

This chart shows the decline in strength of the army units over the past four years, from October 1951. The reason for the different spacing of the vertical lines is to show the rate of increase or decrease in proper proportion to the period during which it occurred. On the chart, the distance between October 1951 and October 1952 represents 12 months, and the succeeding vertical lines are plotted to the same scale to portray the number of months between the figures used to show the decline.

The upper line shows that in October 1951 we had almost 5600 men in the army units and that we have suffered since then a net loss of 860 men, or nearly 15.5% of our 1951 strength. The other lines show that the 298th lost 16% of its strength, the 299th 19%, while the Special Troops gained 10%. That gain in the strength of the Special Troops is not nearly as significant as it might be when we realize that the authorized strength of that organization was increased by nearly 200 in January 1954 when the 120th Signal Support Company was organized.

From this chart it is clear that with the exception of the period between February and May of 1954, there has been a steady decrease in our strength. That decline can be attributed to two factors, (1) lack of enough attention to recruiting, and (2) increased attritional losses which are discussed in detail further on in this article.

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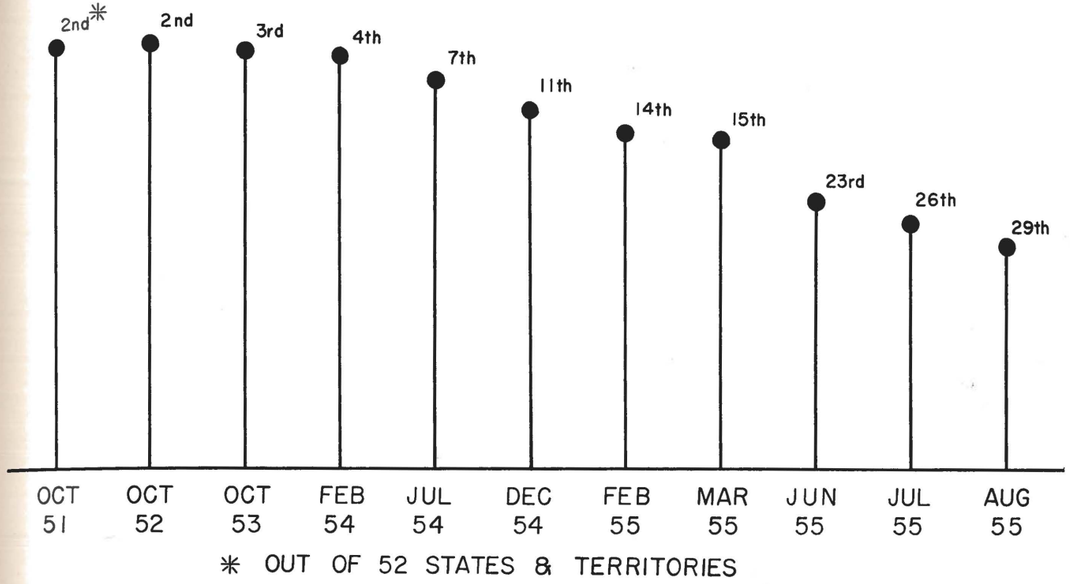

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Comparative Standing

Each month the National Guard Bureau issues a comparison of National Guard strength in the various states from the standpoint of the percentage of authorized strength recruited. In October 1951, the Hawaii National Guard was in second place out of 52 states and territories. Two years later we were in third place having maintained our position all that time. In February 1954 we dropped to fourth place, and that marked the beginning of a steady decline. State after state passed us, until in August we stood in 29th place, army units that is. Our air units are still in second place and are causing us no concern. Between March and June of this year we dropped from 15th to 23rd place. Part of that was a "bookkeeping" loss, so to speak. In June the National Guard Bureau added the 158th AAA Bn to our authorized strength, which automatically reduced our percentage drastically. When we converted the 483rd FA Bn to the 158th AAA Bn, the Bureau did not subtract the authorized strength of the 483rd, so we still retain that handicap. However, regardless of that our percentage continued to drop, and as of this writing it is still on the way down. We also note from the Bureau reports that our units are the *only ones* in the country that are losing strength instead of gaining. It's easy to see that it's time for us to get cracking on this recruiting.

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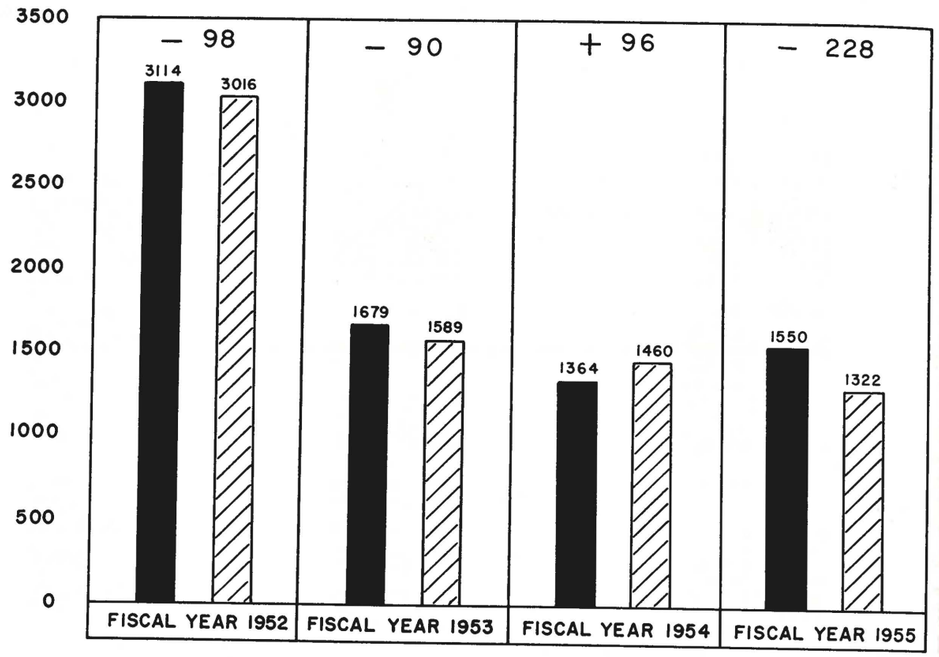


Recruiting Effort

We have already seen from the first two charts that our strength has declined. This chart shows us the reason, and particularly the reason for our present concern over this problem.

The black bars show our losses for each of the past four fiscal years. These are losses due to discharges and transfers to inactive status, and do not include ETS discharges where the men reenlist immediately after discharge, or very soon thereafter. The cross-hatched bars show the recruits taken in during each of those years, including men transferred from inactive to active status.

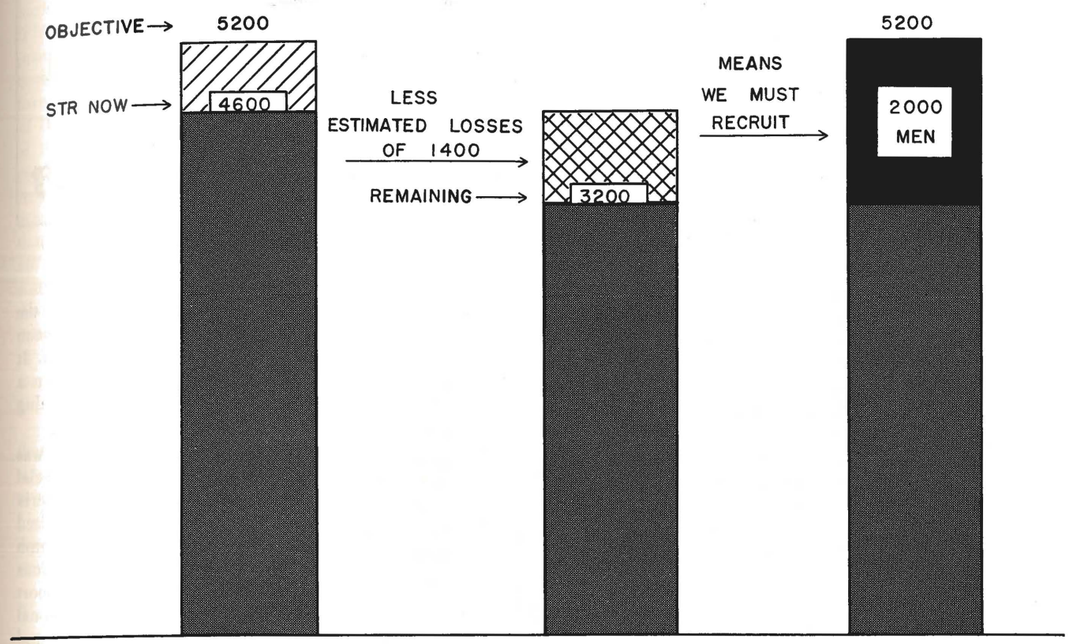
You will notice that in Fiscal 52 and 53 our losses were greater than our gains, giving us a small net loss in strength for each of those years. In Fiscal 54 we gained a little in strength as we indicated on our previous chart. However, and this is the reason for all the shouting about recruiting, in Fiscal 55 our losses exceeded our gains by 228, nearly two and a half times as great a loss as in previous years. For the past few years our strength fluctuations followed a regular pattern. During the period June to December, strength would fall off, but in January it would start up again and keep going up until May or June. This pattern held true for several years, but we were surprised early this year to see that the trend was reversed. Instead of going up in January, strength continued to go down, and it has not yet been reversed.

