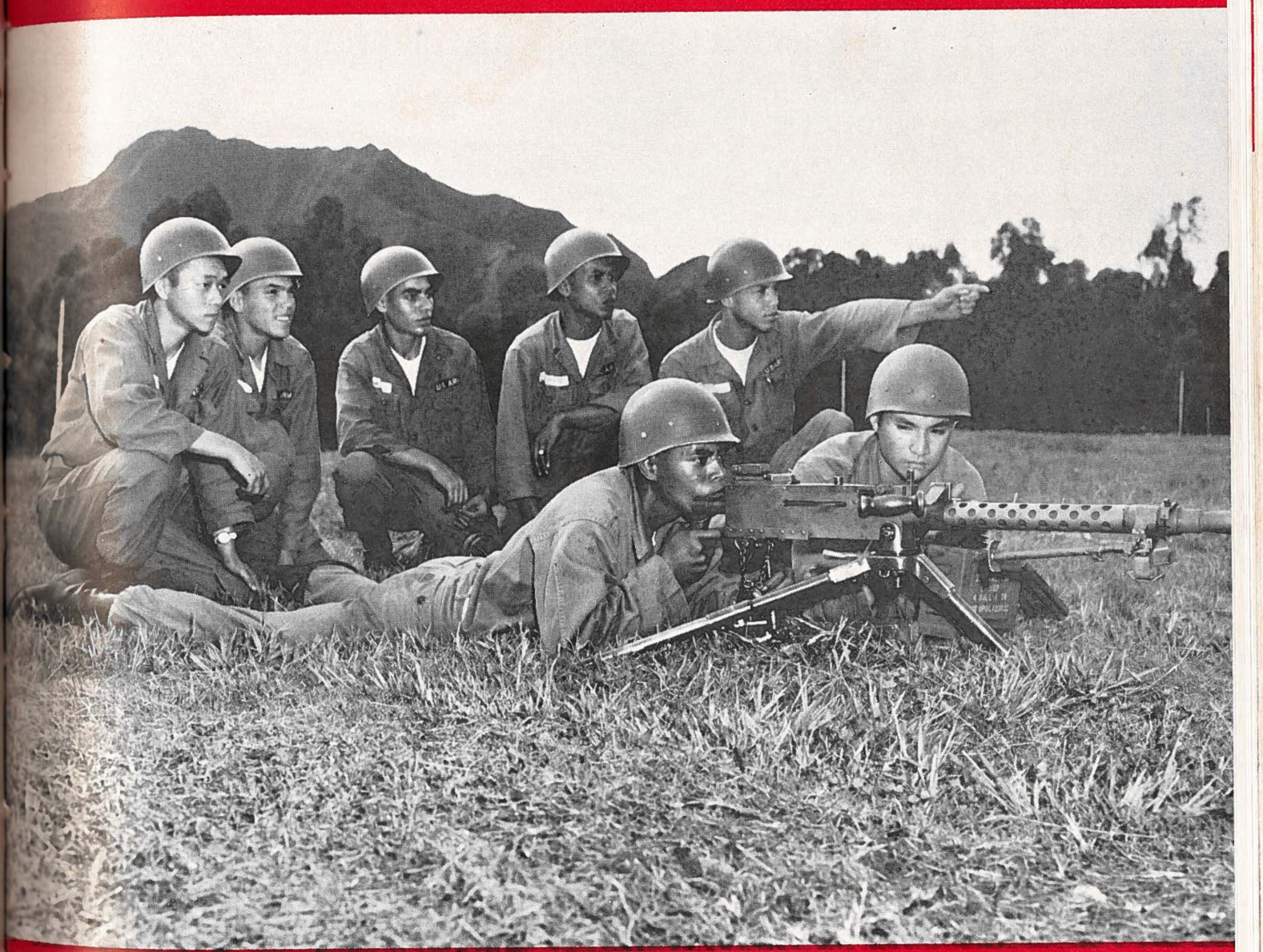
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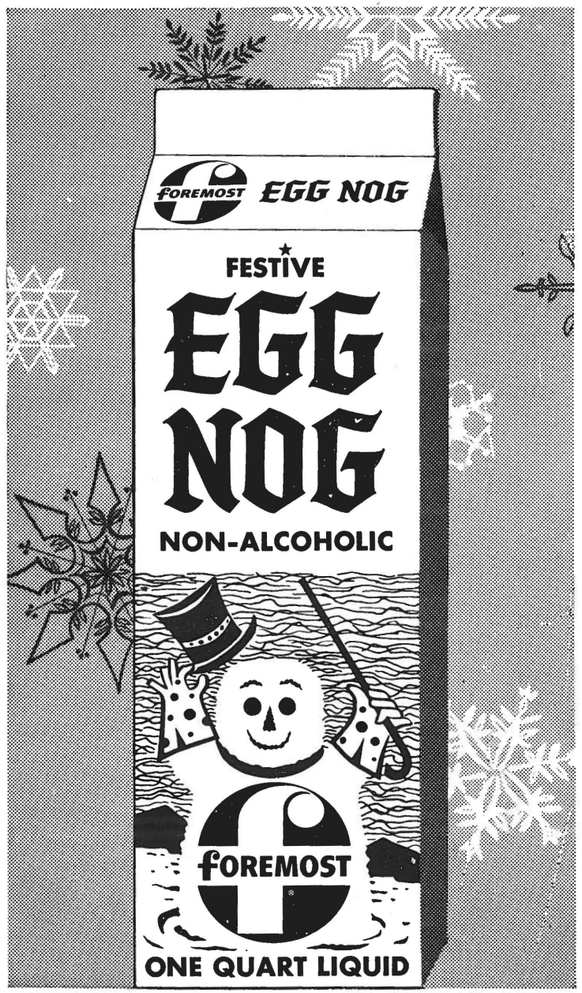
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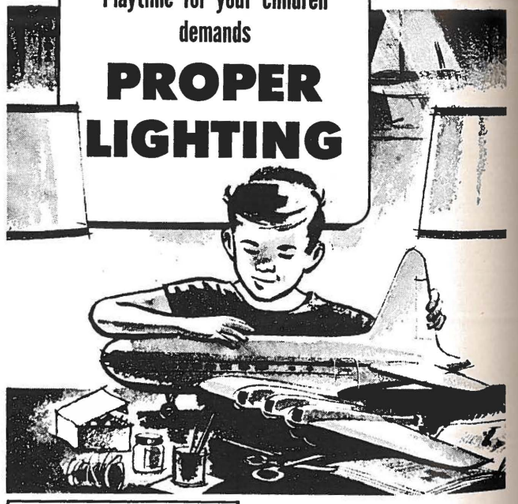
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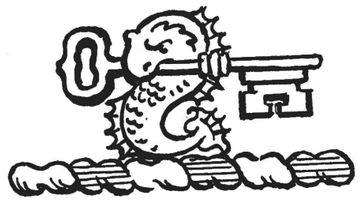
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TOUR OF NATO FORCES IN EUROPE



MAJ. GEN. F. W. MAKINNEY

Today the National Guard of the United States **is as formidable and as modern as any active military unit in our armed forces. Each year more units of the National Guard are taking active part in the overall defenses of our country. In Hawaii plans are being formulated to activate more antiaircraft artillery units, which will have the responsibility of assisting in the air defenses of our islands. At the present time, the Hawaii Air National Guard is presently engaged in supporting the air defense activities of the 7th Air Force in Hawaii.**

Because of the part which the Hawaii National Guard is participating in our defense system, I was happy to accept an invitation from Major General Winston P. Wilson, Deputy Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, to accompany him and a group of senior National Guard officers on an extensive tour of Army and Air Force bases in Western Europe. I was interested in getting first-hand knowledge of the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) forces for defense of Western Europe, to see the latest developments in arms and equipment being used in our Army and Air Forces overseas, and to learn the latest trend in alert procedures.

The group left Washington by Military Air Transport DC-6 airplane for Wiesbaden, Germany. The first stop after a 5-hour flight was at Harmon Air Force Base in Newfoundland, where a 2-hour stopover was necessary for servicing of the plane. After another flight of 6 hours, we landed in Paris, France, for refueling and then departed for Rhein Main Air Base at Frankfurt, Germany, the terminal base of the Military Air Transport Service. Upon arrival, we were transported to our quarters at the Schwarzer Bock Hotel in Wiesbaden.

Here we learned of our itinerary, which was to take us to Paris; London, and Manston, England; Ramstein, Sembach, Bitburg, Heidelberg, and Berlin, Germany; and Chambley, France.

The morning after our arrival in Wiesbaden, the staff of the Commander of the U. S. Air Forces in Europe, Lt. General William H. Tunner, gave the group a briefing on the overall Air Force organization and operations under the NATO program for the defense of Western Europe. The numbered Air Forces in this command comprises the 3d Air Force in the United Kingdom, the 12th Air Force in France and Germany, and the 17th Air Force in North Africa.

After a tour of the headquarters installation at Lindsay Air Force Base near Wiesbaden and the service installations at Wiesbaden Air Force Base and an inspection of the dependents quarters setup near Wiesbaden, the group flew to Paris for a 3-day stay. During this period, briefings were conducted by the American Military Assistance Advisory group and by officers assigned to NATO and SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe). We were informed that the NATO military forces were made up of troops from 15 countries and that all of these countries have met or are meeting their obligations in the NATO program in furnishing troops, except France which had withdrawn some of her troops for deployment in North Africa. It was indicated quite forcibly that, in the agreement of NATO forces, an invasion of one country was an invasion of all the NATO countries which have signed the compact. It was also stated that the NATO military organization was a very effective deterrent to Soviet aggression in Western Europe and that the tension of an invasion in this part of Europe had eased considerably.

The next stop along our inspection route was London, England; and at South Ruislip—12 miles northwest of London—we visited the headquarters of the 3d Air Force, where we received briefings from the staff of Major General Roscoe C. Wilson, Commander of the 3d Air Force. Here we learned that units of the 3d Air Force were based on Royal Air Force installations, in some cases on joint occupancy, and in others our units have taken over the entire base. The three tactical wings of the 3d Air Force are committed to the tactical air support of NATO and also contributes to the Air Defense of Great Britain.

At Manston, England, on the east coast of England, we visited the 406th Fighter Interceptor Wing located there. This unit is equipped with all-weather F-86-D saber jets. At the time of our visit, public relations problems were much in evidence, because of the complaints from the civilian populace on the noise created by the after-burner operations of the jet aircraft on take-off. It appeared that, a short time before, a scramble of aircraft was made in the early hours of the morning which kept inhabitants of a town located just off the runways awake because of the noise. The operation of jet aircraft on runways located close to densely populated areas appears to be a major problem not only in England but also throughout Europe and even in continental United States.

We returned to Germany after the Manston Air Base tour to visit the 12th Air Force headquarters at Ramstein. Here we were briefed on the mission of the 12th Air Force and its responsibility to the NATO program. We inspected the air wings at Landstuhl, Sembach and Bitburg, which are maintaining 24-hour alert.

Upon completion of the visit to the Air Force bases in Germany and France, we were flown to Heidelberg, Germany, the headquarters of the U. S. Army in Europe. Once again, I renewed old military acquaintances, including the Commanding General of the Armed Forces in Europe, General H. F. Hodes. The briefing conducted by his staff included the rotation plan called Operation Gyroscope, where entire divisions are moved from continental United States to Europe to replace divisions which are rotated back to the United States. It was indicated that this rotation plan was very effective in the maintenance of high morale and esprit de corps and that unit pride was evident resulting in unusually few court martials.

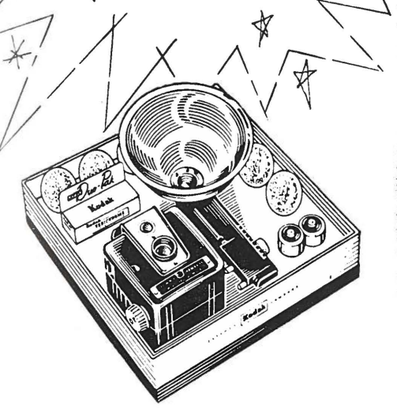
From Heidelberg we were flown to Berlin, and a visit was made to the communist-held East Berlin. All of us were greatly impressed with the free enterprise existing in West Berlin, in the British, French and American sectors.

All in all, the inspection trip was very beneficial to all of us. The briefings and visits gave us an insight on the regular air force alert program, its radar coverage, and integration of the Army and Air units in overall defense. I was particularly impressed with the close integration of the defense plan of all of the NATO forces. We were also pleased with the appearance of our soldiers and airmen in Europe and how well they were getting along with the populace of the countries where they are stationed.



Maj. Gen. F. W. Makinney (third from left) with inspecting officers.

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The AAA Story



by CAPT. CHARLES WILLS, 158th AAA Bn.

The mission of air defense as defined by the Joint Chiefs of Staff is to nullify or reduce the effectiveness of the attack of hostile aircraft or guided missiles *after they are airborne.* The three services were given definite responsibilities in carrying out this mission by the Joint Chiefs. The Air Force was given primary responsibility for the air defense of the United States and were also charged with training, equipping, and furnishing the air forces required for air defense. The Army was charged with training, equipping, and furnishing antiaircraft artillery units required for air defense. And lastly, the Navy was charged with furnishing ships, aircraft, and personnel, as necessary, for air defense. Each theater commander is responsible for the air defense of his theater of operations and commanders whose theaters lie on the approaches to the US are also required to press attacks against hostile aircraft passing through or near their theaters on the way to attack the US.

The Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) was established as the agency responsible for the air defense of the US, with headquarters located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The major components of CONAD are the Navy, the Air Force (Air Defense Command—ADC), and the Army (Army AA Command). The commanders of these major components and the CONAD joint staff work together in formulating and executing plans for air defense.

At CONAD level, the Army has established the Army AA Command, as mentioned above, which in addition to commanding all AAA employed in the air defense of the US, is the principal adviser on AA matters to the Commanding General CONAD. The organization is broken down into regional levels with the Eastern, Central, and Western Army AA Commands. At sector level are brigades, groups, operations detachments, and AA battalions as required.

Air Defense System

An effective air defense system is composed of seven main elements: Detection, Communication, Identification, Control, Active Measures, Passive Measures and Minimizing Effects. Of these, Detection is the cornerstone of any air defense system. Early and accurate information of enemy air movements toward or within the US or the oversea theaters of operation must be provided to our forces and to the civilian population. The job of detection is to locate and keep track of all aircraft movements toward a defended area. Our facilities for detection include five major components, that is, the Air Force with its early warning and airborne radars; the Army with its surveillance, acquisition and gun-laying radars; the Navy combatant and picket ships and airborne radars; visual observation by AAAIS observation posts and civilian ground observers; and strategic intelligence.

Communications must be provided to connect the warning system with the air defense CP and the forces engaged in air defense. All means of communication must be exploited to the maximum, in order that the elements of the air defense system may be kept continuously informed of the air defense situation. There are three primary means of communication employed: wire (telephone, teletype, signal box, and facsimile); radio (voice. CW, television, and facsimile); and radar.

Next a system of recognition and identification must be provided. The effectiveness of this process is dependent upon timely and accurate information of all friendly and enemy air movements into and within a defended area.

There are four major means of determining the identification of aircraft: flight plans (ADIZ); Air defense restricted area (GDA, IAZ, IDA); visual, and electronic (IFF).

