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BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER
Adjutant General

Your Decision Your Advantage

My words in this issue are addressed to those of you who are planning to leave the Hawaii National Guard as soon as your current service obligation will permit you to do so. There are many of you and I am not so naive as to believe that any words I write will cause any change of decision on the part of the majority who have this idea in mind. There are, however, good and valid points to be made on the advantages to the individual of remaining with the Reserve Forces until forced to retire. Your commanders and senior non-commissioned officers will, I know, cover these with you but there is one advantage to each of you which I would like to try to emphasize in this brief article.

This advantage is simply that of deep, personal satisfaction in long and honorable service to the State and the Nation. When we are young we tend to look ahead and, although specific goals and aspirations for the life before us will vary quite widely, we generally are primarily interested in providing for ourselves and our families as pleasant and secure a future as we can devise. Our major concern then is in looking forward and trying to judge how best to accomplish this goal. Activities which do seem to contribute a great deal in this regard often do not offer much attraction. But as we grow older (and some day you too will be as old as I may seem to some of you) we look backward as well as forward to an increasing degree. We look back at many of our decisions and often, I think, regret some of them. But I am certain that the ones we do not regret are those which involved some personal sacrifice but which contributed in some way to others, either as individuals or as members of our community, be it the local, the state, the national or the world community. We take justifiable pride and the deep, personal satisfaction mentioned earlier when we know that we have been of help or service to others.

To me of course service in the Hawaii National Guard is service to others. A state militia is part of our heritage, it retains a vital and important role for the State and the Nation and long, loyal and honorable service in it cannot help but bring this pride and personal satisfaction when the time comes that we look back upon what we have done and the decisions we have made in years gone by.

And so it is that I urge each one of you young men to consider this advantage as well as the others when the time comes for you to make your personal decision with regard to continued service in this fine organization of ours. • •

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Your Hawaii National Guard Association, with the concurrence of the Adjutant General, has decided to go all out and host the National Convention here again in 1971. Why?

Ever since the outstanding convention held here in 1960, everyone—absolutely everyone—has been asking, "Hawaii, when do we come again?" The aloha spirit sold them.

1971 is the 25th anniversary year of the reorganization of the Hawaii National Guard. Naturally, this calls for a celebration. What better way to celebrate than to host the National Convention.

There has been considerable agitation here in our own Hawaii National Guard for the past few years to consider hosting another convention. The negative attitude is always the easiest attitude to take. Let's look on the positive side. It's good for the Hawaii National Guard and it's good for the State. For the HNG—prestige, closer friendships and understanding with a greater number of people. For the State—money in the bank. The last convention grossed over \$800,000.00, of which an estimated \$100,000.00 went into tax coffers. Also, our neighbor islands have much more to offer than they did in 1960 and they now have far better facilities to accommodate our visiting guardsmen.

Another important fact is that we now have the people who have the know-how and experience to handle a large convention, experience gained from the 1960 convention.

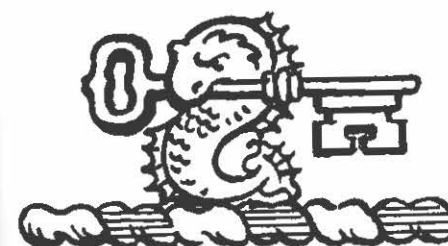
Now our next step is to convince the National Council Convention Committee that "Hawaii in 1971" is better than going anywhere else. Preliminary steps will be taken at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. in September of this year. I will keep you posted about "Hawaii in 1971" via this column. • •



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298th Artillery Group NCO Association Formed

New Officers Elected



1ST SGT WILLIAM DUNCAN, JR., is congratulated by Colonel John M. Becker, Commander of the 298th Arty Gp (AD), upon being elected President of the newly formed 298th Arty Gp NCO Association. Also shown are (left to right) MSG Atsuo Ajirogi, Treasurer; MSG Robert A. Hanaike, Secretary; 1st Sgt Sung Cho Kim, Vice President; Lt Col David F. de Costa, and SGM Sotero Bailado.