By comparing the last two years shown above, we see two things — first we recruited fewer men last year than ever before, and second, our losses took a sharp jump upwards. We can determine some of the reasons for increased losses. The foremost source of attrition is the separation of men going into active military service. We discharged 616 men for that purpose last fiscal year, compared to 538 the previous year, a 14% increase. Our ETS discharges were 62% greater, 245 last year compared to 151 the year before. The reason for that increase is that a number of men are reaching the age where they are no longer liable for the draft, and they are getting out. We can look for that cause of losses to increase in the future. Another major source of losses is change of residence.

The point that we come up with after looking at these charts is this. For a number of years our recruiting has more or less taken care of itself. We have been able, without paying much attention to recruiting, to come close to maintaining our strength, or even at certain times to increase it. We've become accustomed to that, and when we were suddenly faced with greatly increased losses, our tried and true approach to recruiting failed us. Now that this has been recognized it remains for us to reorganize our thinking about recruiting, and try to reawaken some of the recruiting enthusiasm that our units had back in 1947 and 1948 when we were building our organization from scratch.

Any organized effort of that nature needs an objective, and we have one. See the next page for details.

FY 56 STRENGTH OBJECTIVE



Objectives

The army units of the National Guard, nation wide, have a strength objective of 425,000 which they must reach by 30 June 1956. The last strength report available, as of 31 August, shows a strength of 360,689 nation wide. Guard recruiters must therefor latch on to enough men to make up for their expected losses *plus* 64,311 men. The National Guard Bureau took those figures and broke them down to year end objectives for each state and territory. This chart shows our problem. We have 4600 men in our army units now — our objective as assigned by NGB is 5200 by 30 June 1956 — we expect losses of 1400 which would leave us 3200 men. Therefore, to meet our objective we must recruit 1400 men to offset losses, and then another 600 to reach our goal. That would be recruiting 678 more men than we did last year without even half trying.

General Makinney feels that we can achieve this goal. In order to get started in that direction, he has ordered a recruiting campaign to begin immediately and run until the end of January. That campaign has three principal objectives, and in order of highest priority they are:

1st — To impress upon all members of the Army National Guard the urgent necessity of continuous intensive recruiting.

2nd — To increase the strength of the army units by 600 men.

3rd — To obtain as much publicity as possible for the Hawaii National Guard.

If we succeed in accomplishing the first objective, half the battle will have been won, because the sense of urgency once created will continue, and the momentum gained by the intensive campaign will last for a long time. Every unit commander *must* do everything he can to impress [illegible]

SPECIAL TROOPS QUOTAS

Hq Det	11
120th MP Co	12
120th Sig Co	15
613th Ord Co	5
158th AAA Bn	72
Hq Btry	(12)
Btry A	(15)
Btry B	(15)
Btry C	(15)
Btry D	(15)
TOTAL	115

298th RCT QUOTAS

Hq Co	19
Med Co	28
Tk Co	11
Svc Co	4
Hv Mort Co	14
Hq Co 1st Bn	19
Co A	19
Co B	17
Co C	20
Co D	6
Hq Co 2nd Bn	24
Co E	19
Co F	4
Co G	10
Co H	23
Hq Co 3rd Bn	5
Co I	28
Co K	17
Co L	25
Co M	32
227th Engr Co	15
111th Band	1
TOTAL	360

299th RCT QUOTAS

Hq Co	5
Med Co (-)	5
Tk Co	5
Svc Co	5
Hv Mort Co	10
Hq Co 1st Bn	10
1st Bn Med Plat	2
Co A	15
Co B	5
Co C	8
Co D	10
Hq Co 2nd Bn	5
Co E	5
Co F	5
Co G	5
Co H	5
Hq Co 3rd Bn	5
Co I	4
Co K	4
Co L	5
Co M	4
Hq Btry 487th FA	3
Svc Btry	3
Med Det	3
Btry A	5
Btry B	5
Btry C	5
230th Engr Co	5
110th Band	5
TOTAL	161

The above quotas were established by the committee which the Adjutant General has formed to plan certain aspects of the recruiting campaign. The quotas for Special Troops and the 298th RCT were intentionally set much higher than those of the 299th, because most of their units are located on Oahu where most of the men are. For example, on Hawaii, in order to achieve full authorized strength the 299th would have to enlist 1 OUT OF EVERY 12 MALES on the island. On Maui the figure would be 1 out of 30. However, on Oahu the figure for 298th and Special Troops is 1 male out of every 55, so, where the potential lay, the committee assigned the biggest quotas.



What's New



NGAUS Conference. The 77th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States was held in the Hotel Roosevelt in New Orleans, Louisiana, from 17 to 20 October 1955. Hawaii was represented by eight delegates, four of whom were elected by the Hawaii National Guard Association and the remaining four by the Adjutant General. The elected delegates were Col. David P. Silva, Special Troops; Lt. Col. Roy Replogle, 299th RCT; Major George Duncan, HANG; and Capt. Malcolm Jackson, 158th AAA Bn. Those selected by the Adjutant General were Major Hartwell Blake, 298th Inf; Major Paul Goya, HANG; Major Walter Judd, HANG, and Lt. Aley Auna, 299th RCT. Transportation to and from New Orleans was provided by

The Conference is naturally concerned with the internal affairs of the Association involving administration, legislation, membership, finances, circulation, public relations, constitution and by-laws, history of the National Guard, construction, armory space criteria and the building fund. Reports in considerable detail covering these matters were submitted by the Officers and the Standing and Special Committees. These reports were all interesting and informative but unfortunately space does not permit a summary of these.

The report of Major General Edgar C. Erickson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, must however be discussed in greater detail. The strength objective for FY 56 is a year end strength goal of 495,000. Of this total 425,000 is the Army quota and 70,000 is the Air Guard target. This means that on the Army side a gain of 66,000 must be made and the Air Guard must gain 9,000. Last year the army guard failed to meet its programmed strength figure by 16,759. The problem is largely one of attrition as the losses are especially high — 150,000 in FY 55. The high rate of avoidable attrition must be overcome by better training made more interesting, good social and athletic programs — aimed to keep the men already in our ranks. It must be reiterated that experience has shown that recruiting is a job that can be done only at the local level.

In order that the Guard may be more nearly ready for mobilization in the administrative field, the Bureau has revised the NGR 25 series. Effective on 1 January 1956 these new regulations provide for: separation of non-commissioned officers and specialists; assignment of new MOS's; use of new army personnel record jackets; the new army service record; and the Department of Army Enlisted Qualification Record. It is expected that these changes can be completed prior to 30 June 1956.

Of prime importance was the announcement that the requirement for NGB Form 68 will be withdrawn as soon as DA Form 20 is completed for each enlisted man. It will be necessary, however, for each unit to maintain a progress chart to show at all times the status of training of men in the unit.

