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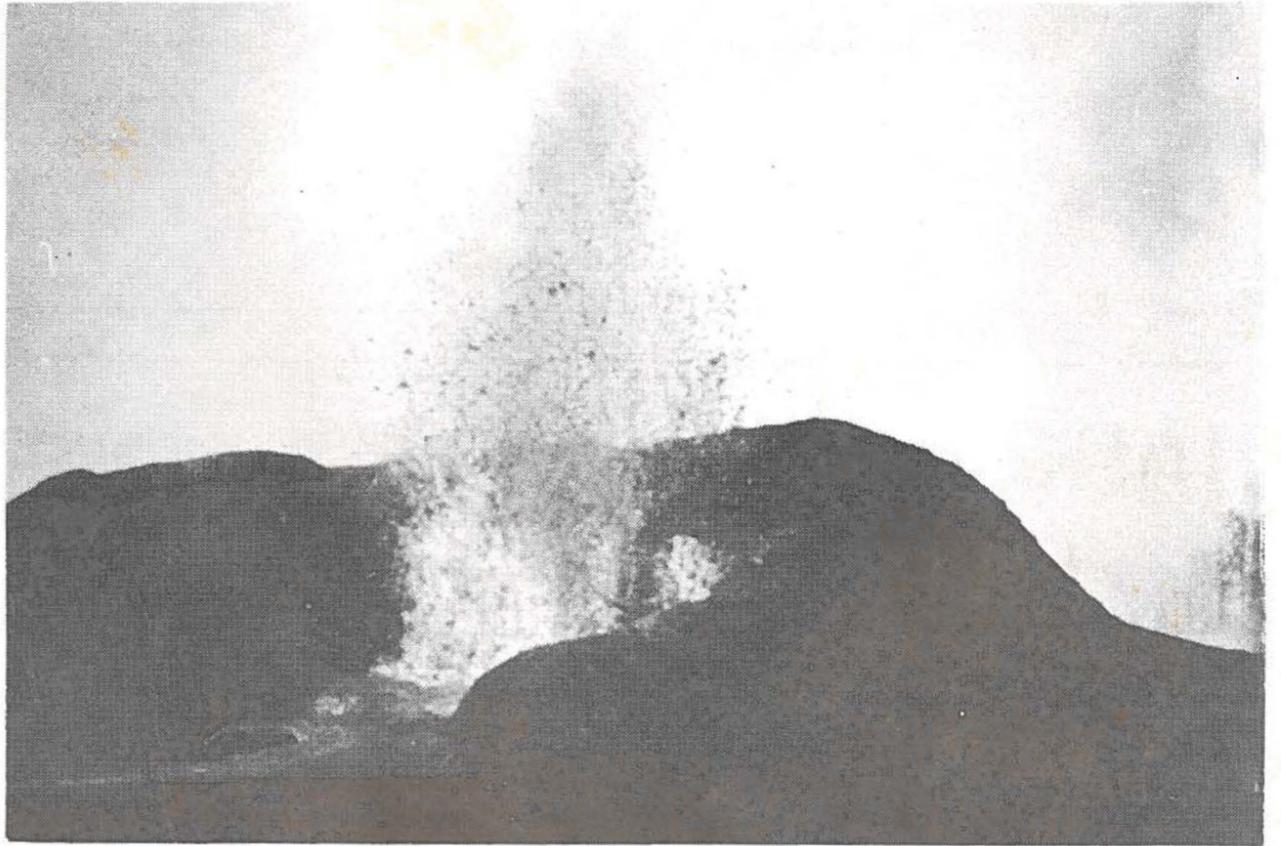
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PELE SPOUTS INTO ACTION Photo by Hobert Duncan

Guard supports CD as Pele's wrath threatens

by Sp4 Milton Imada and
Sp5 Dennis Fujii
117th Pub. Affairs Det.

Kalapana, a sleepy seaside community on the Big Island, suddenly came alive on Sept. 15, 1977. An unexpected surge of volcanic activity erupted along the east rift zone of Kilauea Volcano, as lava began flowing towards the ocean.

Lava, in a liquid state, continuously flowed from a fountain which spouted 300 to 400 ft. into the Hawaiian sky.

Several miles from the source of the fountain, the outer crust of the lava solidified as it cut through State forest lands like an army marching to war.

Gov. George R. Ariyoshi, after a personal trip to observe the volcano, kept constantly abreast of its activities. He signed a proclamation placing 35 Hawaii Army guardsmen and 16 Air guardsmen on State active duty beginning 12:30 p.m., Sept. 29. The guardsmen were to assist in the evacuation of 120 residents and their belongings from Kalapana.

MajGen. Valentine A. Siefertmann, adjutant general and Civil Defense (CD) director for the State of Hawaii, flew to the Big Island to meet with CD officials there.

The scientist-in-charge, Dr. Gordon P. Eaton of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (HVO), described the progress of the volcano to county and State officials at a meeting in Hilo.

Dr. Eaton's disclosure were based on aerial observations taken a few hours earlier by Drs. Pete Lipman and Jack Lockwood of the HVO.

The lava flow had reached the 600 ft. elevation and was moving about 3/5 of a mile west of the Kaimu Ranch. It was apparent that the flow was not going to stop. In addition, the contour of the land was such that there was no alternative path, and the lava flow would have to turn eastward and flow through Kalapana.