Fourthly, control of the means available for air defense must be closely coordinated through all echelons so that the efficient planning, utilization, and allocation of resources can be attained. The capabilities of the forces engaged in air defense must be fully exploited, and the maximum effectiveness of the entire system must be insured. However, the high speed of modern aircraft requires decentralization of operational control to the lowest possible level within the air defense system. Control agencies of the air defense system in theaters of operations are the Air Forces' Joint Operations Center (JOC), Air Control Center (ACC), and the Control and Reporting Centers and Posts; the Army's Antiaircraft Operations Center (AAOC); the Navy's Combat Information Center (CIC); and lastly the Civilian Filter Center.

Active measures include all positive measures taken by military forces to engage, destroy, and reduce the effectiveness of enemy aircraft and guided missiles *after they are airborne.* They are considered under three categories: Interceptors, AAA and SAM, and Electronic ountermeasures which means jamming the enemy's radar, radio, and guidance systems.

Passive measures are those measures taken by both civilian and military personnel before and during an enemy attack to reduce the effectiveness of the enemy aircraft or missile attack. Since there will probably never be enough air defense resources to allocate sufficient protection to all vulnerable areas, passive measures must be employed to the fullest extent. These measures include: Public information and education, air raid warning drills, dispersion and decentralization, camouflage and deception, public and private air raid shelters, a traffic control plan, and a disaster plan. The most important phase of passive defense is public information and education. In order to reduce the number of casualties and eliminate interferences with forces assigned responsibility for active measures the public must be informed as to proper procedures to take, where to go, and what to do.

Lastly measures designed to minimize effects are implemented by the coordinated action of military and civilian agencies during and after an air attack. These consist of all those measures organized under a disaster plan, including medical air. firefighting teams, emergency utilities, bomb disposal, decontamination squads, repair teams and emergency relief.

This then is air defense. Next comes the implementing.

Anti-Aircraft Artillery

Artillery was first used as a weapon against aircraft during World War I. Since no artillery pieces specifically designed for this purpose existed, troops improvised AAA mounts with French 75-mm field pieces. During the period from World War I to World War II, both light and medium AAA were developed and improved. During this period, the AAA was a part of the Coast Artillery Corps.

During World War II, tremendous advances were made in the development of AAA. Especially notable was the addition of radar to the medium and heavy gun battalions. Radar provided a means for accurate fire control under all weather conditions and at night as well as in the daytime. Radar eliminated the need for searchlights.

Since World War II, the emphasis in research and development has been primarily on guided missiles to be used against hostile aircraft, but improvement of guns and fire control equipment has not been neglected. Since World War II, field artillery and antiaircraft artillery have been integrated as one artillery arm. Officers and men are trained to be proficient in both field artillery and antiaircraft artillery.

Organization—AAA Group

The AAA group consists of a group headquarters and headquarters battery and two or more attached battalions (see chart). Its mission, like that of the brigade, is to exercise tactical control and administrative supervision of all the units assigned or attached to it.

The basic administrative and tactical unit is the AAA battalion, which consists of a headquarters and headquarters battery and three or four firing batteries depending on the type of artillery organic to it. The battalion is capable of operating either independently or attached to another unit, such as an AAA group, infantry division, or infantry regiment.

The AAA Operations detachment (AAAOD) is classified as a separate AAA unit although it must depend on the unit to which it is attached for support. Its mission is to operate the Antiaircraft Operations Center (AAOC) for the antiaircraft defense commander. The AAOC is the agency which collects and evaluates information and disseminates antiaircraft artillery intelligence.

Other supporting units in our AAA Group include two signal and one ordnance detachment.

Antiaircraft artillery weapons are classified two ways, according to armament and according to the method of transport. In armament there is light AAA (cal .50 MGs, 40-mm guns and 75-mm guns); Medium AAA (90-mm guns); Heavy AAA (120-mm guns); and Surface-to-air-guided missiles—SAM (Nike and similar weapons).

Mission

The present mission generally of AAA is to attack and destroy hostile targets in the air, on the ground, and on the water. This mission is divided into an air defense mission and a surface mission. The air defense mission requires the AAA to attack all forms of enemy aircraft and missiles, to destroy them, to nullify their effectiveness, or to force them to abandon their mission. The surface mission means for the AAA to support other arms by fire by neutralizing or destroying surface targets which are most dangerous to the supported arm, by providing or reinforcing field artillery fires, and by attacking and destroying targets of opportunity on land or on water.

Usually there will be insufficient means to carry out air defense of all vital areas. It is then necessary to determine priorities for air defense and allocate means to vital areas in the continental US and in overseas theaters.

The factors which affect the accomplishment of the air defense mission are several. The first is the enemy tactics and capabilities. These will change from one situation to another and will differ depending upon the location of vulnerable areas with respect to enemy air bases. Generally, the enemy capabilities for attack include high, low, and minimum altitude bombing, dive or glide bombing, and attack with rockets and missiles. The extent to which the enemy exercises each or all of these capabilities may be a determining factor in the siting of AAA weapons.

Another factor affecting the accomplishment of the mission are the capabilities and limitations of our own AAA weapons. Limitations to medium and heavy AAA are the maximum range, the need for predictable flight on the part of the target, and the "dead" area.

Disposition of AAA

The disposition of AAA fire units becomes of prime concern and several basic considerations must be established and followed if the mission of the unit is to be carried out. First there must be a balanced defense. In general, the enemy is equally capable of attacking from any direction and will certainly seek to do so from the direction which is most favorable to him. He will seek to exploit any weaknesses in the defense; therefor, every effort must be made to attain balance defense, even though this may be at the expense of obtaining maximum effectiveness with the weapons available.

Once engaged, the enemy must be given no relief. He should be engaged continuously from the earliest possible moment until the final moment of bomb release. Even though a hostile aircraft is not destroyed, antiaircraft fire may divert him from his mission or may cause him to drop his bombs with such error as to miss the most important parts of the vulnerable area. This means that the "dead" area of a fire unit must be covered by the fire of at least one of the adjacent fire units.

The maximum number of targets must be engaged. This requires that the fire unit commander select targets which are not already being engaged by other weapons of the defense. Engagements should be broken off promptly and new targets sought when the hostile aircraft is either demolished or has left the best portion of the field of fire of the fire unit concerned.

The AAA defense must cover the most likely routes of approach. Often terrain or weather will dictate a certain route of approach for hostile aircraft. When routes of approach can be determined, weapons should be sited to provide greater strength in these areas. This must not be done, however, at the expense of weakening, below minimum, other portions of the defense.

Lastly, when possible, sites should be selected so that other missions can be performed from these positions without jeopardizing the air defense mission. For example, when the vulnerable area is on the seacoast, one or more fire unit positions should be selected to carry out both the antiaircraft mission and a seaward defense mission.

With the modern type aircraft and other equipment. the mission of the AAA becomes more difficult. The need for personnel possessing sound knowledge of the fire control equipment is necessary for accomplishing the AAA mission. Basically, AAA gun targets are of three types. bomber aircraft, reconnaissance aircraft, and low-speed guided missiles. These targets have three characteristics which have dictated the methods employed to bring effective fire against them. They are relatively high speed targets; they fly at high altitudes; and they perform their missions most effectively when flying a linear or constant curvalinear course.

Fire Control System

These characteristics call for a type of fire control system that can produce accurate firing data within seconds after the target has been initially located since correction cannot be made from sensings due to the limited engagement time. The basic solution of this AA problem is divided into five steps, (1) locating the target in space in its spherical coordinates; (2) converting the spherical coordinates to rectangular coordinates; (3) computing the future position of the target; (4) correcting the predicted position of the target; and (5) converting the corrected predicted data to firing data for the guns.

Obviously, in the time allowed it would be impossible for this to be done by human means and so the principle of gun-laying radar was developed which can do the necessary steps in sufficient time to allow for maximum engagement of AAA targets.

Fire Control Radar

These fire control radars are usually mobile, short-range, pulse-type radars. They give continuous, highly accurate measurements of azimuth, elevation, and range to permit the operation of the fire control computing mechanisms. The computing mechanism controls the positioning of the antiaircraft guns. A second function of most fire control radars is a limited searching ability to cnable inspection of a volume of space beyond the effective range of the computing mechanism and guns.

The antiaircraft fire control system M33 was developed to accomplish this mission. The first research in development of the M33 was started jointly in 1944 by the Ordnance Department and Bell Laboratory. The first model, a T33, was ready in 1950. Before it was modified and redesignated the M33, 131 models of the T33 had been produced. The first M33 was ready in 1951.

The problem in developing the M33 was to combine the many good features of earlier equipment and certain other desirable characteristics to form one completely integrated fire control system. The result was that the M33 was designed to incorporate the following characteristics: separate radars for search and gun laying; search capabilities of 120,000 yards in range and 75,000 feet in altitude; gun-laying system to incorporate a computer; ability to handle a target at 1,000 mph; data computed for curvilinear flight; plotting boards to graphically represent target position; elimination of zero set and servo gain adjustments; information on target position, identification, and readiness of the entire battery presented at one point; ability to function in a serface mission against ground or sea targets; and others.

In an average time of 10 seconds the radar of the AAFCS M33 can scan the sky from 0 to 75,000 feet in altitude and to a range of 120,000 yards. It operates on a S-band wtih a frequency of 3,100 to 3,500 megacycles. The tracking radar can track automatically in elevation, azimuth, and range to 99,500 yards. (The accuracy of the track radar is plus or minus 1 mil in azimuth and elevation, and plus or minus 10 yards in range to maximum gun range.) (It operates on a X-band with a frequency of 8,500 to 9,600 megacycles.)

The computer is an electro-mechanical, analog computer and is included in the AAAFCS M33 system and can predict either a linear or curvilinear course and can compute for target rates up to 500 yards per second. Ballistic spots and corrections are included, but zero-set and servo-gain adjustments are continuous and automatic.

There are three automatic plotting boards in the AAFCS M33. One board plots the present and predicted horizontal position of the target; a second board plots the present altitude position of the target; and the third plots



A MOBILE COMPUTER, sometime called "the mechanical brain" of the AAA.

the predicted altitude position of the target. A fourth, manually operated, early warning plotting board presents early warning daya beyond the limits of the acquisition radar.

On the tactical control console are found all information concerning the readiness of the entire battery; the target's location, rates, and identification; controls for regulation of fire by the battery; and communications with the entire battery through a switchboard and hot-loops.

The surveillance radar, one of which is assigned to each battalion, is primarily a long range radar. It is highly transportable and has four operational ranges; 20, 40, 80, and 160 nautical miles.

The 90-mm M2 weapon is the partner of the radar systems. It is a highly complex weapon with an emplaced weight of 13 tons. It may be employed in the antiaircraft position or in the hasty position, taking approximately five minutes to emplace for the former and 50 seconds to fire for the latter. It is pulled by an M4 tractor which can attain speeds of 35 mph on primary roads or 4 mph across country. It fires fixed type ammunition with three types of projectiles (high explosive, armor piercing, and smoke) with four types of fuzes (mechanical time, variable time, point detonating, and base detonating). The mechanical time fuze is limited to 30 seconds time of flight which gives a maximum horizontal range to the gun of 13,100 yards and a vertical range of 11,800 yards. With VT or PD fuzed rounds the maximum horizontal range is increased to 19,560 yards.

The gun is manned by a crew of 14 men including the prime mover driver and the gun is capable of firing at the rate of 23 to 28 rounds per minutes. The gun will move automatically in azimuth at the rate of 20 degrees per second and in elevation at the rate of 12 degrees per second. It has a 360 degree continuous traverse and elevations of plus 80 degrees to minue 10 degrees. Projectiles are automatically rammed into the gun and the fuze is cut at the same time.

This then is the mission of air defense and the role taken by the different types of AAA weapons. Each is part of a carefully molded team of highly skilled technical experts and complex mechanical and electrical instruments, all provided with the explicit mission of defending the air space over and around the United States and its posessions.



THE 298th MARCHES ONWARD!

LT. GEORGE M. MIYACHI

Triple "A", AAA, Antiaircraft Artillery!

Everyone in town is talking about it! But to the men of the 298th RCT, it means more than just talk. Because next year they will be manning the AAA guns as artillerymen.

The news of Infantry to Antiaircraft Artillery conversion came as a surprise to many. Especially to the old-timers, who have helped and seen the 298th RCT grow to a highly respected member of the federally recognized ranks of the National Guard of the United States.

On August 19, an official announcement of the impending conversion said that effective January 7, 1957 the 298th RCT, less Kauai elements of the 3d Bn, will be converted into an Antiaircraft Artillery Group of 2 AAA Battalions and an Engineer Combat Battalion, (The Engineer Bn, although composed of men from the 298th RCT, is not part of the new AAA Group) . . . This conversion has been directed due to Army requirements for an adequate AAA defense for Oahu.

A unit-by-unit talkathon by Colonel Frederick A. Schaefer, III, followed the announcement. From Ft. Ruger to Kaneohe, Pearl City, Wahiawa, and Waipahu, the Colonel visited every Oahu unit of the 298th in three successive Monday night drills. He expressed his regrets that in the process of building up the defense for Oahu, the 298th RCT will be no more, but that he hopes that the officers and men of the command will accept this conversion in the spirit and enthusiasm which has been synonymous with the 298th RCT in the past.

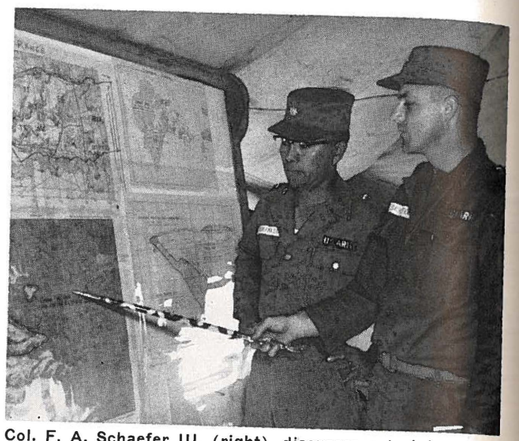
A series of meetings followed the announcement. Colonel Schaefer, who will command the new AAA Group, his staff and unit commanders mapped tentative plans in preparation for an orderly changeover. The Regimental Adjutant's office hummed with increased activity. Major Kennison, Regtl Adjutant, went about the great task of fitting officers and men from the present Infantry organization into the new Antiaircraft Artillery and Engineer Battalion's organizational makeup.

Training scheduled for the remainder of the year was altered to meet the situation. Films and talks on Antiaircraft artillery weapons and organizations are being presented to orient the Infantryman to his new task.

On October 8, Colonel Schaefer issued a letter to his troops, outlining the responsibility of the Antiaircraft Artillerymen and the role they will play in preventing another "Pearl Harbor."

He said, "In the days of the Revolution of 1776 the Militia rose to the occasion as 'Minute Men' . . . Now as Antiaircraft Artillerymen the National Guard once again becomes 'Minute Men' and, with enemy aircraft approaching speeds at 600 miles per hour, the term 'Minute Men' assumes far greater significance than it did 180 years ago.

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Col. F. A. Schaefer III, (right), discusses a training situation with Lt Col Edward Yoshimasu. Col Schaefer heads the AAA Group with Col Yoshimasu as Group Exec.