The Army National Guard Technician Program was increased as a result of a study conducted by a Special Committee which established definite measuring criteria for positions and the entire program was standardized and placed on a firm basis. Funds to support the program were budgeted on full implementation of all positions resulting from the approved criteria. Funds to support 100% of the program are not yet available to the National Guard Bureau and certain positions remain unfilled and salary increases are currently being held in abeyance pending release of additional funds by the Budget Bureau.

The eight weeks basic training program was implemented in July 1955. Lack of funds was the only reason the Bureau could not authorize this basic training prior to 1 July. Funds have been included in FY 57 estimates to continue this training but there is no assurance that this eight weeks basic training course will be continued beyond 30 June 1956. Department of the Army has determined that the only basic training that will be offered the National Guard after phasing out the eight weeks basic course will be a course of six months duration. While the Universal Military Training and Service Act provides that a man who enlists in the Guard before 18½ is deferred until he becomes 28 years (provided he performs satisfactory service), and the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 provides that he can reduce this period to a total of 8 years by performing not less than 6 consecutive months of active duty for training, the Department of Army has decided that such an initial training period must be for six months. Every unit commander will agree that his unit would be more ready for active service if all his recruits were given a complete basic training course after they enlisted. It is urged that all commanders do their utmost to obtain volunteers for this active duty program. General Erickson emphasized that the support of the National Guard program by all agencies of the Department of Defense has never been better than it is today.

Since our last issue we were able to get this picture of Noscaredem our little friend who wants to enlist in the HNG. (ED. NOTE: This little apparition claims he is related to WOJG Teddy Wong of the 613th Ord Co. Wong, of course, denies this, but there are witnesses who saw Noscaredem come out of Wong's shop at CFMS No. 1.) See page 9.



It was the consensus of opinion of all the delegates that the conference was a huge success. The impact of the strength of the National Guard Association on the national level indeed made itself felt as numerous speakers high in military and civilian life paid tribute to the Association and to the National Guard which it represents.

The 78th General Conference will be held in Spokane, Washington in 1956, and Louisville, Kentucky was selected as the site for 1957. Hawaii's delegation presented orchids to all the ladies attending the banquet and the delegation was offered a tremendous ovation at the time of roll call. Requests for a General Conference in Hawaii were expressed by many individual delegates. Those who attended were indeed fortunate.

Six Months Training Program. Privates of the National Guard! The opportunity is now available for you to reduce your time of obligated reserve service, receive invaluable training, qualify yourselves as potential NCOs and officers and gain the experience of bona-fide active military service — all this in one consolidated "package deal" — The Six Months Active Duty Basic Training Program.

Eligibility for participating in the six months training program is as follows:

a. Personnel in grades E-1 and E-2 who initially enlisted after 1 October 1955 may participate during their first year provided they have not completed an Army Basic Training Program. (High school students may delay but must enroll when they cease to attend high school, graduate, or reach age 20, whichever occurs first.)

b. Personnel in grades E-1 and E-2 who enlisted prior to 1 October 1955 and at the time of their enlistment were under 18½ years of age may volunteer for this program provided they start their training before their 20th birthday.

c. Personnel who have successfully completed 8 weeks basic training may complete the 6 months program if under 20 years of age, by starting the second 8 weeks period and continuing for 4 months.

Volunteers for the program, scheduled to begin on or about 1 January 1956, will be trained for four months by the 25th Infantry Division Training Battalion at Schofield Barracks. Staffed by an efficient and capable cadre the battalion conducts basic combat and advanced individual training of the highest caliber. The barracks, mess hall, food and recreational facilities are outstanding. For the final two months the trainee will be assigned as a member of a regular organization of the famed 25th Infantry Division. Here he will undergo on-the-job training in specific MOS.

By undergoing six months training, the individual who is obligated to serve in the National Guard until age 28 in order to maintain a deferred status, will reduce his draft eligibility to a total of 8 years. This means that a man enlisting in the Guard at age 17 who attends this training would be draft eligible only until his 25th birthday instead of his 28th.

While being trained the Guardsman will accrue all benefits accorded personnel on active duty with the Army to include full pay and allowances, leave, and government life insurance. In addition, he may avail himself of all military recreational facilities such as those offered by Kilauea Military Camp and Fort DeRussy.



Noscaredem spent almost the whole past quarter hanging around the State Hq G-1 office reading the recruiting poop. (Yes, of course, he can read. We don't let no dummies into the HNG. ED.) See below.

Pfc Teruto Shibata of Headquarters Detachment took one look at Noscaredem and said "Sorry, Buster! Can't use you in this outfit. We need guys who can type." See page 10.

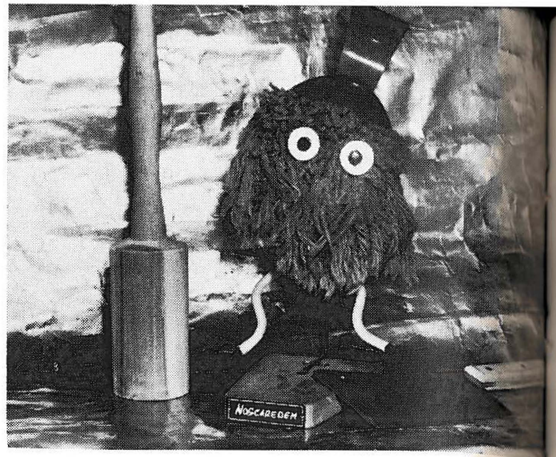


158TH AAA BN. "To provide anti-aircraft protection for Oahu's key military and civil installations." With this objective in mind the newly organized 158th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion has plunged into its training.

In conjunction with their unit training program the battalion has started an accelerated school program to qualify key personnel in their duties. Some 35 individuals will attend courses at the Anti-aircraft and Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Current plans call for arrival of their sixteen 90mm guns and fire control equipment by February 1956. This equipment will be dry fired from a temporary training site at Fort Ruger until the firing batteries are ready to take over and occupy their assigned on-site positions around the critical area to be protected. It is estimated that this will be about September 1956.

The 90mm guns can reach up to 39,000 feet and are controlled by radar tracking equipment which "locks" on the target and directs fire of the weapons. The unit is 100% mobile and able to fire as field or antiaircraft artillery. There should never be a dull moment in this outfit for its equipment, training, and operations are so diversified that no one could ever become bored.



Noscaredem tells us that those persuaders weren't really necessary to convince Lt. Makaea, CO of Fox Company, 299th Infantry, that he (Makaea) should enlist our pal, but Noscaredem took them along just in case. Fox Company in Hilo turned out to have the lowest percentage (27.3%) of aggregate authorized strength of any of our army units as of 14 October. So, Noscaredem has found a home, and there he will stay until some other unit takes over the cellar spot. AGO-HAW is issuing PCS travel orders to send Noscaredem to Co. F in the near future.

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



As the second issue of our magazine for FY 1956 goes to press, the Hawaii delegation to the National Guard Association conference at New Orleans is ready to depart. This year's delegation from the Hawaii National Guard Association will represent the following organizations: Special Troops, 158th AAA Bn, 299th Regimental Combat Team, and the Air National Guard.

In order to continue sending delegates to the national conference, support of the Association must be revived wherein all members of the Hawaii National Guard actively participate in raising funds to support the program, through the purchase of our magazine and the sale of advertising space.

The Hawaii delegation attending the conference is made up of individuals who have not been to a conference previously. Having attended the conference in Miami last year, I am certain that these delegates will be well informed, when they return, on the activities of the National Association and the manner in which the conference is conducted. Our delegation will be in the spot light on the evening of 19 October when the NGA will hold its annual banquet. At this function, better than 700 corsages will be presented to the ladies attending the banquet. Also to be presented are six vanda leis to the distinguished guests. These corsages and leis are being prepared in the interest of "selling" the Hawaii National Guard by members of Hui Makaala, which organization is made up of wives of full-time employees of the 299th RCT stationed on the island of Hawaii.