"I don't think I want any chow tonight!"

On Wednesday, 12 July 1967, the 298th Artillery Group NCO Association was officially formed. It culminated a challenge and a desire by COL John M. Becker, the Group Commander, that the NCO's of the Group form an Association. This idea was borne in the early part of 1966. Since then, the idea and challenge was discussed and developed by the unit first sergeants and the Group Sergeant Major. A proposed constitution and by-laws was drawn up, published, revised and worked upon. On 12 July 1967, at the Schofield NCO Club, the "challenge" to form this Association by COL Becker was presented to the 118 NCOs present at the NCO get-together. The purpose, need and aims of such an Association was presented. After discussing its merit, pro and con, a unanimous desire by the individuals present pointed to its organization.

After accepting the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, with changes brought about on the floor, the following individuals were elected to office. President, 1SG William L. Duncan, Jr.; Vice President, 1SG Sung Cho Kim; Secretary, MSG Robert A. Hanaike; Treasurer, MSG Atsuo Ajirogi. In addition to the elected officers, organization representatives, elected or appointed at unit level, will comprise the governing body of the Association.

During the business portion of the meeting a "campaigning period" for all nominees and their supporters was held and added much to the tempo of the meeting.

Guests present at the meeting and get-together were COL Becker, LTC David F. deCosta, Group XO; SGM Billy Watson, from the Air Defense Division, G2/G3 Section, HQ USARHAW; and SGM Mitsuo Kobayashi of HQ HARNG. • •

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MAJOR ITO AWARDED LEGION OF MERIT



MAJOR THOMAS S. ITO (center) is congratulated by Major General Francis S. Greenleaf, Deputy Chief of the National Guard Bureau, after presenting him with the Legion of Merit Medal during ceremonies at the Pentagon as Mrs. Ito looks on.

In November, 1962, Major Thomas S. Ito was selected by the National Guard Bureau for the position of Air Defense Staff Officer, Air Defense Branch, Army Organization and Training Division, the National Guard Bureau.

Those in the 2d Missile Battalion, 298th Artillery, of which Major Ito was the full-time supervisor, wished him good luck and a fond aloha as he departed for his new assignment. We knew he would do a good job. But Major Ito didn't do just a good job, he did an outstanding job. His hard work did not go unnoticed. On 9 June 1967 the President of the United States awarded the Legion of Merit, the Nation's fifth highest award, to Major Ito for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. His award reads in part, "Major Thomas S. Ito, Artillery, distinguished himself by eminently meritorious service to the Government in positions of great responsibility during the period December 1962 to November 1966. Particularly noteworthy among his many singular accomplishments was his outstanding role in the planning for the implementation of the highly successful and unprecedented program for the integration of the Army National Guard missile units into the active air defense of the Continental United States, under operational control of the Army Air Defense Command. Much of the success of this program was due to the broad foresight, sound judgement, administrative excellence and overall professional ability displayed by Major Ito in coordinating and supervising the many related functions with interested agencies and the seventeen States involved. Major Ito's thorough understanding of the objectives of the Army National Guard Air Defense Program, his keen appreciation of the possible implications of actions involved, and his faithful devotion to duty at considerable personal inconvenience has earned the high regard and admiration of all associated with him and reflects great credit upon himself, the Army National Guard, the National Guard Bureau and the United States Army."

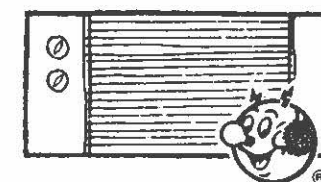
Major Ito is currently assigned as the G4, HARNG.

