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Safeguarding Hawaii's skys is this F-86 Saberjet. The Saberjet is part of the 199th Fighter Squadron, Air National Guard, stationed at Hickam Air Force Base. The picture was taken from a T-33 jet trainer piloted by Richard V. Vanderburg.

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"In Memoriam"



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL WILLIAM J. WEST

30 NOVEMBER 1920 - 8 JANUARY 1956

Lieutenant Colonel West was born in Hilo, Hawaii and attended Punahou and the University of Hawaii. He enlisted in the Hawaii National Guard as a rifleman in the 298th Infantry in February 1939 and was a member of that organization until October 1940. He graduated from the Senior R.O.T.C. of the University of Hawaii in June 1941. Called to active duty on the 8th of December 1941, he served with the 25th Infantry Division until May 1945, and participated in the Guadalcanal, northern Solomon campaign and the Philippine liberation, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

After his honorable discharge from active duty in August 1946, Colonel West rejoined the Hawaii National Guard as Captain in November of that same year and has served continuously since then. At the time of his death, he was Personnel and Public Information Officer and Editor of the Hawaii Guardsman Magazine.

We of the Editorial Staff have lost a loyal, conscientious comrade. His untiring efforts to improve the magazine for the members of the Hawaii National Guard, will be sorely missed. We will endeavor to maintain the high standards for which he strived.

RECRUITING REPORT!

Sgt. Ambrose B. M. Pare

On 1 November 1955 the "Recruiting Office, Military Department" was officially established. This office was charged with responsibility for the establishment and development of contacts, both within the HNG and outside, necessary to insure accomplishment of the three main objectives of the recruiting effort. The generation of ideas for publicity projects eminating from the recruiting office and from outside sources; and the development and coordination of these projects was the "order of the day". Here are some of the projects of the recruiting office completed or now underway.

The National Guard radio series "Lets Go To Town" was placed with ten different radio stations throughout the island chain for thirty-two weeks. They will use these transcriptions through June of '56.

The 298th RCT put on an effective demonstration at the Thanksgiving day double header football game at Honolulu Stadium in November. A helicopter drop of leaflets was performed before the 25,000 persons present.

Copies of the USARPAC separation orders are received by this office. From these our units are provided with a list of veterans to contact in their own particular areas.

A large quantity of printed matter (over 35,000 copies of brochures of various types) have been distributed by cooperating business firms and merchants to the homes of their customers. The laundries of Honolulu cooperated by including the "Your Son" brochure in the packages of laundry that were delivered to the homes on their runs. A special localized brochure was printed especially for the Hawaii National Guard and included in this distribution.

Contact was made with the PTA organizations of the major high schools and speakers are to be provided them at their forthcoming meetings.

The 298th contacted the student editors of the various High Schools and successfully conducted a Student Press Conference at the Adjutant General's conference room.

"Twelve Came Forth" . . . and Lt. John Carrol, Intelligence and Reconnaisance Platoon Leader, Hq & Hq Co, 298th RCT conducts a "dry run" previous to swearing in new recruits.



Those attending the conference were enthusiastic and indicated that their cooperation would include coverage of the conference in school publications.

Commencing on 23 January, Consolidated Amusement will began the National Guard film short "Your National Guard" through all their neighborhood theatres on Oahu and throughout the Island chain. The first showing of the film was at the Liberty Theatre on 23 January.

Hawaiian Telephone Company put a Hawaii National Guard message on their time signal (dial 500) during the week of 8-15 January. "Young men join the Hawaii National Guard and serve at home."

Honolulu Rapid Transit Company cooperated fully by placing enlistment and recruiting posters in all their busses during the month of January.

The 298th, Signal and Ordinance companies conducted a series of demonstrations during the month of January at the Ala Moana park. Demonstrations were as follows: A sham battle demonstrating the attack of a fortified position was performed on 8 January; 15 January, demonstration of Signal and Ordinance equipment; Construction of an engineer footbridge under fire was performed on 22 January; and finally on 29 January the evacuation of casualties from a battlefield was conducted by the Medical Company of the 298th RCT. These demonstrations were well attended and we received many favorable compliments from the viewing public.

The recruiting office with the help and assistance of the PIO at USARPAC produced 5 short film sequences for use on TV stations. Guardsmen and local persons were used, completely localizing these productions. These were then distributed to TV Stations. As of this writing some have appeared many times!

Utilizing National Guard personnel, with 20 men and 10 quarter ton vehicles on two successive days the entire commercial area of Honolulu was approached directly, store by store, shop by shop. By this means the recruiting office was able to distribute effectively thousands of counter and window posters publicizing the Hawaii National Guard.

Commencing as of 29 January in the Honolulu Advertiser a weekly column will be written entitled "On Guard". The column will be provided by the recruiting office in an effort to make Hawaii National Guard information available to the public as well as interested Guardsmen.

The Governor, Samuel Wilder King; the Adjutant General Fred W. Makinney, and Chief of Staff HNG Col. Robert L. Stevenson appeared on Ella McLaine's 15 minute radio program "Womans World" Saturday 21 January. The question and answer period referred directly to the Armed Forces Reserve Act and the role of the National Guard in that connection, and was directed at the housewife. Another similar program is planned for the Joe James Custer 15 minute commentary as well as another on Radio KGU of a dramatic nature.

Most of the Radio Stations have cooperated with the HNG recruiting effort by using the several radio spot announcements that have been provided them by the recruiting office. These are varied from time to time so as to support all the units of the Army and Air National Guard.

(Chart showing the standings of the various units in their recruiting effort)

Org'n.	*Net Gain*	*Recruiting Quota*	*% of Quota Achieved*
Hq Det HNG	12	12	100%
120th MP Co	9	9	100%
120th Sig Co	5	15	33%
613th Ord Co	4	6	67%
158th AAA Bn	13	72	18%
298th RCT	144	375	38%
299th RCT	76	129	59%

There were many more publicity projects which the recruiting office has engaged or supported such as the unit visitation of the various schools, etc. But the main thing is that the recruiting office is doing the job of SUPPORT of the recruiting effort.

It was our hope at the time of this writing that we could report to you that all units had reached their "quota" in the recent recruiting campaign. Some have but most have not!

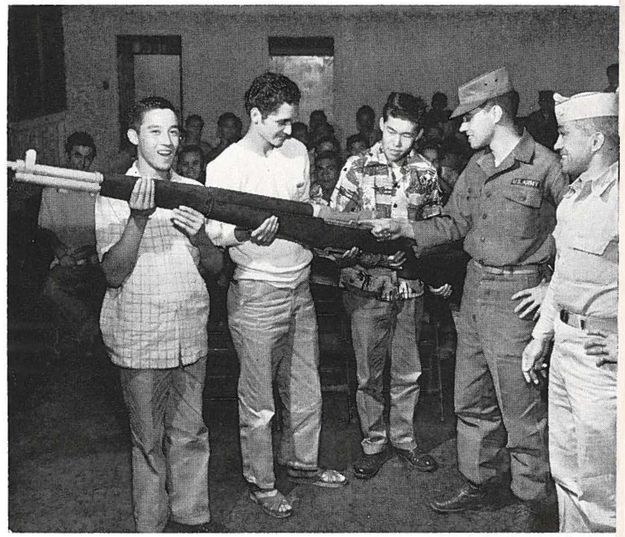
It is not the intention of the recruiting office to belittle the efforts of those Guardsmen who have contributed of their time and effort and have wholeheartedly faced the grave situation that the Hawaii National Guard finds itself strengthwise; we could not adequately express our thanks for their help and support. But it certainly is the intention of the recruiting office to make it clear that those publicity projects in which this office has been engaged in the last several months serve only as SUPPORT of the recruiting effort. Once again in the final analysis its the individual man that counts and is expected to produce the results.

Few Guardsmen realize the serious nature of this Recruiting Effort. Few realize that the Hawaii National Guard at one time ranked with the top three states and territories of the nation strengthwise; and that today it is running very low on the list and steadily dropping still further. Such a thing reflects on the Hawaii National Guard and its personnel and leads one to ask this question: "Are you doing your part for your Hawaii National Guard, community and nation?"

Recruiting should be a full time, year round job for every Guardsman. Sell your Guard to your friends, family, employers and teachers. Ask for their support and kokua. Go out and get some of the many friends that you know, work or study with; bring them to drill, show them around, and get them in!

If you are personally not familiar with the many advantages that the National Guard has to offer ask your unit commander or see the recruiting office. Here is their telephone number, 737222 . . . call them! They have recruiting brochures for every purpose and all types of persons, students, veterans, businessmen etc. They have all the information on the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1955 and a vast quantity of printed matter on the subject of recruiting.

Hawaii has always ben proud of its standing among the other states and territories of the nation . . . LET'S GET BACK UP THERE WHERE WE BELONG . . . ON TOP!



"The one that you will carry will not be this big" enlistees were assured as they were explained the workings of the M-1 Rifle by SFC Henry Enos of the 298th RCT. Major John Maumu, former "All American", and S-1 for the 298th RCT, looks on approvingly.

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109th AC & W — Sand Island Relocation

Capt. Robert H. Hite

The 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, finally found a permanent installation. Within the span of five, short years, the squadron moved from its original location at Battery Closson, Ft. Kamehameha, to Koko Head Radar Station, and now, to its new radar site at Sand Island. The relocation was officially effected on 16 November 1955.

The relocation of the 109th AC&W Squadron had been contemplated for some time. Although Koko Head Radar Station was under the jurisdiction of the US Air Force, several factors precluded that station from being considered for a permanent home for the squadron. Initially, the basic reason for the unit moving from Ft. Kamehameha to Koko Head was of the fact the 109th AC&W Squadron will have ready access to a radar set and other auxiliary equipment that will be necessary to accomplish the mission of the squadron.