Various alternatives were considered to divert the lava. However, all were ruled out because the existing conditions or circumstances were not suitable.

Any questions for the AG?

A new question and answer column designed to supplement the adjutant general's open door policy will begin next issue.

All members of the Department are encouraged to ask any question of general interest. Letters should be in good taste and must be signed. Upon request, the writer's name will be withheld.

The Pupukahi reserves the right to edit letters based upon space requirements. Letters will be answered by the adjutant general or his staff member best qualified to answer the question.

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AG's Christmas Message

This is the time of the year when people normally reflect on and say things they should have been saying throughout the year. So, too, with this message I am sending to each person in the Department—a message that comes straight from my heart.

Those of us who live and work in Hawaii are blessed with the opportunity to understand the true meaning of Christmas—the aloha spirit. Its significance goes beyond the creeds of individual religions or the customs of people from different cultures.

It is a time when we are aware of the people with whom we work closely on a day-to-day basis. By

working together, we have shared an essential ingredient of life in striving to achieve excellence and the fulfillment of our goals.

In the Christmas spirit, then, I would like to acknowledge all of the unselfish accomplishments of those of you who work for the Department—military and civilian alike. It is because of you and your continued dedication and support that we are able to remain responsive to the needs of the community, the Nation, and our fellow man.

My wish is that you and your families have a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!



VALENTINE A. SIEFERMANN
Major General, HANG
Adjutant General

HANG paddles to high morale

by Sp4 Francine Tobalado
117th Pub. Affairs Det.

The Air Guard will soon be "paddling" their way to even higher morale and esprit corps. They recently purchased, through fund-raisers and private donations, a brand new six-person canoe.

The "Air Superiority Blue and Alii Gold" 40-foot, fiberglass canoe will be used by members of the newly formed Air Guard's Ohana Canoe Club.

At a special ceremony on Nov. 6 at Hickam AFB, Rev. Charles M. Yabui bestowed blessings in Hawaiian chant on the canoe. Rev. Yabui, formerly MSgt. Yabui, supervised members of the 154th Tactical Fighter Group's radar shop for 18 years before retiring. He is presently pastor of Ka Hale Hoano O Ke Akua, which means "The Hallowed House of God."

The original idea of the Air Guard canoe club came from BrigGen. Arthur U. Ishimoto, HANG commander, during a conversation with a friend at the Cannon Club. Since then, the idea has become reality. The canoe club is all part of Ishimoto's "people program" in which he emphasized that "happy people make effective units."

The project officer for the club is 1stLt. Wayne Wakeman, who played a major role in coordinating necessary finances. Wakeman appears anxious for the club to get started. "As soon as the actual crews are selected from the Air Guard," he said, "we will begin practicing in Hickam harbor."

The HANG Ohana Canoe Club appears to be filling up with enthusiastic and spirited members. Good luck to them!



Rev. Charles M. Yabui blesses HANG's new canoe

Army Guard assigns first woman commander

by Dennis Y. Fujii
Associate Editor

More women are taking on greater responsibilities in the military, and women in the Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) are no exception.

Capt. Gail K. Warok recently became the first woman officer to take command of an Army Guard unit in Hawaii.

Capt. Warok commands the 117th Public Affairs Detachment, a unit comprised of broadcast specialists and photojournalists. The 117th provides news coverage and publicizes the various training activities of the HARNG.

Capt. Warok, the full-time public affairs officer for the Department of Defense, State of Hawaii, also served as the aide to the adjutant general before being assigned as the 117th's commander.

The change of command ceremony took place in front of the HARNG Headquarters building, located on Diamond Head Road. Members of the detachment stood in formation as Col. John E. Aiona, Jr., commander, HARNG, presided over the ceremony in which Maj. Patrick K. Tobara turned the command over to Capt. Warok.

Maj. Tobara, commander of the 117th since February 1976, will serve in the Selective Service section of the HARNG.

The appointment of Capt. Warok as the 117th's commander was part of a recommendation made by Col. Aiona. His recommendation also placed the 117th under the operational control of the adjutant general's office. This will result in more effective public affairs support for the entire State Department of Defense. The 117th is the only official public affairs unit within the Department.



Capt. Gail K. Warok

As the new commander of the 117th, Capt. Warok is very positive that the efforts and talent in her new unit will provide the Department with a substantial public affairs program.

"Being assigned as a commander is a different and challenging experience for me. I feel that more women who have the ability and desire should seek jobs of higher responsibility," remarked Capt. Warok.



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AIONA: New HARNG commander sees teamwork as essential to training

by Capt. Gail K. Warok
Editor

You can find him out in Kahuku on a rainy weekend, his fatigues drenched and splattered with mud, going from foxhole to foxhole... taking the time to talk to his soldiers.

Col. John E. Aiona, Jr., the new commander for the Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) is concerned that members of the Guard understand that their training is very important to Hawaii and to the Nation's defense policy.

"The basic objective of our training," said Aiona, "is to provide our share of a strong military deterrent force so that war will never be a reality. We must also keep in mind that we have another very important mission to assist our civilian community in times of disaster."

Aiona sees the development of teamwork as an essential ingredient of training for those missions. "It's something like a football team," he commented. "Games are won by a team effort. The individual skills of soldiers are important, but unless they train and work together as a military team, they will have difficulty succeeding in battle." Development of individual skills—especially leadership skills at the squad and platoon levels—must be integrated with team training.