Aloha and Mahalo, Major Ito, for a job very well done. • •

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1SG FRANCISCO J. TABAR

1SG FRANCISCO J. TABAR, of HHB, 298th Arty Gp (AD), Wahiawa, has been named the most outstanding enlisted man in the Hawaii Army National Guard for the year 1966. The missileman, who was promoted to top sergeant position this past January, is a 20-year veteran with the Guard and has served in many capacities in supply, motor transport and electrical material. In addition to being a troop leader, Sergeant Tabar is also an active community leader on the Windward side of Oahu, where he is president of the Waimanalo Village Improvement Association, treasurer of St. George Waimanalo Community Credit Union, past president of the Waimanalo Parent-Teachers Association, past president of St. George Holy Name Society, delegate to the Waimanalo Council of Associations, and scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 72. Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer III, CG of Hawaii Army National Guard, is shown presenting Sergeant Tabar with the carved wooden tiki Hawaii Army Guardsman of the Year award in ceremonies at Dillingham.

Air Guard Hosts Special VIPs



ROYAL GUARD ROLLS OUT the red carpet for "Lucky" Luck during a special VIP visit day at the 154th Fighter Group.

It was a special day at the Hawaii Air National Guard's Hickam Air Force base fighter group.

More than 35 of Hawaii's night club entertainers, radio and television personalities and leading newspaper columnists were lunch guests of the Hawaii Air Guard. Following the noon meal, the guests were given a tour of the Hickam facility which included tours of the various shops. The guests watched take-offs of two supersonic F-102's and witnessed the uploading of a jet fighter with rockets and missiles.

The red carpet, lined by Air Guard members of the Royal Guard, was rolled out for the dignitaries at the missile uploading demonstration. • •

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EDITOR'S FAREWELL



CAPTAIN EDDIE ANDERSON, center, former editor of THE HAWAII GUARDSMAN, receives a certificate of appreciation from Colonel John M. Becker, president of the Hawaii National Guard Association. Captain Anderson received the Association's commendation for his outstanding work as the magazine's editor for the past seven years, a job he relinquished July 31 when he left his full-time job as Public Affairs Officer to accept a position with First Insurance Company.

Captain Little Receives Pilot Award



CAPTAIN MARLIN L. LITTLE of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron receives the HANG Outstanding Interceptor Pilot Award from Major General Benjamin J. Webster, Adjutant General, at the closing formation of their monthly drill.

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Colonel Smith Receives Commendation



LTC Russell Smith, Jr., was presented a commendation by Major General Benjamin J. Webster, Adjutant General, commending him for his long years of service to the Hawaii Air National Guard during a recent retirement ceremony. LTC Smith was appointed to the Air Guard in October of 1946 as one of 74 charter members of the unit. He was assigned to the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron as a single engine fighter pilot. As a first lieutenant he was one of 19 officers and 15 enlisted men in the original 199th.

298th Arty Gp News

By CPT REGINALD S. LEE, PIO

The Eisenhower Trophy, NGB Superior Training Certificates, NGB Certificate of Victory, The Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal, the Outstanding Guardsman of the Year Award, and the 298th Arty Gp Defense CRE Pennant; were presented during a Group Award Ceremony held at Battery A, 1st Bn (HERC), Dillingham AFS in July.

Eisenhower Trophy

Battery A, 1st Bn, 298th Arty, HNG, was selected as the Most Outstanding Unit of the Hawaii Army National Guard for Calendar Year 1966 and was awarded the Eisenhower Trophy.

Superior Unit Award

NGB Superior Unit Award for Training was earned by HHB, Btry A, Btry C, and Btry D. Accepting the awards were CPT Joseph J. Olivares, HHB; 1SG Sung Cho Kim, Btry A; MAJ Tom T. Kimura, Btry C; and MAJ Marvin E. Ferreira, Btry D.

HNG Commendation Medals

1LT Harry I. Arakaki, SSG Jerry L. Maesaka, SSG Albert R. Mejia, SGT Calvin K. Hirai, SGT Wallace M. Shiroma, and SP6 Bill Enriques were presented the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal for heroic action in the rescue of an injured member of the 89th Ordnance Co., U. S. Army Hawaii at Waimanalo on 16 December 1966 while they were members of Btry C.