The new radar station, located about a mile Ewa of the 49th State Fair grounds, is a back door neighbor to the controversial proposed oil refinery site. This was formerly the Federal Quarantine Station, and more recently during World War II, it was the headquarters for prisoners of war and other political undesirables. The area is now enclosed with fencing, and within its confines there are over fourteen buildings that the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron will have access to during its normal weekly drills and during the annual field training.

Although relocating to Sand Island, the 109th AC&W Squadron will not abandon the operational site at Koko Head Radar Station. The radar operations personnel will still maintain vigilance at that site during the normal Sunday drills, and the Koko Head installation will further supplement the training at Sand Island. Thereby combat proficiency would be maintained at a high level. The new home of the squadron will house an Early Warning-Ground Control Intercept Station and an Air Defense Control Center. These will be the nerve center of the air defense system for the Hawaii Air National Guard. The squadron is in the process of installing a radar set for the EW-GCI station. This AN/FPS-8 is one of the latest radar gear manufactured by General Electric for the United States Air Force. By commissioning this radar set, the Squadrons' area of coverage will be increased immeasurably.

Substantial sums of money have been invested into

this Sand Island installation by the National Guard Bureau for the Hawaii Air National Guard. Through the close scrutiny of Col. Valentine A. Siefermann, Chief of Staff (Air), Hawaii Air National Guard, and Lt. Col. Woods, Purchasing and Contracting Officer, Hawaii National Guard, the rehabilitation of the installation was far less costly than even the critics had anticipated. The initial phase of the rehabilitation started in April of 1955. Due to the immenseness of the project, progress seemed slow and discouraging; however, things started to shape up about August of 1955. Momentum picked up, and by October the area was ready for occupancy. Then the phasing-in from Koko Head started.

The squadron personnel participated in "Operations Clean-Up" during the Sunday drills and is a matter of four weekends, the area was transformed from a typical, tropical jungle to a fairly, well kept estate or a country club. The squadron air technician personnel effected the move from Koko Head to Sand Island during the week enabling the Squadron to relocate with a minimum of delay and confusion.

Radar is not the only business within the confines of this sprawling twelve and one half acres of land. The support elements, such as, personnel and administration, supply, food service, utilities, vehicle maintenance, and communications operations, function at Sand Island also. To properly secure and store thousands of dollars worth of technical and organizational supplies, a new 4,000 square foot Butler type supply building is in the process of construction. The latest type of equipment will be utilized to facilitate the proper handling and accounting of the multitude of electronics parts and the squadron's ever increasing organizational supplies.

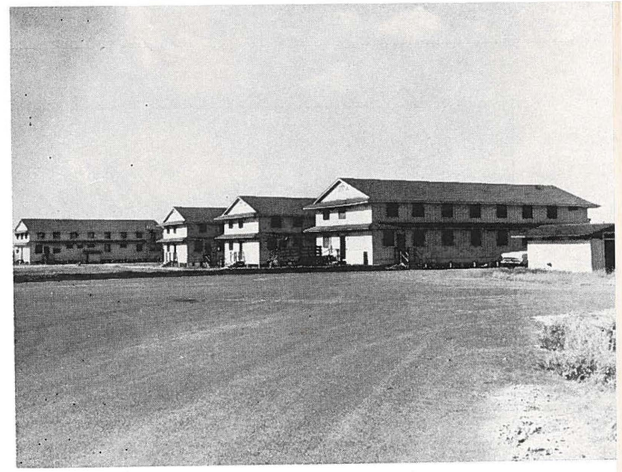
The huge administration building, with more than 25 rooms, will be occupied by the commander, air advisor's office, adjutant, personnel, communications, electronics, training and many other offices.

In preparation for the forthcoming field training in June, the squadron will utilize the 4 two-story barracks to billet the airmen. In comparison to the Koko Head site, where the majority of the airmen were required to be quartered in squad tents, this installation will be a paradise. The officers will be billeted in a Spanish tile, stucco building, adjacent to the administration building.

The food service section has a building of its own with modern up-to-date equipment in the kitchen. Steam tables have been installed, and enough closet spaces have been built to make any restaurant envious of its spaciousness. The large dining hall can accommodate one hundred at one sitting, however, with proper facilities, this capacity can be increased to two hundred. With these improved quarters, the food service section can now better train its assigned personnel.

The communications section has a barracks building assigned for its operation. Antenna farm will be erected adjacent to the communications building so that the latest ground to ground communications equipment can be installed. Information received on radio communication will be relayed to the Air Defense Direction Center (GCI station) or to the Air Defense Control Center (ADCC) for immediate dissemination. The huge communication net will eventually tie-in with the air defense of the Hawaiian Islands.

To further increase the capabilities of the 109th

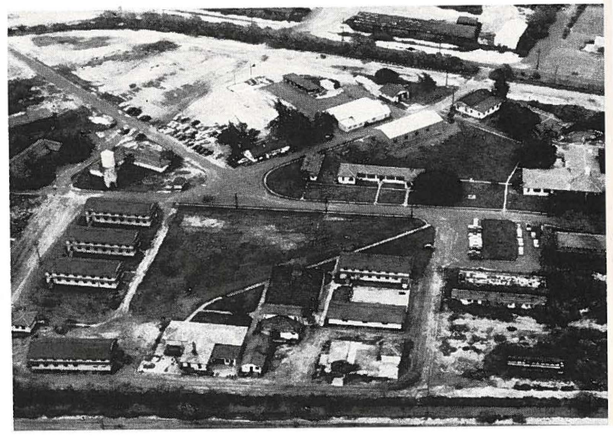


These barracks buildings will be the quarters for the Airmen of the 109th AC&W Sq during the forthcoming field training. Normally during the weekly training periods, they will be utilized as classrooms.

AC&W Squadron in case of mobilization, the squadron assumed an additional mission of operating an Air Defense Control Center. In conjunction with this, the unit received new control center equipment called the AN/GSA-12. This set of equipment is one of the latest types of control centers used in the Air Defense Command. Very shortly, the Air Defense Control Center of the Hawaii Air National Guard will be fully operational. With few changes, this center may be utilized as the secondary or the back-up ADCC for the Air Force should the need arise.

The members of the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, fully realize the importance of the role of the squadron in the air defense of the Islands. With the relocation of the unit to Sand Island Installation, each officer and airman silently renewed his pledge to better qualify himself to the best of his ability to the position he is assigned in the squadron, so that he will be a better citizen soldier in peace and in war.

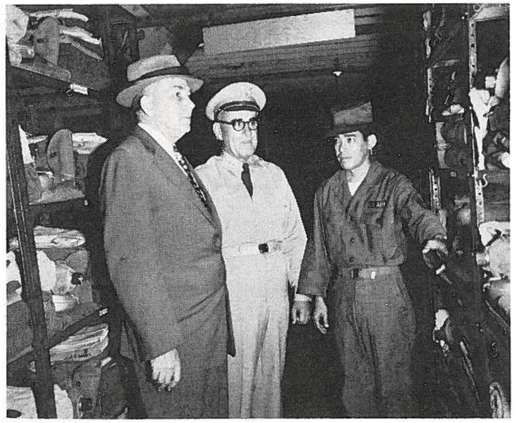
This is a "bird's eye" view of the new home of the 109th AC&W at Sand Island. Many dilapidated buildings in the area will be demolished by the UH Army Engineers.





What's New





Secretary Milton expressed a great deal of interest in the Hawaii National Guard and the USAR units here in the Islands. He is shown here with Major General Fred W. Makinney, Adjutant General of the Territory of Hawaii, inspecting the equipment of the Hv Mort Co, 298th RCT. Sfc Harry S. Iha (far right) assisted in the inspection.

Hugh Milton, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Forces was here with Secretary of the Army Brucker. Mr. Milton called on the Governor and after a briefing by the Governor's staff visited one of the supply rooms of the 1st Battalion, 298th Infantry. He was much impressed by the set up there. Excerpts from the statements of Mr. Milton follow: "I am very gratified with the state of training that I find both with the National Guard and the Reserve . . . General Makinney has a good training program, and his strength is such as to give us a sense of security in the National Guard . . . The reserve program both in its Officer procurement and in the training — the National Guard and USAR — is as fine as I have seen anywhere in the states."

Outdoor Training

From February through June units of the Hawaii National Guard will be found abandoning their armories on various weekends to accomplish their outdoor training. Principally, the outdoor training will consist of individual weapons qualification firing, however, it will also include crew serve weapon and specialist training and preparation for field training.

This year commanders are given the alternative of conducting their weekend drills on an outdoor or multiple drill basis. The outdoor drill is the same system used by the Army HNG in the past which allows one outdoor drill in lieu of one armory drill. The multiple drill is a system newly instigated for the Army National Guard which allows one multiple drill in lieu of two armory drills. The Air Guard has used the multiple drill system for a number of years with excellent results.

During their record firing units will be striving to qualify each man as high as possible in order to boost the companies figure of merit. Based on the number of individuals qualified in each classification (expert, marksman or sharpshooter) the figure of merit is one of the most important National Guard competitions. State winners are matched on an Army Area and National basis for the Pershing Trophy and the NGA Trophy; both are high National Guard honors.

Pilot Training

How would you like to be a jet-fighter pilot and fly the F-86 Sabre-jet with Hawaii's Air Guard? The biggest hurdle has recently been overcome. The necessary two written tests and the flying physical can now be administered at Hickam before an individual has to enlist in the Air Guard. In addition to any young man applying, this also opens the door to any Guardsman without interrupting his continuous service in his present unit.