Upon return of the delegates, I feel reasonably certain that the wealth of information obtained at the conference will add materially to the growth of the Hawaii National Guard. As President of this Association, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing the Association's wishes for a successful and enjoyable trip to the conference.

The assistance of all commanders is urgently requested to push the subscription drive to the Hawaii Guardsman over the top. Due to financial reasons and commencing with the October issue of the Hawaii Guardsman, the size of the magazine must of necessity be restricted to 24 pages. However, it is our hope that this is only a temporary measure. With the increase in subscriptions, we will increase the magazine at a later date and will attempt to include some of the features that made the magazine attractive in the past.

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News of the Quarter

FROM OUR UNITS

SPECIAL TROOPS

By SGT. M. FERNANDEZ

Yes! It's here once again. Yep, that time when everyone and practically all individuals are striving towards the goal of superior. That time when everyone is trying to make their company one of the best, or *the* best. That's right. It's IG time. It takes not one individual but the whole company to make an outfit what it is. So let's try and make our units the best in the whole National Guard (i.e., The Special Troops).

We have in our midst a new organization and we would like to admit and welcome to the Special Troops the 158th AAA Bn. You guys better be good, because it seems that the Special Troops are the General's troops and they are supposed to be the best. So let's try and make good examples of ourselves. The 158 will have a terrific schedule when it actually begins its primary mission and that will be to defend Oahu against any possible air attack. It probably will not start until the middle or the latter part of next year. By that time most of their men will be back from specialist schools and they will have had time to accumulate their equipment. They will have a large amount of new equipment including radar sets, and 16 90mm guns. They'll have a lot to do when it comes time to defend the skies of Hawaii Nei!

Remember in the old days when they used to have a radio program called, "Can You Top This?" Well, it seems that the 613th Ord Co is applying this to the units of the HNG. They have a total of 23 men with perfect attendance records. Two men have a perfect 6 years attendance and 21 men with perfect 3 years attendance. I hope these men will be good examples for the Hawaii National Guard. Let's see if we can't all have perfect attendance records. Huh! What do you say, gang? "All the Way."

The Stork Club of 613th isn't doing bad, but it's not profiting the Company any. Why? Take a look! MSgt P. Akamine, *girl;* Cpl L. Munn, *girl;* Cpl J. Nakoa, *girl;* Cpl F. Wright, *girl*; Pfc. J. Viveiros, *girl*; Cpl Sugita, *girl.* Wha hopponed? All *Girls*. The General should start a Women's National Guard unit. Shame, Shame, On You. Ah sa matta? No more the formula for make boys? All kidding aside, though, boys, congratulations to all of you.

Sports has been a little better this year as compared to others. They, that is to say 613th, took the softball championship for the Special Troops, and volleyball, and are now looking forward to taking the basketball crown. Hq Det was all set to take the softball crown, but 613th kindly removed the pedestal from under them and they fell pretty hard. Ben Armadova, Archie Tamburi, and Vernal Pratt did an exceptional job. Nice going, boys, keep up the good work. Basketball wasn't too good for Hq Det because they took a walloping from 613th. It looks like a battle between 613th and 120th MP's. Good luck, and may the best team win.

Our gains and probably the other companies advantages were; Ben Armadova, US Army; Archie Tamburi, 227th Engr; James K. Kim, Hv Mort; and Paul Hirata from Co A 299th. Our losses were Julian Judd, inactive NG; Floyd Amarino, USAF; and Samuel Bellen, Federal employment at Eniwetok. Returning from a Special Ordnance Transmission Course at Allison Division, General Motors Corporation were MSgt Paul Akamine and yours truly. You can tell we had a nice time—when we came back we were all smiles. Attending Service School in Atlanta, Georgia, is Sgt Kiyoshi Sakamoto. He must be having a nice time with all them Georgia peaches.

Coming into the picture fighting mad is the 120th MP Company. There's good reason for them to be mad because 613th took away the Volleyball Crown, the Softball Crown, and now is attempting to take the crown away from the MP's for basketball. They've been putting up with the antics of the 613th long enough and are going to do something about it. They're so determined to take it that this is what they have to say. "We're going to teach these fly-by-night mechanics a thing or two." They're going to show them their heels in the playoffs of the basketball tourney. 613th is out to beat them, but do you think the MP's are going to let it go at that? "Hœ&$, No!" they say, "There's no doubt who the Champs will be." That's how to go, gang. Keep that spirit up.

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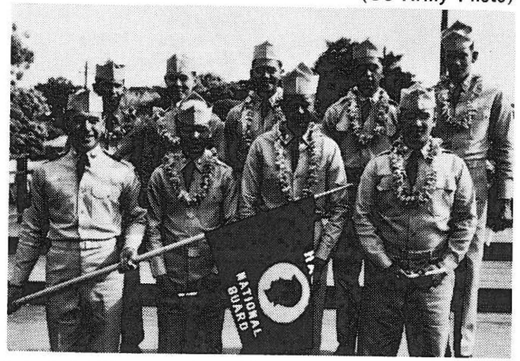

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Richard Yoshimura, just came back from Camp Perry, Ohio. They attended the pistol matches and did pretty well. But that's not good enough. You boys should do VERY, VERY, VERY well, seeing as how you tote them thar Shootin' Arns all the time.

Since summer camp the MP Company has had 10 enlistments and 5 reenlistments. Welcome to the company, Fellas! Let's see you shape up like the rest of the "NG Flatfoots." Five applications are awaiting approval for Provost Marshal General School, Advance MP Course, at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Incidentally, thanks go to the men who helped out in moving the orderly room from Bldg No. 282 to No. 281, and also to those who helped prepare for the IG.

After spending two years in the California National Guard, Cpl John Ho finally decided the Hawaii National Guard is the best and is returning to his former unit, Hq Det. Now that Cpl Ho is coming home, Cpl Uyeda is leaving for California. I wonder what's so good about California. One comes back and then one goes. Also leaving the Company will be old timers Ben Pedro and David Mahukona. They're certainly going to miss you boys in the Detachment. Sgt Masao Abe says he would've had a "Superior" for IG if his light bulbs were clean. "Ha ha, next time, clean 'em." "Excellent" isn't too bad a rating, though. It looks like CWO Fred K. Robello is in for a pay raise. Yeah! He's going from CWO-3 to CWO-4. Congratulations, sir. Where's my cigar!

Well, I haven't heard from the 120th Signal Company, but here's a few highlights on their side. It seems to me, from what I have seen either on the field or in a ball court, the morale of the company is all there. For their first year in competitive sports these men have made many a team in the special troops division worry and tremble. Yep, these men are alright. I hope in the next issue, if I'm writing again, I can get a little more on our quarterly report. I imagine all of the men are worrying about their IG and Tech Inspections. Good luck to you fellows.

So long, and here's hoping that your IG's turn out for the best and don't let it worry you too much. Be like me, I'm scarred stiff!

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Lt. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, CG, USARPAC, presents the annual USARPAC trophy to Capt. Curtis P. Kamai, Btry B 487th FA Bn. (HNG Photo)



299th RCT

by Lt. Col Michael R. Roman

With the annual IG inspection coming on, Hq Co is really hustling in getting ready. Recruiting has been better than average as the following men were gained: Carl T. Sekimura, Paul N. Oshiro, Albert H. Yazaki, Wendell K. S. Kam, Gilbert Y. Uchima and Raymond Y. Ueda, all Privates. Pvt Kam was an ROTC platoon sergeant during his high school years at Farrington so he should be a fine asset to the company.

Reenlistments for this quarter in Hq Co have been Pfc Itaru Oshita, Cpl Raymond I. Mimaki, Pfc Yoshihiro Iyo, Sgt Takashi Izumo, Sgt Edward K. Shindo and MSgt Alfred C. Seril, who signed up for another three years. Men transferred in were Pfc Virginio Tayan and Pvt-2 Shizuo Kitajima from Co L 299th Inf and Pvt-2 Robert Rodrigues from Hq & Hq Co 3rd Bn 299th Inf.

Capt M. Aoki has left for the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., having enrolled in the Associate Infantry Co Course. 1st Lt Kaoru Nii has assumed command of the unit in the absence of Captain Aoki.