4th Annual Military Skills Contest

SSG Roy I. Aoki, HHB, was first place winner in the Group's 4th Annual Military Skills Competition held at the Schofield Barracks Central Range area during Field Training in July. He won \$30.00 cash plus a Certificate of Achievement.

Other winners were 2d place, SP4 Clifford T. Kawano, Btry C, \$20.00 cash plus Certificate; 3d place, SP4 Robert H. Oshiro, \$10.00 cash plus Certificate; and 4th, PFC Patrick T. K. Ah Loo, HHB, \$5.00 cash plus Certificate.

HHB won the unit contest with a score of 5641 points. They received \$50.00 cash and a Certificate of Achievement. Btry C was second with 5358.5 points. This won them \$35.00 cash plus a Certificate of Achievement.

There were 49 contestants and five units in competition this year.

National Guard Assn. Trophy

Battery D, 1st Bn(HERC) was named a winner of the National Guard Association Trophy for 1966 with a Figure of Merit of 100%. Btry D was tied with three other units for this National award. The Battery will receive a framed Certificate of Victory and have its name inscribed on the trophy, which remains in the National Guard Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Pershing Plaque was also awarded to Btry D as winner of the Sixth Army Area, along with the National Guard (State) Trophy, as State winner.

The Battery was commanded during 1966 by Maj Melvin G. Ing.

The Figure of Merit is derived from the annual rifle qualification firing of each unit. Ratings are as follows, each Expert is awarded 100; Sharpshooter, 95; and Marksman, 90. The total score is divided by the unit strength (less those attending or awaiting REP training). • •



MAJOR GENERAL BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER, Adjutant General, presents the Eisenhower Trophy to CPT Samuel K. Naipo, Commander of Battery A, 1st Bn, 298th Arty (AD), state winner for 1966.



HAPPILY HOLDING THEIR cash awards are the winners of the 298th Arty Gp (AD) Annual Military Skills Competition. (Left to right) SSG Roy I. Aoki, SP4 Clifford T. Kawano, SP4 Robert H. Oshiro, and PFC Patrick T. K. Ah Loo.



BG FREDERICK A. SCHAEFER III, Army National Guard Commander, presents HNG Commendation Medal to 1LT Harry I. Arakaki, SP6 Bill Enriques, and SGT Calvin K. Hirai.

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Lieutenant Colonel George Shiel McEldowney, veteran Army National Guard officer and former commander of the Big Island's 2nd Infantry Battalion, 29th Infantry Brigade, retired July 16 in Hilo, where he received his second award of the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal during retirement ceremonies.

Colonel McEldowney ended more than 28 years active and reserve service, including nearly 20 years with the Guard.

His son, Robert Shiel, 22, carrying on the military tradition in the family, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in June. Following additional training at Fort Benning, Georgia, the younger McEldowney, a lieutenant, will be assigned to the 11th Infantry Brigade at Schofield Barracks in November.

Other children include daughters, Lois, 20, Phyllis, 15, and Janis, 8.

Colonel McEldowney is a 1934 graduate of Leilehua High School on Oahu.

In 1940, he graduated from the University of Hawaii with a bachelor of science degree in sugar technology. He received his commission as a second lieutenant at the University in June 1939 as a member of the ROTC. He taught ROTC for one year there.

Two days after Pearl Harbor, he was called to active duty, serving in Hawaii and the South Pacific. He saw action at Guadalcanal. He was released from active duty as a major in May, 1946.

Interestingly enough, it was in Hawaii that McEldowney received a medal for heroic action, when he saved a drowning soldier off Makapuu Point, Oahu, in April, 1943. For this, he was awarded the Soldiers Medal.

His other awards and service ribbons include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal,

Colonel McEldowney Retires



COMMENDATION—LTC George S. McEldowney, right, receives a "silver Kahili"—second award of the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal at retirement ceremonies in Hilo, July 16. BG Frederick A. Schaefer III, commanding general, Hawaii Army National Guard, presented the award. Colonel McEldowney is succeeded by LTC Fred Koehn as commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, 29th Infantry Brigade.