His immediate goal is to focus on this type of teamwork in the training of company-sized units in battalion-level exercises. The proficiency of our military force must be measured by the effectiveness of the battalion teams—the command and control, fire and maneuver, fire support, communications, service support—the effective integration of all elements of the battalion.

Aiona intends to continue the close working relationship that the HARNG has with the 25th Infantry Division. "Our active Army counterparts are looking



to us with increasing interest—and are especially anxious about our ability to get the job done," he remarked.

Guardsmen in Hawaii have every reason for pride, in Aiona's estimation. Our soldiers have dispelled any notion that we are a "pineapple army." They have displayed a level of enthusiasm and professionalism that has earned the respect and regard of our active Army counterparts.

In Aiona's opinion, how others view the Hawaii Army National Guard and its accomplishments is very important. He hopes to increase public awareness of the Army Guard in the military and civilian communities, and he sees the individual guardsman's role

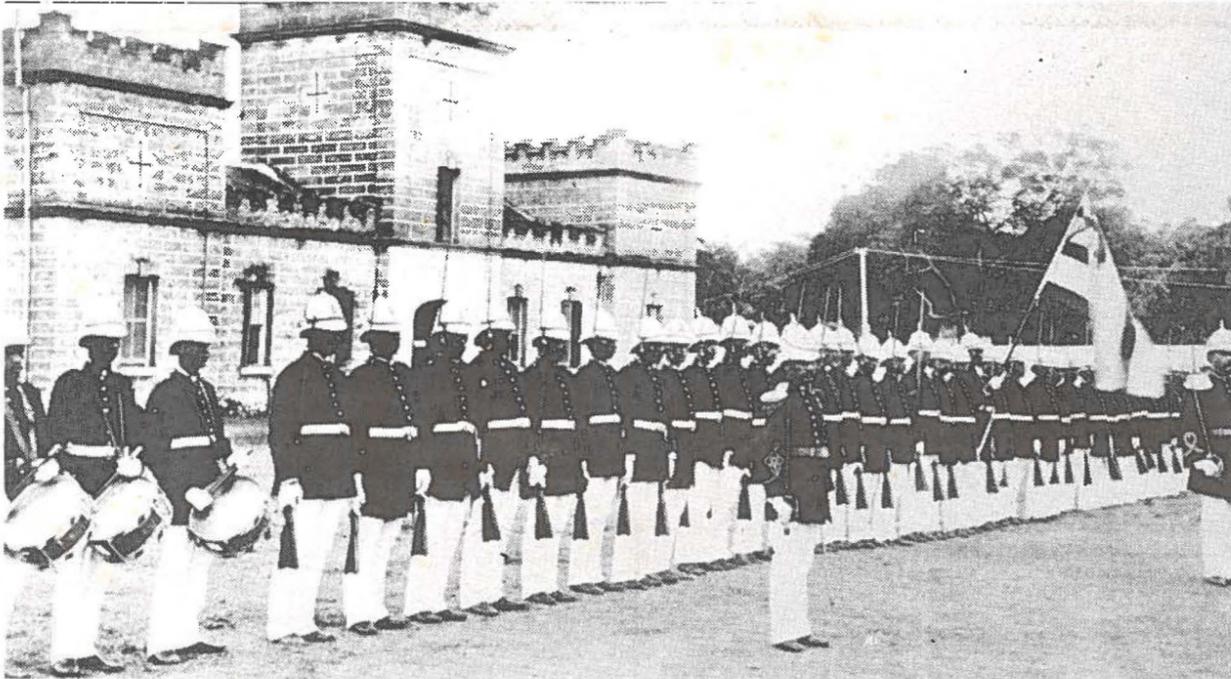


in this as vital.

How does he feel about his new job? "I have always enjoyed the challenge of each new assignment, and this is no exception," he said. "There are lonely moments, though, especially when it is necessary to make certain difficult decisions. But that's something that has to be done."

While expecting a lot from his people, Aiona looks to the future with positiveness... "Our people being proud of who they are and what they are doing... and I am confident that they share my hopes and expectations for the future."

And as he speaks with a quiet firmness, you want to believe that it can and will happen.



The original Royal Guard

Royal Guard preserves tradition

by Dennis Y. Fujii
Associate Editor

Journey through nostalgia with the Hawaii Air National Guard's (HANG) elite ceremonial marching unit, the Royal Guard.

Re-created to highlight Hawaii's military heritage, the Royal Guard is comprised of HANG members of Hawaiian descent.

Each year on Nov. 16 (King Kalakaua's birthday), the Royal Guard participates in the mounting of the Guard in front of Iolani Palace. The Royal Guardsmen hold an inspection formation, and the governor and adjutant general perform the inspection. Following the inspection, the Royal Guardsmen march to predesignated locations to guard the Palace throughout the day.

The original Royal Guard, formed during the reign of King Kalakaua, was an elite group of 50 men from which the King's bodyguards were drawn.

