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NOTICE

A detailed story on the reorganization of the 298th RCT into AAA units will be featured in the December issue. Announcement of the change came too late for this issue.

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COVER PICTURE

General Makinney cuts the 10th Anniversary Birthday cake. L. to r.: SP3 T. Hamatake, 613th Ord. Co., SFC W. T. H. Yuen, 111th Army Band, Gen. Makinney, MSgt W. Y. M. Kam, 158th AAA, and SFC H. J. Enos, Hq 298th RCT. (Army Photo)

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S PAGE



1946 —1956

Ten Years of Service and PROGRESS

Ten years ago, on the 4th of August, two events marked the reestablishment of the Hawaii National Guard following World War II. First was the appointment of the present incumbent as Adjutant General of the Territory which was followed by the acceptance by the Governor of the Territory of the allocation of National Guard Troops.

On that date, all units of the Guard, which were ordered to Federal Service in 1940, were inactivated; the last unit, the First Battalion, 298th Infantry was inactivated on January 22, 1946.

The Hawaii Territorial Guard with a strength of 44 officers and 617 enlisted men was placed on inactive status on the 3rd of August. Funds, representing the unexpended balance, which was appropriated by the 1945 legislature in support of the HTG, totaled $146,126.00 was converted to National Guard use and a full time duty staff for the Military Department was organized.

Some of the biggest problems faced were the acquisition of armory and storage facilities, training areas including rifle ranges for the 64 company-sized units of the two Regimental Combat Teams, two bands, the Ordnance MM Co. and State Headquarters making up the Army troop basis, and facilities for the Fighter Squadron and supporting elements of the Air National Guard.

There were available nine inadequate armories, three small rifle ranges and one reservation, all located on the major islands of the Territory. With the acquisition of a portion of Bellows Field and the installations thereon, the air units were housed; then came the lease from the Army of facilities at Fort Ruger and East Range, Wahiawa, which provided administration buildings, warehouses, supply rooms, classrooms, and target ranges for units of the 298th RCT and Special Troops.

On Hawaii the return of the old National Guard reservation at Keaukaha by the Navy and with it the supply buildings provided housing for the Hilo units. Quonset hut type armories were constructed for country units.

Later, the expansion of the Hanapepe Armory, the rehabilitation of a gymnasium at Laupahoehoe, Hawaii and a warehouse building at Kekaha, Kauai, provided excellent facilities for units located there.

The acquisition of warehouse buildings at Honolulu Airport on lease from the Navy and warehouses at Wheeler Field from the Air Force, provided concentration site facilities for vehicles not used during armory training.

The support given by each legislature during the period in approving in full, the budget for the Military Department was a big factor in the progress of the guard. The legislators from the County of Hawaii from the very first backed the Armory construction program and through their support, the first armory, a five unit armory at Keaukaha National Guard Reservation in Hilo was built. Presently, two armories at Olaa, Hawaii and Kapaa, Kauai are under contract for construction this year and two others at Wahiawa, Oahu and Kahului, Maui will be put out to bid in the next few months.

Each year saw the Hawaii National Guard grow in strength, the latest type of equipment issued, service centers organized and facilities built. Training methods also improved through increased number of men completing service schools and qualified as instructors, and general improvement in maintenance procedures and supply discipline.

Two new units were organized — the Signal Support Company and the Military Police Company to make up a more balanced force. To provide antiaircraft defense for the Territory, the 483rd FA Bn. was converted to an AAA Bn. the past year. Receiving thir equipment in February, they fired their guns at summer camp in June and did an exceptionally fine job.

Each year brought better ratings in annual armory inspections and field training inspections. Maintenance inspection this past year of Ordnance, Signal, Engineer, and Chemical equipment brought a rating of Superior.

The Air Guard organized a new unit, the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, to support the Fighter Squadron in its missions. New facilities were acquired by the Fighter Squadron at Hickam Field and with the conversion from the F-47 fighter aircraft to the F-86 Sabrejet, increased interest was shown, resulting in a stepped-up pilot training program and larger maintenance personnel attendance at service schools.

The acquisition of land and buildings at Sand Island for the AC&W unit gave them a home, a training site and facility which is perhaps the best of any site occupied by a comparable unit. With the receipt of the latest radar equipment and with number of skilled personnel in the unit, the squadron can take its place among the best of its kind in the Air Force.

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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD:

It is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations to the officers and men of the Army and Air National Guard of Hawaii on the occasion of your Tenth Anniversary since reactivation in August 1946. As Commander-in-Chief of the Hawaii National Guard, I have followed your activities and accomplishments with deep interest, and feel that your future accomplishments will only enhance the fine record you have already established.

(Sgnd) SAMUEL WILDER KING
GOVERNOR, TERRITORY OF HAWAII

FROM: CSUSA DEPTAR WASH

TO: Major General Fred W. Makinney,
AG, TH, Fort Ruger

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To the officers and men of the Hawaii National Guard on behalf of the men and women of the Army, I extend congratulations to the Hawaii National Guard on the 10th anniversary of its reorganization following World War II. In peace and in war the citizen-soldiers of Hawaii have contributed to the security of the United States. Today, in the conduct of its mission the Hawaii National Guard provides military strength and readiness essential to this nation.

(Sgnd) MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
GENERAL, UNITED STATES
ARMY, CHIEF OF STAFF

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2 August 1956

FROM: Headquarters USAF

TO: Major General F. W. Makinney

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On behalf of the United States Air Force, I send greetings on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the reactivation of the Hawaii National Guard.

The Hawaii Air National Guard is an important reserve component of the United States Air Force, yours an organization of which has developed to an unusual high degree in a short period, evident by the fact that elements of your 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron have been chosen to participate on a full time basis in our Air Defense program. Your pilots are flying the only Air Force jet fighter planes based in Hawaii. The Hawaii Air National Guard and the Territory of Hawaii are to be congratulated on this fine showing of the Reserve Air Force dedicated to peace through preparedness.

(Sgnd) NATHAN F. TWINING
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2 August 1956

Major General F. W. Makinney
The Adjutant General of Hawaii
Fort Ruger, Hawaii

Dear General Makinney:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend greetings and best wishes to you and to the officers and men of the Hawaii National Guard on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its activation.

Since arriving in the Islands a short time ago to command the United States Army, Pacific, I have noted the excellent state of organization and the splendid esprit de corps of the Hawaii National Guard.

I congratulate each of you for the splendid achievements in the past and wish you every success in the future.

(sgnd) B. M. BRYAN
LIEUTENANT GENERAL,
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NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FROM: Chief, National Guard Bureau
Washington, D.C.

TO: The Adjutant General, Hawaii

It is indeed a privilege to extend warmest and most sincere greetings to the Hawaii National Guard on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of its reactivation following service in World War II. Your action and achievement during this decade have enhanced the prestige of the entire National Guard.

(Sgnd) EDGAR C. ERICKSON
MAJOR GENERAL

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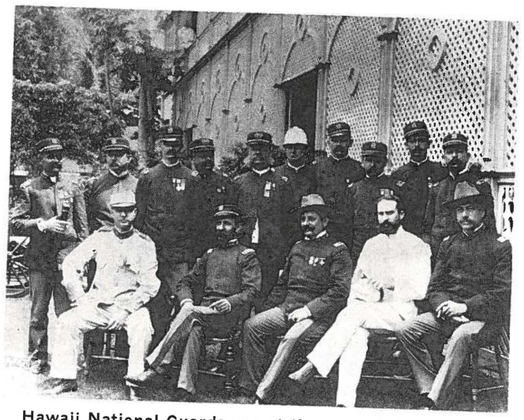
The reestablishment of the postwar Hawaii National Guard was effected on August 4, 1946 by the issuance of an Executive Order by Governor Stainback, then Governor of Hawaii. The Governor simultaneously inactivated the Hawaii Territorial Guard which was initially activated on December 7, 1941 as territorial troops to replace the Hawaii National Guard which was then on active federal duty. With the reestablishment of the Guard, the Governor recommended to the President of the United States the appointment of General F. W. Makinney as the Adjutant General.

The postwar reactivation of the Guard authorized the activation of the following units: 298th Regimental Combat Team on Oahu and Kauai; the 299th Regimental Combat Team on Hawaii, Maui and Molokai; and State Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 613th Ordnance Company, 199th Fighter Squadron, 199th Utility Flight, 199th Weather Station and Detachment "C" 199th Air Service Group on Oahu. The initial allocation of troops totalled 7754 individuals.

The initial plan of organization was announced shortly after the acceptance of the allocation of troops. It was in three phases: (1) organization of certain units to meet federal requirements for recognition by December 31, 1946, (2) organization of certain other units by June 30, 1947 and (3) organization of the remaining sixty-four units depending upon availability of armories and other facilities.

Men selected to lead the new Guard were appointed by Governor Stainback in August 1946. In addition to General Makinney, Lt Colonel William C. Nolan was given command of the Hawaii Air National Guard, Colonel Robert L. Stevenson was appointed commanding officer of the 298th RCT and Colonel Jack Conley was appointed commanding officer of the 299th RCT.

The next step in organizing the new Guard was the formation of a recruiting campaign and putting it in effect. On November 11, 1946, the recruiting campaign was launched. There were radio addresses by the Governor, General Makinney and other military and civilian leaders in Hawaii. The recruiting campaign ended on November 16, 1947 with 1253 recruits enlisted in the Hawaii National Guard.



Hawaii National Guardsmen at the turn of the century.

On August 3, 1948, all units initially allocated to the Territory of Hawaii were organized and federally recognized. At the completion of the postwar activation of the Hawaii National Guard, General Cramer, then Chief of the National Guard Bureau at Washington, D.C., announced that the Hawaii National Guard was at the top with four states in status of organization. The following additional units were added to the initial troop allotment to Hawaii and were federally recognized on the dates indicated: 120th Military Police Company, January 8, 1951; 8199th Replacement Training Squdron, July 12, 1953; 120th Signal Company, January 4, 1954; and, 158th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, September 1, 1955.

Today, the Hawaii National Guard has a total enrolled strength of 5974 individuals, 5089 in the Army Guard and 885 in the Air Guard. This represents 67% of the authorized strength for all units. Since initial reactivation of the postwar Guard, 15,000 individuals have been discharged from the National Guard for various reasons with enlistments in the regular Armed Forces as the major cause for such discharges. The reenlistment rate of today's Guard is 83%.

THE HNG IN DISASTER RELIEF

The National Guard of the several states has a dual status and mission. Each federally recognized unit is also a part of the National Guard of the United States. The mission of the National Guard of the several states is to provide organizations in each state, so trained and equipped as to enable them to fuction efficiently at existing strength in the protection of life and property and the preservation of peace, order, and public safety, under competent orders of the state authorities.

The first test for the Hawaii National Guard in disaster relief occurred on February 7, 1949 when Company I, 298th Infantry which is stationed at Hanapepe, Kauai, was called to active duty by the Governor during the Waimea flood to assist in protecting lives and property in the flood area. The unit returned to inactive status February 9 with its mission accomplished.

The Hawaii Air National Guard also assisted in the Waimea disaster. A mercy plane flew to Kauai on February 10 with relief supplies donated to the Waimea flood victims by the people of Oahu through the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Trucks of the Third Battalion, 298th Infantry, were utilized to transport the relief supplies from the airport to Waimea.

On October 2, 1949, elements of the Hawaii National Guard participated effectively in the Lanikai-Keolu Hills brush fire in conjunction with municipal and armed forces fire-fighting teams. During the volcanic eruption on the Big Island on June 1, 1950, the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Air Guard and key personnel of the 299th RCT performed valuable aerial reconnaisance and photographic missions over the affected area.

Again in 1951, Guardsmen were requested to offer assistance in the floods of Kuliouou and Kailua, Oahu and at Waimea, Kauai. In March one amphibious truck operated by men from the 613th Ordnance company was

sent and rendered considerable service to the police evacuation work during the day and throughout the evening in the Kuliouou flood area. The following day, Company G, 298th RCT was mobilized and ordered to Kailua when waters from the overflowing Kawainui Swamp had flooded most of the Kailua residential district. Company G assisted the Honolulu Police Department in anti-looting patrols, rescue work and traffic control. This timely employment of the Guardsmen helped greatly in maintaining law and order, protecting lives and property and in preventing panic.

A flash flood of the Waimea river in August swept through the town isolating and threatening the lives of hundreds of its inhabitants. About twenty volunteers from the Third Battalion, 298th Infantry, Kauai, rushed to the assistance of the civil agencies. The Third Battalion rescued about 80 persons who were hopelessly trapped in the path of the swirling river. These Guardsmen stayed on the job continuously for three days and received high praise for their service. The 199th Fighter Squadron also assisted in carrying the essential supplies needed by the Red Cross.

During the period 29 - 31 December 1952, a total of 518 personnel from units of the First Battalion, 299th Infantry and Heavy Mortar Company on Maui were mobilized for firefighting duty. Drought conditions in the Kula district on the slopes of Haleakala had resulted in a dangerous situation when a forest fire broke out on December 28. The situation was nearly out of hand when the Guardsmen were employed for timely assistance.

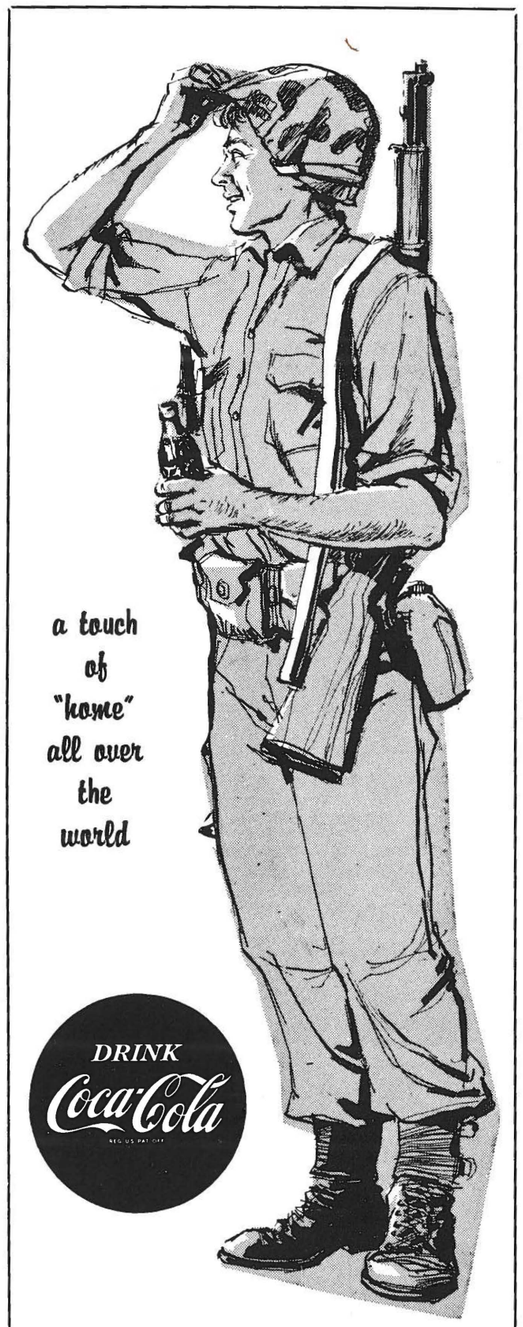
The only need for active operations on the part of the Hawaii National Guard during 1953 occurred as a result of extended drought conditions on the islands of Maui and Molokai. In various attempts to alleviate the drought the Territorial Board of Agriculture and Forestry called on the air units to fly experimental rainmaking missions using a B-29 aircraft. The experiments involved the use of both salt water and dry ice, and were carried out during five separate missions flown in November and December 1953.