World War II Victory Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Last year he was awarded his first Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal for outstanding leadership and dedicated service. Colonel McEldowney also holds the Hawaii National Guard Service Medal for 20 years of Guard service.

He is succeeded as commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion by Lieutenant Colonel Fred Koehn, a former executive officer with the battalion and formerly administrative assistant to the Hawaii County Chairman. He is presently with Francis I. duPont and Company. Colonel Koehn and his wife, Carolyn, have a son and three daughters. • •



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LT COL CAVER

It isn't often that the Hawaii Air National Guard is called upon to perform such a mission. Recently, Governor Burns was invited to represent the United States at the coronation of King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV of Tonga.

Due to the limited landing facilities at Tonga, commercial aircraft do not fly there. So the 154th Fighter Group's C-54 was requested to provide air transportation for Governor Burns and his party on the final leg of the flight—the trip from Samoa to Tonga. This required landing the 72,000 pound aircraft on a grass strip which the Tonganese use as a landing field.

To take advantage of this unexpected flight, Lieutenant Colonel Claude Caver, 154th Fighter Group's flight surgeon, sent along 1600 pounds of medical supplies for Samoa. He obtained these supplies through donations from medical facilities in Hawaii.

Thanks to the Hawaii Air Guard, the United States was well represented at this important event in Pacific history, and the people of Samoa received their gift of needed medical supplies. ● ●



"Please excuse Tommy from drill last week as he had the sniffles . . . signed, Tommy's mother" . . . Jeez!"

CAP VISITS HANG



NOSIN' AROUND—Members of the Civil Air Patrol swarm over and under a HANG F-102 Delta Dagger. TSgt Richard Miles, top right, of the 154th Ftr. Gp., explains some of the cockpit mechanisms.



ROCKETRY—SSgt Michael Minakawa, left, Air Guard weapons technician, has a rapt audience as he explains about rockets and other armaments used on the F-102 jet interceptor. The youngsters are Civil Air Patrol cadets from throughout the state who visited the Air Guard facilities during their annual summer encampment at Hickam.



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HOLDING THEIR WELL-DESERVED trophies are A2C Kenneth Johnson and MSGT Roy Chee, chosen as the squadron's Outstanding Airman and NCO, respectively. Lt Col K. Paul Goya, squadron commander, presented the trophies at the end of summer camp.



QUEEN OF THE 169TH—Miss Susan McCarthy, winner of the squadron's annual beauty contest, represented the radio maintenance section. Sue is 20 years old and a student at the University of Hawaii.

169TH LUAU

Everybody had a rip roaring time! Yes sir, the annual summer encampment luau proved to be a resounding success! Led by the members of the 169th NCO Club and MSgt Alfred Young, General Chairman of the event, the Squadron annual luau was held traditionally on the last evening of the summer camp.

In a large tent, decorated with beautiful Hawaiian garland and other South Pacific Flora, the program began with the John Piilani Watkins troupe presenting songs and dances of old and new Polynesia.

While the party goers feasted on authentic Hawaiian delicacies, the talented troupe entertained them.

After the hearty repast, master of ceremonies Captain Tom Shimabuku introduced the distinguished guests who represented the Hawaii Air National Guard, Hawaiian Air Defense Division, Wheeler AFB, and the Wahiawa Business Community. A short speech welcoming the guests and congratulating the men on their fine summer camp was given by the Squadron Commander, Lt Colonel K. Paul Goya.

Then came the main event of the evening—the beauty contest to choose the Squadron Queen. MC'd by jovial SMSgt Ken Kiyabu, the contest proved to be both entertaining and delightful. The judges had a difficult time choosing the queen. Finally after a hectic contest, Miss Susan McCarthy, representing Radio Maintenance, was chosen Queen of the 169th. Runners up were Miss Edna Asing (Medics and Utilities) and Miss Shirley Perkins (B Flight). Miss Popularity was Miss Margaret Miller (A Flight). She was chosen by popular votes.