The re-created Royal Guard is the product of countless hours of research and time required to duplicate the authentic equipment. The ceremonial Royal Guard was re-established in 1962. Walter F. Judd, retired HANG colonel, whose forebears served as Cabinet members during the reign of Kamehameha III, Liholiho and Kalakaua, began researching through the State archives. Pictures of the original Guard and a part of an old tunic were found. Authentic buttons and a buckle were also duplicated by making replicas through open-faced casting. Most items were either donated, fabricated or acquired by trading.

When equipment or apparel had to be purchased, Judd and his group raised the money, with an assortment of projects, including a benefit luau.

On Nov. 16, 1963, the initial 15 members of the re-created Royal Guard made their first public appear-



The ceremonial Royal Guard of today

ance. They emerged from Iolani Barracks, heralded by the trumpeting of the traditional Hawaiian conch shell.

In 1967, the unit increased to include 42 men after \$5,000 was appropriated by the State legislature to purchase new rifles and uniforms.

Today the ceremonial Royal Guard serves at the call of the governor for official State functions. It has also made many appearances at civil ceremonies commemorating Hawaii's past.

Highlighting this year's activities, four members of the Royal Guard marched in President Carter's inaugural parade.

The preservation of the traditions of the Hawaiian militia during the monarchy days has been achieved through the Royal Guard. It has further led to a greater awareness of Hawaiian culture for many of our local residents.

Pele forces Kalapana residents to evacuate



TSgt. Benny Pabingwit (right) places a call to CD headquarters in Hilo on the 201st CCG's radio.



Guardsmen and Kalapana residents unloading furniture at the Leilani Estates Community Center several miles from Kalapana. Photos by Dennis Y. Fujii

HARNG battalion not selected for test of retention bonus

Several months ago, the National Guard Bureau had tentatively requested that Hawaii select one infantry battalion for testing a retention bonus authorized by Congress. Both Army Guard and Army Reserve battalions of selected states would be tested; and if a significant improvement in retention occurred, Congress would be asked by the Department of Defense to provide a monetary incentive for members of the reserve components to re-enlist.

However, as the test was being developed by the Rand Corporation, some additional prerequisites for selection of states became necessary. The test was to be limited to personnel whose initial entry into the military service was in the reserve components. It was also necessary to

find a matching state for each test state to serve as a control group.

The office of the Secretary of the Defense and the Rand Corporation examined all states with regard to size, per capita income, retention and unemployment rates, urban and manufacturing population, and authorized and assigned strength. The ultimate selection of states to participate in the test was made at the Department of Defense level.

With the revised criteria for the selection of test states, Hawaii was not selected for the test. If the re-enlistment bonus test proves successful, Congress will be asked to provide funds for the bonus to be given to the reserve components in all states as a regular incentive for retention.

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It was agreed to let the lava run its course. The decision was explained to the Kalapana residents during a meeting that evening. The meeting was held at the Pahoa Community Center, which would later be one of the evacuation centers for the residents.

During this meeting, residents were told about the plans for evacuation, and they were called upon to give their support to insure that no unnecessary risks were taken.

Throughout the day and evening, selected individuals and vehicles of the 2d Battalion, 299th Infantry (2d Bn., 299th Inf.), Hawaii Army National Guard, commanded by LtCol. Henry S. Hara, assisted residents of Kalapana in evacuating their personal belongings to a safe location with National Guard trucks.

An additional group of 2d Bn. guardsmen were organized into unarmed motorized roving patrol teams. Their mission was to provide 24-hour surveillance of the evacuated community and to report any incidents or unauthorized individuals to county police.

Members of the 201st Combat Communications Squadron (Hilo), Hawaii Air National Guard, commanded by Maj. David F. Howard, were dispatched to establish and operate an emergency radio network for the Hawaii County CD officials. These Air guardsmen provided a vital communication link between Kalapana, the Pahoa Community Center and Big Island CD headquarters in Hilo.

Recent reports by HVO scientists indicate that Mauna Loa is actively inflating and fuming. However, Big Islanders should not have any worries about an "imminent" eruption, according to Drs. Eaton and Lockwood.

Personal feelings and reactions during the eruption were mixed. While guardsmen worked hand in hand with residents evacuating their belongings, a few reluctant residents decided to cast their faith into Madame Pele's hands. They felt that since Kalapana was Pele's playground, she would not destroy it.

Tourists anxiously awaited to catch their first glimpse of an active volcano. The small commercial airlines experienced a business boom of people wanting to fly over the volcano, while the rent-a-car business also experienced similar popularity.

With the heavy traffic—air and automobile—some controls had to be implemented. The Federal Aviation Administration imposed a 2,000 ft. minimum ceiling restriction on small commercial aircraft to clear the airways above the volcano. Thus county and State (National Guard) helicopters could better assist HVO scientists in making aerial observations.

Roadblocks were set up by county police to keep unauthorized individuals out of the evacuated community, and to prevent would-be hikers from hiking towards the lava flow.

When would the lava reach the ocean? That was a question that kept many guessing. Will it reach Kalapana today, tomorrow or maybe the next day? No one knew for certain.

Amidst all the emotion, as quickly as the volcano started, the lava flow stopped. It was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the nearest home on Oct. 1 at 4:25 p.m. To the relief of many, Kalapana was spared.

The support of the Army and Air National Guard continued through Oct. 3, as the residents returned to their homes.

In MajGen. Siefermann's estimation, "both the Army and Air National Guard did an outstanding job in their support of evacuation, security and communication. It was a perfect example of the use of the National Guard in its State mission of support to civil authorities."