Outdoors, on the spot training. These actions speak much louder than any words.



The pilots presently assigned to the fighter squadron are of two general backgrounds; those with World War II experience and those who have received their wings through the Air National Guard. A few pilots leave active duty and join the Squadron each year. There are some tactical pilot vacancies still open.

The Hawaii Air National Guard is sending the best of Hawaii's young men through USAF flying schools under the Air National Guard quota. After active duty schooling is completed, the new Lieutenant jet-fighter pilot returns home to fly to his hearts content as a Guardsman with the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. At the present time there are eleven in flying school under this program two others have just received their class assignments and three more have recently passed all their tests.

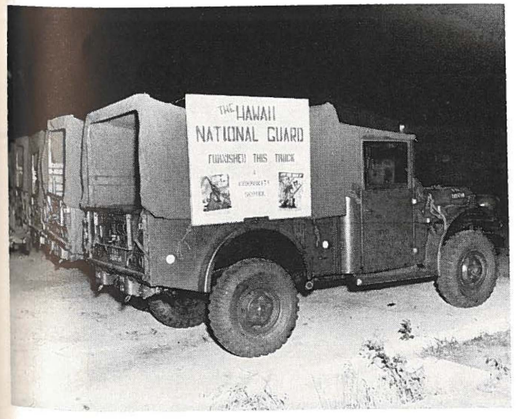
The basic requirements are simple: unmarried, age 19-26½, high school graduate, and no selective service induction date.

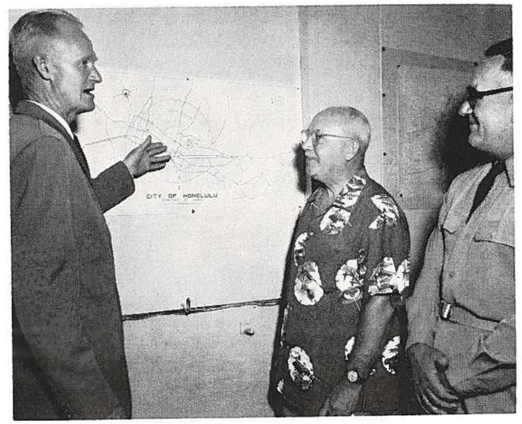
If you'd like to fly, see if you can qualify for wings and a commission! Contact the Squadron at Hickam today and get further details or phone 40511 extension 42240.

Post Office Gets Trucks

The Hawaii National Guard came to the rescue once more during the recent Christmas Holidays and provided vehicles to the Post Office. The Post Office, every year buried in the holiday rush, gratefully acknowledged the helping hand. Signs were attached to each truck acknowledging the donation and wishing the best in holiday greetings to all. Postmaster for Honolulu, Mr. Albert Lino, expressed his sincere thanks to the Hawaii National Guard for their splendid cooperation. "They not only provide the trucks but they keep them rolling. If any sort of a breakdown occurs the trucks are repaired immediately and are on the job once more the next day. They (the National Guard) are really doing a terrific job" he said.

Shown here some of the many trucks donated to the Post Office during the recent Christmas Holidays. "The Hawaii National Guard furnished this truck — a community service."





Shown here, left to right: visiting General Kreber with Col. Byrne and Maj. General Makinney.

Major General Leo M. Kreber, Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense for the state of Ohio, who's visit here in the islands was an informal one for the Christmas holidays, found time, with Major General Fred W. Makinney, Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense for the Territory, to view Hawaii National Guard facilities at Fort Ruger as well as the local Civil Defense structure here in the Islands. General Kreber was "favorably impressed" with the National Guard facilities here as well as the Civil Defense program in Hawaii. Col. B. A. Byrne (USA Ret), Plans and Training officer for the Territorial Civil Defense accompanied them on the tour.

National Guard Building Program

A nation-wide fund raising program will be conducted throughout the National Guard of the United States to raise the funds for the construction of a National Guard Memorial Building in Washington, D.C. This building has been described as "a perpeutal monument to the thousands of National Guardsmen who have given their lives in all wars from the Revolution to Korea". The National Guard Association of the United States has approved and authorized this project and the Adjutants' General Association has formally accepted the quotas set for each of the states and territories.

The total sum to be raised is $1,407,140. Hawaii's quota is $15,085. Organizational quotas for the major units of the Hawaii National Guard will be established. Operating committees and progress officers will be announced shortly by Colonel Robert L. Stevenson, Chief of Staff, who has been named Chairman of the National Guard Building Fund for Hawaii. Promotional material to assist in raising the necessary funds has been received from the National Guard Association and will be distributed shortly.

Various means will be employed to raise Hawaii's quota. However it is expected that the quota can best be met by using two basic plans. The major revenue will be raised by asking each officer to contribute one day's pay. The next best source of revenue is voluntary contribution from all personnel on each training assembly. This is known as the 'Penny a Drill' plan. More details will be furnished at the time the promotional material is fur-

nished. The Adjutant General is confident that the officers and men of the Hawaii National Guard (Army and Air) will meet Hawaii's quota.

Annual General Inspection

The FY 1956 Annual General Inspections for the Hawaii National Guard are complete with the ratings showing a definite improvement over previous years. The chart below shows the FY 56 ratings as compared to those of FY 55.

Ratings	*FY 1956**		*FY 1955*	
	No. of Units	*%*	*No. of Units*	*%*
SUPERIOR	22	41%	15	25%
EXCELLENT	29	54%	40	65%
SATISFACTORY	3	5%	6	10%
UNSATISFACTORY	0	0%	0	0%

*Only 54 units inspected during FY 1956 due to waiving of annual inspection for 158th AAA Bn and Co M 298th Inf because of Federal Recognition inspections held previously.

The improvement was of sufficient significance to prompt a letter from Lt General Bruce C. Clarke, Commanding General, USARPAC, commending the Hawaii National Guard. General Clarke wrote:

"Dear General Makinney:

The consolidated results of the annual general inspection of the Hawaii National Guard came to my attention today. The overall results were very fine and the improvement over FY 1955, the rating for which was better than excellent, showed a definite trend upward.

The attention to administration and management by the units of your command is most outstanding.

The results reflected in these reports strengthen my opinion that the Hawaii National Guard is a superior unit. Please accept my congratulations on your fine organization.

I have advised Governor King and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau of my pleasure with the results of the inspection."

With the large number of *Superior* ratings it will prove difficult to select a winner for the CG, USARPAC, Trophy. The results are now being tabulated and will be announced in March 1956.

After this year year's fine showing it becomes increasingly difficult to continue our upward trend. Those units that achieved *Superior* must be maintained at the current level while those with lesser rating must strive toward improvement.

The entire Hawaii National Guard is to be congratulated on their outstanding performance of duty which resulted in the high ratings received in the Annual General Inspections.

Advisor Notes

During the period 16-19 January 1956, all commissioned advisors of the Hawaii National Guard Advisor Detachment assembled at Fort Ruger, Oahu, T. H., for an annual orientation conference. It is proposed to conduct this conference each year at Fort Ruger during the month of January.

The purposes of the conference are as follows:

a. To bring conferees up to date on policies of the Senior Army Advisor.
b. To permit exchange of ideas for the overall benefit of the Detachment and the Hawaii National Guard.
c. To present areas of difficulty and propose solutions therefor.
d. To enable conferees to meet with members of the Hawaii National Guard staff and discuss and clarify items of mutual interest.
e. To discuss plans for annual Field Training. The conferees from the outer islands were brought to Honolulu by the Air National Guard.



Noscaredem, tired after the long Christmas Holiday has decided to stay at home for awhile. Fox Company in Hilo retains the lowest percentage (23.6%) of aggregate authorized strength of any of our army units as of 31 January. So no travel orders will be issued until some other unit occupies the basement.

Lt Gen Bruce C. Clarke, CG, USARPAC, and Maj Gen Makinney, AG, HAW, spoke to the conferees during the conference.

Many problem areas were discussed and it was felt by all concerned that the conference was a success.

New arrivals: Major Rufus E. Hunt, Signal Technical Advisor; Major James R. Reed, Jr., 2nd Bn, 298th Inf; Major James Castrale, 2nd Bn, 299th Inf; Major Royce L. Lain, 1st Bn, 299th Inf.

Major Lain will replace Lt Col Robert L. Newell as unit advisor to the 1st Bn, 299th Infantry on Maui. Col Newell will take over the 1st Bn of the 298th Inf at Fort Ruger during the early part of February.

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Demonstration at the Ala Moana



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A great deal of careful planning went into the Demonstrations at the Ala Moana Park during January 1956.

The late Colonel William West came up with the idea that a public display of the National Guard's tactical forces and equipment in action would differ from the other demonstrations heretofore put on by other reserve components and be of tremendous interest to the public. The Ala Moana Park lent itself perfectly to such demonstrations in all considerations; size, location, accessability to the public, popularity with the public. A letter was promptly written to the Parks Board for permission and to reserve the park for the National Guard's usage during the four Sundays of January. Their response was in the affirmative and the "show was on the road."

It was Colonel West's intention that these displays be as comprehensive as possible and that within the realm of practicability all of the varied and different types of units in the National Guard be presented. He, therefore, called upon the 298th RCT, the 613th Ordinance Co., and the 120th Signal Co. to present their several plans for such a demonstration; assigning each separate Sundays during January. It went without saying that the 111th Army Band was to be used before each demonstration. (They worked on all four Sundays.)