Incidentally, we gained another officer when Sfc Delbert Y. K. Ching was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in August. Congratulations to Lt. Ching.

Lucky Lt. Aley K. Auna left on the 14th of October as the representative of the 299th Inf for New Orleans to attend the annual NGUS conference.

Promotions in the company have been speedy as the following EM have been given a raise: from Cpl to Sgt: Larry S. Kadooka, Koichi Kanno, Yoshinori Ota; from Pfc to Cpl: Morris S. Kanekuni, Hisashi Matsuoka, Sunao Mayeda, George G. Otani, Gilbert Santos, Jitsuo Ushiroda, Lowell I. Terada, Theodore T. Yamashita and Stanley S. Yoshiyama; from Pvt-2 to Pfc: Richard Y. Nakasone and Roy S. Takaki; from Pvt-1 to Pvt-2: Roy T. Osato. Congratulations go to all of you boys.

Our correspondent from Service Company 299th wants to know if you men in the other units ever had the joy of having a very good rating in your tech inspection when everything seems to be going wrong, or have had a mediocre rating when you expected a very high rating? High or mediocre, it is a relief to have the tech inspections completed.

Svc Co welcomed back Pvt-2 Edward Bumatay and Pvt-2 Bruce K. Meyers who just completed their basic training with the 25th Inf Div. But, just as most any other unit experiences, Meyers will transfer to Co G 298th and Pvt Bumatay is planning to join the Marines. Well, our loss is their gain so we hope that the new outfits will treat them as we did.

We have not received any candy as yet, but we expect some from Sfc Hiroyuki Tahara, his wife Priscilla and baby Nyla, the new addition to the family. Congratulations!

Congratulations from the members of Tank Co go to Capt Chester K. Long, commanding officer of that unit, who was promoted on 7 Sept 55. Captain Long has over 15 years of service in the Army and National Guard. He is employed by Hawaiian Airlines as Cargo Supervisor.

With the coming of the annual IG inspection, the tankers are getting everything into tip top shape.

Returning from the Armored School, Ft. Knox, Ky. was Sfc Tsutomu Ueno, who successfully completed the Tank Leaders course with flying colors. He says, "It was very interesting and exciting, but I'd hate to live there, it's too hot."

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Sfc John Kaiewe is handling the basketball team which is nucleused by such standouts as Samuel Alameda, Moses Kipi, Henry Umuiwi, Rudy Ai, Edwin Villanueva and many others. So far they have won one game and lost one. Keep up the good work, boys!

Gains for the quarter were: Jack K. Kaaua, Moses Kipi, Ronald Sabate, Farlan Ai, Rudy Ai, Andrew Akina, Jr and Raymond T. Shimabukuro.

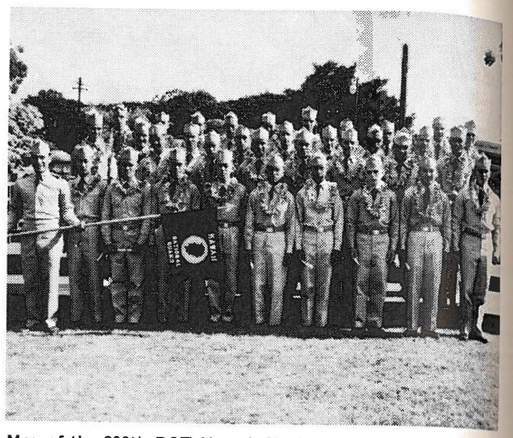
Promotions: Advanced to Pvt-2: Benjamin L. Baysa, Stanley S. Kimura, Melvin Y. Mabuni, Moses Napeahi and Hisao Shigeishi.

Technical inspections and preparation for the forthcoming IG inspection are on tab right now with the 230th Engr Co (Combat). The QM, Sig and Engr tech inspections are pau. The Ordnance inspection is still to come. We are confident of achieving a rating of Superior.

Enlistments since the last magazine came out are: Sgt Charles L. Kahawai, Privates Samuel K. Ching, James E. Griffin and Robert W. Vasconcellos. Losses from the unit included MSgt John H. Roberts who accepted employment overseas and had to be discharged from the Hawaii National Guard after over 8 years as a member of the Guard. Good luck to you, John, and may we some day be able to enlist you again. Enlistments with the RA and USMC were: Pfc Hisashi Shintani and Ted N. Nakaji. Pvt Ronald N. Nowaki was discharged by reason of enrollment in the ROTC.

Sgt Gabriel Akiona, assigned to Company D, returned to Maui on 28 August 55 after successfully completing the Special National Guard Officer Candidate Course at Ft. Benning, Ga. Sgt Akiona graduated No. 28 in a class of 139 enlisted men representing National Guardsmen from all of the 48 states, Puerto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii. In 1954, he successfully graduated from the Advance Non-Commissioned Officer's Course at Fort Benning. Sgt Akiona will be commissioned a 2d Lt in the National Guard in the near future. He is the son of Mr. Samson Akiona and the late Mrs. Sarah Akiona of Keanae, Maui, and is presently employed by his uncle, Contractor Moses Akiona.

Second Lieutenant Benjamin K. Manuel of Company B (Molokai) was appointed to that grade on 10 August 1955. He enlisted in the Hawaii National Guard as a Private on 21 July 1948 in Co. B. He is a graduate of the Light and Heavy Weapons Leadership Course at Fort Benning, Ga. graduating in May 1953. Since the date of his enlistment, Lt Manuel has missed only one armory



Men of the 299th RCT Hawaii National Guard, who trained with the 25th Infantry Division's Training Battalion, pose for a graduation "pic" at Lightning Field, Schofield Barracks. (US Army Photo)

drill, which was due to the death of his father. Prior to being commissioned a Second Lieutenant, he held the grade of Master Sergeant in Co. B. Lt Manuel is a graduate of Kamehameha High School, class of 1948. He is married to the former Frances Baker, and resides in Hoolehua, Molokai. He is presently employed by Murray Air, Ltd., at Maunaloa, Molokai.

Captain Eugene S. Rajkowski took over command of Company D on 1 August 1955. Captain Rajkowski, a former National Guardsman of the 108th Infantry, New York National Guard, is married to the former Julia Abrew of Paia, Maui. He is presently employed in the Automotive Department of Maui Dry Goods & Grocery Co., Wailuku. He resides with his wife and four sons at 41-A Kaniela St., Wailuku.

Sgt Lawrence S. Shim, radio mechanic in the communication platoon of Hq Co is learning the fundamentals of radio repairing at the Radio Mechanic Course at Fort Shafter, Oahu.

The Outstanding Soldier of Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn for the 1st quarter of FY 1956 is Pfc Walter D. Freitas, a radio mechanic in the Communication Platoon. Other candidates considered for this outstanding award were Cpl Mitsuo M. Tomita, company clerk in Headquarters

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Platoon, and Pfc Pedro Presbitero, pioneer in the P&A platoon. The 1st Bn Commander, Lt Colonel George M. Talbott, presented the Outstanding Soldiers trophy to Pfc Freitas on October 3, 1955 at a company formation. Congratulations, Pfc Freitas!

MSgt Gabriel P. Moniz and Sgt Tom F. Oda, members of Heavy Mortar Co and Sgt Oliver H. Cummings, of Hq Company were members of the Hawaii National Guard Rifle Team which participated in the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio this year.

The 1st Bn 299th HNG Basketball League will be underway this Thursday, 13 October when Co C meets Co D. Only three teams of this battalion will vie for the battalion championship. The teams are from Co C, Heavy Mortar Co and Co D, champions of last year. The 1955 HNG Unit Basketball Championship will be conducted during 5-6 November on Maui.

Attending the Basic Combat Training Course with the 25th Division at Schofield Barracks are:

Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn: Pvt-2 Moses H. Kahiamoe, Pvt-2 Pedro O. Moleta and Pvt-1 James S. Yamamoto.
Company A: Pvt-2 John L. Kahahaen, Pvt-2 Roland Machado.
Company C: Pvt-2 Toshihiko Miyasato.
Hv Mortar Co: Pvt-2 Stanley S. Fujimoto, Pvt-2 Gordon J. Morreira, Pvt-2 Stephen W. Tadina, Pvt-2 William E. Bal IV, Pvt-2 Wallace S. Fukushima.
Company B: Pvt-2 Samuel Kaauwai.