The belief that Pele would not harm her playspot stood true. Now, all that the scientists at the HVO can do is wait until Pele unleashes her fury again.



Capt. Leroy Chung points out the rotor shaft to members of the Boy Scouts.



Flying high above the Kauai countryside.

Aviators encounter Kauai's terrain

by Sp5 Lloyd Kurashima
117th Pub. Affairs Det.

Army Guard aviators are starting a training program on the various neighbor islands, so that they may become familiarized with diverse terrain and weather conditions.

The first phase of this program was held on Kauai from Oct. 29 to 30 for a weekend training that totaled 60 hours of needed flying time for the aviators. Involved were two AH-1G Cobras, three UH-1H Hueys and two OH-58 Kiowas, along with 18 pilots and crew members.

The group was headed by LtCol. Irwin R. Cockett, commander of the Army Aviation Support Facility at Wheeler AFB. Selected members of Troop E (Air), 19th Cavalry, 293d Service Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Infantry Brigade, also participated.

Since aviators must maintain a set number of flying hours, various types of missions—instrument flying, standard check rides and night flying—were designed into the training.

The trip over to Kauai consisted of various types of flying missions to include instrument and formation flying. Aided by the tradewinds, the trip took slightly more than an hour.

Upon arrival, helicopters were dispatched to fly on the various missions. One of their missions included

landing at Port Allen to put on a display of the various Army Guard helicopters for Boy Scouts and family members of Kauai guardsmen. Troop 93 from Kalaheo, Kauai, "ooooed" and "ahhed" as the AH-1G simulated an attack flyby over the landing field.

After the AH-1G Cobra, UH-1H Huey and OH-58 Kiowa landed and came to a safe halt (propellers stopped and secured) the interested observers scurried as quickly as they could to the helicopters. Sitting in the pilot's seat and trying on the helmets were an important part of the thrill of the afternoon.

After the static display ended, the three helicopters departed and joined the others to continue with their training mission.

Flying and more flying...Flying over the rugged coastline of Na Pali, as well as flying over beautiful valleys for the first time...then an unexpected gust of wind would remind the pilot that training was the first priority.

The final phase of training was the return trip home. Leaving the beautiful Garden Isle behind, HARNG aviators began looking to future neighbor island trips.

"The Kauai mission not only helped us get the needed training but brought the men closer together," remarked LtCol. Cockett. "Plans are being made to fly to Maui and the Big Island in conjunction with the Army Guard's infantry battalion's training."



FUTURE PILOT—Three-year-old Brian Andrade appears quite content to try the helmet on for size.

Changes of command



BrigGen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, is congratulated by well-wishers during his recent retirement ceremony held in Diamond Head crater.



Col. John E. Aiona, Jr., assumed command of the Hawaii Army National Guard as BrigGen. Schaefer retired.



Col. Ellsworth Bush assumed command of the 29th Infantry Brigade when Col. Aiona left the brigade to become the HARNG commander.

No Army grub for the 293d...

Eating well is something the 293d Service Company (Aircraft Maintenance) is really proud of.

For the third consecutive year, the 293d's mess section was awarded the Headquarters Installation Command (HIC)—Best Mess Award.

Col. Alexis T. Lum, commander, HIC, presented the award plaque to Capt. Orlan Peterson, unit commander, and to SFC John Afalla, mess section chief.

Congratulations were also given to members of the mess section which included SSgt. George K. Malo, Sp5s Anthony Cambra and William Kelley, and PFC William M. Ahkoi, Jr.

Competition was keen between the 10 units under the HIC. The award was based on all phases of mess operation—to include food preparation, cleanliness and efficiency.

Much of their success is based on the leadership offered by SFC Afalla. Afalla has 27 years with the National Guard. He was assigned to the unit's mess section in 1967 when he first became a cook. Since then, he has taken every opportunity to learn more about the food service industry.

In 1975, he received the International Food Service Executive Association Award along with a \$450 scholarship. In 1976, Afalla received an associate degree in Food Service Industry Management after attending classes held at Leeward Community College. Also, Afalla has received numerous other awards and is an active member of the Professional Chefs of Hawaii, Jr. Chapter.

It's good to know that members of the Hawaii Army National Guard are receiving top quality food service. The days of old Army "grub" are long gone.



SFC John Afalla (holding plaque) stands before the company formation to receive the Best Mess Award.

HARNG implements new CABL program

The Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) is involved in an effort to reduce the amount of formal administration in company-sized units through a program called Consolidation of Administration at Battalion Level (CABL). CABL consists of five components: Personnel Administration Center (PAC), Training Management Administration (TMA), Supply Administration Center (SAC), Maintenance Administration Center (MAC), and Dining Facilities (DFAC). Initially, the HARNG is making an effort to implement the PAC portion of CABL.

The objective of this effort is to enable the company commander and the first sergeant to devote more of their time to the primary missions of training, readiness and leadership. It also will free the unit administrative supply technician from some of the company-level administrative workload so he can accomplish his other required tasks CABL is intended to standardize administration and to improve support of the soldier.

In October, the CABL project team leader presented an initial CABL familiarization briefing to the State adjutant general and key personnel of the HARNG. Major commands of the HARNG are now considering the implementation of CABL-PAC within their organizations.