A large map of the Ala Moana area was procured from the Parks Board and G-1 and the Recruiting Office proceeded to establish the areas of the several demonstrations, map out exact proceedures, have signs and banners made, and supervise all the many details that such "shows" require. Colonel West also, in order to establish and determine the damage that the explosives planned to be used would do to the grass, tested the various "bombs" on the front lawn of the Fort Ruger Headquarters area. Various precautionary measures were tested . . . coffee can tops under each explosive etc. (These were later abandoned during the actual demonstrations as being impractical).

It was decided that the 298th RCT would take the first Sunday of 8 January for their demonstration of an "attack on a fortified position." This demonstration was carried out in keeping with the wishes of Colonel West who wanted "as much noise and action as possible."

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FIELD TRAINING DATES ANNOUNCED!

On 9 January, 1956 the Adjutant General's office, G-3, published a letter announcing the field training dates and outlining the requirements insofar as the training during the encampment will be concerned. Dates, places, etc. follow:

ORGANIZATION	*DATES*	*BASE CAMP*
Special Troop Units	9-23 June	Schofield Barracks
299th RCT (110th Ar Band)	9-23 June	Schofield Barracks
298th RCT (111th Ar Band)	17 June-1 July	Schofield Barracks
487th FA BN (Tk Co 299th I)	9-23 June	Pohakuloa, Hawaii
158th AAA Bn	16-30 June	WAFB Tentative
Detachments (Adv & Rear)	To be announced	
109th AC&W - HQ HANG	9-23 June	Sand Island
199th FIS - 8199 RTS	9-23 June	Kaneohe

So Guardsmen see your employers early and get started on the necessary arrangements for your attendance at the encampment. The word is out that all MUST attend so we are looking forward this year to that 100% attendance rating.

Latest news just received before publication has it that Area X hasn't changed much. This is to bad from a personal comfort point of view but probably better from the training standpoint. After all what did we expect, the Royal Hawaiian Hotel?

Adding the touch of realism to training in the field there is still cold water, bare ground and dust, weeds and all the other attractive features that add up to a wonderful two weeks of adventure, companionship, exercise, plentiful and good food masterfully prepared . . . and best of all comprehensive and practical training aimed at teamwork and education in things military. We're looking forward to getting away from the humdrum, monotonous activity of city life, punching in and punching out, this class and that class. For two whole weeks someone will have to take over our jobs, Dad will have to mow his own lawn, Mom will have to do her own shopping while we will walk, run, crawl through 15 days of sun and fresh air. So tell your employers, teachers, parents and friends early; tell them NOW!

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



The membership of the Hawaii National Guard Association was stunned to learn of the death of our editor, Lt Colonel William J. West and it is the Association's desire to express its deepest symapthy to Mrs. West. The outstanding work done by Colonel West will long be remembered for it was through his untiring efforts and his desire to maintain a high standard, that our publication has earned a position of distinction.

As we enter the year 1956, our annual armory inspections have been completed and we begin a new phase in our operations. Units are now drafting their training programs for the annual field training exercises as well as the armory training program for FY 57. Along with the training programs, particularly the annual encampment, we cannot help but think of recruiting and increasing the membership of our Association. All commanders MUST make every effort to "sell" our magazine to their units thereby increasing the subscriptions by a substantial figure. We need the moral and financial support of everyone connected with HNG. The Association is again laying out the "Welcome mat" for all new members who will join during the annual field training period. We must all strive to have 100% membership as we require unity in order to increase our strength, thereby enabling us to attain our goals.

Recruiting of enlisted men pursuant to the AG's recruiting program has, in some instances, been highly successful; while in others it has been mediocre. All officers and men must "sell" the recruiting program to the fullest and carry on in an effective manner the excellent publicity and ground work which was laid for the January 1956 drive. Our youth must be made cognizant of their responsibility to serve in the Armed Forces, and it is our task to convince them that ours is the best organization in which to retire their reserve obligation.

The officers and members of this Association extend to each and every member and potential member of the Hawaii National Guard, a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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SPECIAL TROOPS

By SGT M. FERNANDEZ

Three cheers for the red white and blue and here we are once again with the latest from the cuffs of the special troops. Since IG is over and I hope that you Special Troops people have made superiors galore, we are looking forward to an intensive and prosperous New Year. Let's review the IG ratings first before we go into the news.

Hq Det	Excellent
120th Sig	Excellent
120th Mp	Excellent
613th Ord	Superior

Well not bad I see for special troops. Keep up the good work but let us see a little more of them superiors. Let's take a stroll down to the ordnance outfit and see what's cooking with them.

Every year at Christmas time, the 613th Ordinance Company, in a real, honest to goodness demonstration of Christmas spirit, does it's bit for the cheer of the season and its enjoyment by the younger set. This year saw their annual Christmas party attended by more children than ever before. The hall was filled to capacity, a complete sell out! (It was free.) Before what seemed like a battalion of kids the show began.

First the opening addres was made by the unit commander, (which the younger set did not appear to be too interested in), and then on to the merriment and special holiday program. 613th opened with Christmas carols sung by the Glee Club in that robust and special manner that is so much the spirit of Christmas. Happy faces gave way to laughs and cheers with the special appearance of two of Hawaii's favorite children entertainers, Sheriff Ken and the man with the banjo Bill Cocker. Sheriff Ken, known in Hawaii by all children Television viewers, gave off with some of his favorite range stories and a few jokes from the corral. Bill Cocker did his part with several songs and was called back by the kids for several encores.

But what Christmas party is a success without the old man of Christmas himself? The 613th was not to be outdone in this department and provided not only the old man man himself but built specially for him a brand new sleigh, (on wheels) in which the merry Santa arrived. As big as the sleigh was, Santa did have some difficulty fitting into the drivers seat and (your reporter noticed) considerable difficulty getting out, and up to the stage where he proceeded to give to every one of the (estimated) thousand children present a sock full of candy. Coco Cola upon their entrance to the hall provided each and every one with a hat. (Advertising their product.)

Sgt Fernandez was great as Master of Ceremonies rivaling the best that the more commercial but not more entertaining commercial "Beat the Clock" program had to offer. His performance was light hearted, entertaining and he had a stage presence that was near captivating. (At least to the kids!)

Their eyes were big, their laughs merry, and their attention rigid . . . yes they had a good time!

This annual Christmas party, given each year by the men of the 613th has grown and grown in attendance each time so that now they are more than a little worried about enough space to hold all the children that attend. Prizes for the "Beat the Clock" program (children's version) were donated by the men of the 613th. And the game was complete and included penalty prizes which included whipped cream squirted in the face of one of the luckless contestants. The men of the Ordinance worked hard and gave of their time and talents to make the stage sets, organize the program, make the prizes, rehearse the Glee Club, and arrange the appearance of the guests. As happy as they are to do this, no one could have been happier than the kids themselves. You should have heard their laughter and singing . . . seen the look in their eyes . . . I believe their story now, sure! there's a Santa Claus!

Old 613th himself was here again and he did a splendid job. (Santa Claus)

Well since the IG is over it seems another big task has come up not only for one unit but for the whole guard. Yep! It's recruiting and bringing the Companies up to their authorized strength. 613th not being satisfied with their reduced strength has asked for their authorized full strength, and are on their way to secure an additional Forty men. It all units in the National Guard were like the 613th we would be classed as the best National Guard in the nation.

Well enough chitter chatter about Ordnance and go see what's cooking with the other units that is Detachment Signal and MP's. So let's start off first with Detachment.

After having completed a successful course at their respective schools Major Wm. J. Meyer and Major Forest Hatfield have returned. Major Meyer attended Associate Infantry Officers course Advanced, and Major Hatfield attended the Commanding General Staff Officers Course. In their recruiting campaign and Detachment picked up 14 men and lost 2 men still to make their full strength. On their last two men they were transferred from 2nd Bn to make the full strength and they were Pvt E-2 Sugai and Agcaoili.

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Capt H. Gushiken and his bowling five lost to the almighty 613th and dropped from the 2nd to the 4th place. Hard luck gang, but don't give up the ship now! Keep going.

The 120th MP Co has pushed the recruiting campaign and went off with a big bang to come up with full strength which is 130 men. On their last report it seems that one man because of ETS dropped it down to 129 men but the MP's report that there are 4 more prospects to make up for that one man loss. Now that there are two sergeants openings the corporals are taking tests to fill these two vacancies. As yet no results have come up but here's wishing all you Corporals the best of luck.

Bowling news sees it this way. The 613th is in first place with the B team of 120th MP is second place at the time of this printing. The Rifle team was third in the standings of the Special Troops section.

At the 120th Sig Co here's what's cooking. Good news has it that in December 5 five promotions from Sgt to SFC were received with glad and opened arm men. They were Tam, Sing, Chang, Fujimoto, and Jones. The 120th Sigs lasses has it that a man that's capable and respected in his job Sgt Advisor Campbell has been reassigned to a new unit and station. Taking his place with a big job on his hands is SFC Cliff Lavinder. Here's wishing you luck in your new job Sarge.

Taking advantage of the recruiting campaign to put their Company up to their authorized reduced strength the 120th Sig Co held a demonstration at the Ala Moana Park making a success. Having put their AN/GRC-26A in operation to work with the Ham stations from various islands, they had phone patches put in to give the public a feel of talking to other islands over radio. It gave the men of the 120th Sig Co a pretty good workout including the mess section which which kept the individual pretty happy. Returning from the Radio Operators course at Shafter we have Cpl Y. O. Hee, PFC Melvin C. M. Pang, Pvt E-2 Harold M. Nakakura and Robert Pang. Although they haven't reached their full authorized reduced strength that doesn't mean that the Company isn't a good one. Every man bring a man and you'll have that Company right up with the rest of them. Back your recruiting drive.