Topping the evening's entertainment was a lively contest of songs, dances, and comedy routines between the various sections. Presenting a very clever and humorous skit, the C&E Section tied with C Flight's team of "beautiful" dancing ballerinas for first place. The winning sections were each presented with \$20 for their efforts.

Much more went on during the evening and more should be said but it must be stressed that everybody, and we mean everybody, had a great time. Congratulations to all! ● ●

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News From the Garden Isle

Summer Camp is over and that marks the end of another year. We've had some losses, some gains and some improvements.

Among our losses were LTC Hartwell Blake, CPT Theodore Daligdig and CPT Val Hataishi, all of whom ended their military career. Also lost to us was 2Lt Gerald Swedberg who has gone into the Standby Reserve. Lt Swedberg was recently transferred to a new position with the State Wildlife Division on Oahu. The members here on Kauai send you all a fond "Aloha" and the best of luck for the future. All is not lost, however. Future leadership is in the making. OC Irving Kau, OC Zenon Wong and OC Theodore Daligdig are currently attending the State OCS and we are expecting them to join us in June of 1968 as 2d Lieutenants. Also would like to welcome home 2LT Wallace M. Kawane from the mainland, who is home to stay and will be teaching on Kauai.

1st Battalion News

By CPT F. ABREU

Old Timer Returns to Guard—or— Treasurer Joins Guard

Ex-Green Beret Captain Shigeto "MUSTARD" Murayama has rejoined the 1st Bn as Assistant S-3 (Air). Some of you may have remembered him as Lt Murayama with the old Combat Support Company of the 1st Battle Group. After leaving the Guard in 1957, he joined the Army Reserve, his last assignment being with the 44th Special Forces Operation Detachment (Abn).

Promotions

Congratulations are in order for the following Lieutenants who were promoted to 1st Lieutenant just prior to AFT 67. They are Lt James Morioka, Spt Plat Ldr, HHC(-) (Maui), and Lts Wilbert Ching and Myles Nakatsu, both Plat leaders in Company A, at Wahiawa.

Congratulations also go to our newly appointed 2d Lieutenants, Lawrence Woode and Warren Higa, both assigned to Co A.

In the enlisted ranks, congratulations go to MSG E-8 William (Bill) Carvalho, Operations Sgt, who got his E-8 just prior to AFT.

Completes OCS Training

Sgt Robert Cole, Co C(-), Kahului, has completed the Special NG Officer Candidate Course held at Ft Benning, Georgia, and returned to Maui, just prior to AFT. Congratulations Sgt Cole.

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Graduation Exercises were held during Camp for the Hawaii Army National Guard Officer Candidate School at Schofield Barracks Kaala Club.

Fifteen Officer Candidates successfully completed the course and were awarded certificates. Twelve of these candidates received their 2nd Lt commissions and three (Kikuchi, Pang, and Robello) received certificates of eligibility for commissions.

Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer III, Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard, administered the oath to the new officers.

General Dwight Beach, Commander in Chief of the United States Army Pacific, delivered the commencement address.

Calvin C. Koseki was awarded the Erickson Trophy and the Adjutant General's Trophy for being the honor graduate.

Lawrence A. Woode received the Hawaii National Guard Association leadership award and the Association of the U.S. Army plaque for outstanding leadership which was presented by General Beach.

Kenneth H. Kikuchi received the OCS Academic Award; receiving the Tactical Officers award for physical fitness was Simon T. Mojica.

Gerald A. Tulang received the Commandant's award for the greatest degree of improvement.

The graduation completed 13 months of training for the candidates.