In all disaster relief activities the Hawaii National Guardsmen carried themselves in an exceptional manner and consistently displayed the courage and fortitude which has become an integral part of "Hawaii's Own!"

TERRITORIAL SUPPORT OF HNG

In its post World War II reorganizational year ended June 30, 1946, when the HNG was due for release from Federal service to replace the then existing Territorial Guard, the Military Department was staffed with seven full-time Territorially paid employees and expended $15,544.00 appropriated out of General Funds. The inadequacy of the staff of the Military Department to effectively perform the functions of the post war guard was quickly realized at the close of fiscal year 1946 and during the ensuing year, major organizational and budgetary changes were effected. The civilian staff was increased to 56 employees and the Department expended a total of $136,977.00 for operational purposes.

The years from 1946 through 1951 saw the Hawaii National Guard achieve tremendous gains in strength, equipment, facilities and training and the demands upon the Military Department for increased administrative support appreciated accordingly. By June 30, 1951 the



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civilian personnel complement numbered 87 and the cost of operations had risen to $392,462.00 exclusive of the $49,426.00 made available from General Funds of the Territory to defray expenditures incurred for the Kailua flood and for pay of enlisted personnel attending annual field training.

The support of the Guard has continued on an upward trend and at the close of business on June 30, 1956 the Military Department had disbursed $466,453.00 toward operational requirements and authorized a total of 99 territorially paid positions.

The ever growing needs of the Military Department to improve its services to the people of Hawaii continues. This trend is adequately indicated in the estimated budget requirement for operations during the biennium 1957-59 amounting to a total of $1,190,839.00.

These annual expenditures by the Territory of Hawaii, coupled with a far greater contribution by the Federal Government as indicated previously, are required to finance the operations of the Military Department which is responsible for 67 Federally recognized units throughout the Territory occupying 1617 acres of land and 1,602,455 square feet of building area.

In the initial reorganizational period after World War II, the Hawaii National Guard met its housing and facility needs by occupying existing prewar armories and converted Army type warehouses and installations. These facilities adequately served the requirement of the Guard during the interim period. However, in recent years, it has been realized that these facilities are deteriorating to an extent where additional major maintenance and upkeep would be uneconomical. Futhermore, the demands for more Armory and outdoor training areas generated by increased strengths of units and additional issue of equipment have necessitated the programming of new armories for a great majority of the units.

As of June 30, 1956 a total of $320,724.00 has been expended under the Armory construction program of which $220,767.00 was out of Federal funds and $99,957 out of Territorial funds. Four new armories have been approved for construction during the current biennium at a total cost of $632,000.00 of which the Federal share will be $402,000.00 and the Territorial share $230,000.00. The Armory construction program projected over the next ten years include 17 new armories at a total cost of $3,190,845.00 to be financed jointly by the Federal Government and the Territory on the basis of $2,144,355 and $1,046,510.00 respectively.

FEDERAL SUPPORT OF HNG BIG BUSINESS

The logistical support of the Guard by the Federal Government is big business in the Territory. This Federal support is the responsibility of the Office of the U. S. Property and Fiscal Officer. To depict the rapid growth of this business, the following comparison of Federal funds expended at five year intervals is shown.

Fiscal year 1947	$ 365,366.00
Fiscal year 1951	$3,261,469.00
Fiscal year 1956	$5,201,815.00

Dollars brought into and spent within the Territory are most easily indicated by pay to employees and troops, and by maintenance and construction expenditures. For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1956, these figures are:

Pay to employees	$1,816,919.82
Pay to troops	$2,352,783.11
Maintenance & Construction	$ 521,987.93
	$4,691,690.86

Transportation of personnel and equipment is another field which brings Federal dollars into the Territory's economy. During the recent Field Training at Schofield Barracks, equipment necessary for training which was moved from other Islands was forwarded barge. $25,300 was expended for this movement. Troops were airlifted by commercial air lines at a cost of $50,208.00. Commercial carriers on Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and Molokai were paid $2,516.00 for transporting troops from their home armories to airports, and return.

On a business comparison basis, the Federal expenditures for the Hawaii National Guard ranks favorably with the coffee, fruit, and vegetable industries.

The organization of the O/USP&FO has increased steadily over the years from two employees in 1946 to 300 employees in June, 1956. Personnel are now employed on all Islands as follows: Oahu — 209; Hawaii — 67; Maui — 13; Kauai — 9; Molokai — 2.

The equipment growth of the HNG has developed with other phases. In 1946, for example, there were on hand 515 wheeled vehicles and 10 aircraft. Today in service are 1451 wheeled vehicles and 32 aircraft. Other equipment, including armament, has increased proportionately.

From a beginning in one warehouse located on Ala Moana Boulevard, the facilities of the Property and Fiscal Officer have expanded to all Islands. The main office and warehouses are located on Oahu. Maintenance shops for ground equipment, as well as for aircraft, are located on Oahu, Hawaii and Maui. Service Centers and Concentration Sites are located on all Islands. On Oahu, the Hawaii Air National Guard maintenance shops and warehouses are located at Hickam Air Force Base.

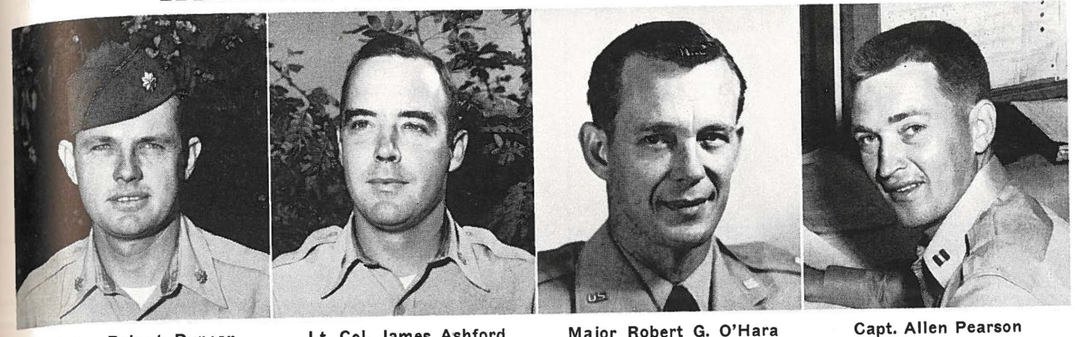
Money - wise, personnel - wise, equipment - wise, and facility-wise, the Federal support for the Hawaii National Guard is big business.

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The Hawaii Air National Guard had its beginnings as the 199th Fighter Squadron, which was organized in September of 1946. The squadron evolved from the 464th Fighter Squadron, 507th Fighter Group, which was stationed at Ie Shima during World War II.

The 199th Fighter Squadron received Federal Recognition on November 4, 1946. At its inception, the squadron was of a heterogeneous structure, composed of 32 officers and 101 airmen. Its augmenting units included the 199th Utility Flight, composed of 6 officers and 29 airmen; Detachment C, 199th Air Service Group, composed of 8 officers and 168 airmen; and the 199th Weather Station Group, composed of 3 officers and 5 airmen. The total strength 49 officers and 303 airmen.

The first aircraft assigned to the unit in March of 1947 were the P-47 Thunderbolts and were flown from Bellows AFB in Waimanalo. During the latter part of 1947, the unit moved to Hickam AFB where they have been ever since.

During the subsequent years, the unit became the 199th Fighter Bomber Squadron and then the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Augmented, and is composed of a Fighter Interceptor Squadron, a Maintenance element, a Communications element, a Food Service element, a Supply element, an Installations element, an Air Police element, a Medical element, and a Motor Vehicle element.

In 1950, a new unit was added to the Air Guard, the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, composed of some 358 officers and airmen. At present, the Hawaii Air National Guard is composed of nearly one thousand officers and airmen and comprises five units — Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard, the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Augmented; the 199th Weather Flight (Forecasting), the 8199th Replacement Training Squadron (organized in 1953), and the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. In addition, there is promise of another Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron being added to the organization sometime during Fiscal Year 1957. The addition of this new unit will give the Hawaii Air National Guard a total strength of over one thousand personnel.

At its inception, the Hawaii Air National Guard trained as best it could. Training program for all personnel were established by the officers in the Air National Guard, based upon past experience. Today, the Hawaii Air National Guard's training program is based upon directives from the National Guard Bureau in Washington, from Continental Air Command, from Seventh Air Force in Hawaii, and from the Air Defense Command.

As a result of the rapid development of the entire Hawaii Air National Guard to a relatively highly skilled level in all phases of operation, the U. S. Air Force recently saw fit to assign the Hawaii Air National Guard a major role in the Air Defense mission for Hawaii resulting in the runway alert system for two reasons — the lack of available regular Air Force units, and the recognized capability of the Hawaii Air National Guard to perform operational mission.

If past performance and history is any criteria, the Hawaii Air National Guard will look forward to greater development and growth in units assigned, personnel, and additional responsibility from the U. S. Air Force.

TRAINING IN AIR GUARD

Training of the personnel of the Hawaii Air National Guard is based upon directives from the National Guard Bureau, Continental Air Command, Air Defense Command and Seventh Air Force in Hawaii. The best information from these directives is incorporated into one basic, compact training program.

The training program is carried out through classroom lectures and on-the-job training during forty-eight unit training assemblies each year, each of which is of four hours duration. These unit training assemblies are conducted on two to three Sundays each month. These forty-eight unit training assemblies are exclusive of the fifteen days of field training which each member of the Air National Guard attends. The field training period is held usually during the month of June. In addition, the pilot

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personnel of the Hawaii Air National Guard are authorized thirty-six additional flying training periods, each of which is of four hours duration. Thus, for pilot personnel, eighty-four unit training assemblies and fifteen days of field training are attended each year.

It is interesting to note that in order for personnel of the Hawaii Air National Guard to achieve a highly skilled level, all of the U. S. Air Force Service Schools on the mainland are open to them. These schools, covering every conceivabe military occupation, last anywhere from one week to two years. The Hawaii Air National Guard sent 383 personnel to U. S. Air Force service schools during Fiscal Year 1956 and $416,154.00 was spent on their schooling.

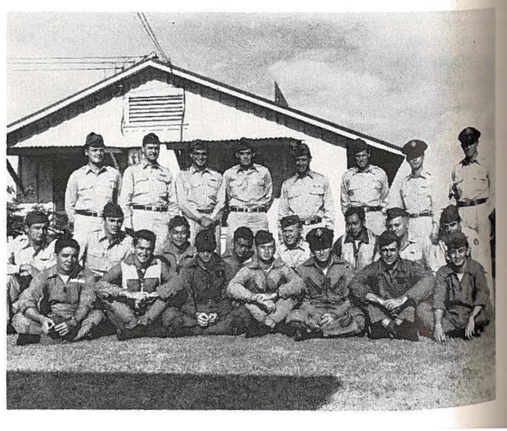
An important program in the Air National Guard is that concerning pilot training. Individuals who are eligible may participate in Aviation Cadet Training or as pilot trainees (officer category), wherein the regular Air Force pilot training schools are utilized. The training received is the same as that received by regular Air Force pilot trainees or aviation cadets. However, the individuals concerned here attend in an Air National Guard quota, with the result that they are returned to Hawaii after graduation.

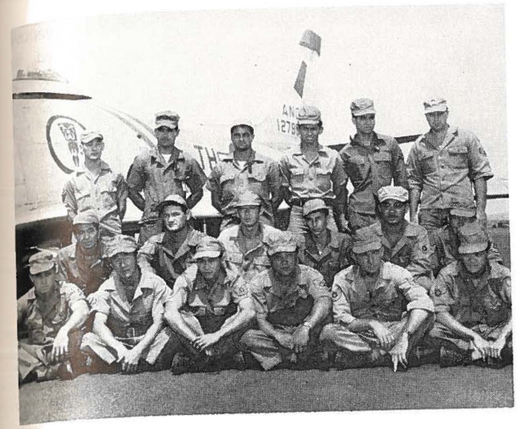
The training in the Hawaii Air National Guard is not accomplished for the sake of training, but for the purpose of achieving an operational capability. For the past two years, the Hawaii Air National Guard has, in effect, been on two hour notice for call into active duty, had the need ever arisen.

Approximately 75% of the training is accomplished through on-the-job or practical training. Twenty-five percent only in classroom work, and involves general military topics.

Supplemental training exercises are usually authorized by the National Guard Bureau in Washington each year, over and above that normally accomplished. It is not hard to see, therefore, that the civilian soldier, as represented by a typical Air Guardsman, spends a great deal of his time and effort towards better qualifying himself in his military occupation. In so doing, he better qualifies the Hawaii Air National Guard to give the necessary protection to the community in the event of an attack — and for a fraction of the cost of the taxpayer that would otherwise be necessary.

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109TH AC&W SQUADRON

Since its federal recognition by the National Guard Bureau on 4 December 1950, the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron has grown from its original strength of approximately 60 men to the present strength of about 350 officers and airmen, which is considered to be the largest single AC&W Squadron in the Air National Guard.

Not only has the unit grown in manpower, but it has also branched out its operations so that it now mans two radar sites on Oahu with its headquarters located at Sand Island. The mission of the 109th AC&W is to identify all aircraft flying in the Hawaiian area and to provide early warning of unidentified or hostile aircraft in order that flying units may be altered and directed to the unidentified aircraft.

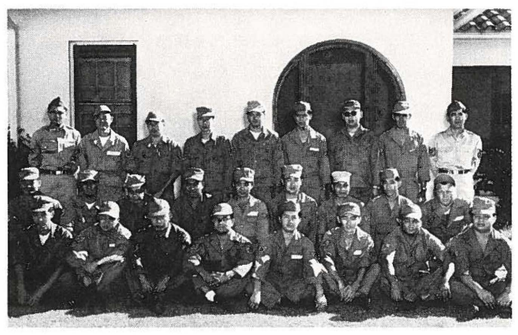
This mission is most closely followed during summer encampments such as the last one which was held between June 9th through 23rd of this year. The unit is self supporting and operates under conditions it would encounter in the event of activation. Training included operating radar sets, an air defense control center, unit supply, administration, messing facilities, installations security, post exchange, billeting, communications and special services.

Camp activities were coordinated by the Commanding Officer, Major Robert G. O'Hara who relieved Major Robert Paine just prior to summer camp.