Back at 613th again we have quite a few new boys that are coming in and they are: transferred from Svc Co is Pvt E-2 Ah Nee. New enlistments are Ronald Diaz, Gerald Kimura, Raymond Sato, John Ornellos, Elmer Rodenhurst, and Francis Willingham. Going to Service Schools in the near future will be Sgt Louis Perry, Sgt Kenneth Lee. Have a good time at Aberdeen men and keep out of East Baltimore. It's pretty rough down in that section. Returning from school in Atlanta Georgia is Sgt Kiyoshi Sakamoto. Boy you should see that man! Is he white! Also going to school, will be two men from the Cooks and they will attend food service schools I think at Schofield Barracks.

Well I guess that's about all the dope I can give you for now and here's hoping that we'll see you in the next issue of the Guardsman! Till then so long!

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158th AAA Bn

Enthusiasm and morale in the 158th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion have greatly increased during the past month with the arrival of several pieces of equipment. These were borrowed from the 21st AAA AW Bn and the 90th FA Bn, both part of the 25th Division. They included a M5 Tractor, the prime mover for the basic artillery piece; a M16 half-track with XX quadruple mount .50 caliber machine guns on it; and a M9 machine gun trainer to teach machine gun personnel how to use their basic weapon without the expense of real ammunition.

The battalion personnel reacted very favorably when confronted with this equipment in their classes, where before they had been listening to two hours of lectures. This equipment will enable them to see, feel and use items, which although not the same as the equipment we will get, is very similar.

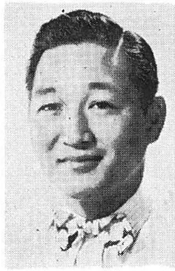
The Air Guard has also been helpful to us lending us a AN/TPS-1D Radar set and instructors to teach our personnel how to use it. As this battalion becomes fully equipped and moves on site, we will work more and more with the Air Guard with a mutual military mission, that of supplying aircraft warning and antiaircraft defense to the city of Honolulu.

Speaking of going on site, this is supposed to be accomplished sometime during the latter part of this year, at four locations in military land in Honolulu. These sites will be permanent in nature with buildings to house facilities and personnel and equipment. These sites will also supply full-time positions to numerus individuals of this battalion, who are preparing to go to Service Schools at Fort Bliss, Texas and Fort Sill, Oklahoma in February.

Our recruiting drive is swinging to a close with two demonstrations held at two of the high schools - St. Louis and Roosevelt, using pieces of equipment with which the potential recruits at these school will use if they enter the battalion. The students were very interested in the demonstrations and the results are starting to come in in the way of new men.

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299th RCT

By 2ND LT ALEY K. AUNA

At the Headquarters here in Hilo, everyone is commenting about the outstanding I.G. Inspection ratings received throughout the Combat Team. Of the twenty-nine units on Hawaii, Maui, and Molokai, 14 earned ratings of *Superior*, 12 achieved *Excellent*, and 3 were rated *Satisfactory*. Again, no units were Unsatisfactory, a fact which can be credited to the tremendous support and devotion to duty displayed by all personnel during the course of the inspections. The following ratings were attained:

SUPERIOR	EXCELLENT	SATISFACTORY
Svc Co	Hq Co	1st Bn Med Plat
Med Co (–)	Tank Co	Co G
230th Engr Co (C)	Hq Co 1	Med Det 487
110th Army Band	Co B	
Co A	Hv Mort Co	
Co C	Co E	
Co D	Co H	
Hq Co 2	Co K	
Co F	Co L	
Hq Co 3	Hq Btry 487	
Co I	Btry A	
Co M	Btry C	
Btry B		
Svc Btry		

Our hats are off to all units for their fine showing, particularly to those men who furnished their services to the Guard after normal working hours! Comments were noted by the I.G. Inspectors for the various phases of the Inspection. We would like to quote a few in recognition of their outstanding performances:

Hq Co — Sgt Roy Kimura was presented a commendation for his fine instruction and M/Sgt Mitsuo Hasegawa was chosen the all-around NCO. M/Sgt Lionel Arruda was slated to receive this honor but it was decided to give someone else a chance in view of the fact that M/Sgt Arruda has had enough commendation and awards to last him until he retires.

Tank Co — Sft Tsutomu Ueno was commended for his qualities and military bearing.

110th Army Band — Following personnel were cited for their outstanding performance: Sgt Muneo Uemura, Outstanding Squad Leader; Cpl Bernaldo Bolos, Outstanding Musician; Cpl Charles Real, Outstanding Assistant Squad Leader.

Hq Co 3 — Men in ranks were neat in appearance, and soldierly and well-discipline during the night phase of the inspection. Administrative, Maintenance, Security of Classified Documents and training were found to be superior.

Co I — Officers and men indicated an outstanding degree of leadership throughout the period of inspection.

Co K — Men were dressed in neat, clean and properly fitted uniforms. When questioned, their answers revealed that they had retained enough of their instruction to be familiar with the basic principles involved.

Co L — Training throughout the inspection were noted as excellent. The Classroom instruction were well prepared and organized. General improvements from the last inspection was commended.

Co M — Training was rated as superior due to the well prepared lessons of the instructors.

Promotions — the source of income! Since the change over of classification involving NCOs and Specialists, which became effective 1 January 1956, promotions of enlisted personnel had been suspended temporarily to facilitate the change over. Now that the conversion has been completed, recommendation for promotions are again being considered. At present, we find that these Specialists are having difficult time adjusting themselves to be known as *Specialists*. Don't worry boys, the pay is the same.

Major Reginald Lau, Regt'l S3, left on the 3rd of January to attend the Asoociate CGS Officers Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Sp3 Kenneth N. Cordeiro of the Light Aviation Section left on the 9th of January for Gary AFB to attend the Airplane Mechanic Course. M/Sgt Dominador Valledor, Company E, is on his way to Fort Benning to attend the Advance NCO Course. Meanwhile, Capt George Aoki, Commanding Officer, Hq Co. is still at Fort Benning attending the Infantry Officers Course. Capt Louis H. Pavao, Regt'l S4, will be back from the Infantry School within a couple of weeks and we are looking forward to having him back with us. Returned from the Advance NCO Course at the Engr School, Fort Belvior, Virginia, are Sfc Marcelliano Villaverde and Sfc Stanley Ferreira. Both Sgts came through with flying colors and to date are really putting on some fine instruction and demonstration for members of the 230th Engr Company.

In the realm of news about Recruiting, we note that enlistments in the Combat Team has been very excellent inspite of the tremendous competition among the Army and the Naval Reserve units. Through the efforts of participation in the "CAREER DAY" program in the various high schools with the other staff of the Armed Forces recently, we came in personal contact with these prospective members to explain their obligation when they become of age. Lt Colonel Michael R. Roman, Major John R. D'Araujo, and 2d Lt Aley K. Auna have commented that response was very good and very noteworthy. Recruiting efforts during the campaign reveals a tremendous gain and it is expected that this trend will continue throughout the remainder of the campaign. To further this campaign, the various Chambers of Commerce and radio stations have taken action to support our program. We hope to meet our goal by the end of the campaign.

Training? Here's something we quote from the Artillery!

"The battalion goes up the hill to Pohakuloa on 25-26 February 1956 to conduct service practice. This is good time of year to go up there since the mercury gets down to a brisk 32 degrees in the morning—brrrrr! Anyway, the merchants in town are getting rid of those long undies that have been on their shelves for quite some time awaiting Pohakuloa-bound soldiers to buy them."

From the 1st Battalion comes news that on Thursday, 22 December 1955, six National Guardsmen, Major August M. Nascimento, M/Sgt Frank R. Carvalho, and Sgt Richard English of Hq Co, M/Sgt John Gusman, Co D, M/Sgt Gabriel P. Moniz and Cpl Frank D. Bal of Hv Mortar Company, accompanied a Navy Rescue squad of 16 men, and battled the combined elements of fog, tough-going lava, and the oncoming darkness, as they hiked their way to the scene of a plane crash on the slopes of Haleakala, which claimed the lives of four men who were flying to Hawaii from Oahu. The rescue team arrived at the scene of the wreckage at approximately 1430 hours and began moving the bodies out at 1455 hours. Due to fog and poor visibilty, the group proceeded very cautiously down the slopes of Haleakala to the National Guard vehicles which were waiting at the base of Red Hill, arriving there at 1755 hours. After the bodies were secured on the trucks, the convoy left for the Kahului Airport at 1820 hours and were flown to Honolulu. Our congratulations to these men for their splendid job done.

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298th RCT

by WO Thomas N. C. See, Jr.

"Happy New Year to all of our readers!" Belated, but nevertheless sincere, here is your 298th reporter beginning the second year of this column. If only there were enough room to include all of the events of the past year in this one column, all news problems would be solved. In an effort to review most of these outstanding events, we have gathered several pictures for presentation at this time.

Yes, 1955 was one of the most outstanding years evidenced by this command since reactivation. Beginning the year new M-47 Tanks were introduced to our Tank Company in Wahiawa and the First Battalion accomplished an outstanding achievement by attaining 100% drill attendance on the night of April 4th. This is believed to be a record for a battalion sized unit. During Field Training we were the first to occupy the National Guard's new tent city at Area "X" in Schofield Barracks, and our Recruit Detachment was born.

Although significant, all the previous events were overshadowed by the relocation of Company M to Kekaha, Kauai, and the redesignation of the 483d Field Artillery Battalion as the 158th AAA Battalion on 1 September.