This is what conversion to Antiaircraft Artillery means to the Hawaii National Guard and to each and every member of its Antiaircraft units."

How did the men of the 298th react to this news of conversion?

Majority took it with mixed emotions. Many thought it was a good thing, but knowing that the 298th RCT will cease to exist was hard to take. First Sergeant George Irvine of Company D, summarized the general feeling of the Regiment when he said, "I was surprised by the news of the conversion and being an Infantryman for 13 years with 8 years of it with the 298th, well it was pretty hard to take. But, regardless I know it's for the good of our community so I'm certainly going to do my best to help make 298th AAA Group as great as the 298th RCT!"

Sergeant Harry Tsutsumi of the same company overheard some of his men say that this conversion is "right on" because there will be no more "hoofing" and "poofing" (no more marching on foot that is).

The effects of conversion will be great upon the individual, for it will mean training with a completely new weapon, in a different unit and possibly under a new unit commander. But we are confident that the men of the 298th RCT will take to heart the words of Colonel Schaefer and "CONTINUE TO MARCH WITH THE GUARD WITHOUT LOSING STEP!"

The Adjutant General's office has announced that the use of the present 298th RCT shoulder sleeve insignia and distinctive unit crest, will be continued by the 298th AAA Group until official insignias are determined.

All identity of the old Inf unit will not be lost for the new AAA Group will retain the present numerical designation of the RCT and will officially be called the 298th Antiaircraft Artillery Group. Group Commander for the 298th AAA Group as was stated before will be Colonel Frederick A. Schaefer, III, presently commanding the 298th RCT. Others of the Group are as follows:

Executive, Lt Col Edward M. Yoshimasu; Adjutant S1, Major Archie Kennison, Jr.; Intelligence S-2, Major Albert Yim, Jr.; Operation and Training S-3, Major John Naumu; Supply S-4, Captain David F. deCosta; Communication Officer, Capt Thomas M. Shields, Jr.; Hq Battery CO, 1st Lt Mitsugi Kamemoto.

The 298th AAA Group Headquarter will be located at Ft. Ruger. Supporting units are: 121st Signal Detachment, Radar RSupt, WO W-1 Herbert H. Nakaya. 122d Signal Detachment, Radar RSupt, WO W-1 Douglas S. M. Fukunaga. 368th AAA Detachment (Operations), Operation Officer, Capt Malcolm J. Jackson.

298th AAA Battalion (Ft Ruger): Battalion Commander, Lt Col John M. Becker; Executive Officer, Capt Francis A. I. Bowers, Jr.; Adjutant S-1, 1st Lt Manuel R. Sylvester; Intelligence S-2, Capt Hirotoshi Yamamoto; Operations and Training S-3, Capt Joseph J. Kahoohanohano, Jr.; Supply S-4, Capt William B. Steven; Hq Battery Commander, Capt Francis N. Booth, A Battery Commander, 1st Lt Philip L. King; B Battery Commander, Capt Solomon Kaulukukui, C Battery Commander, 1st Lt Iwao Iijima; D Battery Commander, Capt Tom T. Kimura; Medical Detachment Commander, Major Alvin V. Majoska.

297th AAA Battalion (Wahiawa): Battalion Commander, Lt Col Manuel Kwon; Executive Officer, Major Richard K. Betsui; Adjutant S-1, Capt Larry Tamanaha; Intelligence S-2, Capt Bernaldo D. Bicoy; Operation and Training S-3, Capt Conrad Tsukayama; Supply S-4, Capt Richard M. Hendricks; Hq Battery Commander, Capt Gary Y. Nishimura; A Battery CO, Capt Richard S. Furukawa; B Battery CO, Capt Saburo Ito; C Battery CO, Capt Henry S. Takeda; D Battery CO, Capt Isaac K. Mahelona; and Medical Detachment Cmdr, 1st Lt Edward Vierra.

158th AAA Battalion (Ft Ruger): Battalion Commander, Major Masato Sugihara; Executive Officer, Capt Kerwin R. Keyes; Adjutant S-1, Capt Charles M. Wills, Jr.; Intelligence S-2, Capt Francis P. Hee; Operations and Training S-3, Capt Edward K. N. Kim; Supply S-4, Capt Adolph Lino; Hq Battry CO, 1st Lt Gordon R. Tyler; A Battery CO, (to be assigned later); B Battery CO, Capt Thomas S. Ito; C Battery CO, Capt Melvin Alecastre; D Battery CO, 1st Lt Melvin G. Ing; and Medical Detachment Commander, 1st Lt Edward J. Costa.

387th AAA Battalion will be activated in 1958.

The following is the old and new unit designations on conversion, redesignation, and/or reorganization: 297th AAA Battalion (Wahiawa) (Effective 3 Dec 1956): Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 298th Inf — Hq & Hq Btry 297th AAA Bn; Co H 298th Inf — Btry A 297th AAA Bn; Tank Co (90 MM Gun) 298th Inf — Btry B 297th AAA n; Co E 298th Inf — Btry C 297th AAA Bn; Co F 298th Inf — Btry D 297th AAA Bn.

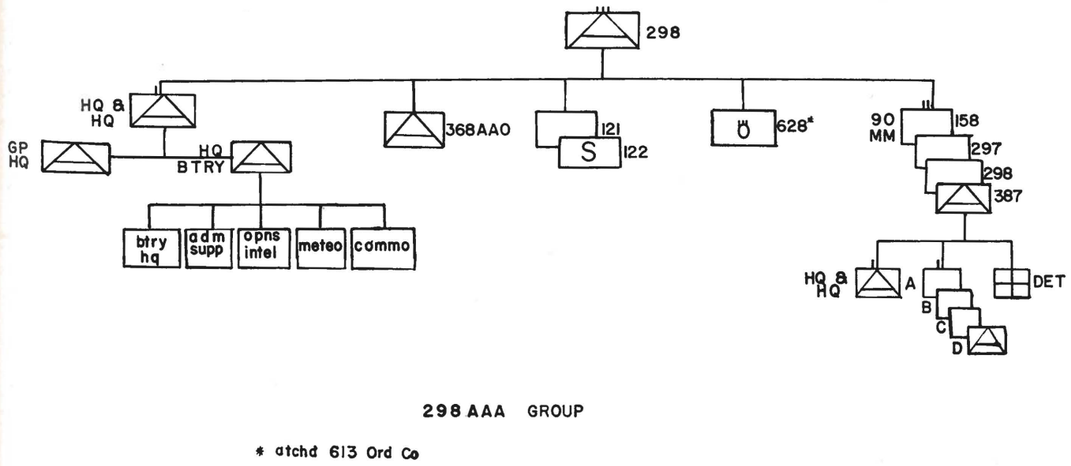
298th AAA Battalion (Ft Ruger): Hq & Hq Co 298th Inf — Hq & Hq Btry 298th AAA Group; Svc Co 298th Inf — 368th AAA Detachment (Operations); Hv Mort Co 298th Inf — Hq & Hq Btry 298th AAA Bn; Co B 298th Inf — Btry A 298th AAA Bn; Co D 98th Inf — Btry B 298th AAA Bn; Co G 298th Inf — Btry C 298th AAA Bn; Co L 298th Inf — Btry D 298th AAA Bn.

227th Engineers Battalion (Combat) Effective 1 Nov 1956. Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 298th Inf — Hq, Hq & Svc Co 227th Engr Bn (Combat); Co A 298th Inf. — Co A 227th Engr Bn (Combat); 227th Engr Co (C) — Co B 227th Engr Bn (Combat); and Co C 298th Inf — Co C 227th Engr Bn (Combat)

New units and dates of organization: Med Det 227th Engr Combat Bn, 1 Nov 1956; Med Det 297th AAA Bn, 3 Dec 1956; Med Det 298th AAA Bn, 7 Jan 1956; 121st Signal Detachment, 7 Jan 1956; 122d Signal Detachment, 7 Jan 1956; 628th Ordnance Detachment, 7 Jan 1956; 387th AAA Bn, (?) 1958.

Effective 1 November 1956, Kauai elements of the 298th RCT were redesignated as 2nd Bn, 299th RCT.

The 111th Army Band was relieved from attachment 298th RCT and reverted to AGO-Hawaii control effective 1 November 1956.



298 AAA GROUP

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by MAJOR VERNON A. FLAKE

Early Friday afternoon, on November 2, 1956, Capt Kenneth F. Chaney gave his helicopter the "gun" for his last flight. The ensuing crash, only minutes after his Fort Ruger takeoff, took the life of one of our best friends. Kenny was a Hawaii Guardsman who had the respect and admiration of every member of this Association. He was a man's man, and a pilot's pilot. No one present at the 1956 Governor's Day Review, at Schofield, will ever forget his performance before the reviewing stand in his helicopter. Kenny loved to fly, and he loved the Guard. A Guardsman, dedicated to his duties, has been lost in the line of duty.

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Last September 28, the first council meeting of the Hawaii National Guard Association ever held on an outside island was held in Hilo. I want to take this opportunity to thank the following Big Island members for their presence: Lt Col Michael R. Roman, Lt Col George S. McEldowney, Lt Col Roy W. Replogle, Lt Col Francis Takemoto, Lt Col Paul A. Schattauer, Major John R. D'Araujo, Lt Tango Fujimoto, Lt Yoshio Takeya, Lt Donald Thompson, Lt Aley K. Auna, and CWO Clarence M. Ignacio. The meeting was open, and there were many valuable comments, suggestions, and observations directed to the Council by the members present.

Plans are to hold the next council meeting early in December on Oahu so that the Council members may discuss the Military Department's legislative proposals to the 29th Legislative Session of the Territorial Legislature. We will decide our course of action to the Legislature on those proposals we wish to give our strongest support. All members of the Association will receive complete information on these resolutions at a later date, together with a request for your support.

I want to comment on several of these proposals. Recent revisions of Federal laws and Regulations have, in those instances where State and Territorial statutes permit, made it the prerogative of the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Adjutant General, to appoint a federally recognized commissioned officer as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for that State or Territory. It is to be hoped that the 29th Session of the Territorial Legislature will make it possible for the Governor of Hawaii to appoint a federally recognized commissioned officer of the Hawaii National Guard as the USP & FO for Hawaii.

This will in no way affect the status of the present encumbent.

The Armory Construction Program will again need the support of every Guardsman to ensure its success in this coming Legislature. When it is considered that for every dollar the Territory spends for Armory Construction, the Federal Government spends three dollars, then it should be a simple matter to convince the Legislature that it is obviously good, sound economy to support this important investment in the Hawaii National Guard. We have many armories to build, and we must realize that we cannot build them all in any one biennium. So, if your Armory is not included in this listing, please remember it will be asked for later. The armories listed below are those we are asking for this biennium.

1. *Five-unit armory* — Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hawaii, for 483 FABN and Service and Tank Companies 299th Inf.

2. *Five-unit armory* — Fort Ruger, Oahu, for the 227th Engr. Bn.

3. *One-unit armory* — Paukukalo, Maui, for Co D, 299th Inf.

4. *Two-unit armory*—Kealakekua, Hawaii, for Btrys. A & C, 483rd FA BN.

5. *Extension to Lihue Armory* — Lihue, Kauai, for needed expansion for Bn Headquarters and to provide for 2 Bn Med Platoon.

6. *Extension to Keaukaha armory* — Keaukaha Military Reservation. We have to give up the Hilo Armory on Shipman Street and we need space for Hq Co 299th Inf.

7. *One-unit armory* — Paauilo, Hawaii, for Co I, 299th Inf.

8. *One-unit armory* — Honomu, Hawaii for Hvy Mortar Co 299th Inf.

9. *One-unit armory* — Fort Ruger for the 613th Ord

Of course, it goes without saying that the operating budget of the Military Department must be supported fully if the Department is to properly carry out its many and detailed functions. It is realized that the economy of the Territory must of necessity limit the operating budget of all departments but each Guardsman should support to the maximum extent possible the budget request of the Military Department. You can help — do it.



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CAPT. OLIVER H. KING

Clarence G. Matsuda, the first Hawaii National Guardsman ever accepted for the U. S. Military Academy, left in September for West Point Prep school in New York.

He successfully passed the West Point examining board and will take his entrance examinations for the Academy next March. Pvt. Matsuda is in Co D, 298th RCT.

He enlisted in the Guard in December 1955 and applied for the Military Academy at the same time.

Results of the annual Armory Inspections show 10 units with superior, 18 excellent, 9 satisfactory, one unsatisfactory, and one not yet reported. Oahu units of the 298th were not inspected for ratings due to the conversion to AAA.

Unit results are: Superior — 613th Ord Co, 111th Band, 110th Band, Tank Co 299th, 230th Engr Co, 1st Plat Med 299th, Co D 299th, Co I 299th, Med Det 487th FA, and Svc Btry 487th FA.

Excellent — Hq Det HNG, Hq Co 2 299th, Co E 299th, Co F 299th, Hq & Hq 299th, Svc Co 299th, Med Co (-) 299th, Co A-B-C 299th, Co K-L 299th, Hq-A-B-Btry 487th FA, Med Det 158th AAA, Btry D 158th AAA, Hq Co 1 Bn 299th.

Satisfactory — 120th MP Co, 120th SigCo, Co G-H 299th, Hv Mort Co 299th, Co M 299th, Btry C 487th FA. and Btry B-C 158th AAA.

Unsatisfactory — Hq Btry 158th AAA.

Best news to hit the HNG in months was the announcement that 200 Guardsmen from AAA units would be sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas, for their training. Men selected would be those who volunteer for the six months training to shorten their obligation under the Reserve Forces Act of 1955. The first eight weeks would be spent at Schofield Barracks and the remaining four months at Ft. Bliss.

It's a good deal for any guardsman who has a military obligation and wants a four months' stint in the states. Unit commanders can give more information to interested applicants. Remember the slogan, "Get a squad to take six!"

A bit on "priority of induction": The Reserve Forces Act of 1955 states in so many words, that a man who enlisted in the Guard after 19 June 1951, before he was 18½ years of age, and is now under 28, or who hasn't completed 8 years service including 6 months active duty training; and who doesn't perform satisfactory service in the Guard will be ordered to report for induction by the draft board. That's regardless of the man's draft classification. Unsatisfactory service can mean AWOL from *one* drill.

COs shouldn't use it as a whip, but it's something for a guy who's missing drills to think about!

Big John Beaumont, 199th FINCEPTRON armament chief and member of the Olympic pistol team, left the early part of November for the Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. Results of the matches should be forthcoming.

A reminder to the units: The only way we can keep the magazine filled with newsy stories is for units to send us their news. Most of the units have been cooperating, however, there are some that we haven't heard from in the past three issues. Molokai! take note!

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78th GENERAL CONFERENCE

COL. VALENTINE SIEFERMANN, HANG

The Hawaii delegates to the 78th General Conference of the National Guard Association departed the Islands on Friday, 5 October 1956 via the Military Air Transport Service. The delegation consisted of Lt Colonel Clark Johnson, Colonel Valentine Siefermann, Lt Colonel John C. Campbell, Lt Colonel Clyde W. Woods, Major Frederick W. Weber and Lt Abel A. Vares.

After one free day in California (naturally, San Francisco) the delegates were picked up at Travis Air Force Base by a California Air National Guard C-47 and transported to the place of the conference where they met General F. W. Makinney.