With the change of command, staff members who are aiding Major O'Hara include Capt Peter Fowler, Air Operations Officer; 1st Lt Paul F. Haygood, Adjutant; Major K. Paul Goya, Communications-Electronics Staff Officer; 1st Lt Henry HC Lau, Personnel Officer; Capt Robert W. Liddle, Supply Officer; and CWO David SF Dang, Food Service Officer.

Another activity which was initiated by this unit during the year included the formation of a Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. The first class began on February 6th and graduation exercises were held for that class on June 4, 1956 just prior to summer encampment.

Key non-coms of the 109th AC&W Squadron.



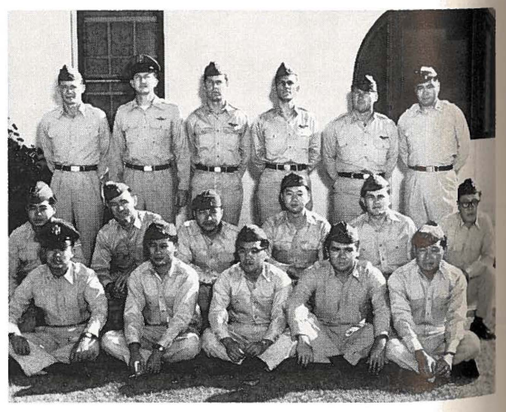
The mission of the NCO Academy is to develop in selected airmen those understandings and abilities desired in USAF Non-Commissioned Officers. Thirteen non-coms were enrolled in the first class. These NCO's were selected with very rigid qualifications which included perfect attendance during the past three years, holding a supervisory position, being free from any recorded disciplinary actions both civil and military, for the past 3 years and must have passed the Airman Proficiency Test in his primary Air Force Specialty. Some of the subjects covered in the academy included Discipline, Qualities of a Leader, Psychology and Leadership, Human Relations, Basis for Communication, and Management.

To further increase the technical knowledge of the airmen of the unit beyond normal on-the-job training, airmen are sent to the mainland for schooling in their particular training specialties.

In the first year of operation one officer and thirteen airmen were sent away for schooling. During the past fiscal year, a total of eight officers and forty-three airmen were sent to service schools covering such skills as intelligence, intercept controller, communications, cook, baker, meat cutter, organizational supply, personnel, academic instructor, automotive mechanic, radio operator, and AC&W Operator.

An important phase of this unit's training includes the training of basic airmen. When civilians join the Air National Guard and are assigned to the 109th, they are put into the Basic Training section. They are then taught such subjects as Drill and Ceremonies, Military Law, Air Force Discipline, Leadership and Loyalty, Customs and Courtesies, and Air Force Combat Weapons. After completing the unit basic training, they are sent to the mainland to go through basic military training as offered by Parks, Sheppard and Lackland Air Force Bases. Last year a total of 54 airmen were sent to the Mainland for this type of training.

Officers of the 109th AC&W Squadron.



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HISTORY OF THE 298TH RCT

The 298th Infantry Regiment as it is known today was first organized on the Islands of Oahu and Kauai, on August 20, 1923. However, the roots of the 298th go far back into the days of Hawaiian monarchy, carrying on the history of the 1st Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii which was called to Federal service in World War I. The 1st Infantry dates its organization back to the days of annexation in 1898 when Hawaii first came under the American flag. Prior to that time the 298th can lay claim to relationship with various militia organizations which existed during the short-lived Republic of Hawaii.

The 298th was mobilized in 1940 and served in the Pacific theatre during World War II until 1946, when it was returned to Hawaii. After demobilization, the regiment was reorganized on Oahu and Kauai, after a survey was made of the installations throughout the Territory by the Adjutant General of Hawaii in July 1946. Conferences were held with National Guard officers to determine the composition and location of the units of the post-war Guard. Information thus gathered formed the basis of a recommendation to the Governor of Hawaii for the composition of the new Hawaii National Guard. In August 1946, the Governor formally accepted the units of the 298th with their separate geographical locations. The 298th Infantry Regiment, less the Third Battalion, stationed on Oahu, and the Third Battalion was situated on Kauai. Two units, the 483rd Field Artillery Battalion and 227th Engineer Combat Company were added to make the 298th a regimental combat team.

Today, the 298th RCT, HNG, is a full-fledged member of the federally recognized ranks of the National Guard of the United States.

1946 — Hawaii National Guard receives regimental colors. Governor Stainback (center) presents 298th Infantry commander, Col Robert L. Stevenson (left) the colors formally activating the unit at the Honolulu Armory. Adjutant General F. W. Makinney (right) observes the ceremonies.

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Colonel Frederick A. Schaefer, III, Regimental Combat Team commander, maintains his headquarters at Fort Ruger, Oahu. Under his command the Combat Team has achieved high standards of operational efficiency. This was reflected recently during the 1956 summer encampment period, where all units received excellent or superior ratings in field training performance. Moreover, the field training attendance of 98.9% indicated the attitude of the officers and men toward the role entrusted to them.

The 298th RCT has 131 officers and warrant officers and 2036 enlisted men with the main elements of the Combat Team situated at Fort Ruger. They are, Headquarters company, 111th Army Band, Service company, Medical company, Heavy Mortar company, Engineer company, and the companies of the First Battalion. The Second Battalion is widespread throughout the island of Oahu with its headquarters at East Range, Wahiawa. Similarly, the Third Battalion is spread widely over Kauai with its headquarters in Lihue.

In addition to their military duties the men of the 298th have served well whenever called upon to perform emergency duties during peace time. In 1949, the Guardsmen were called upon when a brush fire on Keolu Hills, Lanikai raged uncontrolled. The Kailua flood in 1951 brought out units of the 298th to the aid of the flood victims. Later the same year flood waters rampaged thru Waimea, Kauai and elements of the command performed emergency duties. Throughout its history, with service in two World Wars, the 298th Regimental Combat Team along with its brother RCT have been the forerunners of the Hawaii National Guard.

HISTORY OF THE 299TH RCT

The 299th Regimental Combat Team, is a full-fledged member of the federally recognized ranks of the National Guard of the United States. The 299th Infantry Regiment was first organized as such on the islands of Hawaii and Maui in early 1924. However, the roots of the 299th go way back into Hawaiian history.

The present day 299th carries on the history of the 2nd Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii which was called to federal service in World War I. The 2nd Infantry dated its organization back to the days just prior to World War I when the National Guard of Hawaii was expanded under the threat of war. Prior to that time the 299th can lay claim to a relationship with various militia organizations which existed during the short-lived Republic of Hawaii.

In World War II, the 299th was mobilized in October 1940 and served until 1942 in the Pacific Theatre. The 299th Infantry was deactivated and the men were transferred to their brother unit, the 298th Infantry and other army units. After the war it was reorganized on Hawaii, Maui and Molokai in 1946 and 1947. Two new outfits, the 487th Field Artillery Battalion and the 230th Engineer Combat Company were added to make the 299th a full-fledged regimental combat team.

The combat team has grown from a handful of veterans in 1946, to a well-organized well-trained unit of over 2000 officers and men at the present time. It is commanded by Colonel Frank A. Alameda with headquarters in Hilo.



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Major Vernon A. Flake



On behalf of the Officers and members of the Hawaii National Guard Association, I wish to personally extend congratulations to the Military Department of Hawaii on the occasion of this 10th Anniversary commemorating the post war reorganization of the Hawaii National Guard. Our congratulations, General Makinney and all unit commanders on an outstanding job, well done! All members of the association may well consider, with justifiable pride. their own personal and individual accomplishments in the sound growth of a proud military force.

Periods of international unrest such as those now confronting the nations of the world place an unwelcome responsibility on the United States to maintain a strong, ready military force in order to insure that political and economic problems which are responsible for this world unrest, will be solved cooperatively and by peaceful means. Certainly, it is an awesome responsibility.

For the United States to maintain an adequate military force on active duty would be tantamount to committing national economic suicide. The dollar cost would be unthinkable and such action would be playing into the hands of our enemies. But to protect the peace we must maintain a strong and ready military force. The citizen Soldier — Airman is again called forward by his country to do his duty in peace, as he will in war.

The Army and Air National Guard units located throughout the nation and its territories represent the Ready-Ready Reserve. Fully equipped, adequately manned, and well trained Army and Air National Guard units are ready for action today — now. We have a right to be proud, for ours is the only Reserve Force truly worthy of the name "Ready Reserve."

As the newly elected President of your Hawaii National Guard Association, I wish to thank those who have made my election possible and to pledge that your elected officers and council members will work to represent your ambitions in striving for an even better Hawaii National Guard Association.

It is fitting that on the dawning of second decade of the post war Hawaii National Guard that we restate several of the underlying reasons for the existance of the Hawaii National Guard Association. These are:

1. Security of our units as well as our personnel in years to come.
2. The assurance that our National Guard will be headed by an Adjutant General who has had experience in National Guard affairs.
3. The necessary backing on controversial matters which are placed before the Adjutant General from time to time.
4. To secure the backing necessary in the presentation of the budget to support the National Guard.
5. The financial assistance needed by the units in promoting athletics and competetive marksmanship.
6. The assurance that members of the National Guard will not be discriminated against in their civilian jobs.
7. The necessary backing for the Hawaii National Guardsman magazine.

On the basis that an informed association will be a strong association I would like to take this opportunity to inform the membership on some of the more important plans that the council has accepted for its program during the coming year.

It is intended to hold alternate council meetings on Oahu and the outside Islands. The second council meeting for FY 57 will be held in Hilo during late September. It is hoped that by holding these meetings on the outside Islands that it will serve to bring the association more clearly into everyone's perspective. It is your association and it is vital that all members have an opportunity to meet and to exchange ideas with their elected officers. The council is looking forward to these meetings and it is sincerely hoped that you will personally bring in your ideas and complaints. All members of the Association should feel a definite responsibility towards telling the council members what they want done.

When the association's status is more clearly defined it is intended that the association take a more active part in promoting HNG sports activities, marksmanship, and allied activities. Comments on this program are solicitated.

The association is vitally interested in securing the backing of the membership for the Military Department's Legislative program. This is extremely important to the Hawaii National Guard. A Legislative committee has been appointed to further this program.

A resolutions Committee has been appointed to consider resolutions to the National Conference in Spokane, Washington this year. In addition, this committee will formulate and forward any legislation the association may desire to the Territorial legislature.

The Time and Place Committee is considering the feasibility of inviting the National Guard Association of the United States to hold it's 1959 or 1960 convention in Honolulu. The association is ready for this important National Convention and intends to go to great lengths to bring it to Hawaii and at an early date. Another conference desired in Hawaii is the Adjutant General's Conference. Let's get this one too!

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Miss Hazel Ruth Samson, Chief Clerk in the Office of the Adjutant General, has been with the Hawaii National Guard since February 1, 1924. Miss Samson celebrates her thirty-second year of service to the Guard.



Observing her tenth year of service to the Hawaii National Guard is Mrs. Annie B. Lum, Supply Clerk with the office of the USP&FO. Mrs. Lum was first employed by the Guard on July 1, 1946.

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Tank Company, 298th RCT lends heavy fire support to infantry troops during a tank-infantry problem at Schofield Barracks.



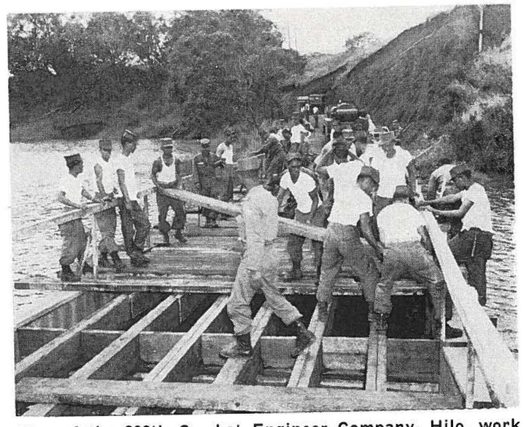
SP3 Charles Pa, aided by SP3 Raymond Zane pin aggressors down during maneuvers at Schofield. Squad Leader Sergeant Bert Sawai directs the fire. The guardsmen are with Co D, 298th RCT.



487th FA Battalion range firing at Pohakuloa.



MSgt. Joseph Flores, Medical Co, 298th RCT, directs the evacuation of a "wounded" infantryman to the Aid Station. Litter bearers are, from left, SP3 Ayala, Cacatian, Hoʻi, and Genobaga.



Men of the 230th Combat Engineer Company, Hilo, work on one of their many summer camp projects. This bridge was built across one of the rivers in East Range.

News of the Quarter

FROM OUR UNITS

HQ & HQ DETACHMENT

It is not news that the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment turned out a terrific job of support in their "G" sections during the summer camp just recently past. It is also not news that they worked hard and got a very big job done for all their fellow soldiers in the planning and the carrying out of all the many details connected with the training and the movement of so many men.

Of special note was the morale. To say that it was high would be an understatement for frequently regular army advisors were prompted to complement these Guardsmen on initiative, bearing, and military courtesy in the normal course of their working day.

Captain Robert Neves, Commanding Officer of the Detachment announced, and enlisted members of the Detachment were jubilant to hear that; "there would be a picnic at the windward Oahu home of the Neves family, in special appreciation for their fine job during the encampment". Almost 100% turned out in this first get-together after the camp to eat up, drink up and talk about some of the lighter moments of the encampment just past. Captain and Mrs. Neves, assisted by the incomparable Sgts Abe and Shinsato formed the culinary team that turned out the most delicious barbequed steaks that we had eaten since Specialist Jack Young had K.P.

The men, some still wet from a before lunch swim, some red faced and almost gasping for breath from the exertion of Volley Ball and Badminton, dove into a menu of Shrimp, Salad, Barbequed steaks fit for the Royal itself.

The fun, the games, the eats, and the old fashioned "sessions" of the picnic lasted a little over eight hours, and all seemed to be going as the good Captain and his wife had carefully planned to the complete enjoyment and satisfaction of everyone concerned, when the thank-you tables were turned. The men of the Detachment had gone into their private coffers, pockets, cookie jars and hiding places to produce the price of an automatic electric cooking pan for the Neves household. This they presented to their hosts with their own thanks for a good time, a respected and just Commanding Officer and an especially noteworthy and productive summer camp.

120TH MILITARY POLICE

The company *for the sixth consecutive year*, received a superior rating for its annual encampment. During the Governor's Day parade, Captain Chong received the Pershing Trophy award for the company having the highest figure of merit in marksmanship. This unit is now driving to send as many individuals as possible to mainland service schools so that we may keep our high standing in the Guard. Promotions for certain qualified men from PFC to SFC will be coming up soon pending final boarding examinations.

120TH SIGNAL SUPPORT

By Capt Gordon D. R. Lawson

From a training aspect this year's summer encampment for the 120th Signal Support Company proved highly successful. Initially telephone communications for State Headquarters and Special Troops were rapidly installed by the Wire Platoon under the able direction of 1st Lt Stanley Fuller. Simultaneously the Radio Platoon set in operation the mobile AN/GRC-26 and provided camp headquarters with a fast, reliable radio teletype net to the other islands. This net was maintained throughout camp and provided valuable communications support to units training on the island of Hawaii.