1955 was climaxed with the conclusion of highly successful I. G. Inspections. Seven units attained Superior ratings and 14 units were rated as Excellent. Company C and the 111th Army Band garnered their Sixth and Fifth Superior ratings, respectively. Other repeaters include Tank Company, Company D, and Hq & Hq Co 3d Battalion. Hq & Hq Co 1st Battalion returned to the Superior ranks after a three year drought. The only new addition the past year was Hq & Hq Company commanded by Capt. David F. deCosta. All units of the Combat Team have been praised by Commanding General, USARPAC, The Adjutant General, and the Regimental Commander for the fine showing made during the inspections.

It has been announced that Field Training dates for 1956 will be from 17 June through 1 July for all elements of this command. Plans to promote another successful encampment are already being made. Here's hoping that there will be "grass" growing in Area "X" and "hot" showers installed before we report to camp. — Well, we'll settle for twelve hour laundry service! — All kidding aside, the officers and men are ready and anxious to report for this valuable training in the field.

Our strength objective by summer camp is 2300 men. Every effort toward this goal is being made by all echelons of this command in an intensive recruiting drive. Capt. Oliver H. King was designated as 298th Recruiting Officer at the onset of this drive, and has contributed tremendously in making the public aware of the Hawaii National Guard and the Military obligation all able bodied young men of our community will incur. "Recruiting Unlimited" a weekly newsletter was born and printed for the information of all Guardsmen of the 298th RCT. This publication kept 298th personnel abreast with all recruiting developments and served as an incentive toward recruiting. Credit for the title of the newsletter should be given to MSgt Henry S. Iizaki, Regimental Sergeant Major. His suggestion won him an award of $5.00 which he generously donated to the Outstanding Recruiter in the Combat Team.

In furtherance of the recruiting effort, elements of this combat team appeared before the public at the "Turkey Day" football doubleheader and the "Shrine" football game.

Tanks of the Tank Company were used in conjunction with Infantrymen. A very impressive show, perhaps one of the first of its kind that the stadium has ever seen was forthcoming. The Tanks entered the field by the Diamond Head, Mauka gate and proceeded to the Ewa end of the field where they took up a position just to the rear of the goal posts. Machine Gun crews entered the diamond head, makai gate and proceeded to fire on the tanks which returned their fire with their heavier cannon. The tanks simulated the advance in support of the infantry troops along the track on both sides of the field. There was much noise and firing . . . all in all it was a terrific show and received many compliments from the viewing public. Captain Oliver H. King handled the opening address and explanation over the microphone ,closing with a recruiting pitch.

The show was made even more impressive at the close of the game by a leaflet drop from a helecopter. The leaflet read "Attention! Attention!", opportunity of a lifetime, travel, learn etc. and get paid for it" (not a direct quote). Thousands were dropped on the estimated 10,000 spectators (more) at the Honolulu Stadium.

All details necessary to the planning of this demonstration were handled by Captain King in conjunction and coordination with the late Colonel William West and the Recruiting Office personnel. Much work was involved and they deserve a great deal of credit for the splendid job.

Currently and since January 8th units of the Combat Team have been presenting various public demonstrations each Sunday afternoon at Ala Moana Park.

Nearly all of the High Schools have been contacted personally by representatives of the 298th and briefed on the Reserve Forces Act of 1955. In addition a student press conference was conducted by Capt. King on January 13th together with a tour of Fort Ruger Units.

The press conference was attended by representatives from all the major High Schools (Punahou and Kailua absent). Much interest was shown as judged from the many questions that were asked the moderator and the speakers. Captain King played an important role in the conference and indeed it was his planning that made the whole thing a success. Letters were sent out in advance to all the schools asking for their participation. The majority were returned with affirmative answers with regard to the attendance of their student editors.

Captain King opened the meeting with congratulations and special mention of the cooperation theretofore given by Farrington school from which over 75 men had been recently recruited.

He went on to explain first the importance of the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1955 to the student and the young men of today. "It is important for all young men to know the requirements of law with regard to their military service and the draft. It is also important that they know the several ways in which they can fullfil this obligation. The Hawaii National Guard can offer them a means by which they can remain at home in their civilian or student persuits and still fullfill their military obligation as required by law."

Many of the student editors responded with questions concerned with the age requirements involved in joining the National Guard, the training offered and the number and types of schools that are available to Guardsmen.

Captain King used charts specially prepared for presentation of the subject, and succeeded in making his talk both interesting and comprehensive.

Shortly following the presentation the editors were given a tour of the Fort Ruger area including the inside of Diamond Head crater. They found the latter especially interesting. "I always did want to see the inside of Diamond Head but somehow I didn't think it would look like this," one of the editors commented.

Returning from their trip they were treated to refreshments. Fruit punch, also ararnged by Captain King with the assistance of Mrs. Stevenson, secretary to Major General Makinney.

Summing up in a short resume Captain King emphasized the important role that student editors are able to play in the decemination of this important information to the students of the various schools. The promises made by the editors before leaving the conference concerned with the coverage that they would give this important subject in their school papers was later borne out and evidenced by receipt at the recruiting office of copies of each publication.

In nearly all instances, these efforts were successful insofar as indoctrination is concerned. Active enlistments, however, are not materializing in the manner hoped.

Although the efforts have been intensive and extensive, only a few gains have been realized. This is due primarily to numerous losses of men entering active military service or individuals leaving due to change of residence or personal hardship.

Our Second Battalion stationed in Wahiawa, Pearl City, Waialua, and Kaneohe sponsored a Military Ball for the purpose of raising funds to enhance recruiting. This ball proved highly successful as an overflow crowd attended with such notables as Bob Krauss, "Kini Popo", and Joel Dunstan (better known to the TV public as "Uncle Zach") participating. An enthusiastic beauty contest was conducted by the Second Battalion units to select a "Battalion Queen". Miss Barbara Halas representing Company G (Kaneohe) was chosen from a panel of six contestants by a board of judges headed by Col. F. A. Schaefer, III.

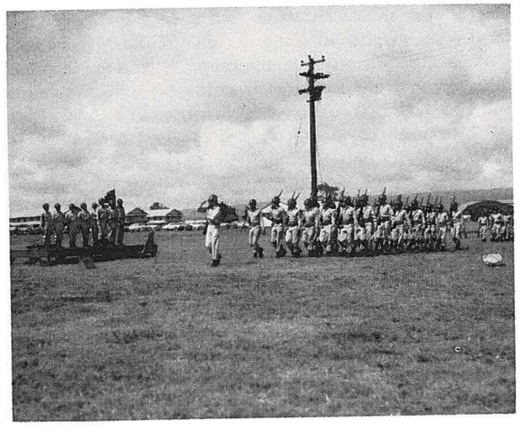
Since the onset of the recruiting drive we have enlisted over 200 men from various local high schools, nearly 40 veterans, and have accepted 22 transfers from adjacent National Guard units. This, however, is not enough to meet our goal and we are looking to our faithful followers to get the word out on recruiting, particularly to those young men 17 to 18½ years of age. We offer many advantages to men in this category, including: opportunity to fulfill his military obligation to his country!

training at home, pay and retirement benefits, jobs which would enhance his civilian skills, attendance at Mainland service schools, comradeship, and most important, the

The 298th RCT has made consistant efforts toward recruiting. We have told you in detail of only a few of the bigger things that we have done. We have touched perhaps too lightly on our visitations to the various schools which were in themselves shows and highly successful in result. You perhaps have noticed our concentrated efforts toward the students. Though we have made efforts toward veterans, and older persons in business throughout Honolulu we have nevertheless concentrated our efforts toward the recruiting of students mainly because of their impending draft call and obligatory fullfilment of military obligation. We have received much thanks from these men who were before this time not fully aware of just what they could do about "this draft business," and at the same time fullfil their obligation to the community and nation. Many were pleased to learn that their friends and acquaintances were already in the National Guard and that they would have ocmrades in arms so to speak. (Always a good selling point).

Currently, a multitude of officers and enlisted men are taking advantage of Mainland service school training. Officers furthering their military knowlegde are Captains Bernaldo Bicoy and David deCosta; Lieutenants John English, Vinusto Acohido, Albert Chong, Theodore Daligdig, John Dang, Minoru Hirabara, Roland Kanemaru, and Earl Thompson. Enlisted scholars include MSgt Raymond Toguchi, Sfc Richard Kano, and Sgt Shoichi Oku.

After many long and faithful years with the 298th Infantry, Capt. Peter K. Kaleikini resigned from the Hawaii National Guard. Capt. Kaleikini distinguished himself as one of the combat team's most outstanding



TROOPS AT ALA MOANA PARK

Troops from the First Battalion show might of 298th Infanry at Ala Moana Park. Public treated to exciting combat demonstration.

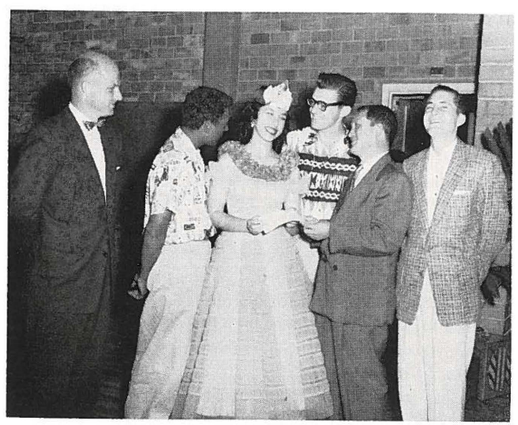
officers. In a letter of appreciation to Capt. Kaleikini, former commander of Company C; Col. F. A. Schaefer, III, stated, "Through your efforts, attention to duty, initiative and interest in your unit, you have developed an organization which, in accordance with reports of army inspectors, rates as one of the best companies in the Hawaii National Guard." Col. Schaefer went on to say, "I am sure I speak for all of the officers and men of this Combat Team when I say that your loss will be greatly felt."