Express Your Opinions

by Sp5 Kin Lo
117th Pub. Affairs Det.

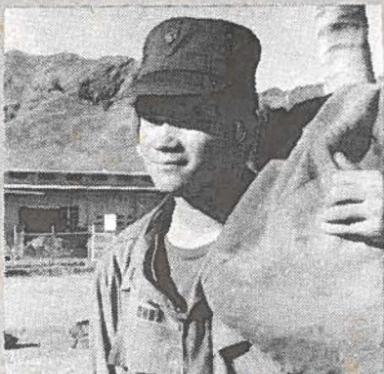
EDITOR'S NOTE: Sp5 Lo is starting a column on what people in the Department are thinking about. He will be circulating throughout the Department, asking for points of view on items of concern to all of us.

"HOW DO YOU THINK THE NATIONAL GUARD CAN RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS?"

SrA Vivian Toma, HQ HANG, administrative technician. "Reinstate the draft system!"



SrA Vivian Toma



Sp5 Douglas Chee

Sp5 Douglas Chee, 829th Maint. Co., mechanic. "Get more women into the Guard—it's good for morale purposes."



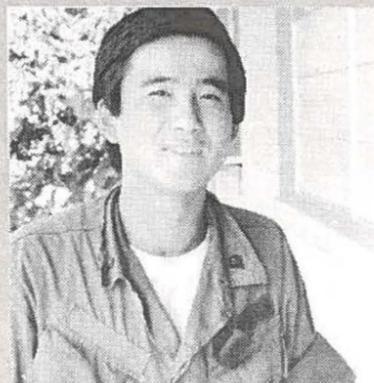
PFC Rosalind Callejo

PFC Rosalind Callejo, 229th Med. Co., ambulance driver. "Advertise more—I found out about the Guard through a newspaper advertisement."



AIC Kevin Kim

AIC Kevin Kim, HQ HANG, graphics specialist. "Give people a job that they will really enjoy doing."



Sp4 Alison Abe

Sp4 Alison Abe, HHD, 159th Svc. Bn., supply specialist. "Take potential recruits to units so they can observe and possibly meet some of the men they will be working with. Then sign them up."

Shape up the new year

Now is a perfect time to make that New Year's resolution to get back into shape. Being in good physical condition can make any job easier to perform. For members of the National Guard, those uniforms will start fitting a little better, and you'll be looking a little sharper.

Those in the Air Guard are all aware of their commander's strict policy on weight reduction. "Weighing in" won't be so traumatic if you start working out now.

Physical fitness will be getting increased emphasis for Army guardsmen soon. Col. Melvin Alencastre, G-3, HARNG, recently announced a new physical training test, which will be implemented during AT 78. The test will consist of the completion of a measured four-mile march in an elapsed time of one hour or less.

So everyone should start getting in shape now!



SQT: Knowing your job is not enough; new test emphasizes performance

by Dennis Y. Fujii
Associate Editor

Can you perform your job as well as you think? Army National guardsmen will be faced with this challenge next year.

The skill qualification test (SQT) is a new type of test—unlike any other Army test you may have taken before.

The major difference between the SQT and the military occupational specialty (MOS) test is that SQT moves away from just measuring what a soldier knows about his job towards measuring how well he can actually perform duties critical to his job. In other words, just knowing your job is not enough, you must be able to perform your job well.

Current testing plans for the SQT program in Hawaii are that testing will begin during annual training in 1978.

The SQT is made up of three components: (1) written, (2) hands-on and (3) performance certification. Every enlisted member in the Army National Guard (E-4 and above) will eventually take all components of the SQT.

All Army guardsmen will be tested according to their present grade in their duty military occupational specialty (DMOS).

Every Army guardsmen will be issued an appropriate soldier's manual corresponding to his rank, as well as one for the next higher skill level.

You will have sufficient training time and ample notice to prepare for the SQT. It's up to you to become thoroughly familiar with your job and the requirements to effectively perform your job. The SQT is mandatory for all enlisted personnel (E-4 and above) who have been in the Hawaii Army National Guard 12 months prior to being tested and assigned in a DMOS a minimum of six months prior to the test date.

The incentive for promotions are excellent under the SQT. If you score higher than the required per cent bracket, you qualify for an award of the next higher skill level, making you eligible for promotion. Of course, you must meet other promotion criteria, such as time-in-grade, time-in-service, adequate promotion points, good duty performance and military education requirements.

SQT will give your commander a solid feel of what his soldiers know and what has to be reinforced in training. It is not only a testing and training program. SQT is also a personnel management program. It will have a very definite effect on your career.

Use the SQT to motivate yourself to train harder. As a result, you will find yourself an improved, more efficient and more effective soldier.

Guardsmen in the following DMOS will be tested during annual training 1978:

11B10—WHP	11D10—WHP
11B20—WHP	11D20—WHP
11B30—WHP	11D30—WHP
11C10—WHP	11E10—WHP
11C20—WHP	11E20—WHP
11C30—WHP	11E30—WHP
16P—WHP	95B—WHP

During October 1978-March 1979, the following personnel will be tested:

76D—W	76X—W
76P—W	76Y—W

Symbol Key

W—Written Component

H—Hands on component

P—Performance Certification Component

Reaction to SQT is enthusiastic

Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), Fort McPherson, GA—Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers are validating the new Skill Qualification Test (SQT) prior to its introduction for record in the Reserve Components next spring.