The four principal communication platoons Radio, Radio Relay & Carrier, Message Center and Wire all received excellent technical training at the 25th Division Signal School. Later as the camp progressed functional teams were presented actual operational problems which were concluded in a highly satisfactory manner. The statement "Now I really know what this equipment can do" was made by one of the new men in the company which proves that the training was properly planned and well conducted.

Just prior to camp, 2d Lt Pedro N. Sanchez transferred from Company "A" 298th Infantry and was assigned to the Radio Relay & Carrier Platoon. Pete is employed as a Leaderman Switchman with Hawaiian Telephone Company. Another Officer was added to our company when 2d Lt John P. Keppeler II joined the organization as a Radio Officer. Lt Keppeler recently graduated from Oregon State College and received his commission as a 2d Lieutenant Signal Corps. He is presently at Waipahu with the Oahu Sugar Company.

Presently three members of the 120th Sig Spt Co are attending schools on the mainland. 2d Lt Frederick A. Holck is at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey taking the Signal Officer's Basic Course, Sfc Hillory R. Jones is at Fort Gordon, Georgia undergoing training with repeater and carrier equipment; and SP2 William H. Craver is attending the Army Helicopter Maintenance Course at Fort Ruckner, Alabama.

This unit is still only 50% of its authorized strength and is continually looking for men who are interested in learning radio and electronics.

THE MIGHTY 613TH

By SP2 M. Fernandez

It seems that every year that summer encampment rolls around it gets better and better, and this year we came home with a superior. The only thing we missed though, was the fact that the "Duckworth Chant" is unauthorized and the Army wants you to drill according to the book. This took most of the snap out of marching and it seems the boys didn't like it at all. This year the 613th did not march on Governors day due to the terrific work load that they had and therefore were unable to make the parade. The automotive and track sections besides the recovery section really had a lot of work to do, and the machine section, had its first job right after the setting up of their truck had been completed. A terrific craze hit 613th and the manufacture of tops hit a new boon.

Sgt. Edward Auwae and WOJG Theodore Wong are attending a Special two week course at the Allison Division of the General Motors Corporation, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The subject they are tackling is the Cross-drive Transmission Course. A recent returnee from the Delco Remy people in Indiana, was MSgt Gaylon K. Schaeffer. He attended a special two week course in Automotive Electricity.

Promotions are being enjoyed by many, not only for the rise in rank but also for the raise in pay. Maybe a few cents but a few cents add up to a lot. Promoted to SFC from Sp2 was K. Sakamoto; from SP3 to SP2, D. Ching, R. Medeiros, J. Nakoa, V. Pratt, J. Rapozo, M. Takamura, E. Uyemura, F. Wright; from Pvt-E2 to PFC, R. Diaz ,G. Kimura, R. Sato; from Pvt-E1 to Pvt-E2, G. Aukai, E. Auwae, J. Bell, G. Carvalho, B. Lee, E. Lum, D. Nicholas, C. Reeves, G. Sanchez, H. Suganuma, and M. Victorino. Congratulations gang and keep up the good work.

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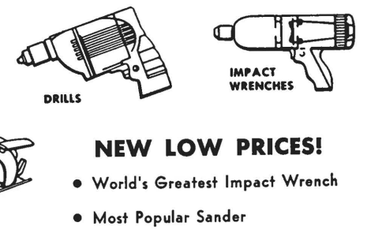
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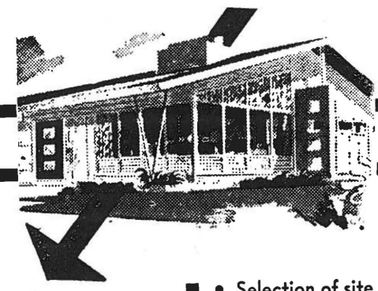
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• ALOHA WEEK, 1956, Hawaii's annual tribute to the traditions and customs of Old Hawaii, promises to be even more colorful and festive than in previous years. Not only the major festivities in Honolulu — the Hawaiian pageants, luaus, aquatic activities, street dancing and singing and the Aloha Week Ball — but in other communities on Oahu and the outer islands as well.

• The first outer island event will be on Molokai, Friday night, October 19. The Aloha Week King and Queen accompanied by the Royal Court will reign over a lantern parade and Polynesian festival. On October 21 the outrigger canoes will be blessed in a native Hawaiian ceremony before their spectacular race across the 40 miles of the pacific from Molokai to Oahu.

• ALOHA WEEK RIBBON SALES are already under way. The Ribbons, at 50¢ and 25¢ are a "must" for all events. Every resident of all the islands is urged to buy and wear the Aloha Week "badge" of participation in the varied events of Aloha Week, 1956.

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158TH AAA

The 158th AAA Bn recently had a large group of officers and men attending the Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missiles School at Fort Bliss, Texas, just across the river from "Wazoo", Mexico, a town they say is full of steaks. Some of these men were MSgt Charles K. H. Wong, SP3 George K. Higaki, SP3 William N. Niitani and SP3 Melvin C. M. Pang, all from Battery A; WO Tamio Ishida and SP3 Henry Kanada from Battery B; WO Henry E. Aken, SP2 Albert T. Kunimoto, SP3 Norman M. Shun and SP3 Samuel C. Y. Fong from Battery C; WO Albert U. S. Chong, SFC James B. Lum, SP2 Ronald N. T. Young and SP3 Robert K. Tanaka from Battery D.

Incidentally, SP2 Kunimoto graduated first in his class and had the highest score on record of anyone that went through the course. He received a commendation from the Commandant of the Artillery School for his achievement.

Batteries B and C are now in the process of moving — lock stock, and 90mm guns — down to Sand Island where they will set up alongside the 109th ACWRON. This move is part of the effort to provide eventual antiaircraft protection to Honolulu. Batteries A and D will remain at Fort Ruger for the time being along with Headquarters Battery.

The local newspapers recently publicized rescue efforts of a Guardsman who rescued two women from the briney deep out Lanikai way. The rescuer was none other than Lt Francis J. Santos, Fire Control Platoon Leader of Delta Battery. When he heard calls for assistance from the women he immediately began running for the water shedding articles of clothing along the way. It's a good thing he remembered to keep his shorts on! Congratulations to Lt Santos for his heroic act!

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By CAPT CHARLES WILLS

The 158th AAA Bn's first annual field training as an anti-aircraft artillery unit was conducted way out on the end of nowhere, on the wave-drenched shores of Mokuleia. It was an unqualified success especially when you consider that in the two weeks period the battalion progressed from basic emplacement of equipment to the conduct of firing courses, all with relatively inexperienced personnel. Basically, what happened during those two weeks was this:

In the misty early morning the generators were started with dull coughing roars. These gasoline gulping machines soon settled down to their one facet for being — sending 35,000 watts of electric current surging through the multiple-laced cables. On a signal radar operators threw switches and turned dials and read readings in their big radar vans. And the big parabolic antennas commenced their endless whirling, round and round, sending electric pulses stabbing out into the sky, searching for something solid enough to bounce back an electronic shadow.

These radar operators, one would think, have easy jobs just searching for aerial targets, but it takes many hours of training and experience before one can identify a "pip" on the screen as an actual target and not a blip caused by a mountain. For awhile they thought they had a target way out there and were really enthusiastic about it until they found out that it was the very solid and immovable island of Kauai which was invisible to the human eye, but showed up bright and clear on the radar screen!

When the little RCAT (Radio Controlled Aerial Target) flew by later in the morning, piloted by the little "red monkey", things got serious, and the radar picked it up and "locked on" in earnest, the mechanics of the machine being such that it could follow the twistings and turnings of the plane without the needed efforts of human hands. Try as it would the little red plane was unable to get out of the grasp of that electronic grip.

These radar vans and their mechanical guts are



158th AAA Battalion firing area at Mokuleia.

connected to four ten-ton monsters across the field by a myriad of interlaced cables. Here, the marvels of the mechanical world are not so much in evidence as human hands and brains are required to continually supply this 90mm weapon with ammunition and service. It will follow the target automatically after the circuits have been thrown and follow it very accurately and if you sight along the gun tube you will notice that it is pointed at a predicted future position of the target the same as when a hunter takes lead in shooting at a flock of ducks.

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298TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

By 2D LT GEORGE M. MIYACHI

The year's biggest shuffle of top positions within the 298th RCT took place in August.

The 1st Battalion Assembly area was the scene of a brief but colorful change of command ceremony. Special orders, read by Regimental Adjutant, Major Archie Kennison Jr, officially appointed Lt Col Clyde W. Woods Jr, former Regt'l Executive Officer, as the new commanding officer of 1st Battalion. He replaced Lt Col Francis S. Takemoto, who will leave shortly for the island of Hawaii, as the new Field Assistant of Adult Education, Dept. of Public Instructions.

Colonel Fred A. Schaefer III, Regimental Commander, expressed his appreciation and "Aloha" for the outstanding job that Col Takemoto did as Bn Commander and felt "confident that Col Woods, will carry out his duties, in equally fine manner."

The movement of Col Takemoto started a "chain reaction" within the ranks of the staff officers. Lt Col Edward M. Yoshimasu, ex Regt'l S-3, took over as our new Regimental Executive Officer. Capt David F. deCosta assumed the duties as Regt'l Supply Officer (S-4), turning the rein of Hq and Hq Co over to Capt Frank Vaughan, ex RMO. Major Albert Yim Jr, former Regt'l S-4, moved his desk next to Col Woods, as the 1st Bn XO. While Major Masato Sugihara, formerly XO, 1st Bn, returned to Headquarters as the new Regt'l Training and Operations Officer (S-3). Those, in a nutshell are the major shifts within the command.

Two officers at Regiment are going around with smiles that seem wide enough to split their faces in two. One of them is our new Executive Officer, Lt Col Edward Yoshimasu, who not only recently received a new assignment, but more important, promotion in rank.

Col Yoshimasu, prior to summer camp, attended and completed the Associate Command and General Staff Course at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon return from Leavenworth, Col Yoshimasu, than the Regt'l Adjutant, accepted the full-time position as Territorial Fiscal Officer for the Hawaii National Guard. At the same time Col Yoshimasu became the 298th RCT's Training and Operations Officer. He held this position up until his recent promotion and reassignment as Regt'l XO.

Also in a smiling daze is CAPTAIN Thomas Shields. Commo Officer for the Regiment, who was promoted to his present rank. Capt Shields was last seen over at the Ruger PX purchasing a handful of "railroad tracks." (Anyone care for some old banged-up silver bars?'

Our congratulations to Col Yoshimasu and Capt Shields for their well-deserved promotions!

Everyone concerned is in accord with Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell's observation of the recent summer camp when he said in a letter to Major Gen F. W. Makinney, AG of Hawaii: "The planning and execution was of the highest professional quality . . . This has been reflected in part by the USARPAC Inspection Board who rated the field training performances of all units either 'excellent' or 'superior'." We certainly appreciate Gen Powell's kind comments to a summer camp that lived up to expectations.

The high field training attendance of 98.9% did not equal the all-time high of 100% in 1952 but we can be justly proud, for it represents the attitude of the officers and men of the 298th, to the importance of putting to practice, all what has been learned from Armory Drills.

Here are some highlights from the last summer camp:

Congratulations are in order for the following units who were awarded the RCT Commander's Perpetual Trophy for Fiscal Year, 1956. They are: Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn; Company H, 2d Bn; Hq & Hq Co, 3d Bn; Heavy Mortar Co, Prov. Bn.

Company G, for having the outstanding Kitchen and Mess, was presented with the Regimental Supply Officer's Perpetual Trophy.

Thanks, to 1st Lt Louis Chappelear and to the officers and NCOs serving under him; the Recruit Detachment, in two weeks, succeeded in molding raw recruits into "seasoned soldiers."

The Recruit Detachment, during graduation ceremony, honored Pvt Alfred C. Lardizabal, Hq Co, 3d Bn, with a trophy as "Top Recruit." Pvt Thomas T. Akimoto, Co H, placed second, with 3rd place honor going to Pvt Marcelino Agcaoili, Hq Co, 2d Bn. Recruits receiving medals for high scores with the MI Rifle are: 1st place, Pvt Fred P. Eli, Co F; 2d place, Pvt Yoshimasa Emura, Co M; 3rd place, Pvt Allison J. Chong, Svc Co.

Co F, made a clean sweep in awards for high score winners with the Carbine. The winners are: 1st place, Pvt Harold M. Lyau, Jr; 2nd place, Pvt Fred P. Eli; 3rd place, Pvt Stephenson M. Eli.

During Gov's Day Parade at Schofield Bks, the 111th Band, commanded by CWO Carl Baptiste, walked off with the Eisenhower Trophy as the outstanding guard unit.

Newly added to the Summer training program this year were the night firing of small arms and the actual firing of the 105mm Recoilless Rifles by the Heavy Weapons Companies.

298TH PROVISIONAL BATTALION

This Battalion consisting of Hq & Hq Co., Sv Co., Med. Co., Hvy Mort Co., 227th Eng. Co., and the 111th Army Band each received a superior rating for their outstanding performance during the annual Field Training. This is the only Bn that has achieved this goal.

Hvy Mort Co won the 298th RCT Commanders Award as the "Best Company" of Prov Bn. This award was won through the aggressive and efficient NCO's, namely: MSgt William E. Yin, MSgt Henry C. C. Young, Sfc Harry S. Iha, Sfc Jacob K. Barros, Sfc Peter K. Hanohano, Sgt Benjamin K. Kekahuna, and Sgt William Asinsen. However each member of the unit deserves special praise for this accomplishment.

Heavy Mortar's scholarly Company Clerk, Sp3 Tsun H. Lee, recently won a $1,250 Scholarship from the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce to study for a Master's degree in public health education at the University of California and will leave for California at the end of August. He intends to enlist in the California National Guard. "Once a guardsman, always a guardsman", says Sp3 Lee, a Phi Beta Kappa key holder.

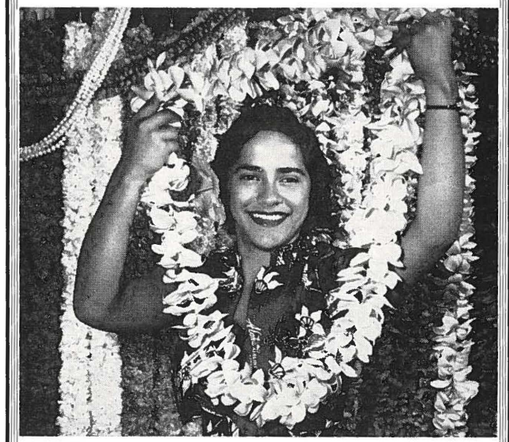
Congratulations, to Service Company's Caliber .30 rifle team which competed in the All Service Rifle Tournament in Hilo during 13-14 July 56 and won second place. Members of the team are: CWO Ralph Apo, MSgt Kaoru Miyamoto, Sp2 Mitsuharu Murakami, Sfc Manual Sylva, Sp2 Louis Miranda, Sp3 Clinton Woods, Sp3 Herman Puahi Jr. and Pvt Allison Chong. Many of these men

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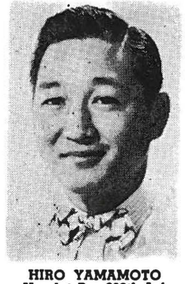
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developed their fine marksmanship through CWO Apo's leadership.