Also a distinct loss to the Regiment during the past quarter, Chaplain Franklin A. Swanson resigned due to change of residence. All of the officers and men will long remember his jovial and friendly attitude, and the untiring efforts he made to bring more comfort to the troops in the field. While we say farewell to a respected gentleman, we take this opportunity to greet Chaplain Ernest W. Vetter who has been selected to replace Chaplain Swanson.

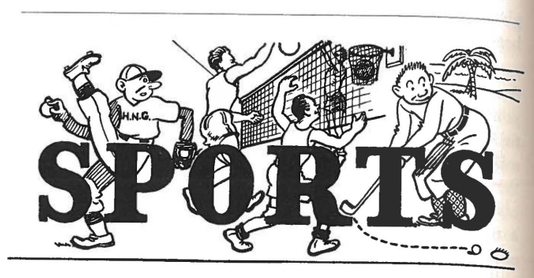
Lt. Tom T. Kimura, CO Company L, and Lt. Saburo Ito, Tank Company commander, were recently promoted to Captain on recommendation of the Regimental Commander. Announcement is hereby made that Chief Warrant Officers Ralph K. Apo, Paul S. H. Hong, Edward Miyake, and Luther Wong were also elevated to their present grade during the past quarter.

Baseball enthusiasts of the 298th make up nearly sixty-five percent of the Hawaii National Guard baseball team entered in the Hawaii Winter League. They include Bob Souza, Don DeMello, Joe DeMello, Cliff Saito, Maurice Souza, "Skippy" Cruze, Ricky Dangaran, "Beaver" Lindo, Sol Kaulukukui, Dick Souza, Larry Fuller, Corny Matsusaka, and Bill Aarona. We've got a talented team with a lot of sparkle. How about coming out to see them on Sunday at Moilili Park, and cheer the team on to the Championship!

In closing, we hope that all of our leaders will give a hand to step up recruiting! You must know someone who will benefit by joining!!



MISS 2ND BATTALION AND JUDGES
Lt. Col. Manuel Kwon presents Barbara Halas with tickets for an all expense trip to the Garden Island for being selected "Miss Second Battalion" as the approving eyes of "Kini Popo" look on. L to R: Col. F. A. Schaefer, III, "Uncle Zach", Miss Halas, "Kini Popo", Col. Kwon, and Bob Krauss.



By SGT. M. FERNANDEZ

This is your sports reporter bringing you the latest happenings in the sports field within the last quarter. The results of the 1955 HNG Basketball Championships finds Co. M 299th Infantry running first to take all honors of basketball without dropping one game to any of the contenders for the Crown. Company M trounced 613th the first night 73-64. Company M 298th defeated Company D 299th, (I don't see how it was possible) by a score of 62-52. The second night of basketball play found Company M 299th and Company M 298th vieing for the championships, but 299th came out triumphant by a score 79-40. I guess everybody was happy, for the championships were held in Maui. I understand that the 1956 Championships will be held in Kauai.

Golf is our next topic and we have quite a few golfers in the Hawaii National Guard. Leading the field is Clyde Sniffen Open Winner, and Wendell Kop, open Runnerup. Thomas Araujo, was Handicap Winner with James Fujii, Handicap Runnerup. The team championship in 1st place was C. Sniffen, W. Kawakami, W. Kop and W. Kaneko. In second place we have S. Robbins, J. Baxley, O. Kindilien, and E. Fulk. The first place winners were National Guardsmen and second place winners were members from the Instructors Detachment.

The athletic program which they have outlined for this year will in general be conducted on an Island Unit Championship basis. Island commanders will be requested to designate their championship teams from results of local eliminations. Activities will in general be conducted on the unit team level for all sports except golf and baseball.

AGO Hawaii will present trophies and penants to unit championship teams and medals or charms to individual winners participating in Territorial Championships only.

We are limited by space in this issue, however, if you want more information I suggest that you get in touch with G-3 and they will furnish you all the necessary information. Thank You and Aloha.

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Hawaii Air National Guard

The Air Guard started pushing its aviation cadet procurement program concurrently with the Army Guard's recruiting drive. We want *tiger* fighter pilots! . . . The Squadron will send the best of Hawaii's young men to USAF flying schools to win their wings and a commission so they can return and fly with us. In order to make (those who want to fly) aware of the HANG aviation cadet program, the 199th is *putting out the word* by way of radio spot announcements, TV shorts, window displays, published articles, etc.

Most ambitious of these publicity projects is the making of a movie which can be used with lectures, talks and on TV. Dreams about a Squadron movie have been in many heads for a long time. Present planning calls for forty minute production in color and with a sound track. A real extravaganza! Shooting began in January. The biggest problem so far, aside from *shooting weather*, is to simmer down the *ham-ishness* of our little theatre group. Quite a few keep looking over the their shoulders to see if a camera lens is peering at them. (Two have walked into the sides of buildings!) Some of the Squadron are now considering changing their names . . . "Tyrone" Kim, "Gregory" Luna, "Errol" Russell, "Peter" Joaquin, "Burt" Hussey, to mention a few. The first *takes*, aerial and ground, have proved breathtaking!

Going back to flying training, Lts Heilbron and Olds received their wings last December. January class assignments were received by Daivd Cowan and Thomas Tanaka, and SSGs Charles Johnston and Robert Siu have passed all their tests and forwarded their applications.

Service School *ins* and *outs!* A/3C Daniel Blanclaflor (to Cooking School), A/3C James Hong (to Auto Mech School, A/3C Guy Matsuguma (to Survival Training and Personal Eqpt School); Maj Robert Maguire (from Interceptor Controller School), TSG William Bissen (from Supply Inspection School), SSG Alloys Boschert (from Meat Cutting School), A/3C Harry Awana (from SE Jet School) and A/3C Wayne Hunter (from Basic Training School). Capt Tip Harr will be returning soon from Aircraft Maintenance Management School. He is thundering around the ZI with his new Thunderbird . . . writes "that it does 125 nicely, except in the towns and villages where this is too much humbug on the brakes!"

As in past years, extra drills have been authorized for additional aerial gunnery training. Twelve tactical pilots and forty-four support personnel participated in six additional drills on the first go-around. To sum the statistics: 108 sorties and 11,453 rounds of cal. 50. The firing passes were made above 20,000 feet — the average scores were 21.2% hits. It's coming!

To assure that the equipment measures up to the *eagle eyes*, all guns are being fired-in at Wheeler.

Capt Allen Pearson returned from his sojourn on Wake Island and rejoned the Weather Flight as its Commander. He arrived just in time for the annual inspection — it was a good one, and confirms that our weather heads have a going concern.

Notes on the backs of Christmas cards: "Eager Birdman" Mosher (flying school), "Coldest State of the Union" Sawyer (Chanute), Cadet Miholick (USAF Academy), MSG "Jingle Bells" Long (former AFSA officer).

HANG Base Supply reports that the supply system has changed again — almost on the *every six months change* schedule. In addition, the Cost Accountants for the ANG are now here. They will tabulate the cost of running each function and the total Air Base cost. Two additional Air Technician positions were authorized to support this program. The "in-commission" percentage of the F-86 fighter aircraft is on measure of aircraft maintenance proficiency. During 1954 this was 55%, and it rose to 77% for 1955. In December 1955 it hit an all time high of 88% in commission. C Flight, under the direction of MSG Albert Leong, has the best rating of the four flights.

The flights can maintain a high in commission rate only because they have the help of all the shop (specialists) personnel who back-up the line with their efficient inspection and trouble shooting of aircraft. Let's say an F-86 comes out for Periodic Inspection after having flown 100 hours. It takes an average outfit about 12 days to tear it down, inspect it, and put it back together again so it is safe to fly. Our average is 7 days!

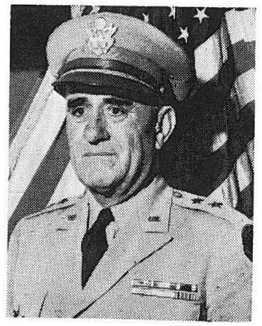
The aircraft comes into the hangar, the aft section is removed, the engine pulled and taken to the engine shop where MSG Mau's crew digs into it thoroughly. Aside from the engine, every functioning part of the aircraft; instrument, hydraulic, landing gear, and thousands of other things have to be checked. A "safety of flight" shakedown is then made by the inspectors and the air craft is ready to be test flown. The test pilot flies the air craft for about an hour, wringing it out with spins, stalls, and every possible test to assure that is safe for others to fly. There is lots of work behind keeping them safely flying!

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PILOT SAKAMOTO, he took advantage of the HANG Air Cadet program. . . . you too can learn to fly!



THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S PAGE



One of the most important projects to be started this year and one which the membership of the Hawaii National Guard (Army and Air) has been called upon to support is the National Guard Memorial Building. This building, to be constructed in Washington, D. C. is to be dedicated to the millions of National Guardsmen who have served as citizen-soldiers of our Army and Air National Guard from 1636 to the present time.

It is indeed a worthy project and one, whose structure will provide the Headquarters of the Association; an auditorium for conferences of the National Guard Association and Adjutants General Association, offices for the staff of the National Guardsman magazine, and a "base of operations" for officers and men who visit Washington.

The need for such a memorial building is great. The business of the Association has grown to tremendous proportions. Its interest and problems are those of National Defense, and with this, the maintaining of a strong and effective National Guard. Much has been accomplished, the prestige of the Guard on the local, state, and territorial as well as the National level is well recognized. It must have the support of every officer and enlisted man of the National Guard throughout the country.