Although SQT was introduced in April for active Army testing, Reserve Components soldiers have just gotten their first look at it. The reaction has been highly favorable.

One battalion commander said, "SQT is great! Even those soldiers who normally complain about everything

were enthusiastic. It was a challenge."

A specialist five agreed. "The eight hours yesterday flew by. Why can't we do more of this?"

"I learned more yesterday and today than I have in the last four years (for attending weekend training)," said a staff sergeant.

The validation is one means of insuring SQT meets the needs of the Reserve Components soldier, TRADOC pointed out. In addition, a series of workshops is being held to solve problems before they occur and train personnel who will be conducting SQT in the units.

Air Guardsmen honored at banquet

by LtCol. John Lee
HQ HANG

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG) held the First Annual Awards Banquet at the Pearl Harbor Officer's Club to acknowledge HANG personnel and their accomplishments.

The 111th Army Band, Hawaii Army National Guard, set the mood for the banquet as they greeted the 450 guests with contemporary songs.

Delicious food, pleasurable company and fantastic entertainment provided by the Air Guard's own HANG Ohana musical group all contributed to the enjoyable evening.

During dinner, HANG Ohana serenaded the group with delectable hula dancing and Hawaiian renditions.

Gov. and Mrs. George R. Ariyoshi highlighted the list of distinguished guests which also included MajGen. and Mrs. Valentine A. Siefertmann, BrigGen. and Mrs. Thomas S. Ito, and Col. Robert S. Johnson, 326th Air Division commander. BrigGen. Arthur U. Ishimoto, Air Guard commander, hosted the event.

A multi-media slide presentation began the formal portion of the evening program. The slide show concluded many hours of relentless work by Maj. Gar Pillgrim and Capt. William Jelks. The outstanding production, which focused on the activities of the Air Guard, brought the house into cheers upon its completion.

Following the slide presentation, the following individuals and units were presented the evening's awards:

High Recruiter—SSgt. Kenneth Enoki, 201st Combat Communications Squadron (Hilo) was awarded a check for being the person who recruited the highest number of individuals during HANG's recruiting competition, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT, held between April 1-Sept. 30, 1977.

High Team—The 201st Combat Communications Group was recognized as the unit that accrued the high-



Gov. George Ariyoshi congratulates Maj. George Koga for being selected Outstanding HANG Officer of the Year.

est number of points resulting from referrals and enlistments during HANG's recruiting competition. The unit received a check also donated by the Hawaii National Guard Association.

George R. Miki Memorial Trophy—Maj. Walter O. Watanabe, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, received this perpetual trophy. It is awarded annually to an outstanding air weapons controller who excels in performing and advancing the air weapons controller specialty.

Outstanding Weapons System Officer Award—Capt. William Jelks, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron, received this perpetual trophy for his high level of knowledge, skill, leadership and devotion to duty as demonstrated in sustained superior performance.

Outstanding Fighter Pilot Award—Capt. Michael Tice, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron, received this perpetual trophy for outstanding skill and knowledge in performing successful intercepts, assistance to aircrafts in distress/emergency situations, devotion to duty, leadership and efforts to better squadron capabilities.

Outstanding HANG Airman Award—AIC Kelly Kim, Jr., 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, was presented this wooden tiki as the outstanding airman/senior airman who best exemplifies the skills, attitudes and personal attributes necessary for enhancing a successful career as a guardsman. He is also HANG's nominee for the National Guard Bureau's (NGB) Outstanding Airman Program.

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National recognition... SFC Colbert Halemano, top Army Guard recruiter for Hawaii during the past fiscal year, recently returned from Washington, D.C. where he attended the National Guard Bureau (NGB) Chief's 50 Award ceremony. Halemano received special recognition by the chief, NGB, for recruiting 123 individuals into the Army National Guard. Congratulations!!!

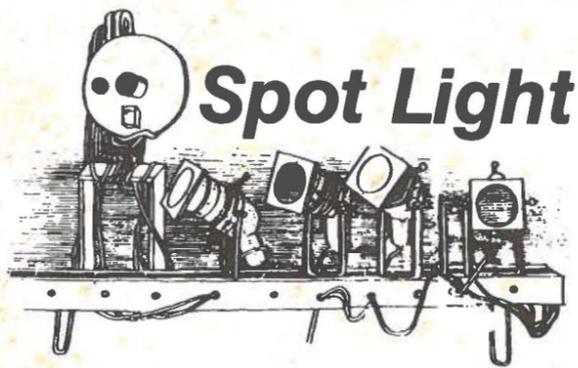
The inspector general (IG) from Pacific Air Forces, conducted an operational readiness inspection of the Air Guard's air defense units on Sept. 17 and 18. Members from the 154th Tactical Fighter Group, the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning (ACW) Squadron and the 150th ACW Squadron were called in at 3 a.m., and ran various mission-related exercises under simulated combat conditions. As one commander remarked, "All rating areas were displayed in the color blue, signifying outstanding results. What can you say? It was a perfect score. Whoopee!"

The Hawaii Army National Guard's OCS program at the Hawaii Military Academy placed as third runnerup for academic excellence among 52 Army National Guard OCS's nationwide for the 1976-77 school year. Congratulations to the members of OCS Class 15-77 for their fine performance.