The complete graduation list follows:

WARREN W. CHEE—Co D 29th Spt Bn (HARNG) Oahu
ELROY A. GOTO—Btry A 1st Bn 487th Arty (HARNG) Oahu
WARREN T. HIGA—Co A 1st Bn 299th Inf (HARNG) Oahu
RICHARD S. HONDA—Co A 2d Bn 299th Inf (HARNG) Hawaii



OCS GRADUATES 15



IN KEEPING WITH tradition, Miss Jean Nakamura proudly pins gold bars on brother Dennis H. Nakamura at the OCS graduation ceremonies recently held at Schofield.

KENNETH H. KIKUCHI—Btry D 1st Bn 298th Arty Gp (HARNG) Oahu
CALVIN C. KOSEKI—Btry A 1st Bn 487th Arty (HARNG) Oahu
DAVID M. KRIEGER—Co D 1st Bn USARHAW TC Inf (4995) (USAR) Oahu
DENNIS A. LUM—Co D 29th Spt Bn (HARNG) Oahu
SIMON T. MOJICA—Co B 29th Spt Bn (HARNG) Oahu
STEVEN L. MOLALE—Co C 29th Spt Bn (HARNG) Oahu
DENNIS H. NAKAMURA—Co A 1st Bn 298th Inf (HARNG) Oahu
NORMAN M. W. PANG—Btry C 1st Bn 298th Arty Gp (HARNG) Oahu
FREDERICK K. ROBELLO—Btry C 1st Bn 298th Arty Gp (HARNG) Oahu
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Highlighting the Annual Field Training for the 1st Bn, 487th Arty was the passing of the Battery-Army Training Test by all three firing batteries. The ATT is a demanding test of the battery's capability to move, shoot accurately, and communicate. The ATT culminated a year of hard work by the officers and men of the battalion in preparing for the test. The spirit of the battalion motto "Hiki No" (Can Do) prevailed again.

Change of Command

LT Louis Miranda, Jr., took command of Battery B from CPT Roland Y. Kanemaru in a short ceremony under the shade of the ironwood trees on McCarthy Flats, Schofield Barracks, on 22 July 1967. The battalion formed during lunch break to witness the change of command ceremony and was also honored by the visit of General Frederick A. Schaefer, III, who praised the performance of the battalion during AFT and spoke briefly on the reorganization of the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Surprise Ceremony

In a surprise ceremony at the 487th

Arty Armory in Ft Ruger at 0700 hours 23 July 1967, Kapena Moku Theodore H. Hussey, Royal Guard, presented LTC Francis A. I. Bowers, Jr., Commanding Officer, of the 1st Bn, 487th Arty a Japanese 75mm howitzer captured during World War II. The purpose of the presentation was to serve as an incentive for the 487th Arty to form an artillery counterpart of the Royal Guard.

New Officers Elected

The 1st Bn, 487th Arty officers enjoyed a combination business and social dinner meeting at the Nalei Hotel in Hilo on 30 June 1967. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the coming fiscal year. Those elected were President: CPT Donald M. Dismuke, Vice-President: CPT Roland Y. Kanemaru, Treasurer: 2LT Dennis A. Nakamura, Secretary: 2LT Calvin C. Koseki. After outgoing President, CPT Sadami Deai, adjourned the meeting, LTC Sidney D. Hilton was honored with a "farewell" orchid lei. The honored guests list included BG Francis S. Takemoto, who in his speech lauded

the battalion for their performance at AFT. The wine and dine affair terminated with humorous presentations to various "privileged" officers based on "memorable incidents" during AFT. A tremendous evening of fun was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations

Our congratulations goes to PVT Benjamin J. Dowling, a cannoneer with Battery B, who saved a 17-year-old California surfer from possible drowning off the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach on Monday, 24 July 1967.

Outstanding Mess

Battery C, commanded by 1LT Louis W. Perry, Jr., was awarded the outstanding battery mess award during a battalion formation on 27 July 1967. The award, an embroidered banner, was based on daily inspection conducted by this headquarters during summer camp. Areas inspected were mess management, sanitation, and mess hall appearance. Our congratulations go to mess steward, SSG Cleghorn P. McKee, and the mess section for a job well done.