The convening of the conference at Spokane, Washington was accomplished at exactly 1000 hours on Monday, 8 October 1956 when the Conference Master, President of the Association, Major General Ellard A. Walsh called the assembly to order. From that moment on — as those who have had the pleasure to observe the procedures will remember — the conference was conducted with the pomp, ceremony and seriousness that can only be associated with an old organization composed of individuals dedicated to the preservation of the principles of our way of life.

The highlight of the conference for Hawaii was the recognition given Hawaii by Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Donald A. Quarles, Major General Charles Stone, Commander, Continental Air Command and Major General Winston P. Wilson, Chief of the Air Force Division, National Guard Bureau, from the rostrums on the accomplishments of our Hawaii Air National Guard units in the Air Defense Augmentation Program. This was doubly pleasing, this year being the tenth anniversary of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Other than for the speeches condemning those die-hard forces who are still pressing for federalization of the National Guard, the six months training program of the Army National Guard was the most discussed and controversial subject on the agenda. It was reported that the program of sending individuals who have a military obligation by reason of their association with a Ready Reserve, through an active duty six months basic training course, was not getting the reception anticipated by the Department of the Army.

Prior to the conference, the National Guard Association had established a special committee, headed by Major General Karl F. Hausauer to look into this problem. To sum up the findings of the committee in brief, they recommended that the *National Guard be permitted to send their personnel to two 3 month courses to satisfy the obligation.* If this recommendation were adopted, it was felt that the program would be more readily accepted, since the individuals concerned could discharge their obligation during their summer vacations without excessive inconvenience by going on Active Duty while in school.

On the social front—Hawaii stole the show. Our esteemed Adjutant General, really put over the hit of the social gatherings. One night, while in the company of our delegation, he ran into a hula troupe from our fair Islands and arranged for them to be present at the banquet when General Walsh called on Hawaii to present its leis to the distinguished guests. On came the hula troupe who did the "Hawaiian War Chant", and then the girls of Hawaii presented the leis,—it brought the house down and was the talk of the delegates from all the states for the balance of the conference.

Though the spice and vigor of the sometimes heated debates of the past were missing, the 78th General Conference was, in the opinion of the author, the most successful yet held. The business of the conference was so well organized and resolved in the various committees that everything went off like clockwork.

Before ending this article, the author desires to make one additional comment. Hawaii was the only delegation that did not have a full compliment of delegates present at the 78th General Conference. In the future, everything possible should be done to insure that all the spaces allotted for delegates are filled even if it becomes necessary to solicit personnel who are willing to pay their own expenses with transportation provided via Military Air Transport Service.

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SPECIAL TROOPS

HQ. & HQ. DETACHMENT

Enthusiasm and morale in the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment has been high since the last annual field training.

The detachment personnel reacted very enthusiastically when they were confronted with this years USARPAC IG inspection, whereas in the past they looked upon this day and evening with tension and concern. Lead by the detachment commander, the full time personnel and the NCOs, the detachment spent many hours preparing their unit for the IG. The highlight of this preparation was a GI party held on Sunday, October 14, 1956 from 8:00 a.m. till about 3:00 p.m. About thirty volunteers came to help prepare the unit area for the IG inspection and as an incentive the detachment commander provided lunch and beverages for all who attended. The men enjoyed this gathering with the same enthusiasm as they have been showing at all of the detachment assemblies, both duty and social events. With this type of enthusiasm and morale the detachment could not but pass the annual USARPAC IG inspection with flying colors. The unit passed all Tech inspections with Superior.

Now that the IG has passed, the detachment found itself confronted with the loss of several good men as a result of removal of residence due to mainland schooling and occupational changes. To SP-2 Ambrose Pare, SP-3s Walter Tsumura, Henry Gushiken, Walter Yim, George T. Ogawa, Kenneth Nakamura and Pvt Henry Nakayama the men of the detachment bid them fond aloha and best wishes. To the many new recruits that we are at present processing for enlistment we extend to them our welcome and friendly helping hand.

Also to Pfc Julio Acquilio who is leaving in early November for the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia, we wish him the season's best and more success while away at school.

120th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

"We're Dreaming of a Brew-ight Christmas" — Yes, with the holiday season not in the far distance, the men of the 120th MP Co are now in the initial stages of planning for a merry party. A sergeant who begs to remain anonymous, but known at this time only as "The Barrell", was self-appointed as a Committee of One to see that "Things don't ever get dry". Judging from past experiences the men are prone to believe that.

All this, of course, may be as a reward for the men of this unit who displayed exceptional willingness to work, and hard they worked indeed, in preparation for the recent IG inspection. And although the over-all rating was not as expected, we boast of the following Tech Inspection ratings: Signal—Superior, Chemical—Superior, QM—Excellent. No rating as yet has been received for the Ord and Engineer Tech inspections, however, judging from the acute shortage of "Elbow grease" and a prevalent disease dubbed "Elongated eyeballs" (no doubt, from looking down into shiny barrels), we conservatively predict "High Excellent" ratings for both. Much praise is in order for the men of this unit and especially to SFC John W. C. Seto, for all their hard work. Special mention is made of Mess Sgt Primitivo Manandic, who spent countless hours going through his mess equipment, armed but with cleaning and polishing materials and also a magnifying glass. Good work, Primo.

Congratulations to William C. Mahaulu Jr. on his recent appointment to Corporal. "Willie" has displayed potential leadership qualities, and we wish him success in his new role as a non-commissioned officer.

Lastly, but not least, we welcome to the Corp of Military Police the following recent enlistees: Edmund P. Amaral, Robert O. Fujimoto, Robert K. Hanohano (the 8th Hanohano that we've had in this unit), Peter Kane Jr., William H. Miranda, Moses C. Pung, Randolph Su'a, and Earl Umuiwi. We wish them all success.

We bid all a Happy Holiday Season.

120th SIGNAL SUPPORT COMPANY

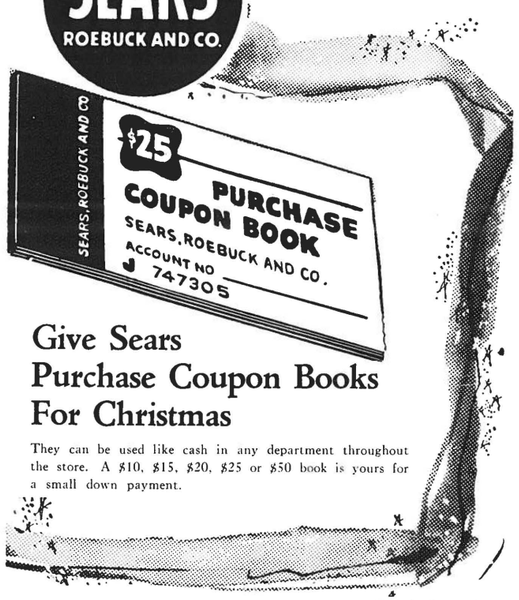
Just prior to our Annual IG Inspection which was held on 18 Oct 1956, many long hours were spent painting and relocating the motor section, message center, wire, radio and radio carrier platoons in their newly assigned classrooms. Now that this work is out of the way a concentrated program of specialist training including weekend exercises has begun to prepare the teams for our next summer camp. A new training course of four-month duration has recently started for all new enlistees who joined the company without prior communication training or experience. This course is designated to give the new men a basic understanding of communications and fundamentals of electricity. Incidently, talking about new men, the 120th Signal Support Company is still only 50% of its authorized strength. If any of you know of individuals interested in joining an organization with lots of openings, call the unit at 8-1011 Extension 6-7280. It's worth your while to look ahead!

Last week Col Robert L. Stevenson's young son, John, joined our company. We were flattered indeed to have John choose the Signal Company to begin his military career. Good luck to you John and we sincerely hope that your military life will closely follow your successful and highly respected father's.

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17 August 1956 Robert Y. Ishimoto was appointed a 2d Lieutenant SigC and assigned to the Radio Relay & Carrier Platoon. Formerly a SFC in this platoon and now a Jr Engineer at Hawaiian Telephone Company, Bob should do a wonderful job as an officer.

Lt Frederick A. Holck returned on 7 September from Fort Monmouth, N. J. While there he attended the basic Signal Officer's course and now returning to us better qualified to carry out his assigned duties. SP-2 William H. Craver also returned early in September after attending the Helicopter Maintenance Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Pvt-2 Robert P. T. Lewis successfully completed the Telephone Installation and Repair Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia and returned on 26 October. It is encouraging to see so many men taking advantage of the many schools available to National Guardsmen.

Since the last issue of the "Hawaii Guardsman" a number of men have been promoted: Pvt-2 to PFC: Ivan W. B. Ho, Daniel C. Kama Jr. PFC to SP-3: Michael A. Cathcart, Clifford Y. T. Chun, Stanley K. Condon, Sturmar P. Crabbe, James I Pahukoa, Frank C. Poulalion, Jr. Anthony Torres, Alfred K. Willis, Calvin S. Y. Won. SP-2 to SFC: Robert S. Nishimura, Jerry P. Protacio, Eugene K. B. Won.

Congratulations to you all!

158th AAA BN NEWS

All units have recently completed their day and night phase of IG, however, as yet no reports have been received as to results. Photos of one of the battery layouts is given elsewhere. The pictures show Battery A whose Battery Commander Capt Joe (with the long name) Kahoohanohano, a converted infantryman, combined the talents of both branches and really put on a show. The equipment shown is by no means all there is but it will give an idea of the complexity of an antiaircraft artillery battery and the great amount of equipment.

The 158th AAA Bn also came out on top in another field, that of Recruits. In the latest group to graduate from the Recruit Detachment on 20 November 1956, the best recruit was a man from Btry A, Pvt-1 Domingo Salvador, the brother of the Battery A AS&MT. During the individual arms qualification Pvt-2 Melvin Fernandez shot the high score of 187 of all the recruits, to qualify as an Expert shooter. He is from Btry D.

Master Sergeant Charles K. H. Wong successfully passed the requirements for promotion and received his temporary Federal recognition as a Warrant Officer W-1 on September 30, 1956. He is the full time radar chief for Btry A and recently graduated from the Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss. When asked when he was going back to the school he replied, "What, back to Texas again!"

Other promotions in the past two months have been the following: Master Sergeants: James B. Lum (D), Wilfred T. Nakamura (Hq); Sergeants First Class: Morris M. Motogawa (A), William T. Kay (B), George M. Matayoshi (B), Asher K. Ota (B), Wallace T. Yoshimura (B), Thomas P. Adolpho (D), Bernaldo Villanueve (D), George Cho (D), Juan Ramones (A), and Myron K. Yamasaki (A). Also 16 men were promoted to Sergeant, and 4 to Specialist 2nd Class.

227th ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT)

Effective 1 Nov 1956, the First Battalion, 298th Infantry, (minus B & D Companies and plus 227th Engr Co (Cmbt) was reorganized as the 227th Engr Bn (Cmbt, Army). Listed below are the old and new designations of the two battalions.

Old Designation: Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn 298th Inf; New: Hq, Hq, & Svc Co, 227th Engr Bn (C, Army).

Old: Co A, 1st Bn, 298th Inf; New: Co A, 227th Engr Bn (Combat, Army).

Old: 227th Engr Co (Combat); New: Co B, 227th Engr Bn (Combat, Army).

Old: Co C, 1st Bn, 298th Inf; New: Co C, 227th Engr Bn (Combat, Army).

New: Medical Det, 227th Engr Bn (Combat, Army)

The Medical Detachment to be organized is composed of personnel from the Medical Company, 298th Infantry. The other companies of the 1st battalion will be absorbed by the 298th RCT and reorganized as part of the AAA Battalion.

The following is a list of the Battalion Staff and company commanders of the new 227th Engr Bn (Combat, Army). Bn Commander, Lt Col Clyde W. Woods, Jr.; Bn Executive Officer, Major Louis D. Hinton; S-1, Capt Joseph Holck; S-2, Capt Henry H. McNeill, Jr.; S-3, Capt Frank Vaughan; S-4, Capt Manuel DeMello; Co, Hq, Hq & Svc Co, Capt Colin C. Kippen; CO, Company A, 1st Lt Alexis Lum; CO, Company B, 1st Lt Alexander W. Thoene; CO, Company C, Capt Raymond Y. Oyama; CO, Medical Detachment, Capt Johnson N. C. Lau.

The effective date of conversion was also the signal for intensifying a multitude of activities such as the selection of personnel to attend various service schools on the mainland. The men will be able to select different courses to qualify them for the various positions within their units. Most of these courses will be held at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. To mention a few of these courses, they are: General Drafting (12 weeks); Construction Surveying (10 weeks); Construction Supervisor (15 weeks); and many others too numerous to mention. At the present time we have two (2) officers, Capt Raymond Y. Oyama and Lt Louis Inagaki attending the basic Engineer Officer's course.

Outside of schooling, a great deal of effort is being devoted to turning in of excess equipment and drawing of items not presently on hand.

One of the many advantages of being a member of the Engineer Battalion is that the individual will have the opportunity to acquire trades which will be beneficial to them in their civilian occupations.

In the near future when this battalion receives its authorized TOE equipment, we will be able to accomplish many engineering tasks, such as, construction of fords, culverts, bridges, obstacles, etc. We will also be able to cope with any unforeseen disasters, such as, floods, earthquakes, and domestic disturbances.

The goal of the Engineer Battalion is to build it into one of the most distinctive, disciplined, enthusiastic, and cooperative battalions in the entire National Guard with the highest esprit de corps.

Hq & Hq Co & Svc. Under the command of Capt Colin C. Kippen, the company was converted and federally recognized to Service & Headquarters Company, 227th Combat Engineers.

Pvt Harold Chartrand, former McKinley Hi School cage star is presently on a barnstorming tour of the Orient with the Surfriders basketball team.

Promoted to M/Sgt was Kataichi Ninomiya, Bn Operation Sgt. Congrats Nino.

Sgt Roland Laanui, star tackle of the University of Hawaii Rainbows football team, returned recently from the mainland after playing the Iowa Hawkeyes and Fresno State College.

Company B. Recent recipients of the HNG Service Medal and Attendance Badges were: M/Sgt George Kanamu, 15 year continuous service bar; M/Sgt Thomas T. Iyamatsu, 9 years perfect attendance bar; CWO Hisashi Kawai, 6 years perfect attendance bar; and SP-2 Harry Ouchi, SP-3 Bernard Vierra and PFC Albert Morinaka, 3 year perfect attendance bar.

New enlistees to date include Joseph Data, Jr., Creighton K. Richards, Edward Dela Cruz, Jr., Alfred Dela Cruz, Jr., and Robert A. Pedro.

Promotions since the last quarter went to Henry Kinoshita, Nicholas Revuelto, Jr., and Rudolph Wong to specialists third class. Warrant Officer Hisashi Kawai was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer W-2.

A company party was held after drill on 29 October with members of the unit enjoying the barbecued meat, salad, and all the trimmings including an overflow of refreshments.

Recent appointments in the company were: to Mess Steward, SP-2 Jensen Chang; to Motor Sergeant SP-3 Antone Keawe; and to Commo Sgt. PFC Kenneth Kong.

Company C. Charlie Co is not the same Charlie Co of old. For the men left there is a sense of loneliness due to the transfer of over thirty of the old timers. One of the hardest things for us to realize is that we are Engineers now. Most of us have no idea what this new venture is about or what part each will play, however, indications are the men are willing to learn.