Heavy Mortar Co. and Service Company have formed bowling teams. Heavy Mortar Co. meets at Bowling City every Sunday night for league bowling and is also available for matches with other units. Hvy Mortar Co's results are as follows: MSgt Nobuo Yuuki, high 3-game average of 196; Sgt Frederico D. Luna's high game of 232. Service Company had a match between the Personnel Section and Regimental S-1 Section which was victorious for the Personnel Section led by CWO Paul S. H. Hong.

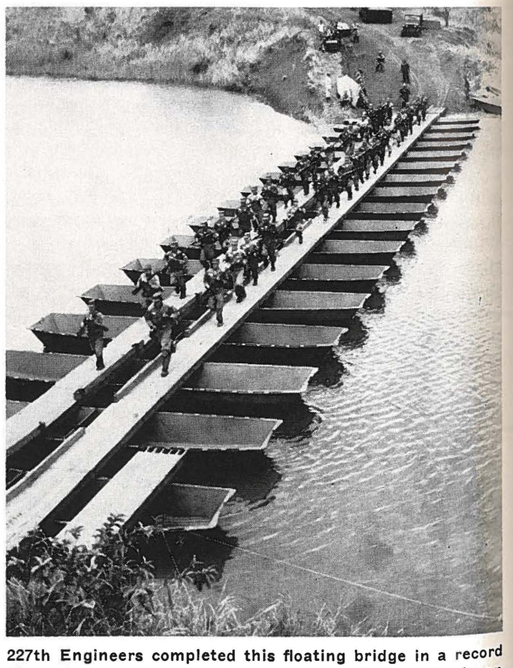
Congratulations to Service Company's new Warrant Officer, Herbert Nakaya, who received his bars 6 July 56. He has been assigned as Regimental Munitions Officer.

227th Engineer Company annual First Sergeant's trophy was awarded to Sp3 Walter K. Kanamu. One of the accomplishments of Engineer Co. during Field Training is that the entire company now knows the General Orders. This was done by the "Don't know General Order, no pass method."

Pfc Robert Stender of Engineer Co is a proud father of twins, a boy and a girl. MSgt and Mrs. Tommy Ayamaten also welcomed their third child, Adele Mieko. Congratulations!

Since the unit's return from Field Training, Pvt William Puha and Clifton Mahiai have been enlisted to reinforce the strength of Engineer Co.

Infantrymen highly praised Medical Co for its support during the attack and defense problems at camp. Capt Horace Clay, MSC, Admin Officer, for Medical Co, leaves on Sept 12, for two year's study at the University of Chicago. Replacing Capt Clay will be 1st Lt Edward Vierra, who has been a member of the unit for 8 yrs.



227th Engineers completed this floating bridge in a record time of 1 hour 45 minutes. Morale was high with slogan of "Don't fight the problem!"

1ST BN 298TH RCT

This quarter was begun with the expectation of summer camp — the usual burst of activity which always comes from preparing for that important phase of our training. From the first day at camp our stay at Schofield Barracks was characterized by high morale and consequently group cooperation. Ably commanded by Captain Colin Kippen and guided by the company officers, the men put forth an excellent record of performance at camp. As a result, the company was awarded the title of "Best Company" in the First Battalion in recognition of its fine work.

Talking now about sports: The company now has two bowling teams captained by Sgt F.Castillo and MSgt Kahapea respectively. Bowling night is Wednesday. Two turf-minded company men participate in the National Guard golf league.

Congratulations to Battalion Operations Sergeant Kataichi Ninomiya who was recently promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant.

Company A. Well, the gang is back at Fort Ruger again. We left the red dirt and mud back at Schofield, no need for it here. We're even scrubbing the red stuff out of our uniforms and equipment. Getting ready for IG, you know.

We would like to welcome SFC Hasegawa, our new Unit Administrator and Supply Technician, who transferred to us from Maui. Also, we would like to give a great big ALOHA to Sgt Souza (Sgt Malasadas) who left to work on Maui taking Sgt Hasegawa's place. Drop us a couple of lines when you can.

Company A has succeeded in getting a 100% subscription to the Hawaii Guardsman. Congratulations, gang.

Several of our boys were flabbergasted to see their pictures in the last issue of the Guardsman. Where's the connections?

We would also like to welcome Lieutenants Yamamoto and Peterson who came to us just before camp and proved their worth during the two weeks. Looks like they're here to stay. Fine work, Sirs.

Our congratulations to our CO, Lt Lum, for making the HNG Pistol Team. Lt Lum will leave us for a short period of time to participate in the 1955 National Pistol Matches conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio from August 29 to September 9. The boys of Alpha Company wish you all the luck, Sir! And we hope you come back with a lot of medals.

Company B. Congratulations to the following men who became proud fathers recently. To MSgt Doseo, SP3 Akau, PFC Cabral and PFC White. Let's keep it up boys, more future guardsmen are needed.

Newcomers to our family are PFC Higa and PFC Torres who are transferees from Kohala. Welcome, boys!

Our fondest aloha to Lt Tam who will be leaving us shortly to be assigned to Hq 298th RCT as Liaison Officer.

Company D. Welcome to 2nd Lt Gabriel Akiona who has been transferred from Company C, 299th RCT, Maui. Lt Akiona was an NCO in Charley Company, 298th RCT quite some time ago, so he is no stranger to the battalion. He is presently assigned as HMG Platoon Leader.

Congratulations to our softball team which won the First Battalion championships with 5 wins and no losses. The team was captained by Sgt. Larry Fuller, Special Service NCO of the company. Delta Company will represent the 1st Bn. in the 298th RCT softball championship. Sgt Fuller also captains the company bowling team in the 1st Bn bowling league at the Varsity Bowl. Come one, come all, come out and cheer your team along.

Congratulations to PFC Thomas Ortogero who will be leaving for the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry on 20 August.

2D BN 298TH RCT

By H. Kono

Once again the unit of Tank Co (90mm Gun) 298th Inf repeated in scoring a rating of high Superior for the annual field encampment for 1956. Special attention was directed by Capt Saburo Ito, CO of this unit during a critique to those comments which noted minor discrepancies. Every effort is being concentrated to improve in these fields. All in all, as one might say, "A Job Well Done".

Thumbing through some past records revealed the following individuals of this unit were eligible for the 3 years HNG (Perfect) Attendance Badge. Recipients for this award are 2d Lt Minoru Hirabara, MSgt Christopher Soares, MSgt David M. Akui, SFC Philip Gaboya, SFC James S. Kaneshiro, SFC Richard T. Kano, SFC Sung Cho Kim, SFC Toshio Miyasato, SFC Joseph S. Nakagawa, SFC Harry S. Nakayama, SFC Stanley K. Rodrigues, SFC Takeshi Watanabe, SP2 Rudolph Arial, SP2 Nathan K. Hale, SP2 Hamilton C. Parrilla, SP2 Henry C. Parrilla, SP2 Walter Olaso, SP2 William Samson, and SP2 George Tamanaha.

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Recipients for the 6 years badge are CWO Hideo Kono, MSgt Thomas K. Lopez, and SFC Russell L. Sylva. Out of the list of the 3 year perfect attenders, records also indicate these (loyal) guardsmen will be completing their 6 perfect years of attendance in short order. Others are nearing the goal (and sweating) for their 3 years. A wise word from an old timer like SFC Gaboya, 1st Sgt commented, "The first 3 years are the hardest". Also in line for the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (10 years) are CWO Kono, MSgt Lopez, MSgt Soares, SFC Watanabe, SFC Gaboya, and SP2 Antone C. Gomes. Newly transferred from Co E 298th Inf, 2d Lt Richard Y. Noguchi remarked, "Gee!! they're over the hump (half-way mark) and coasting down hill for the retirement income."

2d Lt Minoru Hirabara successfully completed the Associate Inf Co Off course at Ft Benning, Ga recently. Presently attending the 6 months Active duty at Schofield Barracks are Pvts Solomon L. Kuni Jr, Pedro Martin, Eugene Reformina, and Wilfred S. Shimata. SP2 Earl M. Houghtailing wrote from OCS courses at Fort Benning, Ga that no such FACTS (or should we say Instructions) are scheduled.

Pay increases were noted on the pay table at the summer camp by Eugene Cabilao, Edward J. Pineda, Lolito Sagocio and Donald C. Villados who were upped to PFC. Also promoted were Gilbert Hamora, Clarence Y. Kibota, Allen Y. Murakoshi, Richard T. Nonaka and Richard T. Okemura to SP3. Roland Gionson to Pvt-2. Congratulations!!

COMPANY F 298TH INF

By MSgt Isayas D. Santa Ana

Capt Isaac K. Mahelona, Company Commander, recently returned from TIS Ft Benning, Ga. where he attended the Associate Infantry Officer Advance Course.

Pvts Matthew K. Kahuhu and Joseph Yunson have departed 6 August for 6 months Active Duty for Training. Pfc Edward P. Fuentes and Pvt-2 Joshua Ramos have applied for the September group and hope to take their training in California. Pvt-2 Anthony J. Pavao returned to the unit in July after his 6 months training. He was with Company L 14th Infantry 25th Inf Div and participated in training that was held on the big island.

Sfc William M. Mahi is on a 2-months vacation and is now visiting Oklahoma and will visit friends anr relatives in California before returning to Hawaii. While in Oklahoma City, where he visited his daughter, Bill visited units of the 45th Inf Div.

New gains in the unit include Pfc Emiliano I. Lacuesta, a former member of this unit that has 3 years with the USMC, Pfc Clarence B. Oclinaria a returnee transferred from Co C 298th Infantry, Pvts-1 Vernon H. Kahala, and Kiyoshi Watanabe.

COMPANY G 298TH INF

Company "G" was awarded the "BEST KITCHEN" during Field Training. This award was presented to 1st Lt Iwao Iijima, CO of Company G, during summer camp. Topping all units of the 298th RCT, Company G's mess personnel were outstanding in the performance of their work and received an overall rating of "SUPERIOR" for the two weeks encampment. Members of the Mess Section are: CWO Francis K. Lum, Mess Officer, SFC Reuben Y. D. Lum, Mess Steward, SP2 Francis J. Chartrand Jr, SP2 Kung A. Young Jr, SP3 Paul K. Naipo, SP3 George H. Oki and Pfc Alfred B. C. Chang, Cooks and Pvt-2 Roy S. Ogata, Cook-helper.

Company "G" suffered a great loss recently when 2d Lt Samuel K. Naipo, Platoon Leader, transferred to 3rd Battalion in Kauai. Lt Napio will supervise his brother's tourist business, conducting island tours and sight-seeing trips. Starting as a recruit back in 1950, Lt Napio advanced himself through the ranks. He attend the Lt and Hvy Weapons Infantry Course and also the Officer's Basic Infantry Course at Ft. Benning, Ga. We will surely miss him, especially the Mess Crew. Best of Luck, Sam!

Two new faces were added to the roster recently, Pvt-2 William Aniu III a transfer from Company L 299th Infantry HNG at Kohala, Hawaii and Pvt-1 Richard A. Bermudez. Pvt Bermudez joins his twin brothers, Peter and Raymond.

Recent promotions were the following: to Sgts: SP3 Ambrose A. Kalauokaaea and SP3 Domingo S. Nazara; to PFC: Peter S. Bermudez, Robert W. Brigole, Alfred B. C. Chang, Luther N. Keliikuli, Alfred Peters Jr and Paul Soto Jr. Advanced to Pvt-2 were Pvts: Robert Featheran and Ronald Dayoan.

COMPANY H 298TH INF

By Sgt Richard M. Kuga

Company H has added to their show case another plaque — the Regimental Commander's Perpetual Trophy — for the outstanding company in the 2d Bn 298th Inf HNG.

For all the work the men in the company did, they were well rewarded with a luau during mid-camp. The men really deserved it after all the G. I. parties and hard work to make the company area outstanding in appearance.

Congratulations go to the following EM for doing so well during the last summer camp recruit training: T. Akimoto, H. Aranaydo, R. Hagio, and F. Shiraishi. Special congratulations goes to Pvt T. Akimoto for being named the second best recruit in the regiment.

The following men were elected officers for the NCO Club for the new quarter: Richard M. Kuga, president; Samuel R. K. Choo, vice-president; Ernest T. Eto, secretary; and Stanley A. Murakoshi, treasurer.

As usual at this time of the year, several men have or will be leaving the company in the future. William T. Carroll Jr, Daniel Uesugi, and George S. Yamamoto have gone to a bigger place — the mainland. Paul Nagamine has joined the Air Force. Stanley Tandel and Warren Yoshida are leaving to attend school on the mainland.

To offset the many losses, the company has gained some men during the recruiting drive. The following men have enlisted in the National Guard: James Garcia, Roy Y. Kuba, Alejandro Navarez, Alfredo Tagudin, Carl I. Takaki, and James K. Tanaka. Also anticipating membership is John K. Miyahara. Obed Sniffen has returned to the unit from the 299th Infantry Regiment.

Looking into the "rank climbing" situation, Pvt E-2 Frederick Iman has been promoted to Pfc and Pvt E-1 Harry Aranaydo to Pvt E-2.

Giving special consideration to an outstanding EM, records show that the supply sergeant, Sfc Boleriano Desuacido, has had nine years of perfect attendance.

COMPANY L 298TH INF

Stanley S. Haraguchi was promoted to specialist 3d Class effective on 23 July 56. Stanley is the Commo expert in the Company. He has been in the communications section since his transfer from Co K. 3d Bn, Kapaa, Kauai.

Daniel Macalutas was promoted to Pvt-1, effective date 23 July 56. This newcomer has realy come into his own since transferring in September of 55. He is a crack BAR man in the 2d platoon commanded by Lt Dang.

Santiago Pajela Jr, our best truck driver was promoted to Pfc on 23 July 56. He is an expert in the driving field because of his previous experience as a truck driver while serving with Occupational troops in Germany. He is a transferee from Co M 3d Bn and is really enjoying his tour of duty with the 298th Regt.

KAUAI NEWS

3D BN 298TH INF

By CWO Luther K. Wong

With the conclusion of the annual field training for FY 56, the officers and men of this battalion can feel mighty proud indeed for a job well done. It is only proper at this time that we offer hearty congratulations to unit commanders and their key personnel for their untiring efforts in preparation for the encampment as evidenced by the training scores attained by this battalion. Units with 100% attendance at field training were: Hq & Hq Co, Co's "I" & "K". Co "M" had 5 members absent who are key members in their respective industrial plants and could not attend camp. 3d Bn Med Plat also had one absent because of occupational obligations. Co "L" had two absent for the same reasons which gave the battalion an overall attendance rating of 98.33%. We know that those who were absent would have liked to attend training

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at camp with the rest of the men, and hope that, in the future, we will go to camp with a 100% attendance.