The 2nd Battalion 299th has been active. Since the last publication of the Hawaii Guardsman, we are happy to note that it's now MAJOR John R. D'Araujo and CAPTAIN Katsuki Arita. Congratulations, felicitations, etc. to these officers on their promotions. Major D'Araujo has also been appointed Staff Assistant and assigned to Headquarters 2nd Bn effective 1 Oct 55.

Congratulations also to 2nd Lt George W. Makaea, Jr., Commanding Co F, Mrs. Makaea presented him with an heir, however, not a potential future enlistee of the HNG. You know, the other kind. Thanks for the bar of candy. May there be many more. (*Babies? or Candy? Editor.*)

We are now on the last leg of the technical inspections. Ordnance and chemical for CO's E, G and H remaining before the annual IG inspections. We boast and proudly so, of the following results of the various inspections to date. Five Quartermaster ratings: Superior. Three Engineer ratings: Superior, two ratings: Excellent. Signal inspections: Ratings not received to date. Two units inspected on Ordnance and Chemical equipment: Superior. A big hand to the men of the units who made it possible for the respective units to attain the commendable ratings. The improvement on maintenance of supply and equipment compared to previous years has been tremendous, and all aims and efforts are now being concentrated on the "big one."

Our deepest sympathy to MSgt Jaime Fuerte, Co E, at Pahala, whose mother passed away recently.

Now that the 3rd Battalion units are back in their armories again, they are quite busy and concerned i getting their equipment in top shape as part of the preparation for the forthcoming technical and IG inspections. Units in this battalion were rated high in Quartermaster, Signal and Engineer Technical inspections, but the "BIG ORDNANCE" is yet to come.

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Two officers of the 3rd Battalion recently left for the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. They are 1st Lt Yutaka Nakashima, Commanding Officer of Co L and 1st Lt Clarence A. Morgado, Bn S4. Both are attending the Associate Company Officers Course.

Recent returnees from the Special National Guard Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga are Sgt Joseph Mattos, Co L and Sgt Joseph Ugalde, Co M. This battalion is proud to have five enlisted men successfully complete this course and accept commissions in the Hawaii National Guard.

Graduate of the Army and GM School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma recently was 1st Lt Tango Fujimoto, who completed the FA Transition Officer Course. 2nd Lt Shigeru "Muggs" Kataoka will probably be on his way back by press time. According to Tang, "Muggs" has been doing very well, as evidenced by his name appearing among the high-rating students.

Five Baker boys successfully went through the rough Basic Combat Training Course "unscathed" last month at Schofield Barracks. This course is being offered by the 25th Infantry Division. Full-fledged soldiers are Pvts Albert Corpuz, Donald "Rocky" Matsumura, Rudy Miguel, Wayne Oba, and Wallace Uchida. The smallest of the group, barely standing 5 ft, Wallace Uchida, enjoyed the distinction of being named Recruit of the Week during the sixth week. So goes the saying, "Dynamite comes in small packages."

Another Baker Boy achieved high honors when Sgt Wallace "Plat" Sumimoto was appointed 2nd Lieutenant.

298th RCT

By WOJG Thomas N. C. See, Jr.

"Whew!" . . . Now that the maojrity of I. G. Inspections are over, and the midnight oil has been put away; units of this command on Oahu are settling back in anxious anticipation of the final inspection ratings. While the flickering wicks have been extinguished on Oahu, our sister units on the Garden Isle will not be inspected until mid-November. In the eyes of this reporter, appearance of all units for this year's inspections showed marked improvement over previous years. Credit for this improvement can be attributed primarily to the experience and outstanding leadership of commanders and key NCOs. Preparation for I. G. Inspections commenced immediately after field training and all units were ready to greet inspectors well in advance of scheduled dates. Prorating of assignments and valuable know how, supported by "sweat and muscle", eliminated the need for last minute details.

Equally significant during the past quarter was the redesignation of the 483d Field Artillery Battalion as the 158th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion. With this major change in the structure of the Hawaii National Guard, the strength of the 298th RCT was reduced by nearly 400 men. Although a distinct loss to the Combat Team, we are proud to have had a battalion capable of striking out on its own and maintaining its high degree of operating efficiency. We are certain that the 158th AAA Bn will be a credit to the Hawaii National Guard!!

The 111th Army Band again is a strong contender for the Pershing Trophy. This award is made to the team in each Army Area which attains the highest degree of qualification efficiency with the M1 rifle and carbine during the course of any one year. With a figure of merit of 95.0%, CWO Carl S. Baptiste's bandsmen edged Company B commanded by Capt. Oliver H. King and Company I, last year's winners. This award will not be new to the Army Band as they were tops in the Sixth Army Area in 1950. Our congratulations, Mr. Baptiste, and "some shooting"! Here's hoping that the Pershing Trophy remains in the 298th for another year!

At this writing the major effort of the 298th RCT is focused on recruiting. It has always been a major concern of this command, but recent developments have made recruiting foremost in the minds of all Guardsmen. At the onset of 1955, a team of experienced recruiters visited five public high schools in Honolulu, one private school, and the Honolulu Vocational School. During the early months of 1955 a definite increase of enlistments was noted throughout the command. However, this rise was not enough to cope with the steady flow of personnel losses, accentuated by individuals desiring to enter active military service.

Renewed vigor towards recruiting was adopted on Kauai prior to field training in anticipation of the activation of Company M on that island. Again in August Oahu units made an earnest effort to recruit personnel by presenting a weapons display at the "Club 100" Carnival.

Recently Lt. Col. Clyde W. Woods, Jr., Regimental Executive Officer, Capt. Oliver H. King, Acting Adjutant, and Sfc Earl T. Harada, one of Company B's key NCOs, appeared on the "Kini Popo TV Show". Col. Woods presented a brief description of the new Reserve Forces Act of 1955 as it applies to the National Guard. It is urgently felt that a great majority of the public is not aware of the advantages of the National Guard.

A new recruiting program sponsored by the Adjutant General has established a quota of 375 men for this Regiment. With anticipation of losses through normal attrition, this total is projected to approximately 450. All unit commanders have been instructed to brief their personnel on the new Reserve Forces Act of 1955, in order that they may be in a position to outline the provisions of the Act to prospective enlistees.

Although recruiting is our primary objective, enthusiastic efforts are being made to increase subscriptions to the Hawaii Guardsman magazine. October was proclaimed "Hawaii Guardsman Month" by the Regimental Commander, Col. F. A. Schaefer, III, in an effort to bring subscriptions to the magazine on an even keel with last year's total. The importance of the Hawaii Guardsman was stressed by Col. Schaefer in a letter to all commanders. Reports received to date indicate that programs to solicit subscribers to the magazine have been revived in all echelons of command.

Plans for the conduct of Staff Training this fiscal year were announced in August. Although classes are not scheduled until January 1956, all commanders and staffs are looking forward in anxious anticipation. Training

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will take place on two separate weekends, with classes covering the following are scheduled for the first week:

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Combat Intelligence Procedures
Operations Orders, Written
Estimate of the Situation

This interesting course of instruction will be climaxed by a battalion command post map exercise on 22 & 23 January. Material and information gained from three training periods are invaluable to commanders and their staffs and serve to improve and test the combat readiness of this RCT.

Valuable hints on modern techniques will be furnished by Maj. John Naumu currently attending the Associate Infantry Officer's Advance Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Maj. Edward M. Yoshimasu scheduled to return from the Command & General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in December. In addition to the above, 2d Lts. John D. Castro and Samuel K. Naipo are striving to improve their military knowledge at Fort Benning.

Our roster of prospective officers was increased by three, with the return of Sergeants Wallace Y. Kozai, Noboru Nakao, and Arthur T. Yamamoto from the Special National Guard Officer Candidate Course at Ft. Benning. Reports received from the school reveal that our candidates placed high within a total enrollment of 138. Our congratulations for a job well done!