Lt Chang, formerly of Hv Mort Co has been acting CO while Lt Oyama is away at Engineering School.

111TH ARMY BAND

Due to the conversion of the 298th RCT into an Antiaircraft (AAA) Group, the 111th Army Band was relieved from attachment to the RCT on 1 Nov 1956. This band has been under the command of the 298th RCT since 4 Jun 1947. Members of this band regret leaving the Regiment and wish them the best of luck in their new assignment.

The IG Inspection for this unit was completed on 29 Oct 1956. This band has again attained the rating of "Superior" for FY 1957. The band now has received a total of six (6) Superiors running consecutively from 1951 to 1956. Only through hard work and unit pride by members of this band made this record possible.

The band again participated in the Shrine Aloha Bowl Football Game this year at the Honolulu Stadium on 1 December 1956. This event has always been a gala event. Half-time program has always been a surprising affair to the spectators and it must be noted that it is for a worthy cause. Proceeds will be turned over to the Shrine Hospital for crippled children.

New enlistments in the band are Pvt-1 David K. Kawamoto and Pvt-1 Ronald S. Migita. Pvt-2 Hubert S. L. Chun recently transferred from Brty B, 158th AAA Bn.

298th RCT

by Lt. George M. Miyachi

Conversion of the 298th RCT to the 298th Anti-aircraft Artillery Group is now official and the tedious and often frustrating task of placing every officer and man into the new AAA Group is completed. But Major Archie Kennison Jr, Regt'l Adjutant is keeping his fingers crossed. For although the overall assignments are completed, minor changes are being made and will be made even after January the 7th, when the 298th RCT goes out of existence. This is expected of a situation where men trained as infantrymen suddenly find themselves as Anti-aircraft artillerymen.

Attendance at service schools showed a great increase during the past months. Nine Infantry officers in anticipation of their new artillery assignments have already taken advantage of the AAA and Guided Missiles courses being conducted at Ft. Bliss, Texas. As many officers and men as possible are urged to attend this course. The general consensus is that many would like to attend immediately, but for personal and family reasons, find it pretty difficult.

Those attending the AAA & GM courses are: Associate AAA Btry Officers Course: Capt Richard S. Furukawa, Co H; 1st Lt Mitsugi Kamemoto, Hq & Hq 298th; 1st Lt Ernest T. K. Lau, Hq & Hq, 1st Bn; 1st Lt James K. Namahoe, Co G; 1st Lt Charles C. R. Park, Co B; 1st Lt Raymond Rapoza, Co G.

AAA Officers Basic Course: 2d Lt Reginald S. E. Lee, Co C; 2d Lt Rudolph C. Thomas, Co C; 2d Lt Arthur S. Peterson Jr, Co A.

Attendance at the Engineer Officers Course at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia had a running start with Capt Raymond Y. Oyama, CO Co C, and 2d Lt Louis S. Inagaki, Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, already attending.

Fatter pay checks will be received by eight officers before Christmas. The payraise incidentally came along with their recent promotions. The smiling ones are: Capt John M. English, Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn; Capt Joseph Holck, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn; Capt Raymond Y. Oyama, Co C; 1st Lt Francis A. G. Ashdown, Co H; 1st Lt Rosario N. Daguio Co E; 1st Lt Minoru Hirabara, Tank Co; 1st Lt Richard Y. Noguchi, Tank Co; and 1st Lt George M. Miyachi, Hq & Hq 298th.

The 298th gained three newly commissioned officers, who came up thru the ranks. Proudly sporting new "gold" bars instead of stripes are: 2d Lt Sadami Deai, assigned to Co A Plat Ldr; 2d Lt Victor K. Punua, Plat Ldr Co I; and 2d Lt Wah Lee Ching, Plat Ldr Co A.

With the announcement of conversion of the 298th RCT to Antiaircraft Artillery recently, news from Regt Hq Co continues to flow.

Capt. David F. deCosta, our Company Commander for the last 4 years was deservingly promoted to the Regt Supply Officer's spot as of 8 August. The unit salutes a fine organizer and leader.

Our Operation Sergeant, SFC Sadami Deai has accepted a commission in the HNG. A hi-ball to you Lt Deai.

Each year the Regt Hq & Hq Co's NCO Club selects the "NCO of the Year." At the annual party recently, SFC John Pakele, the unit's Supply Sergeant was selected the man of the year, 1955. None other deserves it more. With the conversion of the AAA in the near future, and transfer of some NCOs to other units, the presentation of this year's (1956) NCO award was also presented to our chubby and happy First Sergeant, M/Sgt Eli Panee. He took over the job about 5 months ago and has done a fine job. You deserve this award, Big Sergeant and wish you continue your great performance.



1955 and 1956 NCO Awards: Hq & Hq Co, 298th Infantry's NCO Awards were presented recently at the annual banquet held at Waikiki Lau Yee Chai. Sfc John Pakele, Supply Sgt (left) was chosen the top NCO for 1955. MSgt Eli Panee, 1st Sgt (center) won the honors for 1956. WO-1 Thomas See, Jr., donor of the awards is seen presenting the awards at right.

Two promotions for officers were: Capt Thomas Shields, effective 17 Sept 56 and 1st Lt George Miyachi on 19 Oct 56. Congratulations, SIRS and thank you for the cigars.

New faces around the unit are Pfc Stanley Dang, SP-3 Thomas Bosworth and Pvts Harvey Enos, Harry Ginoza, Norman Lee, Cyrus Ludington, Jr. Welcome to the club men and hope that you can be part of the unit for a long, long time. A Superior unit.

COMPANY D. With the word "Triple A" on the minds and lips of every man in Company D, excitement is really brewing. Various comments were heard from the men and some goes like this: "Best news yet!" or "What the hell is that?" or "Heck, I don't give a damn." However, the general feeling among the men is that they are really looking forward to being converted into an Anti-Aircraft outfit. A good chance to learn something new eh! gang!

That silly grin you see on Capt Solomon Kaulukukui's face nowdays is due to the fact that his pretty wife has presented him with a rollicking, bouncing, baby boy on Ocober 22, 1956. Our sincerest congratulations to you Captain and the best of luck to you and your family. Let's only hope that your boy will grow up to be a terrific athlete like you.

New enlistment as Pvt-1 are Kazuo Goya, Robert Lee, Harold Prados Jr., John Sueda and George Tanaka. Good luck, men. Also, recently promoted to SP3 was Thomas A. Ortogero, who incidently is one of those "dead-eye" kids with the rifle.

SP3 Louis Silva a first string guard on the University of Hawaii football team just returned from their invasion on the mainland and described the two losses to Iowa and Fresno State in one word, "ROUGH."

The sweet bread sale held last month by Company D was a tremendous success. Special credit should go to our 1st Sgt George Irvine and SFC Richard Eshima, the so called promoters of this venture. G'bye.

COMPANY F. Conversion to AAA is the main subject in this unit and by the time this edition of the *Guardsman* Magazine reaches us, Delta Battery 297th AAA Bn will be our new designation. In the meantime—the eyes of Texas are upon Hawaii—as many of the guardsmen, including 2d Lt Vinusto Acohido of Co F 298th Inf have invaded Ft Bliss. Lt Acohido is attending the AAA Officer Basic Crs in the AAA & GM School at Ft Bliss. Selected enlisted personnel in this unit are also being processed for AAA schools in the Lone Star State.

Meanwhile back on the farm—2t Lt Candido R. Panerio is at Cp Rucker Ala attending the Army Avn Tactics Crs after successfully completing the Army Primary Flt Crs in San Marcos, Texas. Dinky is due back in late December only to be transferred to another battalion.

Pvt E2 Delphine Gonsalves Jr departs for 6 months Active Duty For Training on 6 November 1956. Pvt Gonsalves enlisted in Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 298th Infantry and recently transferred to Company F. More EM are certain to "take 6" when Pvts Matthew K. Kahuhu and Joseph Yunson return from ACDUTRA in February.

1st Lt George H. Morisada assigned to Company F on 24 September 1956 is a former member (enlisted) of this unit prior to entering RA service. He takes over 1st platoon where he originally started his military career and is a perfect example of the phrase "local boy makes good". New additions include SP-3 William A. Brede from Co K 298th Inf and Pvt E-2 Doroteo Timtim from Co I 298th Inf on Kauai, T. H. Pvt E-2 Richard K. Y. Ching hails from Co L 299th Infantry Kohala, Hawaii, T. H.

Wedding bells in October rang for 1st Lt Joseph J. Olivares who wedded Lorraine Neri, an ardent Co F supporter. They toured the islands for their honeymoon and Joe missed two drills. How did they do it? Lorraine works for Hawaiian Air Lines, who incidently backs up the Hawaii Guardsman Magazine. Also married in October is Pvt E-2 Lawrence Pacarro a member of 2d platoon. No excuse for these two guardsmen to be absent now, they need the extra drill pay.

1st Lt Caliupe C. Amancio, a steady bowler who placed in the recent Advertiser Bowling Classic, heads our 22 Caliber Rifle Team. The eagle-eyed firers knocked off Co E in their first match and with Sgt Benny Viernes, Pfc Abe Balansag, and Pvt E-2 Stephen Eli firing high scores Fox Company's rifle team is eyeing the championship of League No. 3. Giving advice and know how to the firers is an old timer, Mr. Kekahuna who used to be with the old time 298th Inf Team that frequently fired at Camp Perry, Ohio, with Col Kupau and other old timers.

This edition will bring to a close a story which started in a very small cellar type 2-class room Japanese School Building in Waipahu. 28 June 1948 was the activation date of Company F. The strength was 2 officers and 24 enlisted men. In a span of six years, the unit grew to a high strength of 6 officers and 148 enlisted men. The unit strength today is 6 officers and 117 EM. Coined "West Point of the 298th Infantry" by Col Robert L. Stevenson, this unit produced the following officers from the ranks: 1st Lt Caliupe C. Amancio, 1st Lt Raymond Rapoza, 1st Lt Wilbert Aranaydo, 2d Lt Candido R. Panerio, 2d Lt Wallace Y. Kozai, and 2d Lt John I. Naone.

Many more enlisted men have gotten their start in this unit and have continued on in the regular Armed Services, through the Korean Conflict, European commands, Far East, as well as US continental service. Every now and then letters from these former members are received and one thing is in evidence — the fact that they got their start in Co F 298th Infantry.

COMPANY G. Completing our last Annual Technical USARPAC Inspection last month, Company "G" was rated "Superior" for the Ordnance Inspection. Looking back further, the record shows also that we received "Superiors" for Quartermaster, Signal, Engineer and Chemical Inspections making it a clean sweep for 1956. It's certainly an enviable record to look back to when we deactivate as Company G 298th Infantry and become Battery C 298th AAA Bn.

Lieutenants James K. Namahoe and Raymond Rapoza left recently for Fort Bliss, Texas to attend the AAA Associate Officers Course. We wish them the best of luck!

Recently promoted to Captain was 1st Lt Iwao Iijima our hardworking Company Commander, who has done much for the company to deserve the honor. Congratulations Sir!

Under the chairmanship of M/Sgt Edgar Alexander and ably assisted by M/Sgt Daniel Akui and SFC Gene Naipo, Company G launched a successful "sweet bread" sale last month selling some one thusand one hundred and thirty-three loaves. Proceeds will be used for a coming company luau to be held probably in December.

Recent transfers to Company G were SP-3 Bruce Meyers from Hq & Hq Co 299th Infantry in Hilo: Pvt E-2 Alfred Kamaka from 230th Engr Co and Pvt E-2 Frank Chang Jr from Tank Co 299th Infantry also from Hilo; Pfc James Hayashida from Co A 299th Infantry in Lahaina, Maui; Pvts: Allen Kapeliela, and Daynes Pule from Co L 299th Infantry in Kohala, Hawaii; and Pfc Elia Wood from Co K 298th Infantry in Kapaa, Kauai.

COMPANY H. With the coming conversion of Company H 298th Infantry to Battery A 297th AAA Bn in the very near future, many changes have come about. Captain Richard S. Furukawa has gone to Fort Bliss, Texas for advance training. 1st Lt Wilbert Aranaydo has left the unit to assume new duties on the battalion level. Congratulations go to the following enlisted men for climbing one step higher in rank: Floyd Shiraishi, and Randall Hagio, from Pvt E-1 to Pvt E-2; Hiromu Chinen. Robert Handa. Michael Kimura. George Matsui and Donald Sueo Okada, from Pvt E-2 to Pfc. Also congratulations are extended to John D. Castro who gave up his gold bar for a shiny new silver 1st Lt bar. 1st Lt Castro is the company commander while Capt Furukawa is away.

Every unit gets its number of losses and these are the men who have left the company: David Hauki, Ernest Nakamura, Sunao Nitahara, Donald Sueo Okada, Thomas Shimura, Floyd Shiraishi, and Stanley Tandal.

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On the positive side of the unit strength scale, Ferman Au, Chikara Ishii, Henry Ishii, John K. Miyahara, Obed Sniffen and Aurelio Q. Verano have joined the unit. "Chick" and Obed both were former members of our unit and have transferred back.

To be with our unit for three more years is Sfc Boleriano Desuacido. "Bimbo" intends to increase his time in service from nine years to twelve years.

Under the guidance of 2nd Lt Roland Kanemaru, the unit Recreation officer, a unit bowling league started on October 19. Ernest Eto was elected the league president and Stanley Murakoshi was appointed the league secretary. The league is carried on every Friday evening at the Wheeler Field Bowling Alleys.

Special congratulations go to the following men who have recently celebrated their birthdays: Roland Kanemaru, Nobuyuki Murakami, George Shimada, "Bimbo", Stanley Murakoshi, Leslie Kakugawa, Julian Rilveria, Halford Amana, Eustiquio Baguio, Domingo Lopez, Robert Wakabayashi, Kenneth Watanabe, Robert Handa, George Hoshino, Stanley Katayama, and Donald Kuroda, Junior.

Our unit gives solemn respect to the late Mrs. Herbert I. Kumai and to the daugher of Nobuyuki Murakami.

299th RCT

LT. ALEY AUNA

PROV. BN. 299th RCT

Headquarters Company. Due to the inactivation of Hq Co 2d Bn., Companies F and K, 299th Inf., the unit strength swelled to 17 officers, 1 WO and 114 enlisted men as of 31 Oct. 56 to make it one of the top in the Regiment. Provisional Battalion Commander, by way of Hq 3rd Bn, is Lt. Col. Paul A. Schattauer of Hilo Motors, fame. Major Sau Hoy Wong former 2nd Bn Exec became Regimental S-2. Major Wong is Vocational Agriculture instructor at Hilo High School. Our Liaison Officer is 1/Lt Daniel Makuakane. Other transferees include Pvt-2 Robert Y. Ito from Svc Btry 487th Field Artillery and Pvt-2 George Y. C. Pang from Co. L.

Our new Assistant Adjutant is 2d Lt Donald S. F. Tong direct from ORC who is also our PIO. Welcome and congratulations.

Schoolbound recently were 1st Lt James N. Kuritani to Ft. Benning and M/Sgt Lionel Arruda to the Fire Control Instrument course at Aberdeen.