We see that the production line was kept pretty busy while the men were away at camp. The first on the line was a daughter to SP3 Joseph Arruda Jr. of Co "K". Other new additions were SP3 Alfred Hookano of Co "I", a son — after three daughters, it was a relief. Sgt Robert Patricio, Co "I", went home to a new daughter. His family now consists of 3 boys and 2 girls. Congratulations to Mrs. Arruda, the former Lillian Freitas of Kealia, Kauai; Mrs. Hookano, the former Elizabeth Kami, of Waimea, Kauai, and Mrs. Patricio, the former Grace Yadao.

Since returning from Field Training, quite a few guardsmen have left our roster for different branches of the Armed Services. From Hq & Hq Co to join the Regular Army are: Albert J. Maghanoy, James P. Silva, Louis L. Souza, Ricardo S. Ochoco; from Co "I": Alberto Batis, Julian Esducil, Gerald Mariano, Cipirino Otland, Robert A. Souza, Noel K. Kubota; From Co "K": William L. Souza, Jr., Paul S. Fukushima, William Labogen, Dominador Largusa, Serio Camalliri, Francisco T. Domen, Douglas Gayagas, Robert Mandap & Robert K. Murata; from Co "M": Justino Bermodez, David Y. Hamada, Benjamin Morikawa, Paul E. Yokoyama, Galen A. A. DeCosta & Robert K. Sugihara. Those enlisting in the Navy are: William Mananatan from Hq & Hq Co; Edward Carveiro from Co "I"; Tony Bernaldes and William S. B. Holt of Co "M". The Air Force enlisted Richard P. Lee, Jr., Mitchell H. Nitta and Merlyn K. Sam Fong, all of Co "M". The Marines recruited Benjamin K. Kuhaulua of Co "K".

We welcomed into the battalion on 20 July, 2d Lt William W. Wilbourn III. He is assigned to the Pioneer and Ammunition Platoon of Hq & Hq Co as Platoon Leader. He is a former member of the US Marine Corps having served therein for 8 years, and now with the Lihue Sugar Company Surveying gang. He is married to the former Helen Hashimoto of Kapaa, Kauai. Soon to join our fold in the very near future will be 2d Lt Sam Naipo, who is being transferred from Co "G" on Oahu to Company "K".

Reenlisting for another 3 years are Harold Naumu, Denis A. Souza, Chang C. Lee, Sebastian Torres, Jr., Joseph R. Rivera and Elpidio Garmar of Co "I". Reenlisting in Co "M" are George K. Fujimura and Manuel Martin.

Returning home from Ft. Benning, Ga., where they attended Service Schools, just prior to camp are Capt. John M. English, Bn Adjutant, 2d Lt Theodore A. Daligdig, Jr., and MSgt Raymond B. Toguchi, both of Co "K". Comments from these three indicate that the school is "one in a million." Although rough and tough, everyone should make an attempt to attend the school.

2d Lieutenants Herbert S. Watanabe and Theodore A. Daligdig, Jr., both of Co "K", having been promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenants on 7th and 18th June respectively, are now under obligation to pass out cigars to all members of our society. The Lieutenants indicate only those in line up to a certain date (not given) may receive a cigar.

Joining the society of married men will be Pfc Moses Keale of Co "I". The date — 17th of August, and the happy bride — Dianne Severn of Kaumakani, Kauai. (Should be one invitation for two forthcoming).

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Past records show that Co "I" is the most party conscious unit within this battalion. As the commanding officer of Co "I", 1st Lt John Ilalaole, Jr., says, "for parties you can't beat Co 'I'." And we agree. On 9 June, the company celebrated its 9th anniversary with a party at the Green Gardens Cafe at Hanapepe. 12th June — Cooks of Co "I" had its annual pre-camp dinner. 7th July — 1st Platoon under SFC Melvin Kua, had its post-camp party. And 2d Platoon, under MSgt John Soto, held its sixth annual post-camp party. These parties are attended by the families, girl friends and friends of the men and includes all the trimmings. Co "K" comes a close second for party giving. On 2 June, they had their pre-camp party at the Hanamaulu Cafe. The party was followed by an impromptu show with members of the company participating. You never know what talents a guardsman has until a show of this type is given. Anyway, we stand a good chance of losing more of our members to Hollywood and the stage. Highlight of the show was Christino Domen who did imitations and sang a few numbers. A real Sammy Davis, he was. Sgt John Kauo led his choral group in singing, to the delight of all those present. The group consisted of Wililan Carrillo, Robert Rumion, Lawrence Mahuiki and Sgt Kauo. We also find in our records that pre-camp parties were given by the Cooks, 1st Platoon and Wpns Platoon of Co "K". I hear a new composition these days at Co "K" — Beer, Song and No Women, in preparation for the Annual anniversary and Christmas Party sometime in December.

Not to be left out of parties, the full-time employees of this battalion will stage a beach picnic on 25 August. Plans are already underway and we expect a profitable day. Lots of fishing to be done by the men while wives tend to the fires and get the dinner ready.

We heard that Lt Moriyoshi Ganeko, who commands Co "M" at Kekaha, and Lt Herbert T. Doi, our S-4, were out fishing the other night off Barking Sands and brought in quite a load of fish. The count was 29 uluas and papios, and other types of fish which ran the total up to about 60.

The Lihue Armory now undergoing a new facial, keeps the full-time employees moving in and out of the way of the painters. Looks good too, and it will afford better lighting for good working conditions. Meanwhile, the Kapaa Armory is beginning to take shape with the foundation being laid. We think its a beautiful plan for an armory and it wouldn't be a bad idea if we could move Battalion Headquarters to Kapaa. However, we hear objections from Sfc Henry F. Christiansen, administrative technician for Co "K" who will have the honor of occupying the new armory. We see Capt Minoru Takashima, CO of Co "K" doing his daily inspections as the armory grows . . . how is it coming, Captain?

At this writing, Major James R. Reed Jr., is rearranging his office after the new paint job. He has replaced Major Delmar A. Fugh as unit advisor to the 3d Bn who was transferred to 2d Bn on Oahu. At the last meeting with some of the officers of the 2d Bn, the feeling was that they hated to lose Major Reed as we of the 3d Bn felt the same way about Major Pugh. Now we can understand why and I'm sure 2d Bn shares the same feeling with us. They're both good advisors . . . but, we still miss our Major Pugh. (No hard feelings, Major Reed).

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By WO Ed H. Araujo

The 299th RCT (less the Tank Co & 487th FA Bn) returned to Schofield Barracks on 9 June 1956 to participate in the annual field training encampment. The Tank Co & 487th FA Bn remained on the island and trained at Pohakuloa. The movement to Schofield Barracks was accomplished by chartered commercial aircraft. Flights began at 0030 9 June on HAL CV 340 (Convairs) from Hilo; at 0430 on HAL DC-3 from Upolu; at 0100 on TPA DC-3 from Maui and at 0630 on TPA DC-3 from Maui and at 0630 on TPA DC-3 from Molokai. The movement to the "Big City" was completed at 0930 that morning. Credit for the coordinated planning goes to Lt Col Roman & Major Nascimento, Troop Movement Officers for Hawaii & Maui respectively. The flights from Hilo were unusually good. The weather was ideal for flying with the moon aglow. The comforts of the trip outweighed the one disadvantage of travelling at such an early hour. The return trip back to the home station was similar to the trip going over.

Reports received upon completion of field training were highly favorable. Comments received from USARPAC Inspectors were well taken. It was certainly a successful encampment.

The "chow" was plentiful, well prepared and varied. Much credit goes to the Food Service School and all mess personnel who were fortunate to attend the Pre Camp Mess School. The timely instruction on food preparation and serving taught to Guardsman at the school brought favorable results.

PROVISIONAL BN 299TH RCT

In the unit news department:

1st Lt David S. Nobriga, Hq & Hq Co, left Hilo for Gary AFB, San Marcos, Texas on 4 July 1956 to enroll in the Army Aviators School. Dave has always been keenly interested in aviation so when the opportunity was made available to him, he took the advantage of attending.

The Smallbore Rifle Team captained by SP3 Edwin H. Fujita is doing well in the Indoor Rifle Matches. Comprising the team are SFC Kunio Nakahara, SFC Teruichi Kohashi, SP3 Morris Kanekuni, SP3 Hisashi Matsuoka, SP3 Yoshinori Ota, Pvt James M. Nagai, Pvt Kenneth J. Carvalho & Pvt Carl H. Fujita.

EM appointed were Robert L. Marquina and Cypriano J. Perez to PFC; Kenneth J. Carvalho, Richard T. Bartolome, Charles K. Kaluai, Ronald K. Jinbo and Ronald K. S. Wong to PVT-2.

The Tank Company, for the first time since Federally recognized in 1950, remained on this island and trained for two weeks at Pohakuloa. The weather was cold and dusty at times, but the men enjoyed the training and performed their duties in an excellent manner. The mess "gang" the unsung heroes, combined their talents and prepared some mighty fine, tasty meals. SP2 Tamotsu Kusano, mess steward and his boys, deserve a lot of praise for a job well done.

Flashing new 2d Lt's bars is former SFC Tsutomu Ueno. He was recently commissioned a 2d Lt just prior to camp. Congratulations.

Swelling the rolls of the unit were the enlistments of James Abe, Richard T. Amano, Frank P. Fontes, Earl M. Nakashima, Robert Okinaka, Clement Y. Oshiro and David J. Texeira. Welcome, men.

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EM appointed were Ernest S. Alatan, Don H. Ferreira, Harry K. Pohina and Walter H. Shimaoka to PVT-2.

With the Tech Inspection and IG around the corner, Service Company is again working hard to attain or better the ratings received last year. According to the boys who know, the job of maintaining tools and equipment is endless, for rust never stops. Remember, boys, no maintenance means no job.

Putting in a lot of night work to "beautify" their section, are SFC Jack Sakamoto and his crew.

A lot of paint, elbow grease and hard work is the only solution for rust. Keeping up to the standards of the Tank Maintenance Section are SFC Joseph S. Ferreira, Truckmaster and his crew of the Transportation Section; MSgt Lawrence Valera, Personnel Sgt & his crew of the Personnel Section; MSgt Herbert J. Victorine and SFC Tetsuo Teraoka and their crew of the Truck Maintenance Section; and SFC Tamon Izuno and his crew of the Mess Section. That's the spirit, men, teamwork wins all battles.

The Medical Company, in a realistic state of readiness, spent concentrated efforts in appying medical knowledge to a great task called "Virus" at our annual field training exercises. Like modern minutemen, they speedily evacuated over 115 individuals from the Aid Stations to the Hospitals, after diagnosis "one" was discovered. Never before did a Medic have a greater admirations for the simple little "gimmick" called a thermometer. (Never did Lt Segawa, LOD Officer for this hqs, ever dream or expect such a load of Investigating Reports).

As usual and as expected, the 110th Army Band again attained the rating of Superior during the field training encampment. The rating of Superior was impossible if it were not for teamwork within the Band. Good work, men.

Immediately after termination of camp, The Armed Forces claimed two brothers, Sgt Charles Real who volunteered for the Army and brother SP3 George who volunteered for the Air Force. Another loss was the discharge of SP3 Bonifacio Defiesta who entered San Jose College in California. Good luck men.

Recent enlistments in the unit was Elmer T. Shiraishi.

The 230th Engr Co, a Combat Outfit, spent their entire two weeks training with the 65th Engr Bn of the 25th Infantry Division. Training consisted of Bridge Building and road construction. It was the first time that they had an opportunity to build a fixed bridge. The bridge is a permanent structure and is located in the East Range Area. They are certainly proud that a sign on the bridge reads "Courtesy of the 230th Engr Co, HNG" . . . Other training consisted of demolitions, river crossing operations and the construction of the M2 Widnended Steel Threadway and the Infantry Foot Bridges.

Recently commissioned a 2d Lt, CE on 24 June 1956 was MSgt David K. Marciel. Lt Marciel's commission was based on his successful completion of the Engr Combat Construction Foreman's Course at the Engr Sch, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Also eligible for possible appointment is another member of the unit who had completed the same Engr Course as Lt Marciel. Let's keep our fingers crossed for him so that he may pass the Federal Recognition Board. If he does, our unit will then have four commissioned officers, one warrant officer and 80 good men, a darn good outfit, you bet.

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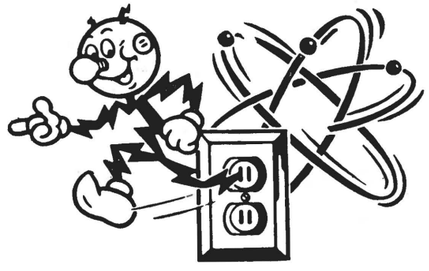
By Lt. Frances A. Abreu

Congratulations to Captain Alvin M. Haake, who had "Captain's Bars" pinned on his collar by Major General Makinney, recently at Paia, Maui. Captain Haake, CO of Company "C" 299th Infantry, is a graduate of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, Saint Anthony School (Maui), and the University of Hawaii. Captain Haake initially entered the Hawaii National Guard on June 10, 1950, and served with the 298th Infantry on Oahu, then was transferred to this battalion on July 15, 1955. He is employed as a Police Officer for the Maui Police Department. He is married to the former Eileen Crossie of Honolulu, and is presently residing at 121 Lehua Street, Kahului, Maui, with his wife, son Philip, and daughter Hiedi Jan.

Congratulations also to SFC Walter C. Freitas, appointed a Second Lieutenant on May 8, 1956. Lt. Freitas initially enlisted in Company "C" 299th Infantry on May 26, 1949, and served with that unit where he received his "Gold Bar." Lt Freitas is presently assigned as a Platoon Leader in Heavy Mortar Co 299th Infantry. He is a graduate of the Advance NCO Course, Fort Benning, Georgia, and also graduated from Saint Anthony High School. He is presently employed by Haleakala Ranch Company as a Rancher, and resides at Makawao, Maui, with his wife Helen, a son and daughter.

The people on Maui and Molokai should be proud of the recruits who went through the rough and tough Recruit training during the last Field Training encompment at Schofield Barracks. A few comments from the

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The following named Recruits were outstanding during camp: Pvt-1 Melvin D. Cummings, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf, who placed second, and Pvt-1 Gilbert A. Pan, Co A 299th Inf, who placed third.

Pvt-1 Melvin D. Cummings, Highest Score (234) on the M1 Rifle qualifications; Pvt-1 John K. Malaqui, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf, who placed second with a score of 212; and Pvt-1 Otto K. Willing, Co B 299th Inf, third with a score of 209.

On the Carbine qualification firing: Pvt-1 Vincente Corpis, Heavy Mortar Company, placed first with a score of 186; Pvt-1 Joseph A. Santos, also from Heavy Mortar Company who came in third with a score of 183.