The idea for such a building was announced by Major General E. A. Walsh, President of the Association at the General Conference in San Diego two years ago. Since that time, cash contribution and pledges have been received. Much planning has been accomplished as well as the acquirement of the real estate site for the building.

The campaign is to raise $1,407,140 to cover the cost of acquiring the site, clearing the site, drawing the plans for and erecting the handsome, modern building near the Capital in Washington, D.C. Each state and territory and the District of Columbia has been assigned its proportional share of the total amount.

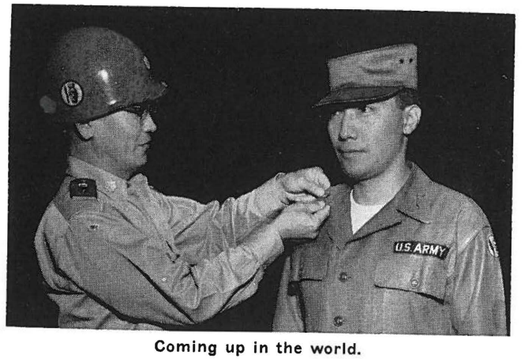
Hawaii's goal has been set for $15,085 of which $7,650 is expected to be raised during 1956. Two methods are to be used — first, the Officers and Warrant Officer donation of one days pay and secondly, the Penny-A-Drill for the enlisted men support. The details will be published and meetings of project officers will be held during February.



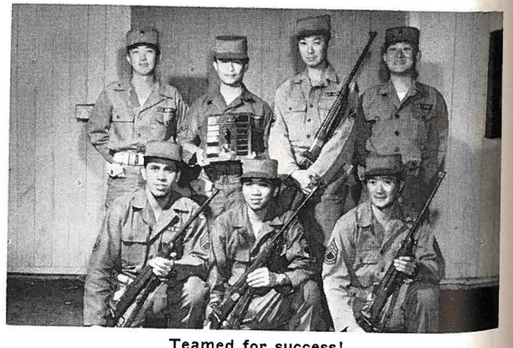
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Ready on the Firing Line

By WOJG RALPH K. APO

Results thus far in the National Rifle Association Indoor Rifle Tournament being conducted throughout the Hawaii National Guard, gives strong indication that whoever emerges victorious in the finals on February 18 will also be among the top five nationally.

Units posting scores in the 1300's:

613th Ord Co	1339
Service Co, 298th Inf	1331
199th Ftr Intcp Sqdn	1329

Shooting for year 1956 will introduce a trend towards competitive spirit and interest in marksmanship. The regular services, National Guard and civilian clubs will share equal honors for the success of these matches emanating from a well planned competitive program.

The 1956 Spring Series Four-Position Small-bore Rifle Matches sponsored by the HTRA and conducted by the army at Schofield Barracks will continue on through March of this year. These matches will be fired on the last Friday evening of each month at the 25th Infantry Division Small-bore rifle range, Building 2104, Schofield Barracks. This series of 50-foot 4-man team small-bore rifle matches are designed to develope proficiency in small-arms and promote good fellowship and understanding between the civilian and service shooter.

Following the Spring Series Small-bore matches and again sponsored and conducted by the Army are the Major Commanders Team Match, 24-25 March and the Commanding General USARPAC Team Match, 7-8 April. Both matches will be fired at Schofield. The Hawaii National Guard is the defending champion in the Major Commanders Team Match. Inter-battalion and battalion equivalent competition will take place at "The Major Commanders Team Match". Scores at this match will be used at a basis for determining regimental teams to compete in the Commanding General USARPAC Team Match.

More information will be forth-coming in the next issue of the guardsman; information leading towards the selection of the rifle and pistol teams to represent the Hawaii National Guard for 1956.

Recently our Adjutant General received a copy of Resolution No. 72 from the Commanding General, New York National Guard pertaining to unfair conditions experienced by National Guard competitors at the 1955 National Rifle Matches. This resolution was submitted at the 77th General Conference at New Orleans, Lousiana, on 20 October 1955 and was referred to the Executive Council for study and action.

This resolution is pointed to eliminate unfair competition and to sustain interest in marksmanship with the service weapon. The introduction of commercial type weapons and ammunition in the National Matches has tended to commercialize and professionalize matches which were originally established for the service weapons. If the present practice and trend is allowed to continue, the service weapon will, eventually, be eliminated from National Match Competition and the average National Guardsman unless he uses personal funds to purchase his own commercial weapons and equipment, will not find it expedient or worth-while to compete in these matches.

We owe our thanks to Colonel William J. Smith, State Offier in Charge of Small Arms Competition for the State of New York for the introduction of this rebellious resolution; a resolution which will undoubtedly receive fast and favorable results from the Department of the Army, the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, the National Guard Association and the National Rifle Association. The NRA is solely responsible for the classification and awards program with exception to the National Trophy and National Individual matches which are conducted by the Department of the Army.

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QUES: What is the nature of draft liability for an individual enlisting in the National Guard before age 18½?
ANS: The individual will be deferred from induction contingent upon satisfactory participation in the unit training. Draft liability (and therefore the period of service) ends at age 28. However, if such an individual voluntarily undergoes active duty for training for 6 consecutive months at standard pay of grade for the guardsman, his period of service may be reduced to 8 years.

QUES: If a young man attending high school wishes to enlist in the 8-year program under the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 must he leave school to undergo the 6 months training?
ANS: No. The act provides that he shall not be called to active duty for training until he ceases to pursue the high school course of instruction satisfactorily, graduates, or becomes 20 years of age, whichever occurs first.

QUES: What veterans' benefits if any is a 6 months trainee under the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 entitled to?
ANS: When a young man enters the 6 months program, his enlistment is for "active duty for training" and as such he is not considered a member of the Active Forces. Accordingly, the benefits accruing to him are not the same as those received by members of the Active Forces. For example, he will not be permitted to convert his national service life insurance, nor will he be given veterans' civil service preference; he will not receive mustering-out pay. He is, however, eligible for certain benefits such as reemployment rights, hospital and medical care, serviceman's indemnity payments, disability retirement, death gratuity, Veterans' Administration compensation or pension, payment for accrued leave, and Federal employees compensation.

QUES: I completed 5 years of active service with the Regular Air Force and am presently in the Air National Guard. Upon completion of a total of 20 years of service including National Guard service, I am under the impression that I can immediately qualify for some retirement pay. Am I correct?
ANS: Likely no. Both Air National Guard Regulation 35-01 and National Guard Regulation 23, states that individuals will be eligible for retirement pay upon attaining age 60 provided they have completed a minimum of 20 years service of which the last 8 years must have been performed as a member of the National Guard.

QUES: As a matter of curiosity, how many minutes does it take the F-86 Jet fighter plane to fly from Honolulu to Hilo?
ANS: According to Operations, 199th Ftr Intcp Sq, it takes approximately 20 minutes.

QUES: Are National Guard personnel on active duty for training authorized to ship private vehicles from the Mainland to Hawaii on government vessels if they were to reimburse the government for the cost involved?
ANS: Apparently no. Nothing in the Joint Travel Regulation or in the appropriate Army Regulation series authorizes shipment of privately owned vehicle by National Guard personnel.

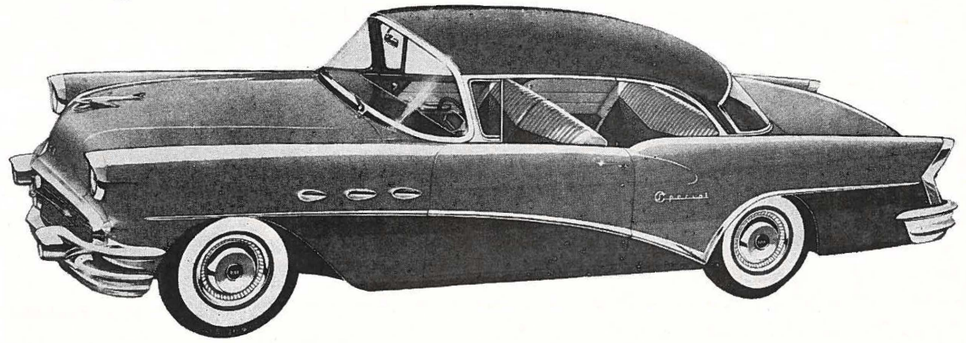
QUES: As a full-time employee of the Hawaii National Guard paid from Federal funds will I be entitled to any Social Security benefits based on such employment?
ANS: Every effort is being made to make the benefits of Social Security available to you. Coverage under the Social Security program is being delayed pending a legal interpretation of the territorial laws covering participation of territorial employees. The National Guard Bureau has agreed to furnish funds to cover the employee's contribution and the Finance Officer has been authorized to withhold the employees' contributions but the legal aspects have caused a delay in this program. A decision is expected shortly however. It may well come about that both Social Security coverage and the Retirement System will be available to you.

QUES: I recall some previous information from AGO-HAW regarding a retirement plan for National Guard employees paid from Federal funds, but since then I have not heard anything concrete about formulation of a plan. I would greatly appreciate clarification or any information that you might be able to shed on this matter.
ANS: All employees are eligible to participate in the Territorial Retirement System contingent however on payroll deductions by local Finance Officer of the employees' contributions to the Retirement System. To date Finance Office have not been authorized to make such deductions under current regulations. A bill has been introduced in Congress to authorize Finance Offices to withhold approved contributions and to make lump sum payments to the Retirement System. The National Guard Association of the United States is pushing this legislation strongly and Delegate Farrington has also been asked to support this bill. The Department of the Army has submitted a favorable report on the bill and early action by the Congress is expected in this current session.

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