Enlistments recently are Pvts Leonardo Cordero, Robert M. Kawakone, Ward M. Taira, Donald Y. Sekimura, Garvey J. P. Yamamoto, Harold I. Yamamoto, Ernest M. Kahili, Norman Y. Takushi and SP-3 James T. Takahashi.

We have lost the following men this quarter mostly to Honolulu units: Sgt Raymond Mimaki, SP-3 William C. Parsons, Sgt Hiroshi Shishido, Sgt Hirotaka Tetsuka, Pvt-2 Carl T. Sekimura, Pvt-1 Kenneth K. Iboshi, SP-3 Thomas H. Bosworth, SP-3 Lowell I. Terada, Pvt-2 Gilbert Y. Uchima, SP-3 Kenneth Akine, SP-3 Bruce K. Meyers, Pvt-1 Franklin P. Amaral, Sgt Herbert Horiuchi, Sgt Toshiyuki Mizutari and Pfc Virginio Tayan.

Promotions were: Pfc Stanley T. Okahara, Pfc Stanley S. Shigeoka, Pfc Roy T. Osato, Pfc Hisao Shigeishi and Pvt-2 James M. Nagai.

Tank Company. The Superior rating awarded this unit during the anual IG Inspection of 19 Sep indicated the spirit and enthusiasm prevailing in the Company.

With the deactivation of the 2nd Bn here, Master Sergeants Isami Segawa, Kiyoshi Takemoto and Sgts Fumio Yoshioka, Shigeichi Hashimoto, Yukimasa Tomono and Katsumi Nishida were transfers to our unit.

Two new men reported in this quarter, being SFC Yoshihisa Taira and Pvt-2 James F. Boostrom Jr. formerly of Oahu's 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

Service Company. Welcome to the 31 men transferred from Hq and Hq Co 2d Bn and Co F on 1 Nov.

The new CO is 1st Lt Paul K.Nakamura who is coach of the Hilo Intermediate School's Spartans. Motor Officer is 1st Lt George W. Makaea who is in Teachers' College at the Hilo Branch U of H.

Through the ranks to Munitions Officer is former Sgt Alfred H. Rabara now Warrant. His fine example should give the men and especially the younger men the inspiration to work themselves up in the Guard.

Promotions to grades E-4 and above are tentatively scarce since there is in effect a temporary suspension of up-grading while we shift, move and reorganize. However the "chicken" or stripes should proudly prevail among many soon.

Medical Company. Transfusion of the 2nd Battalion platoon to Kauai was effected without any real loss of blood by us. It is surmised that the redesignation will be beneficial to the unit strength-wise.

1st Lt Hideo Nakashima and 2nd Lt Makoto Katada have been given adrenalin by news of the approval by NGB of their application to attend the MSC Officers' Orientation course at Ft Sam Houston from 6 Mar through 29 May 57.

We welcome Pvt E-1 Carl J. Medeiros and Pvt E-1 Harry M. Sakai as nourishment to the ever-hungry recruiters. A surge of new enlistments this coming quarter is expected.

230th Engineer Company. Superior, inspection-wise, was the 230th Engineer Company. SFC Marcellino Villaverde and alternate SFC Stanley G. Ferreira were well prepared and presented their subjects commendably for the class on "Obstacles, Other Than Mines." SFC Honma showed what good instruction is, too, for Recruit Training.

Second Lt David K. Marciel was federally recognized in Sept. He is a "veteran" Guardsman, having started way back in '48 and working his way up through the ranks.

SFC Villaverde, prominent in this column, has submitted his application for commission. He has attended the AG School in Indiana and later the Engineer School at Ft Belvoir.

Re-enlisting in the Company were: M/Sgts Samuel K. Bishaw, and Henry Kamo Jr., SFCs Chikara Kaya and Vicente Rosario, Sgt Susumu Ishida, SP-3s Tadashi Haimoto, Harold Oliveira and Jitsumi Sumiki and Satoshi Sumiki.

Brand new are SP-3 Richard K. Akiona from USAR and a former Engineer and Pvt-1s Aubrey C. Kaloi, Richard H. Kualii and Ronald H. Maesaka.

110th Army Band. SFC Wendell K. Leite has just completed 10 years of continuous service on 9 Oct 56. A trombonist of solid repute the likeable SFC looks forward to another decade as the "man with the horn".

New chairs were added as three men swell the score. Pvt 2s Abednego B. Guevara, George O. Camarillo and Elmer T. Shiraishi. Camarillo is the new Band Instructor for Kalanianaole School (Intermediate).

Not incidentally, this unit received a Superior rating from the IG.

When Maj Gen Edgar C. Erickson, on his Territory-wide inspection tour showed on the premises of the Orderly Room. He was heard to comment on the serious mein of the wall decorations, ie — pictures of famed composers and musicians. It was a unique sight, did

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mention the General, whereupon the old Master of the Baton WO Baclig, crafty himself, pulled open a cupboard door and displayed an array of pulchritude that would have staggered a lesser man than the Chief. "It's kinda cold for them, unsheltered and outside, Sir, and I don't let *anybody* see 'em" . . . so the story goes.

You want to see, you join the Band.

487th FA BN

Hq & Hq Btry. The busy time of the year has come and gone by with completion of inspections and visits of Inspecting Officers. All men in the unit are proud of the fine overall ratings and feel that the extra time and effort put in was justified.

M/Sgt Riichi Kuba departed on 10 Aug 56 on his second journey to the Artillery and Guided Missile School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to enroll in the Advanced Artillery Survey Course. By the time this goes to press he should be back in Hilo. A surveyor by profession he is the work horse of the Battalion Survey Section.

Having completed over twenty (20) years service recently, M/Sgt George R. Cann, known affectionately as "Bobby" to most of us, decided to hang up his combat boots and call it quits for good. Happy Retirement, Bobby!

Occupying the vacancy created by the above retirement is M/Sgt James K. Kaulukukui of the famous athletic family. "Jimmy" was happy to become the Battalion Sergeant Major. Good luck!

Congratulations are in order for: "Jumping Joe" Kuroda, Liaision Officer and Pilot, promoted to Captain recently; Clarence M. Ignacio, upgraded to CWO W-3; and Sgt Alan P. Edwards who departed the ranks of the enlisted to accept appointment as 2d Lt.

Battery A. Personnel of this unit were busily picking coffee and reported that most farmers would harvest a "bumper" crop this season. Plans are in the completion stage for a gala Christmas Party, combining both units in Kealakekua. This should be a real bang-up party since the "bumper" coffee crop would provide "over-flow" funds to support the project. We wish them the best of luck and the finest party ever.

Battery B. Recent losses has the gang in Bravo hanging on the ropes. Two key non-coms were discharged by reason of physical disability. Lt J. P. Mahuna was transferred to Hq & Hq Btry in a swap deal when Sgt Edwards accepted his commission to become Lieutenant Edwards, now a member of Bravo. New faces are Pfc Robert Akoi, formerly a member in 1948, and Pvts Derick Matsunami and Sueji Sasahara. Coming over from God's country in Kona to the "city slickers" was Pvt James Lindsey.

Five brawny Braves are active members of the 299th Inf Warrior football team. Sgt Joe Correa, center; SP-3 Jerry Maluo and Pvt Ed Fujita, ends; and backs SP-3 Gil Aguiar (FB) and Pfc Nap Napalapalai (HB) are happy to be playing for the team, the first organized under the 299th RCT banner.

Three Braves relinquished their bachelor roles by exchanging marriage vows with their "better half." SFC Teruo Higuchi, Sgt Walter Koizumi, and SP-3 John Macayan joined the ranks of the "hen-pecked."

Sgt Correa welcomed an addition to his family. A daughter, appropriately named Jolette, was born 21 October. Candy bars were in circulation the following day to celebrate the happy occasion.

A freshly painted 105mm Howitzer displayed at the entrance to the Hawaii County Fair Armed Forces Booth caught the fancy of fair-goers. The fair as a whole was Excellent and well attended by Hawaii Islanders.

Battery C. These men ares joining with Battery Alpha and plan to have the biggest and best Christmas Party ever. Plans are nearly completed and by the time this issue rolls off the press, they'll be able to tell you just how many cases of "soda" they'll use at the party. Best of luck, men, and may you have the best party ever. SFC Ernest Koyanagi and the Mrs. welcomed a bouncing baby girl on the 4th of November. Ernie was passing out Hershey Bars by the box to all of his well-wishers. Congratulations to Ernie and the Mrs.

Service Battery. Starting in a deliberate attempt to get a Superior in the IG, Service personnel were overjoyed when the report arrived recently for their efforts were rewarded with the Superior they went all out for. Congratulations and a well-done are in order for all personnel who did so much to earn the rating.

Recently transferred to the unit from Hq & Hq Co 299th RCT was Pvt Franklin P. Amaral who believes that all Artillery Units are quite fine. There are still a few vacancies for those who can qualify.

Three members of the unit in ACDUTRA for 6 mos are: Ernest Palacol, Herman A. Amaral, and Wallace M. Matsuda. At press time two should be back. The latter is still in basic.

A loss to the battery was SFC Ronald L. Yamada who decided to enlist in Hq & Hq Battery. Replacing Yamada was Sgt Adam Figueroa, but not for long. Adam quite quickly decided that the mainland USA was the place for him so he packed his belongings and is now a permanent resident of "sunny" California.

Future officer material now embroiled in the 10 series are SP-3s Ray S. Kobayashi, Tracy A. Medeiros and Pvts Donald L. Manalili and Wallace M. Matsuda. In the not too distant future, they'll qualify and hope to see those gold bars on their shirt collars.

Medical Detachment. 1st Lt Yukio Takeya, commanding the unit, has given his "boys" a treat because they worked so hard to get a Superior in the IG. Jerry Tango and Donald Savella decided to take things more seriously so packed their bags and went off to the Army Medical School in Texas. They'll be there until February and should come back qualified in their specialty.

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MAUI NEWS

2d Lt Francis A. Abreu, Plat Leader, Co D 299th Inf, received his "Silver" bar on 5 October 1956. Lt Abreu, a World War II Veteran of three years in the Army, was discharged as a Corporal on 15 Sep 1949. On 11 Jan 1951 he enlisted in Co C 298th Inf as a Corporal, later was transferred to Co C 299th Infantry, where he reached the rank of Sergeant First Class. On 19 June 1953, he departed for Fort Riley, Kansas to attend the Officer Candidate School, which he successfully completed on 29 August 1953. It is to be noted that Lt Abreu was the first applicant from this battalion to attend OCS. On 6 Oct 1953 he was commissioned a Second Lieuttenant in the Hawaii National Guard. He also graduated from the Basic Infantry Officer Course at Fort Benning, Ga.

Sergeant Earl L. Helm was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Hawaii National Guard on 1 September

Corporal Abel S. Cravalho received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Hawaii National Guard on 8 October 1956. A three-year veteran of the Korean War, he earned the Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Medal, National Defense Medal, and Korean Presidential Unit Citation, while serving in the U. S. Marine Corps. After his hitch in the Marines, he enlisted in Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Infantry on 21 March 1955, and was assigned as a Scout Observer in the Intelligence Section. On 13 December 1955 he was transferred to Company C, 299th Infantry. He is a graduate of the Advance Non-Commissioned Officer's Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. Lt Cravalho is presently assigned as a Platoon Leader in Company C, 299th Infantry.

Promotions in the enlisted ranks are as follows:

Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn: To Pvt E-2: Pvt-1 Melvin D. Cummings, Robert M. Fukunaga, John E. Klask, Patrick H. Phillips, Wilfred J. Souza, George H. Tanji.

Co A: To PFC: Pvt-2 Paul W. Laa, Leroy A. Naeole, Adriano Arcangel, Daniel K. Basques, Sirhelio R. Felicilda, Simeon Garma.

To Pvt E-2: Pvt-1 Joseph A. Atai, Paul M. Kauhaahaa, Larry K. Keahi, Stanley P. Manuwa, Norman T. Shingaki, Alvin T. Uemura.

Co B: To Pvt E-2: Pvt-1 Leopoldo R. Doral, John Fern, Anastacio N. Daniel.

Co C: To PFC: Pvt-2 Herman Nascimento.

To Pvt E-2: Pvt-1 Abel J. Ferreira, John Platiro, Larry L. Perry.

Co D: To Pvt E-2: Pvt-1 Ernest K. Akina, Vernroy M. Akina.

Hv Mort Co: To PFC: Pvt-2 George Kalanikau, Andrew H. Kalehuawehe, Ralph S. Nishida, Llewellyn R. Pacheco, Harold N. Sharpe, Jr.

To Pvt E-2: Pvt-1 David J. Flores, Donald L. Kaya, Antonio V. Abas, Jr., Joseph B. Artiaga, Clarence P. Carvalho, Vicente Corpis, Isamu Oshiro.

Med Plat: To Pvt E-2: Pvt-1 Kenneth T. Hasegawa.

Attending Service Schools:

1st Lt Benjamin Q. Ampong, Platoon Leader, Co A 299th Inf, departed on 15 September 1956 for the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, to attend the Associate Infantry Company Officer Course.

Attending the six months Active Duty for Training with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, are: Pvt-2 Willy K. Naki, Co B; Pvt-1 Raymond Kepani, Co C; Pvt-2 Domingo R. Corpis and Aloysius J. Wong, Co. D; Pvt-2 Alfred G. Santos, Jr., Hv Mort Co.

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KAUAI NEWS

by CWO Luther K. Wong

Since our last writing, much has happened on this fair isle of ours. We saw the Technical Service inspection of units completed, each unit receiving SUPERIOR ratings except Co I, which received "Fair" and Co K "Excellent" for Artillery in their Ordnance Inspection. Then came the main event... Annual IG Inspection. Lt Col Michael Halliday conducted the inspections, assisted by MSgt J. B. Collier on records and administration, and MSgt James L. Hamilton on Supply. All units received ratings of Excellent except Company M, which received the rating of Satisfactory. This is all done with for this fiscal year and we hope that the next IG inspection will bring us better ratings. Though the ratings are not what we had expected, it does not mean that unit commanders and key personnel have not spent a good deal of time in preparing for it. Our hats are off to them for doing a good job.

In the preceding paragraph, we referred to units as units of the 3d Bn 298th Inf. However, 1 November 1956, saw us divorced from the 298th RCT and welcomed by the 299th RCT. We became known as 2d Bn 299th Inf. Units were redesignated as follows:

Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn	to	Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 299th Inf
2d Bn Med Plat	to	2d Bn Med Plat Med Co 299th Inf
Company I	to	Company E 299th Inf
Company K	to	Company F 299th Inf
Company M	to	Company H 299th Inf

Redesignation of this Bn caused the loss of Co L 298th Inf which is located on Oahu and the gain of Company G 299th Inf on Molokai which was formerly Company B 299th Inf.

Recently, some promotions have been accomplished as indicated by reports. They are, from Easy Company: To MSgt . . SFC Melvin Kua, taking over 1st platoon. Robert M. Patricio and Kiichi Takahashi to SFC; Denis A. Souza and Tatsuo Murakami to SP3; Federico Acoba, Moses Keale, Arnold Shimizu and John Vidinha to Pfc. We almost left out of the picture Mr. Robert M. Oda of Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 299th Inf who was promoted to CWO W-2 eff 1 Oct 56. Congratulations and good luck on your promotions.