To these outstanding young men, CONGRATULATIONS, and a successful tour of duty as a GUARDSMAN.

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The Welcome Mat is laid out for SFC Maurice A. Souza, who was transferred to Company "Charlie" 299th Infantry, from Company "Alpha" 298th Infantry. SFC Souza assumed the duties of full-time employee August 1st. He is married to the former Carol Cabral of Nahiku, Maui, and resides with his wife, son Duane, and daughter Sharla, at 159 Lehua Street, Kahului, Maui.

The newest addition to the "Ball and Chain" Club is 2d Lt Francis A. Abreu, Platoon Leader in Company "Delta" 299th Inf. The wedding knot was spliced on July 21, 1956.

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2D BN

Recently assigned as Administrative, Supply & Maintenance Technician for Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn was SP2 Yukio Akiyama. He replaced SFC John F. Silva, Jr who was assigned to the CFMS Nr 2 Shop as Radio Repairman.

The unit lost 1st Lt Robert A. Souza who now resides in Honolulu.

SP3's Gerald S. Matsubara, Gilbert Nishida, Pvt's Wallace S. Shindo, Jackie Y. Yanabu and Charles K. Yokoyama enlisted in the Armed Forces; the unit however enlisted Ronald H. Koga and Jackson S. Kohagura. At Co E, Pahala, Sfc Robert H. Yokomizo resigned as ASMT and was replaced by Sgt Kenneth Song, who recently returned from the Orient. Sgt Song did the same kind of work with a National Guard unit in California. Lost to the Armed Forces were Pvt's Samuel Kaluna, Jr., Jerry K. Ahu, Agastacio Delostrico, Jr and Gilbert C. Ganzagan. Enlised in July were Raymond M. Ito and Aurellio Abellera. Pvts Ralph J. Kaapana and Floyd T. Shibuya are at Schofield Barracks on the 6 months active duty training. At Co G, Olaa, Hawaii, the following enlisted men were lost to the Armed Forces; Cpl Sabino Martines, Jr., Pvts Samson Cabastas, Masato Shimizu, Francis Wright, Alvin D. Rapoza, Remejio Salazar, Jr., Richard T. Tao, and Gilbert H. Uyeda. Newcomers to the unit were Robert C. Biglow and Henry Real. Co F, the only rifle company in Hilo, enlisted Franklin P. Amaral, Manuel A. DeMello Jr and John J. Mattos, Jr. Co H in Honomu lost SP3 Vandeleir R. Gabriel to the Air Force and enlisted Yoshiichi Kaneshiro. Pvts Norman Aquinaldo, Frank Amar, Lawrence J. Balberde, Paul Moses and George L. Pascua are in Schofield Barracks on the 6 months active training.

The battalion is in the midst of the technical inspections and all the units are busy cleaning, polishing and getting the records in shape. The IG Inspections for all units in the Bn will also be coming up during the month of September, so the ASMT's will not have to sweat out the inspection as they did during previous years.

3D BN

A new-comer to the Territory and a very welcome addition to the 3d Bn 299th Inf Honokaa, Hawaii is Major Alexander Pouska Jr who assumed the duties of Unit Advisor, replacing Lt Col Robert E. Jones. Major Pouska is a recent graduate of the Command and General Staff College. We take this opportunity to welcome him and wish him a pleasant and prosperous stay. His wife and two children are still at their home in the suburbs of Baltimore, Maryland.

Our Bn Commander Major Paul A. Schattauer was promoted to Lt Colonel on 6 August 1956. Congratulations, Colonel.

Several officers were reassigned during the quarter. Major Herbert J. Miyasaki, S3 to Exec; Captain Sunny SG Kim, CO Com M to S3; Captain Anthony L. Teves, CO Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn to S4; 1st Lt Donald E. Wills, Mtr Off to CO Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn; 1st Lt Clarence Morgado, S4 to Mtr Off; 1st Lt Sam Leong, Recon O to CO Co. M.

Since returning from Summer Camp, recruiting has been in the limelight and the motto here at the 3d is, "Full Strength by IG". Hq & Hq Co and Co L are in the lead at present with Cos I, K, and M coming up fast. At the present rate, all indications point to a "lettered" unit taking the lead at press time.

Speaking of IG — It's slated for all units of this Bn during the last week of September. It should be another banner year for the "Thundering Third". From First Sergeants down to the newest recruits, all are pitching in during their spare time to give "elbow grease" to achieve the possible, SUPERIOR! That's cooperation, men, let's keep that old fighting spirit of the Third and come out on top.

Guard pay is really getting handy and being used where it counts. For instance, MSgt Regidor and Cpl G. Hachida, Co I are sporting brand new cars. It's the Summer Camp pay — that's what did it.

Congratulations to Lt H. Suzuki, Ex O, Co I. He took a bride on 4 August 1956. We wish you all the luck and happiness in the world.

487TH FA BN

"We still can't get over the 'low blow' dealt Btry B 487", commented SFC Villaverde. "We lost eight very valuable EM last month." Pfcs Jiro Daimonji, "Weasle" Iwamoto, and Pvt Earl Ushijima are with the all-Hawaii Company; SP3 Bob Nishiyama, Pfcs Hiro Kodama, "Taruc" Miguel, Mamo Sasahara, and Pvt Raynol Udo (He hardly caught his breath, for he only joined in May) all became "flyboys" on July 11. We sighed with relief when former Baker boy Jimmy Aguiar returned to his Alma Mater after a two-year stint in the Regulars; brand-new recruits Herman Takimoto and Walt Yamachika, and especially Gary Ichinose, 1956 Shrine All-star cager in his junior year (our prize catch!) made up for the departed.

On the brighter side, we sure had a swell time at Pohakuloa. "Bravo" again emerged on top with the highest score in ATT 6-1. Thanks to the valuable hints from both the 25th's Div Arty and supporting 613th Ord Co people, that we, despite only a skeleton outfit of only 36 men on the field daily, come through with flying colors.

Then, the aftermath of summer camp. The same old routine of cleaning up: steam washing, steel-wooling kitchen units, searching for holes in the blankets, etc., and all that goes with preparing for Tech Inspections and eventually the BIG ONE — IG.

Pretty soon, it'll be getting ready for Pohakuloa again; that is, after our first try at multiple drills. Ho-hum!!!, and so it goes.

MEMORIAL BUILDING DRIVE

Troops of the Hawaii National Guard have contributed $12,986.90 in support of a nationwide Guard drive to raise $1,400,000.00 towards a memorial building to house the offices of the National Guard Association in Washington, D.C. A quota of $15,085 was set last March for HNG units and was to be raised over a two-year period, however, units of the Guard have conducted extensive campaigns throughout the Territory to reach the quota this year. Only $2,098.10 needs to be raised and contributions are still being received. Guardsmen have contributed through four different plans, the Penny-A-Drill plan, Founder's Plan, 100% Organizational, and One Day's Pay for Officers and Warrant Officers. To date, no outside solicitation has been required.

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HANG NEWS (HICKAM UNITS)

Ten years ago, 10 September 1946, the first air units of the Hawaii National Guard were organized. By the end of October sufficient personnel had been recruited to meet the minimum requirements for federal recognition. 81 personnel, officers and enlisted men, were on the rolls and in the ranks when the units were inspected at 1930 hours 4 November 1946 in Honolulu Armory by an Army Air Force team from Hickam AFB. This team was from the "old" 7th Air Force; we welcome being inspected annually by the "new" 7th Air Force.

Those who are still with the Hawaii Air National Guard, ten years later, include: Major George R. Duncan, Walter F. Judd and Russell L. Smith, Jr. (then 1st Lts), Captains Letwell P. A. Duvauchelle and George T. Harris (then 2d Lts), CWO Joseph L. Barnett (then SSG), MSGs Robert D. W. Choi and Richard S. O. Lee (then Sgts), and SSG Harold J. Martinez. A long time, ten years. Congratulations!

Much water has gone under the bridge in ten years. From the humble beginning in the Honolulu Armory the Hawaii Air National Guard has grown to a considerable stature. Our material assets are over six million dollars and it cost almost two million dollars to operate the HANG last year.

May we give much more service to our country in the next ten years, may we be Ready if called upon to fulfill our mission, may we be truly Hawaii's Air National Guardsmen in the fullest sense of the words.

Capt Duvauchelle is chairman of a Committee putting on a Squadron luau and dance Saturday 3 November, the tenth anniversary of our federal recognition. About 600 are expected, the luau is being prepared by specialists, the speeches will be short, and a good time anticipated for all. See you there!!

And another summer encampment is under our belts! For the third year in a row the flying squadrons and the weather flight held their two weeks annual field training at Kaneohe MCAS. There was a significant increase in flying activity over the preceding camp; 729 sorties were flown versus 626 the previous year.

The two-shift, six flying period day started at 0500 and ended at 2000. Aircraft maintenance really put out — the 11 F-86s were available 87% of the time and each flew an average of 48 times (41:30 hours utilization), the 3 T-33s flew an average of 62 times (67 hours utilization). The tactical pilots averaged 22:10 hours.

Armament really pushed to keep the sighting systems "in" and the Sabrejets loaded with the 59,400 rounds of cal. .50 that were expended. The pilots did their part by averaging over 15% scores.

Needless to say the limited number of jet aircraft presented considerable utilization and flying scheduling problems. The first four of the additional F-86s arrived during summer camp, but could not be unpackaged or acceptance checked in time to be used.

In spite of the desires and efforts of our Weather Flight, passing rain showers obscured Kaneohe MCAS at times and occasional returning flights were diverted to land at Hickam.

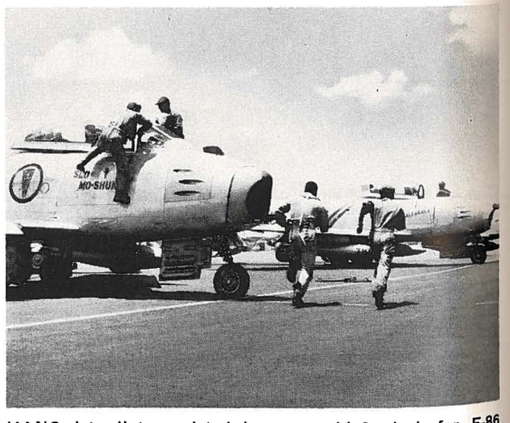
The work of those who remained back at Hickam and enjoyed the hospitality of the 109th quarters and *good mess* were apparent — Squadron Supply moved warehouse stocks to a new warehouse (the old one was in the way of the Honolulu Airport Master Plan) and Installations joined the dining room and kitchen roofs, poured concrete, renovated the HANG-Out Club, etc. Busy lads.

The 199th Aerial Gunnery Team fired their qualifying official scores during camp under the eyes of the officials — Lt Col Giraudo, AFSA, and Major Means from the NGB. The Team's score was sufficient so that they will compete with four other ANG teams (winners of ANG Regional competitions) in the Annual Air National Guard Gunnery Meet at Casper, Wyoming in September to determine the Air National Guard winner. The entire team that fired won't be able to attend the Match, so Hawaii's team will be composed of Major George R. Duncan (Team Capt), Major Archibald M. Harrison, Capt Lorenz L. Kumeilike, Jr., Lt Robert A. Hinkley and Lt Herbert M. Sakamoto. Sixteen specialists will accompany them to prepare and maintain the borrowed F-86 aircraft. GOOD LUCK and GOOD SHOOTING!

During this last fiscal year 61 airmen attended service schools 41 of which were technical schools and 20 were basic training. Recent graduates include MSG Fred F. L. Mau, Aircraft Maintenance, Texas; MSG Theodore D. Hussey, Personnel & Administration, Wyoming; A/2C Ronald M. Aranita, Weather Observer, Illinois; A/3C Larry L. Kalani, Aircraft Mechanic, Texas. The only way to get ahead is to learn and increase proficiency — these men are a real asset to their outfit.

Lt Col James R. Ashford, Commander of the 199th, has been nominated to attend the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The fifteen week course starts in early September.

Strip Alert started 1 July. Five combat ready tactical pilots are on duty and two are on five minute alert at all times during operational hours. Several times a day you can hear the buzzer, and the yells "Scramble!", and watch the two pilots and their crew chiefs run for their Sabrejets. In a maximum of five minutes from notice, the fully armed jet fighters are taking off on their Air Defense mission. When they return, there is much bustle and hurry to make the fighters again ready for immediate use. Practice is making perfect, and we are consistently bettering the maximum of five minutes. Controlled interceptions are being regularly accomplished.



HANG jet pilots assisted by crew chiefs dash for F-86 Sabrejets during scramble operations.

Congratulations to the following who were promoted during the last three months: Major Robert A. Hite, Capt Ross P. England, CWO Ernest B. V. K. Lee, MSG Houston C. Jones, TSGs Henry Q. H. Chun, Ignacio Gabriel, Jr., Samuel C. S. Lee, Clayton V. Silva, Richard K. M. Yee, SSGs Robert Lacno, George S. K. Lee, William K. Lelepali, Jr., A/1Cs Lawrence S. Higa and Gordon A. Lum.

We welcome our new Air Force Senior Advisor, Lt. Col John C. Giraudo who replaces Col Barry B. Townsend, reassigned to the Air War College. Lt Col Giraudo was previously Commander of the USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada, and brings a wealth of much needed jet fighter experience. Just watch our aerial gunnery scores shoot up now!

Two new Technical Advisors arrived in July: MSG William S. Gray (Admin) who was formerly with the ConAC Selective Service Squadron at Mitchel AFB, N. Y., and MSG Frederick A. Mader (Acft Maint) who was formerly with the 31st Air Division at Minneapolis Airport, Minnesota.

Following annual field training the flying squadrons slipped easily into a routine of two All Day drills instead of the previous one All Day Drill and two Monday night drills. The advantages are already apparent in increased training and a more realistic flying schedule for the tactical pilots. Each month everyone has at least four hours of classroom type training and at least twelve hours of operational OJT or training OJT. To win the Spaatz Trophy again we'll have to be really good — the additional time afforded by the new drill schedule will give us a good flying start at it!

The tactical pilots have been authorized an additional 36 drills per year for prescribed types of aerial training. This plus their strip alert time, really makes flying for the Air Guard a hobby that takes up most of their time when they're not working. When you figure that each pilot is out at Hickam for training an average of once a week, making the two scheduled All Day drills a month shouldn't be hard for everyone. Get off that surf board, son, and don't miss your drills!

Word was received that the remaining F-86 aircraft to bring us up to strength (12 more) were being overhauled and would be with us sometime this year. Looking forward to it, as it should ease our aircraft availability problem. Of our present aircraft, some are committed for local IRAN and our strip alert. There just aren't enough to go around.

Although it may break some hearts, we are awaiting disposition instructions on our T-6 Texans. Good birds, but pretty far behind our Sabrejets.

The 7th Air Force Trophy was again presented to the 8199th Repl Tng Sq for the highest qualification aerial gunnery scores. Major George R. Duncan, Commander, accepted the perpetual trophy for the Squadron to retain for the forthcoming year. Major Duncan also received a trophy for having the highest individual aerial gunnery score.