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, September 7 — National Guard Private Paul R. Canumay, training with Company D, 25th Infantry Division Training Battalion, fired a score of 224 out of a possible 250 with the M-1 rifle in his first record firing with the weapon. His score is the highest fired by any trainee in Company D during the M-1 qualification firing. (25th Div Photo)



The last quarter saw many officer changes take place within the Regiment. Promotions to First Lieutenant were awarded to Minoru Ikehara, Basil W. Hansen, Stanley Kenela, Bernard W. C. Loo, and Raymond Rapoza; reappointments included Capt. Richard M. Hendricks and 1st Lt. James E. Doole; and transfers from units other than the 298th added Capt. Joseph Kahoohanohano, 2d Lt. Shigeyoshi Morita, and 2d Lt. Herbert S. Watanabe to our roster. Completion of the 10-Series of the Army Extension Course qualified Vinusto Acohido for commission and he is now serving as a Platoon Leader with Company E.

Although we realized several gains, it is with regret that we announce the loss of a fine soldier, gentleman, and scholar. After nearly thirty years of service, Col. Albert W. Duvel resigned from the National Guard in mid-September. Col. Duvel has a long record of faithful commissioned service which dates back to 1925, and has served as Third Battalion commander since reactivation of National Guard units on Kauai in 1946. Our fondest Aloha to a fine officer!!

Replacing Col. Duvel as commander of the Third Battalion is Maj. Hartwell Blake with Maj. Charles E. Cherry stepping into the Executive Officer's slot.

Maj. Archie Kennison and Maj. James R. Reed have been added to the full-time staff of our Second Battalion units in Wahiawa. Maj. Kennison occupies the position of Staff Assistant Officer recently authorized by the National Guard Bureau, and Maj. Reed replaces Maj. George Monsarratt as the 2d Bn Army Advisor. A hearty welcome to both of you, and may your new jobs be free of "headaches"!

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In the field of athletics we are proud to boast of the Mighty Foxes who captured the runnerup trophy in the HNG Territorial Softball Championships. We still think you're tops . . . never say die, there's always another year.

At this writing Company E and Company L are scheduled to vie for the 298th basketball championship, the winner meeting the Special Troops representatives for the coveted Oahu title. Company L, last year's Territorial Champions, have the caliber to return the bacon to our halls despite the loss of several key players. Reports forwarded from the 2d Battalion indicate that Capt. Henry Takeda's boys from Waialua will be a tough combination.

With the conclusion of another news article, we would like to close with . . . "Bring a buddy with you next week, and help to KEEP YOUR GUARD UP!!!"

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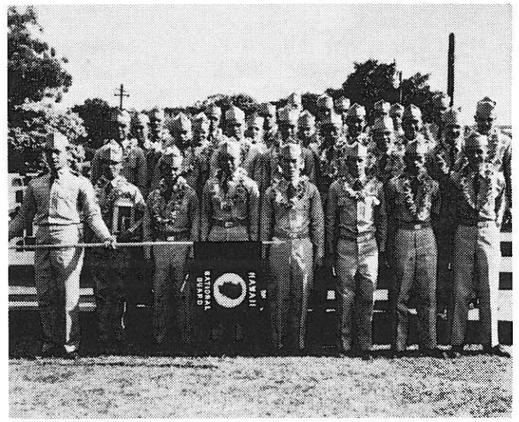
Men of the 298th RCT, Hawaii National Guard, who took basic training with the 25th Infantry Division's Training Battalion at Schofield Barracks. (US Army Photo)



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By Capt. David de Costa

Long Shot Wins. The close knit softball team from Kohala's 299th RCT Love Company swept the 1955 Territorial HNG Softball Championship series by smooth wins over Fox Company from the 298th and Maui's Dog company to win the Adjutant General's Trophy for the first time. Thus the crown goes to the Big Island again after being taken to Kauai last year, and to Maui in 1953. Gaining the bye during the first round, the Kohala players turned back Maui 7-1 in the semi-final round, and went on to play "F" Company in the afternoon championship round. Both teams played good ball until the final frame when the champions pulled ahead 8-5 and survived a last inning rally to gain the title.

The 613th Ordnance Company from Honolulu and Hanapepe's Item Company of the 298th RCT were the

other teams in the tournament. Both lost in their initial contests. Ordnance lost to Maui 4-3; and Kauai lost to "F" company, 17-2. Hanapepe was the defending champion, but could not get past Fox company's pitching. Maui and the 613th put up the best game of the tournament and went into extra innings to settle the game.

Individual medals were awarded to each player of the championship and 2nd place teams. Each team received a pennant and trophy.

Inter-Island Golf Scheduled. Plans for the 1955 Golf championships were recently announced by the Athletic Committee. Golfers from all the islands will converge on Schofield Barrack's Kalakaua and Leilehua Links for two days, November 19th and 20th, for the HNG Medal Championship Tournament. Tee-off time is set for 0800 each day. The full course will be over 36 holes.

As in the past, the tournament is open to all golfers in the Hawaii National Guard and each island will decide its champions prior to the opening day of the tournament. Each island is alloted a number of places in the tee-offs with Oahu getting the largest share. The island allotments are as follows: Oahu, 22; spread out so that the 298th Inf receives 12 places, HANG gets 4 places and the Special Troops will vie for 6 spots. Hawaii has been allotted 8 places, Maui given 4, and 2 persons from Kauai will complete the roster of island champions.

Competition will be for four trophies among other awards. These are the Open Championship trophy, the Open Runner-up trophy, the Handicap Championship and the Handicap Runner-up trophies.

The USARPAC and HNG Advisor teams have been invited and may enter a four-man team each to compete against a HNG four-man team.

Last year's champions MSG Fred Mau and A/1C George Kalaiwaa, both of the HANG, will be among the expected entrants for the tournament.

Maui Hosts Basketball. As this publication comes off the press, the 1955 Territorial HNG Inter-Island Basketball Championship tournament will have been completed. Teams from each Island will vie for the Adjutant General's trophy and individual medals on Maui during the week-end 7-8 November 1955. At this writing the battalion championships have not been decided and play is still under way.

CWO Pete Sierra, of Maui's mighty 1st Battalion, is running the tournament for the Maui Athletic committee in coordination with the HNG Athletic committee.

The 1954 champions, Love company of Honolulu's 298th RCT, will have a job retaining the crown that has changed hands every year since the tournaments began in 1949.

Special Troops Committee. With the formation of the Special Troops Athletic Committee, the HNG sports structure has finally been completed with athletic committees or boards functioning on all of the islands. The 298th Infantry athletic board was formed over a year ago and efforts to organize the Special Troops have just now materialized. In fact, this new board has gotten things off with a bang with a finance project already. A sweetbread selling drive has netted the new committee the necessary funds to put their sports program into operation. The Special Troops-Air Guard gained a whole new battalion when the old 483d FA went out of existence and the 158th AAA was born. Thus the 298th on Oahu lost a battalion and the Troopers now stand at approximately four battalions strong. These changes will have a bearing on Island playoffs, since the 298th will have one less round of playoffs while the Artillerymen battle the Troopers for a place in the sun. It really makes no difference to the Ack Ack boys because they are used to mixing with three other battalions for their share of glory.

MSgt Joe Asai, right, manager of the 1955 softball champions, receives the championship trophy and pennant from Capt. David F. deCosta on behalf of the Adjutant General of Hawaii. Sgt. Asai played 3rd base for the champions from Kohala Hawaii's Love Company of the 299th RCT during the series.



F. H. Samson, manager and centerfielder of the 298th Fox Company's team receives the 2nd place trophy and pennants from General Makinney's athletic committee chairman, Capt. David F. deCosta, during presentation ceremonies following the 1955 inter-island softball tournament.





Ready on the Firing Line

By WOJG Ralph K. Apo

Camp Perry, Ohio was the scene of three solid weeks of shooting activities at the 1955 National Matches.