Recently joining the officers group were 1st Lt Hisao Kyono assigned to Company H and 2d Lt Victor Punua assigned to Company E. Lt Kyono comes to us from the AFRes and Lt Punua received his commission by completing NGOCS at Fort Benning, Ga.

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3rd BATTALION

Biggest news of the quarter concerns the deactivation of K Company at Papaikou in October and its reactivation in Olaa this month. The new K Co will have a platoon in Pahala, former home of E Co which was deactivated.

Lt Col George McEldowney is the new Commanding Officer of the 3rd. Lt Col Paul A. Schattauer became Provisional Battalion CO.

Results of the anual IG inspections show the Third faring well. Hq Co and I Co racked up Superiors.

Recruiting-wise, the Third, since summer camp, has been conducting a drive and Headquarters brought in 15 recruits.

Newly commissioned after completing NGOCS were former M/Sgt Abraham Mahuna and Sgt Fumio Yoshioka. Battalion S-1, WOJG Shunzi Kato was upgraded to CWO-2 and Hq couldn't be seen for the cigar smoke pervading the area.

Battalion staff recently fought the battle of Waimea plain when the staff members conducted a CPX problem up on the cold windy plain. Major Miyasaki acted as Battalion Commander and the Third really laid down a "solid wall of steel".

The adage says good news should come first, so here is the last item for this quarter — 1st Lt Raymond Suefuji of the 3rd was transferred to Co H from Co K. The Third's loss is H's gain.

299th PRIZE WINNER

The 299th RCT pats itself on the back for the blue-ribbon winning display at the JCC's County Fair this past October.

Prize exhibit was the Tank Turret Familirization and Communication Trainer with operators Pfcs Joseph Kalua and Robert Clark plus a sparkling array of weapons against a backdrop of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. The brain behind it all was Sgt Eddie Anderson from the Public Info dept in Honolulu and the whip's name is Lt Aley Auna who saw to the details of the neat arrangement. Thanks to these gentlemen, the Guard received the Hawaiian Airlines trophy for the best armed forces exhibit.

Sgt Herbert Victorine deserves plaudits too for many of the behind the scenes activities without which there wouldn't have been any activity in the first place. Wish the names of the other unsung heroes could be published but they are really unsung, but thanks to you too.

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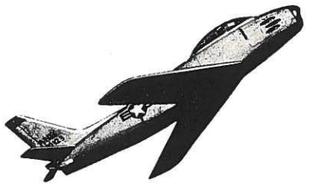
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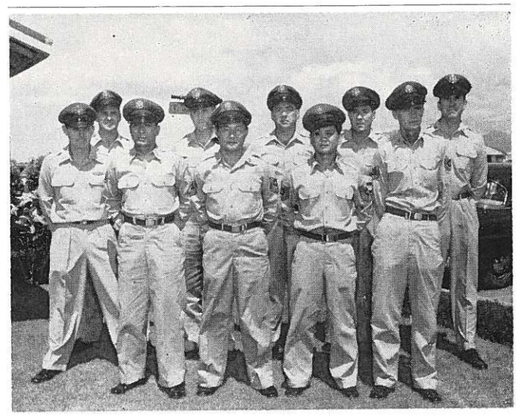
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HANG HICKAM UNITS

A good time was had by all at the Squadron's tenth anniversary luau and dance held on 3 November. The kaukau was excellent and promised speeches were short and kept to a minimum. The highlight of the program was the presentation of the Squadron History by Major Walter F. Judd ably assisted by nine members of the Squadron who were called upon to recount their experiences with the Squadron during a particular year.

The classic statement of the evening was one made by M/Sgt Carl Kang when called upon as the representative for the year 1955 which went like this — "1955 (Summer Camp) was a bad year for us crapshooters, the "ole man" really cracked down on us — so, the younger men took up bowling and us older men took up beer drinking for recreation". When the roll was called by the 1st Sgt ten tired "old men" who answered "here" to a similar roll call at 1930 hours 4 November 1946 front-and-centered to receive leis from the first lady of the squadron, Mrs. James R. Ashford. Distinguished guests included Governor and Mrs. Samuel Wilder King; General and Mrs. Ralph E. Koon, Deputy Commander PacAF, FEAF (Rear); General and Mrs. Julian M. Chappell, Commander 7th AF; Col and Mrs. David P. Silva, Assistant Adjutant General HNG; Lt Col and Mrs. Frank Harlocker, and Lt Col and Mrs. W. Brewster Morgan. Our thanks again to Capt Letwell Duvauchelle and his committee for a really fine luau.

M/Sgt Ted Hussey has been given the go ahead on running a NCOIC training program for key supervisors of the 199th FIS. Courses include Public Speaking, Conference Participation, Air Force Organization Principles, Foundations of Human Relations, Manning Documents.



TEN YEAR MEN. Awarded certificates of merit for ten years' of continuous service to the Air Guard were, front row, left to right: Major Bob Duncan, SSgt Harold Martinez, MSgt R. S. O. Lee, MSgt Robert Choi, TSgt Fred Rittmeister; second row: Capt L. Duvauchelle, Capt George Harris, Major Russell Smith, CWO Joseph Barnett, and Major Walter Judd.

Airman Career Program, OJT Programs and Methods of Instruction, Ratings and Promotions, Utilization of Personnel, Interviewing Techniques, and The Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Lt Randolph Galt, new jet fighter pilot, returned from USAF flying school. New Lieutenants Alexander Bell and C. Hutton Smith won their Wings and are now at Williams AFB, Arizona learning the fine points of being "Tigers".

Hard at the aviation cadet grind at Lackland AFB, Texas are: Dennis M. Matsumoto, Carl T. Nakamura, Melvin Souza and Francis Y. Toyama.

Those who passed all their tests and are eagerly awaiting flying school class assignments are: George E. M. Joy, Jr., George E. Kuroda, Yoneji Nomura and Walter Tamura.

Sparked by the recent Squadron drive, nineteen of Hawaii's finest young men are taking the tests for flying training.

Among other things done during this drive was the taking of an F-86 down to Iolani Palace to be christened "Iolani" by our Commander-in-chief, Governor King. Iolani Luahine, "Daddy" Bray, Pauline Kekauhuna's Hauoli Maids, and the King and Queen of Aloha Week and their court assisted.

Our aerial gunnery team which competed with the ANG's best squadrons at the recent Casper, Wyoming meet did not exactly win—placed 8th but gained much valuable experience, and brought back some needed "tricks of the trade."

Eight additional F-86's were received in September in the familiar cocoons. Four are now flying. This brings the 199th up to strength in tactical aircraft.

S/Sgt Lawrence Partika has "lucked out" and is having a fine hard-top floor from which to work his auxiliary equipment.

A large group of fellow guardsmen saw MST John H. Beaumont, Jr., shooter-par-none, off to the Olympics.

Recent returnees from service schools include: S/Sgt Charles K. Hopkins, A/1cs Gordon A. Lum and John S. Medeiros, Jr., A/3cs Benjamin A. Abraham, Jose P. Aquino, Ronal Batula, Edmund Y. M. Chun, James S. Nakasone, Richard M. Saiki, Henry Y. Shimakura, and Melvin W. J. Wong. Nineteen others also returned from basic training at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Good tidings were received in Squadron Special Orders for the following non-commissioned officers: M/Sgt Adam Y. Aki, T/Sgts William D. Constance, Jr., Nelson F. Lee and Wallace K. Takahashi, and S/Sgt Lawrence F. Luna.

AC&W SQUADRONS

House-moving. Both the 109th and the 169th Headquarters have moved into Building 520 at Sand Island the former Officer's Quarters. The 109th occupies the Ewa end while the 169th claims the diamond head end. Building 510, the former squadron headquarters building, will house Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard, Squadron Communications and Electronics offices, Operations offices, Air Defense Control Center, Radar Maintenance section, Air Adviser's Office, and Training offices. The balance of the offices will be utilized as classrooms.

Aloha. Best Wishes and Good Luck to M/Sgt Susumu Furuike who will terminate his employment with the Air Technical Detachment to accept a position with CAA. Sergeant Furuike was one of the original members of the 109th ACWRON (Type F) when it was first activated at Battery Closson in Fort Kamehameha. He rose from Airman Basic to his present rank of Master Sergeant with duty as Radar Maintenance Supervisor of the Radar Maintenance Section. Aloha Oe.

Dead-eyes. The 169th "nimrods" held their first meeting after drill on Sunday 4 November. Each member present was handed the constitution in draft form of the "Menehune Pistol and Rifle Club". It was decided that a drive for more members should be initiated to strengthen its purpose which is: "to encourage organized rifle and pistol shooting among the members of the squadron, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such members of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. Furthermore, it shall be our policy and purpose to progress the development of these characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship." All interested personnel should contact either S/Sgt George Teramoto of the Medics or M/Sgt John Sierra in the Training Office.

109th AC&W

Grains of Wisdom. The old saying that "every little bit counts" finds applicability with the twin units (109th ACWRON and 169th ACWRON) as far as service school training is concerned. The following named airmen have successfully completed training in their particular specialties and therefore have earned their "grains of wisdom":

Honor Graduates of the AC&W Operator course at Keesler AFB, Mississippii are: (109th) A3'c Warren Chang Jr, Paul Fujimoto, Ronald Harada, Melvin Miwa, and Roy Oshiro; (169th) A3c's Ronald Hashimoto, David Kali, and Charles Kanemori. Others completing the AC&W Operator course are: (109th) A2c David Muramoto, A3c's Peter Ah Nee, Ronald Chun, Roy Furumizo, Richard Harada, Koin Koizumi, Paul Takamiya, Anthony Tamanaha, and Clifford Tokuda; (169th) A2c's James Akamine, Steven Nam, Francis Palea, A3c's Calvin Kaya, Reginald Lee, and Howard Lau. Also from Keesler AFB and completing the AC&W Radar Repairman course are: (109th) A2c Kenneth Asato and (169th) A3c Roy Ichimura.

Graduates from FE Warren AFB are: (109th) A3c Kenneth Matsumoto (Communications Center Specialist course) and (169th) A2c Francis Shinsato (Communications Machine Repairman course).

Home from the "Ground-pounding" course at Lackland AFB and Sheppard AFB, Texas are: (109th) A3c's Morton Achi, Gary Arizala, Donald Higa, Cenric Ho, Norman Lum, Roy Takeda, A/B's Charles Hirayama, David Kaluhiwa, Vicente Motas Jr., and Claude Takamoto; (169th) A3c's Stuart Copp, Norman Fukuda, Harry Matsumoto, Raoul Niemeyer, Francis Sanpei, Kenneth Thomas, A/B's Arthur Ogawa, Stanley Shinsato, Charles Tanaka, and Ronald Urada.

169th AC&W

On 7 October 1956 a Federal Recognition Inspection Team composed of members of Headquarters, 7th Air Force inspected the 169th AC&W Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard at Sand Island, Oahu. Members of the inspection team included Colonel Richard I Dugan and Major Selden B. Ely. Lt Colonel John C. Giraudo represented the Air Advisor's office.

Of the 25 officers and 170 airmen authorized, the unit showed an assigned strength of 11 officers and 144 airmen on the day of recognition.

To insure the accomplishment of the mission of the unit which is to conduct continuous aircraft control and warning operations, experienced personnel were taken from the 109th AC&W Squadron.

Major K. Paul Goya was named as the new Commander of the 169th. Major Goya was formerly the Communications Electronics Officer for the 109th.

Members of Major Goya's staff include Capt George T. Miki, Aircraft Control Staff Officer; Capt Herbert S. Isonaga, Communications Officer; Capt John C. Y. Ing, Communications-Electronics Staff Officer; 1st Lt Paul F. Haygood, Personnel Officer; and CWO David S. F. Dang, Supply Officer.

Key Non-Commissioned Officers of the new squadron and their duty assignment include M/Sgt Dennis H. Takasaki, 1st Sergeant; T/Sgt Gilbert T. Yoshida, Organization Supply Supervisor; T/Sgt Kenneth M. Weight, Air Police Supervisor; S/Sgt Herbert S. C. Yap, Food Service Supervisor; M/Sgt John O. Sierra, Education Technician; S/Sgt Carl T. Kenetake, Communications Center Supervisor; S/Sgt Abraham Naehu, Cryptographic Operations Supervisor; and S/Sgt Ronald Y. Ichimura, Radio Operations Supervisor.

An additional function of the 169th is to conduct a basic training program for new enlistees for both the 169th and the 109th AC&W Squadrons. At present there are aproximately 13 basic airmen who are cadred by members of the Air Police section of the squadron. These new airmen will go through an intensive training period of about six months duration.

Beginning the first of November and ending the last of December the 169th is conducting a contest for the design of a Squadron insignia. A group of officers appointed by the Commander will convene at the end of the contest to pick the winner.

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POINT OF VIEW

The following news commentary was delivered by Bob Roberts, radio and television announcer on KGMB-TV and KGMB radio, on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1956. It has been reproduced with his permission for release.

BY BOB ROBERTS

In doing this piece I want it understood at the very outset that I am probably the world's worst flier. Or, to put it another way, I don't like airplane travel. And it won't make any difference how much comfort and convenience the designers build into our commercial air giants; whether the ships are luxurious two and three-deckers with six engines, or old crates with jump seats. I shall always have that "what the hell am I doing here" feeling the minute the wheels leave the ground.

Understand, too, that this feeling has nothing to do with what I may or may not think about the safety of air travel. I know that this method of transportation is as safe as any other in a time when we all want to get where we're going as quickly as possible. Perhaps it's even safer. The airlines say so; and I'm not going to argue the point. I'm just one of many thousands of people who travel by air through necessity rather than choice, who needs a good stiff belt before he can even begin to relax once the aluminum monster points its nose into those regions intended for birds.

With this background of my spineless aversion to air travel it will seem whooly contradictory for me to say that I have found flying both delightful and relaxing. And it need not be comfortable from the strictly physical standpoint.

Yesterday, after much postponement, and with a great deal of initial trepidation, I accepted the considerate invitation of the 199th Fighter Intercepter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard to fly in one of their T-33 jets. You will understand, that to a person with my fear of flying, signing a waiver absolving the guard for any damage to my skin, instructions in the use of a parachute, methods of inflating a one-man life raft, plus a dry run on ejecting myself from the cockpit with the assistance of a twenty millimeter shell should the necessity arise, were hardly reasuring. But the longer I listened to the pilot and squadron operations officer, Major "Arch" Harrison, extol the virtues of his ship, the more confident I became. And by the time the trim, fighter was roaring down the runway I was able to ignore the ejection lever and all thought of having to use it.

The sensation of jet flight is impossible to describe, because except at low level, or during banks and turns, there is no sensation, other than one of floating serenely in a virtually noise-free atmosphere. The jolts, rattles and shudders of the conventional aircraft are not there. Nor is the heart-stopping horror of the bottom falling from under one in a down-draft.

We flew for an hour and twenty minutes at speeds approaching six hundred miles per hour, and at altitudes up to eighteen thousand feet. During the entire flight Major Harrison explained through the intercom the various procedures he was following, and pointed out in more interesting detail than any travel agent the many land marks familiar to us on the ground, but seldom seen from such a vantage point. For the first time in my life I was sorry to feel the wheels touch ground.

What I said before about flying still goes. I don't like airplane travel. But I've decided I'm a man of the future. You may take your lumbering monsters that creak, groan and flap their wings. Me, I belong to the jet age. And any time the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron wants to hand me that waiver, I'll sign it.