There is a very exclusive Club at HANG Ops, Hickam AFB — the 100 Club. It is composed of tactical pilots who have at least 100 recorded hits on an aerial gunnery target out of 200 rounds carried aloft. Majors George R. Duncan and Archibald M. Harrison attained this distinction during summer camp and join the two other members, Lts Paul L. Hummel and John E. Russell.

Lts William F. Heilbron, James C. Olds, Ralph E. Platt, Richard H. Sanchez and Melvin G. Yen recently returned from flying school after winning their Wings and are now flying with the squadrons as jet fighter pilots.

Lts John S. Carroll and Marlin L. Little left for flying school right after summer camp and Christian K. S. Liu and Arthur M. Sedgwick left in August.

Five men passed all their tests successfully and their applications were forwarded: George E. M. Joy, Jr., Dennis Matsumoto, Carl T. Nakamura, Francis Y. Toyama, and Melvin E. Souza. Jet fighter pilots of the future!

109TH AC&W NEWS

By MSgt John O. Sierra

Operations "Split". It's here at last! And well past the "talking stage"! For purposes of facilitating training, the 109th AC&W Squadron is now split into two separate Detachments, the 109th and for the present, the "X" 109th. Commanding the 109th is Major Robert G. O'Hara and acting commander of the new "X" 109th is Major K. Paul Goya. Both Detachments are now operating on an entirely new system for training. Drills are now scheduled on two Sundays per month per squadron which would allow for 192 hours of inactive duty drills per year. Of this total, 144 hours will be allotted to On-The-Job Training, 30 hours for Sectional Classroom Training, and 18 hours for General Military Training.

Here is how the system works, there are actually three Sunday training periods per month, but each Detachment attends only two of the three. Let us say that the "X" 109th attends the first Sunday for operational training, then on the middle Sunday both the "X" 109th and the 109th will attend. On this particular Sunday, one Detachment will always be on Operational Training and the other on Sectional Classroom Training and General Military Training, alternating each month. On the last Sunday training period of the month, the 109th will attend for Operational Training.

Field Training Reflections. Our First Sergeant Kenny Weight earned two nicknames during field training. One of them was "Sergeant Friday" and the other "The First

Airmen from the 109th AC&W squadron plot "bogeys" (unidentified aircraft) during a practice session at Sand Island air direction control center.



Whip" for obvious reasons. And how well the "basics" know that!

Our squadron party wouldn't have been the "greatest" if it weren't for the untiring efforts of our oldtimers. The squadron extends their wholehearted thanks to the following committee chairmen: Sergeants — Takasaki Coordinator), Brown & Chamizo (General Chairmen, Food), Weight & Cabalda (Entertainment & Refreshments), Ichimura & Tamura (Soft Drinks), Puaa & his crew (Serving), Yanagihara & Wong (Transportation & Construction), Sato & Lota (PA System & Musical Instrument), and A1c Hew (Finance).

We also had our share of visiting dignitaries to our Sand Island Radar Station via land and air. Our parade grounds provided an excellent drome for helicopters. Some of the VIP's arrived by auto and departed by helicopter while others arrived by helicopter and departed by auto.

At first glance at our radar site, one would think it was a Country Club. But if he venteured into the Operations Room where the Air Defense Control Center is located, he would discover a buzzing bee-hive of activity. Among the myriad of lights, luminous boards, switches, communications lines, and grease pencils, are a crew of determined men who could be made responsible for this important link in the Air Defense of the Hawaiian Islands.

SVS Grads. Returning from Keesler AFB, Mississippi are: A2c Frederick Wago (Meat cutting), A3c's Allen Morishige, Roy Tanikawa, and Kenneth Yamada (AC&W Radar Repairmen).

From Scott AFB, Illinois are: Lt Theodore Soong (Communications Officer), MSgt Dennis Takasaki (Personnel Technican), and A2c Stanley Nagamine (Cooking).

Home from Warren AFB, Wyoming are: A2c Ernest Pacarro (Communications Machine Repairman) and A2c Wilfred Sakai (Central Office Equipment Specialist).

Last, but not least, is Captain Joseph Chambless Jr. (Intercept Controller) from Tyndall AFB, Florida.

Aloha. Bon Voyage to SSgt Keith Lucke of the Air Adviser's Office who is headed home for discharge. Destination, South Dakota, the Land of the Buffaloes. Assuming new duties here is TSgt Walter Ouimette (Pronounced "We Met") of the Air Advisor's Office.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain Ernest Vetter

No one wants to admit he has been wrong.

But a man who is honest with himself, now and then, will make such an admission. I am one of those individuals.

This was my first year at the Hawaii National Guard encampment. Let me say, camping is not a new experience for me. In addition to my previous military service I went camping for many years with the Boy Scouts. If I had an idea that Guard camp would be like the Boy Scouts, nothing could have been farther from the truth.

I have been impressed and the impression is favorable. Because of it I have a new respect for the organization which annually costs the Government millions, probably billions of dollars in taxes.

Everyone who sees the Guard at camp should have a new feeling of confidence; confidence in the equipment made available, by the government, confidence in the men who are trained for an emergency, and confidence in the organization which, in an emergency, may save the lives of our people and defend the principles of our country.

The Hawaii National Guard has more than 5000 men actively engaged in a program of training and prepared for action in an emergency. Camp makes us realize how quickly and orderly this force can be mobilized, and how efficiently it can function.

It is gratifying to note the cooperation between the Guard and the Regular Army. The Army is interested in the Guard. As one lieutenant in the 25th Division said, "We want the Guard to get the benefit of good training because it may be necessary for you (the HNG) to back us up one of these days."

The same healthy attitude is expressed by the Guardsmen who considers the training he gets at camp the thing that may one day save his life or the life of a buddy.

Naturally, the chaplain hears a certain number of gripes. Strangely enough, very few men brought their gripes to me, but I happen to have one of my own.

It has to do with the seven officers who shared our tent at camp. I am one of those individuals who likes to get eight hours of sleep a night. When I went to bed at 10:30, my tentmates were out "doing the town" and when I awoke at 5:30 in the morning, they had already left for training. I felt bad about that, their not getting much sleep, I mean. But the thing that really *griped* me was when one of them said: "The only time we see the chaplain is when he is sleeping." And here I'd been up every morning before breakfast.

Every Guardsman can be proud of the job he is doing in the Guard. The Guard can be proud of its service to the country. If necessary, it will distinguish itself in service. None of us wish to see a disaster or another war. But in turn, we don't expect to die this year or next, but we don't stop paying on our insurance policy. Our government is making a substantial investment in insurance for the nation. The cost of the National Guard is high, but the "policy" is good.

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Ready on the Firing Line

By Capt. Forrest Murphy

In the Eighth All Service .30 Caliber Rifle Tournament held in Hilo on 14-15 July the Hawaii National Guard "A" Team captured the Team Championship in a thrilling match, barely edging the Kaneohe Marine "A" Team by 3V's. With the scores tied 1159 to 1159 the match was decided by "Vs" (centers of the bullseye). The HNG team had 75Vs to the Marines 72Vs. Following a close third, only one point out, was the USARPAC Team with 1158-71V. Twenty-four teams fired in the tournament. Members of the winning Guard Team were:

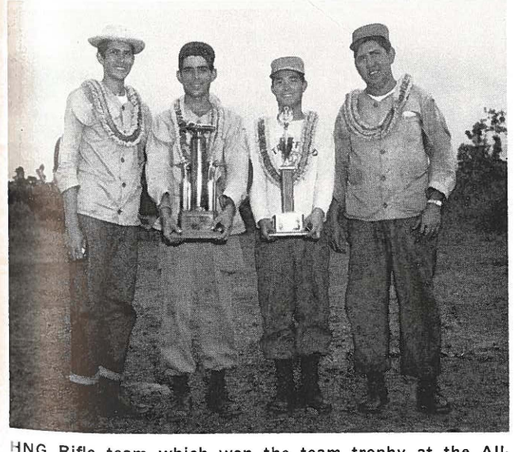
Sgt. Oliver Cummings, Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 299th Inf	241-25V
PFC Henry Yamada, 613th Ord Co	236-19V
SFC Anthony Conti, 613th Ord Co	226-11V
Pvt-1 Melvin Cummings, Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 299th Inf	223-9V
SFC Manuel Sylva, Svc Co, 298th Inf	233-11V
	1159-75V

Robert Diaz of the Pearl Harbor Marines was the individual champion with a score of 240-27V out of a possible 250. There were a total of 125 competitors entered.

Sponsored by the HNG and conducted by the 299th Infantry the match was highly successful. The 299th operating personnel under the supervision of Lt Col Michael Roman, Tournament Executive Officer, once again staged a smooth running, efficiently handled affair.

National Rifle and Pistol Matches

The Hawaii National Guard will again be represented in the top competitive shooting event of the year, the National Rifle and Pistol Matches, held at Camp Perry, Ohio. This year for the first time since before the war the teams will attend the small arms firing schools held prior to the matches and will receive financial support from the National Guard Bureau.



HNG Rifle team which won the team trophy at the All-Service Rifle Championships at Hilo last month. Pictured from left to right are: Melvin Cummings, Anthony Conti, Henry Yamada, and Oliver Cummings.

The teams, selected on the basis for matches fired during the year, represent the cream of the National Guard shooting crop. Unfortunately some of the leading shooters will be unable to attend due to employment conditions. Members of the teams are as follows:

Pistol

Lt Col Clarence R. Johnson	Hq & Hq Det
M/Sgt John Beaumont	199th FIS
M/Sgt Ah Sung Char	120th MP Co
S/Sgt Stephen Heu	199th FIS
1/Lt Alexis Lum	Co A, 298th Inf
Capt George Roberts	Hq & Hq Det
SFC Herbert Panoke	120th MP Co

Rifle

Sgt Eckley Yim	613th Ord Co (DS)
Sgt Oliver Cummings	Hq & Hq Co, 1/299th Inf
M/Sgt Gabriel Moniz	Hv Mort Co, 299th Inf
S/Sgt Edward Apo	199th FIS
CWO Ralph Apo	Svc Co, 298th Inf
SFC Manuel Sylva	Svc Co, 298th Inf
SP3 Henry Yamada	613th Ord Co (DS)
PFC Thomas Ortogero	Co D, 298th Inf

The rifle team will depart from Hawaii on 20 August and return on 9 September. The pistol teams will depart on 11 August and return on 26 August.

In the past the Hawaii Guardsmen have established an enviable record at the National Matches, winning numerous individual and team awards. This year's teams, composed entirely of National Match veterans with the exception of PFC Thomas Ortegero, will undoubtedly uphold the Hawaii Guard's tradition of excellence in marksmanship.

Territorial Law Enforcement Pistol Tournament

The Territorial Law Enforcement Pistol Tournament (TLEPT), one of Hawaii's chief pistol competitions of the year, will be conducted this year by the Hawaii National Guard at the Diamond Head Pistol Range on 22-23 September. The 1956 TLEPT will mark the 16th anniversary of this annual tourney, for many years an outstanding test for local pistoleers.

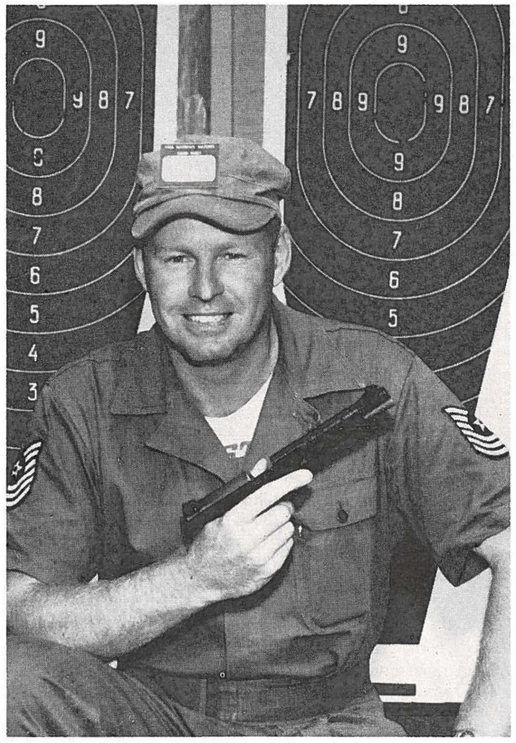
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Master Sergeant John Beaumont

MASTER SERGEANT *John Beaumont—HANG.* Makes Olympic Team

Master Sergeant John Beaumont, armament NCO with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, shot his way into a berth on the United States Olympic team as a result of his placing second in the International .22 Caliber Rapid Fire match at the National Matches presently being conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio. Sergeant Beaumont, long time exponent of the pistol, is one of the foremost pistol marksmen in the Islands today. He is the first Hawaii resident to ever win an Olympic berth on the pistol team and the fifth Hawaiian representative in the Olympics this year. The others are members of the swimming team.

Out of a field of over 1000 aspirants, Sergeant Beaumont fired 1,729 over the rapid fire course out of a possible 1,800 points. Sgt. Beaumont will join the Olympic team when it arrives in Honolulu around the middle of November.

He recently returned home from Camp Perry by MATS plane. He is employed by the National Guard at Hickam and resides at 1333 Pueo Street, Honolulu.

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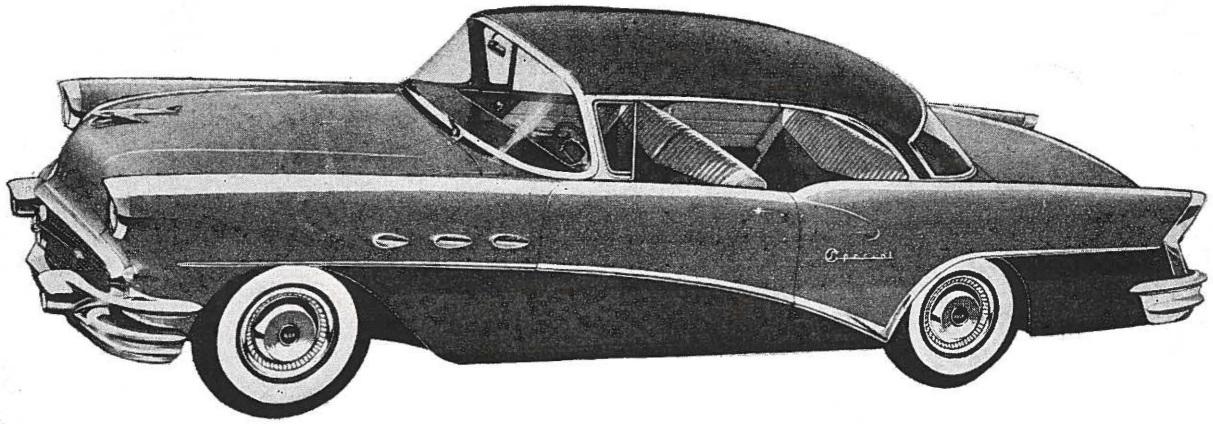
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