This year there were 2444 competitors at Camp Perry as compared to 2190 at the National Matches in 1954 and this year's figure does not include relatives and friends of the competitors, or all of those who attended the schools. Just what is it that attracts so many people from all over the country to come to live and shoot at Perry each year during the National Matches?

First, there were 85 shooting matches conducted by the National Rifle Association of America. These were for all types of small arms — 31 for smallbore, 29 for high power rifle, 1 for carbine (National Guard), and 24 for pistols and revolvers. Within these matches, there were four matches conducted by the U. S. Government's National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice.

Second, there were four schools, for which no fees were charged. One school to teach junior and tyro shooters the basic fundamentals of marksmanship; one school to teach the principles of instruction related to the NRA Hunter Safety Course, and two schools to teach experienced shooters how to teach other persons the mechanics and value of marksmanship, and safe gun handling.

During the three weeks of shooting, there were enough widely varied activities to capture the interest of anyone concerned with guns and shooting and good fellowship.

National Guard teams from 18 states and the Territory of Hawaii were present at the matches.

This year Hawaii was represented by two teams. Both teams were under the general managership of Lt. Col. Clarence R. Johnson; the pistol team was captained by Capt. George Roberts and the rifle team was captained by yours truly. Each team comprised 8 members.

Competition was a bit more keen this year, because of the superior equipment furnished to the regular service teams. The National Guard class was not included in this year's program. There were no awards set aside for guardsmen excepting the President's Match and the National Trophy Team Match. In the President's Match, a guardsman can fire either the MI rifle or the match rifle (Model 70) and still qualify for the high guardsman award.

As compared to last year, competition in the National Guard class has been somewhat de-emphasized. This was especially evident by the presence of Model 70 rifles in great numbers at the matches. Several guardsmen from the few states represented at the National Matches fully utilized this advantage in the majority of the individual matches, especially those matches pointing towards the high guardsman award. The use of the Model 70 was restricted in the Trophy Matches.

The program this year was directly in favor of the regular services and the civilians. Appropriated funds, allocated to the services for match competition were earmarked for commercial market procurement, much of the funds being expended for special load ammunition.

For an average shooter to make even an honorable mention on the score board, at least five hundred dollars worth of equipment and supplies would be needed.

This is also evident in our own territorial matches. Even our local services have divorced the service rifle for the Model 70.

Doing without the services of these costly items, our boys did well enough to gain the plaudits of friends. Sgt. Tom Oda, representing Heavy Mortar Co, 299th Inf, was the big gun amongst the rifle shooters from Hawaii. Tom placed 1st in the expert class (Navy Cup Match - 20 rds Standing) with a score of 97-9V. The winning score was a 99-12V. Oda also won first leg towards distinguished marksman in the National Individual Trophy Match with a score of 235-14V.

SFC E. Higa, representing Co D, 298th Inf, scored 93-10 for 3rd place SS (Coast Guard Match - 20 rds rapid fire sitting). The winning score 100-15V.

Hawaii placed 2d, expert class, score 557-37V (Rumbold Team Match). A team representing the U. S. Marine Corps posted the winning score of 580-55V. Hawaii led all other National Guard teams in the team matches preceding the National Trophy Team Match.

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In the National Trophy Team Match, Hawaii had to bow to the team representing Maryland. After the 300 yard scores were posted, Hawaii was ahead of Maryland by a mere 2 points. Maryland cinched the much coveted Hilton Trophy by posting an average score of 94 per man at 600 yards. Hawaii came through with a 92 average per man. Total team score, Maryland 1345, Hawaii 1333. The U. S. Marine team posted the winning score (1388) to take the regular service honors.

Members of the pistol team made it more profitable in winning medals and awards. A total of 19 medals and awards were won by individual members of the pistol team.



By Lt. Seitsu Takahashi

QUES: Is it possible for a National Guardsman without prior service in an active component of the Armed Forces of the United States, to qualify for a National Service Life Insurance policy?

ANS: Yes, provided the individual has completed more than 30 days of active duty for training and submits his application within 120 days following the termination of such tour of duty. He would be qualified for a non-convertible-nonparticipating term policy only. Further information on this matter may be obtained from the nearest VA office.

QUES: I have been told by my Commanding Officer that although I have 21 years of National Guard service, I will not be able to qualify for retirement pay at age 60 because of the fact that I don't have any active Federal service time to my credit. Please clarify and if possible, kindly furnish me the reference to such regulations.

ANS: If you have 21 years of service in the National Guard without active Federal service, it must be assumed that you were in the Guard prior to World War II. Based on this it seems that your commanding officer is correct. Paragraph 3a(3), NGR 23 dated 20 Nov 53 indicates that a person who was a member of a reserve component on or before 15 Aug 45 must have performed active Federal service during any portion of either (1) the period 6 Apr 1917 to 11 Nov 1918 or (2) the period 9 Sep 1940 to 31 Dec 1946 in order to be eligible for retirement pay for the 20 years or more of service. The requirement for active Federal service does not apply to persons who initially entered a reserve component subsequent to 15 Aug 45.

QUES: Will a first lieutenant who has previously graduated from the Associate Infantry Officer Basic Course be acceptable for the Associate Infantry Officer Advanced Course?

ANS: Regulations do not specifically prohibit lieutenants from being accepted for the Associate Infantry Officer Advanced Course. However the officer advanced course is primarily designed to qualify officers for field grade promotions. Therefore it is likely that NGB will give priority to captains and field grade officers for this course.

QUES: Why is it that Air National Guard officers granted temporary federal recognition have not in the past received pay until receipt of their permanent federal recognition?

ANS: There is no reason why pay cannot be received by officers temporarily recognized. This situation has been recently clarified thru Hq HANG with Finance Office, Hickam AFB to effect payment in cases of this nature. The purpose of the temporary federal recognition is to provide a status under which an officer can receive pay for services performed pending receipt of his permanent recognition.

QUES: What army unit of the Hawaii National Guard has the greatest number of assigned personnel?

ANS. Strength reports as of 15 Jul 55 indicate that Co I 298th Inf with 5 Off, 1 WO, and 163 EM has the honor of being the largest army unit in the Hawaii National Guard. Hearties congratulations to officers and men of Co I 298th Inf! (*Ed. Note: The secret is that they have been recruiting men for Co M 298th Inf which was moved to Kekaha, Kauai, on 1 August 1955.*)

QUES: I plan to enlist in the Regular Army in the very near future. Is my 4 years of service in the Hawaii National Guard creditable towards longevity for pay purposes in the Regular Army?

ANS: Yes. Service in the National Guard including inactive National Guard time is creditable towards longevity for pay in any component of the Armed Forces of the U.S.

QUES: What is the difference between a regimental combat team and an infantry regiment?

ANS: The regimental combat team is a tactically self-supporting organization which includes engineer and artillery units, whereas the infantry regiment is an organic part of a division *from which* it receives the necessary artillery and engineer support.

QUES: Is there an organization and station list of the major National Guard units in the U.S., available in our State Headquarters.

ANS: There is no such list in the State Headquarters at the present.

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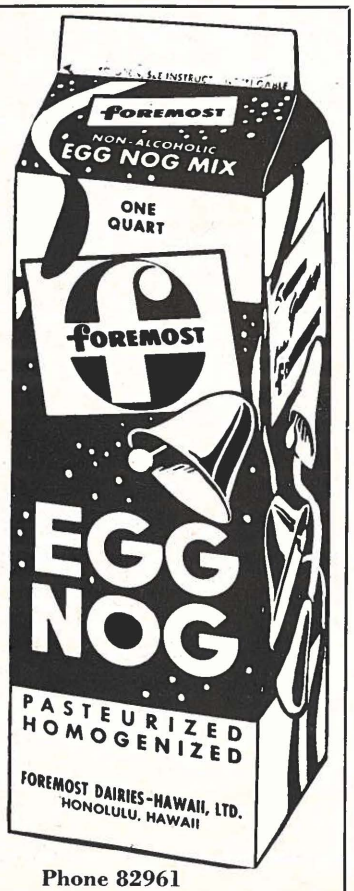

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