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Quarter of a century ago the local Guardsmen had a football team. From then til this year there was none. And now we have one, thanks to Capt Chester Long of

SPORTS (Continued from page 25)
the Tank Company 299th RCT who was formerly head coach at St. Anthony's in Maui.

Four games were played this first season. The Hilo Guardsmen were first creamed, then beaten badly, but the last two games showed that the boys caught on and the last defeats were battles against the Hilo branch U of H and the powerful Maui squad.

With all but a fistful inexperienced, Coach Long molded the boys into excellent shape and the crystal ball foretells the waging of real contests next season.

The mighty mite SP-3 Leroy Correa generated a lot of steam and showed time and again his heels to the opponents in consistently knifing through the lines like an eel and making like a rabbit for the end zone. Co-captain with Correa is tackle Errol Anakalea from Svc Co who with 2nd Lt Arthur Kepoo on the other end, guards Robert Tachibana and Jacob Mahi (Pfc's), ends Jeremiah Maluo and Sidney Smith, and center Joe Correa are fast developing into the "solid wall of steel". Q-backing is Alfred Furusho SP-3, Gilbert Aguiar is the lower-the-head-and-charge fullback workhorse and Moses Napeahi right half.

SPORTS! Maui's Hawaii National Guard football team scored its second inter-island football victory on 27 October 1956, by turning three Hilo Rainbow fumbles into touchdowns for a 20 to 6 triumph over the University of Hawaii (Hilo Branch), at the Kahului Fairgrounds. Maui previously defeated the Provisional Battalion's National Guard team from Hilo by a score of 36 to 0.

Maui's next game will be against the Hilo Provisional Battalion on 11 November 1956, at Hilo. On 17 November 1956 Maui met the Navy team from Pearl Harbor, at the Kahului Fairgrounds.

The team is composed of the following: George Bartolome, Andrew Keaunui, William Laborte, Lawrence Tavares, Joseph Amaral, Fred K. Waiwaiole, Francis A. Nobriga, Maurice Souza, Louis Y. Sardinha, Joseph Hong, Louis Abreu, Maxie Secretario, Gilbert Gonzales, Clarence Kenui, and Howard Bell.

Julio Franco, Augustine Fuentes, Ernest Mathias, Herbert Santos, Alan G. Kalehuawehe, Edward W. Brown, William Peters, Roland Ibara, Seichi Kishaba, John R. Fernandez, Clifford Pimental, Scott Ahina, Nicholas Awai, Jr., and Abel Kahoohanohano. Head Coach Stu Milligan, Assistant Coaches: Irvine Richards, Capt Alvin M. Haake, Team Physician Col E. B. Underwood (Res), Managers: 1st Lt Francis A. Abreu, M/Sgt Christian E. Bal, SP-3 Moses Kalanikau, Paul Foo Sum, Team Coordinator Maj A. M. Nascimento.



Ready on the Firing Line

By Capt. Forrest Murphy

National Rifle and Pistol Matches. Highlighted by M/Sgt John Beaumont winning a berth on the U. S. Olympic Pistol Squad the Hawaii National Guard Rifle and Pistol Teams turned in a highly successful performance at the 1956 National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The rifle team placed second in the NG class in the National Trophy Match and all team members qualified for an "Excellence in Competition" medal which applies as credit toward designation as distinguished marksman — one of the most coveted honors in the shooting world. The riflemen also won the NG class in the Enlisted Men's Trophy Match.

In the pistol competition the HNG team scored a sweeping vistory in the NG field by copping first place with all three weapons; .22 Caliber, Center Fire and .45 Caliber. The winning of all three of the team matches in competition against all National Guard Teams entered was an outstanding achievement.

Of course, the most outstanding performance was M/Sgt Beaumont's much publicized Olympic qualifying effort. Sgt Beaumont departed for Melbourne on 9 Nov. and with him went the best wishes of every Guardsman in the Territory.

Territorial Law Enforcement Pistol Tournament. The 1956 Territorial Law Enforcement Pistol Tournament (TLEPT) was sponsored and conducted by the Hawaii National Guard at the Diamond Head Pistol Range on 22-23 September 1956. In a field of 131 individual competitors and 26 teams, Captain George Roberts, HNG, was crowned as individual champion and the Kaneohe Marines "B" squad won team honors by copping 7 out of 8 1st places.

NRA Indoor Smallbore Rifle Tournament. The annual NRA Indoor Smallbore Rifle Tournaments are now being conducted to determine the teams which will meet in the territorial championships to be held at Fort Ruger on 19 January 1957. In the territorial championships, winners of the six participating leagues will compete in a shoulder to shoulder match to determine the champion whose score will be entered in the Sixth Army Area and national competition.

Also selected during the championship match will be the official 1957 HNG Smallbore Rifle Team. The top ten high scorers in the championships will be named to the squad. In order that all top HNG smallbore shots are afforded a chance to place on the team, those individuals maintaining a season average of 265 or better during league competition may compete in the championships individually if their teams are ineligible.

Service Company, 298th Inf has been the perennial winner of this tournament having won the trophy for the past six consecutive years. With the reorganization to AAA and the disbandment of Service Company the championship will revert to a new winner, however, it has been noted that a good portion of Service Company's team is now competing under the banner of Hq Hq & Svc Co, 227th Engineer Battalion.

Some of the better scores registered so far in league competition:

Hq, Hq & Svc Co, 227th Engrs	1376
613 Ord Co	1350
199th FIS	1319
Hq & Hq Co, 299th Inf	1278

New Table of Authorization For Rifle and Pistol Teams. A new TA 60-18 has been received which reflects a definite increase in equipment for NG rifle and pistol teams. Teams are now authorized such items as shooting jackets, gun boxes and scopes. Also authorized are eight Winchester Model 70 rifles and six .38 Caliber pistols. The HNG riflemen are extremely anxious to lay hands on the Model 70s which are considered a much more effective competitive weapon than the M1 rifle.

1957 Match Schedule. There has been a great demand for the shooting schedule for the coming year. The 1957 competitive marksmanship program has been announced and the major matches for February and March 1957 are as follows:

Pele Pistol Tournament, 16-17 Feb, conducted by the Pearl Harbor Gun Club at the Diamond Head range.

Smallbore Regional, 2-3 March, sponsored by HTRA at Koko Head.

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

The following is reprinted from a speech by Brig. Gen. Harley B. West, assistant commander of the 49th Armored Division, Texas National Guard. We believe it summarizes, better than anything we've seen, the reasons why a young man should want to volunteer for Take Six training.

Now why should you sign up for this training You're a soldier. Why not be one of the best. Study to be a leader. Set yourself up for faster promotion. Be better trained and able to take care of yourself if combat comes.

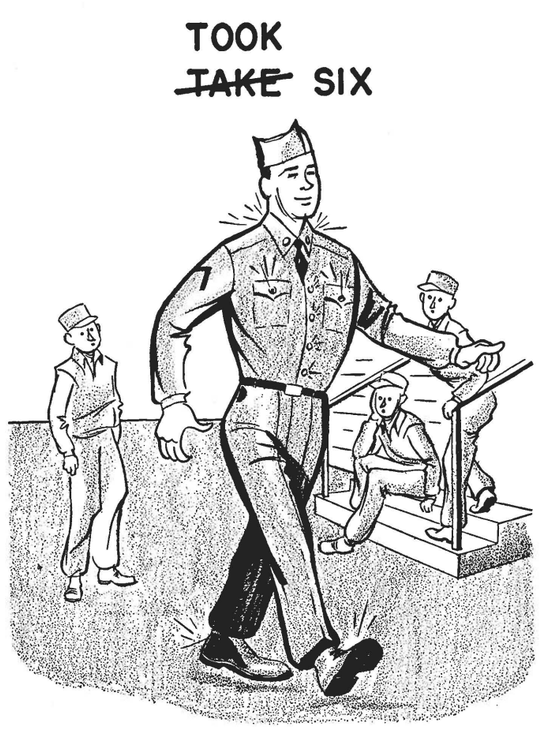
It will be an enjoyable change and a chance to travel. The technical training will help you in related civilian jobs. Advanced service schools will be open to you if you wish to further specialize.

You get the pay of your grade, plus allowances. Reduce your service obligation to eight years. Complete your service with more time at home. If you think you would like a military life, this will give you a chance to test it without joining for three years.

Who is eligible? Those under 18½ . . . Those under 20 who have completed 8 weeks basic training . . . Those under 20, in grades Pvt E-1 and E-2, who enlisted before Oct. 1, 1955 and were under 18½ when they enlisted . . . Those under 20, in grades E-1 and E-2, who enlisted after Oct. 1, 1955 and have not taken a standard basic training course.

You may sign up now but be deferred until you finish high school or until you reach 20 while in high school.

Remember, you are not giving six months . . . you are taking advantage of a special opportunity granted only to young men your age.





QUES.—Will you explain to me briefly what this "priority induction by Selective Service" is and how unsatisfactory drill attendance is affected by it.
ANS.—The answer to your question can not be suitably covered in this column. I will therefore refer you to Personnel Bulletin Number 17, AGO-HAW, dated 24 August 1956 which adequately covers this subject. The administrative technician of your unit should have a copy of it for reference.

QUES.—What are the requirements for enrolling in the Air National Guard Aviation Cadet Training Program or Aviation Student Training Program?
ANS.—The following are some of the more important or primary requirements:

a. Must be between the ages of 19 to 26½.
b. Unmarried.
c. Must be a high school graduate.
d. Must pass physical examination for flying.
e. Must pass screening examination.

QUES.—Provided the information I am trying to get is not secret in nature, I would like to know how many antiaircraft guns there are in the Hawaii National Guard at the present and also what is the maximum firing altitude of the guns? I am very interested in the AAA and am seriously considering a transfer to the AAA Bn.
ANS.—There are sixteen 90mm M1 guns in the Hawaii National Guard which have been issued on the basis of 4 guns per battery. The maximum altitude attained by the fired projectiles is approximatetly 35,000 feet.

QUES.—When will the 298th Infantry be converted to AAA units? When converted how many AAA battalions will there be in the Hawaii National Guard including the present 158th AAA Bn, and will all the battalions function under one common group headquarters?
ANS.—The 298th Infantry is scheduled for conversion to AAA units by 7 January 1957. When converted, the 298th AAA Group will comprise of Hq & Hq Btry 298th AAA Group, 368 AAA Det (Opn), 121st AAA Sig Det, 122d AAA Sig Det, 158th AAA Bn, 297th AAA Bn and 298th AAA Bn. The fourth AAA Bn scheduled for organization in 1958 will also be under the AAA Group Headquarters.

QUES.—I am a civilian employee of the Army at Schofield and also a member of the Guard. Due to the critical nature of my job with the Army, I am presently authorized to occupy a dependent housing on the post for which a deduction of $39.00 every two weeks is made from my pay. As a SFC in Svc Co 298th Inf, I normally attend the annual field training at Schofield Barracks. Now, in view of the above, am I entitled to basic allowance for quarters (BAQ) during the field training?
ANS.—An authoritative reply can not be made in this case as no specific regulation has been found to cover cases of this nature. However, it is my opinion that you are entitled to the BAQ, on the basis that although you are occupying a government dependent housing, rental is being paid. USARPAC Finance and Accounting Center is unable to confirm the opinion expressed at this time.

QUES.—I enlisted in the National Guard in May of this year at the age of 18 years and 9 months. Under the foregoing condition of my enlistment, and provided I maintain satisfactory drill attendance, would I be eligible for Selective Service classification of 1-D?
ANS.—No, only those individuals who enlist in the National Guard prior to attaining 18½ years of age will be eligible for classification of 1-D.

QUES.—I enlisted in the National Guard on 3 May 54 at the age of 18 and one month. I now desire to be discharged from the National Guard and transferred to an organized unit of the U.S. Army Reserve. Will I, by such transfer retain my classification of 1-D?
ANS.—No, individuals who enlisted in the National Guard subsequent to 1 Feb 51, will by such transfer, to an organized unit of the U. S. Army Reserve, be considered to have incurred a break in service insofar as selective service classification is concerned and thereby loose his 1-D classification.

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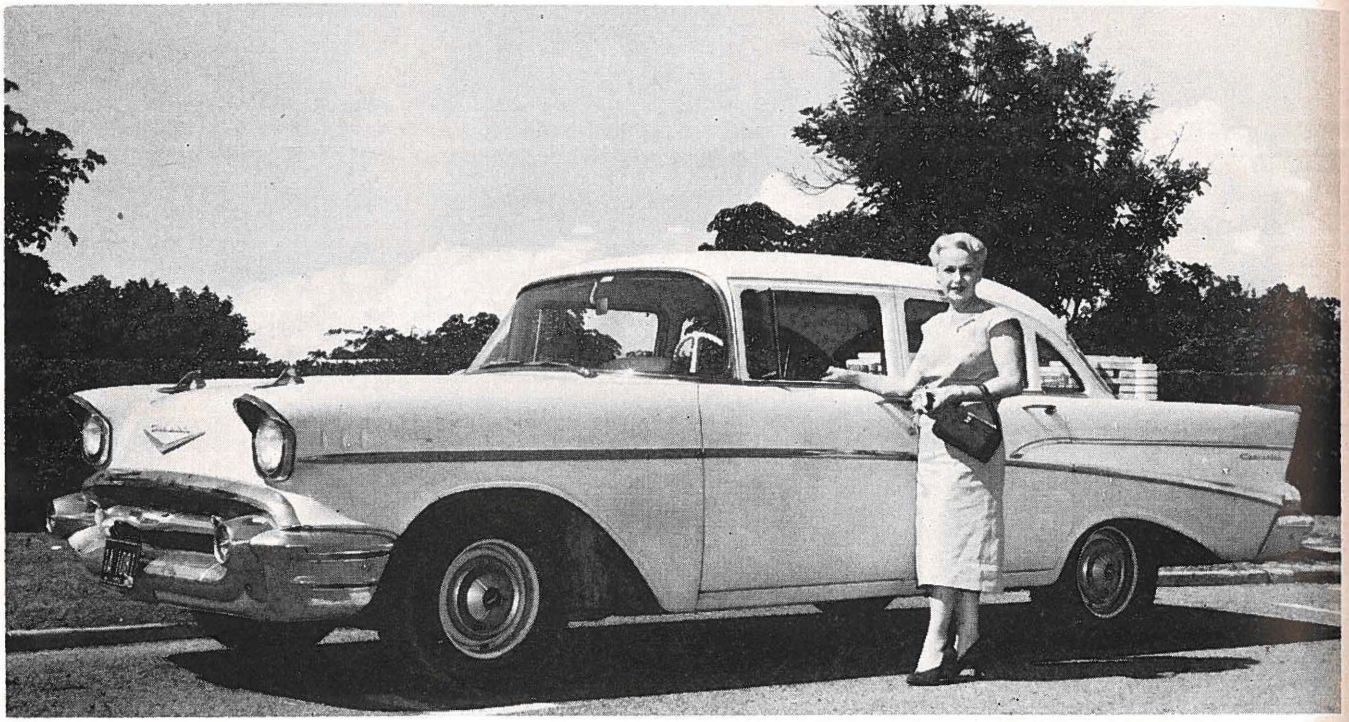
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