Stepping out and stepping up... Sp5 Alan Igarashi recently accepted his direct commission as an officer in the Hawaii Army National Guard. 2ndLt. Igarashi will serve as the aide to BrigGen. Thomas S. Ito, deputy adjutant general, during his weekend drills.

Igarashi worked full-time for the Army Guard's personnel section (G-1) as an enlisted man for the past three years. By taking his commission, he had to give up his full-time job. Overnight, Igarashi became overqualified.

"That's okay," remarked Igarashi, "I'm optimistic about the future opportunities as an officer in the Guard."



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The following Guard members have received these awards:

Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit

Col. John Keeling (National Guard Bureau)

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

PltSgt. Alberto Hoopii SSgt. Gilbert Carvalho

SFC John Hokoana, Jr. SSgt. Anthony Diorec

SFC Domingo Sumbat Col. William Coffey (NGB)

SSgt. Clarence Ariola

Army Commendation Medal 1st Oak Leaf Cluster

PltSgt. Leon Kau SFC Roland Leong

Army Commendation Medal

SSgt. Rudolph Dela Cruz PFC Ka-Min Yeung

Sgt. Gary Takamoto PFC David Sims

Sp5 Reginald Gonsalves PV2 Kendall Hoopai

Sp5 Herbert Huihui, Jr.

Hawaii National Guard Service Medal

25-Year Service Bar

SFC Samuel Akau, Jr.

Hawaii National Guard Service Medal

20-Year Service Bar

SFC David Kong, Jr. SFC Manuel Luna, Jr.

SFC Alfred Kutaka SFC George Morinaga

SFC Francisco Latorre, Jr.

Hawaii National Guard Service Medal

10-Year Service Bar

Maj. Albert Ayers SSgt. James Peros

SFC Roger Napoleon Sgt. Arthur Chu

SSgt. William Akutagawa, Jr.

Mai Tai Night... The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association recently held a Hospitality Night at the Enlisted Association of the National Guard Association of the United States conference in Denver. SgtMaj. Les Nakaichi reported that they ran out of mai tais before the event's end, but they got the national delegates primed up for the 1978 convention to be held in Hawaii...

Aloha United Way and Combined Federal Campaign contributors from the Department outdid themselves this year... State workers and Federal technicians for the Department of Defense both surpassed the Department's goal for their respective charitable fund raising campaign. The State employees passed their goal by \$63 for a grand total of \$5,333. The Federal technicians passed their goal by \$2,597 for a grand total of \$28,369. Everyone is thanked for their support of these worthwhile fund raisers.

During the recent Bobby Vinton concert in Hawaii, the crowd cheered as SSgt. Joseph K. Kama, 111th Army Band, joined Vinton in singing a song... there are many Guard personnel with hidden talents, all it takes is a little coaxing.

Trying even harder... The Department of Defense's quarterly newspaper, Pupukahi, recently received a plaque from the National Guard Association of the United States for second place award in its national newspaper competition. Also, the United States Army Forces Command returned its evaluation of Pupukahi. It rated our newspaper excellent. The editorial staff of Pupukahi felt you would appreciate knowing that we are doing well in comparison with other states... next year it will be first place!

On behalf of the editorial staff of the Pupukahi, we wish you and yours a safe and enjoyable holiday season. See you all next year.



OAHU MOUNTAINBALL CHAMPS—The Provisional Bn comprised of members from the HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade and Troop E (Air), 19th Cav. took top honors.

Provisional Bn declared champion

The provisional battalion mountainball team will go down in history as the undefeated Hawaii National Guard-Oahu mountainball 1977 champions.

The provisional team was made up of members from Troop E (Air) 19th Cavalry and Headquarter & Headquarters Company, 29th Infantry Brigade.

With their undisputed lead assuring a champion-

ship, the scramble for second place became the next hot spot.

The 487th Field Artillery Battalion and the 297th Supply & Service Battalion were caught in a grueling battle. The final score was 8-5 in favor of the 487th.

The next scheduled sport event will be volleyball beginning the new year.

HANG awards banquet

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Outstanding HANG NCO Award—TSgt. Galen Yamada, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was presented this award as the outstanding NCO (E-4 through E-6) who best exemplifies high level quality, ability and leadership in enhancing the mission effectiveness and image of the HANG. He also is HANG's nominee for the NGB's Outstanding Airman Program.

Outstanding HANG Senior NCO Award—MSgt. Ronald Izutsu, 154th Supply Squadron, was presented this award as the outstanding Senior NCO (E-7 through E-9) for his leadership, skills, and personal attributes which enhance mission accomplishment and community involvement. MSgt. Izutsu will be the HANG nominee for the NGB's Outstanding Airman Program.

Outstanding HANG Officer Award—Maj. George Koga, 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, was awarded this trophy, a wooden replica of an old Hawaiian idol, for his leadership and efforts to increase the capability of the HANG.

Outstanding HANG Unit Award—The 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron was awarded the HANG's Outstanding Unit Award. Appraisal factors considered in the selection of this award were combat readiness, strength and retention, attendance, military bearing, inspections and safety records.

As befitting the occasion, both Gov. Ariyoshi and MajGen. Siefertmann acknowledged the importance of recognizing those who by their own disciplined nature strive to excel for the betterment of much more than themselves.