"EXPERTS"



SIX HAWAII AIR GUARDSMEN were recently designated as experts in the field of air defense. The two officers and four N.C.O.s were honored for the highest degree of proficiency possible in the aircraft control and warning operations field. Left to right, SSgt Kenneth Vidinha, SSgt Escolastico Mira, 1st Lt. John I. Oshiro, Capt. Owen D. Ota, TSgt John W. Bandmann, TSgt Frank S. Harada.

Promotion and Service

Following an inspection of the 150th AC&W Sq. Brigadier General Valentine A. Siefermann, Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard, presented formal Federal Recognition Orders to Major John M. English at a "blue uniform" formation at Kokee Air Force Station. The General used this occasion to award Major English a 20-year service bar and the HANG service medal for 20 years of honorable and faithful service in the Hawaii National Guard.

Major English, a veteran of 20 years in the HNG, joined the Army Guard on Maui following discharge from the

Army after WW II. Reassigned to the Army Guard on Kauai, he served as Staff Assistant to the Island Commander until he joined the Air National Guard in April 1960.

Major English is now the Personnel and Administration Officer of the 150th AC&W Sq. HANG.

"Experts"

General Siefermann also presented to six men, Certificates of Proficiency, designating them as Experts in the field of Air Defense. The certificates were signed by Lt. Gen. J. H. Moore, Vice Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces. This award reflects attainment of the highest degree of proficiency possible in the Aircraft Control and Warning Operations field. In a cover letter General Moore stated in part, "the talents, abilities, and professional attitude demonstrated by these men are proof of outstanding performance worthy of recognition."

Hoku Award

MSGT William Tabe received the 150th AC&W Sq. Hoku Award. The purpose of the quarterly Hoku Award, is to recognize outstanding performance, initiative, and contributions toward unit improvement during the quarter considered.

MSGT Tabe's nomination cited his outstanding performance of military duties, demonstration of initiative and leadership, military bearing and atti-

tude. He is the Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Radar Operations Section, and supervises 62 men. He is a veteran of the Air Force and has worked for the Air Guard since 1958.

Miki Award

Captain Robert N. Konishi was selected by General Siefermann to receive the George T. Miki Award. This Award is presented annually to the most outstanding Weapons Controller in the Hawaii Air National Guard. His technical knowledge and ability were listed as primary factors in his selection.

Captain Konishi has been an Expert Weapons Controller for the past six years; during which time his example and guidance have played a dominant role in the development of controlling at Kokee. • •



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Coral Sands II. Molokai "Invasion"

By SP4 RONALD G. FELLOWS



TANK—A tank from the 1st Cavalry, 11th Infantry Brigade, rolls off an LST at Papohaku Beach, Molokai, during the landing phase of "Coral Sands II."

If and when the Army's strategic reserve force in the Pacific—the 11th Infantry Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Oahu—is put into battle in Vietnam or elsewhere, its successes in combat may in part be attributed to training assistance from the National Guard.

From July 29 through August 12, Guardsmen were involved in "Exercise Coral Sands II," a joint Army, Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard and Army Reserve effort to test the Brigade's fighting ability during an amphibious "raid" on a "hostile shore"—in reality, the island of Molokai, about 25 miles south of the island of Oahu. The exercise involved more than 6,000 men, a dozen ships, hundreds of vehicles, and Air Guard and Marine Corps jet fighter aircraft.

The Hawaii Army National Guard furnished more than 50 officers and men who served as umpires, helicopter pilots, radio-telephone operators, and other operational personnel. The Hawaii Army Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade also furnished some three-score vehicles—jeeps, trucks and trailers, four helicopters, a U-8 aircraft, and nearly 120 pieces of communication equipment.

Crossing half a continent and the Pacific, the 121st Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, furnished six F-100 Super Sabre jet fighters and crews for ground support.

This was the largest amphibious exercise in Hawaiian waters since the 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning) Division's "Operation West-

wind," two and a half years ago, shortly before the division sailed for Vietnam.

Guardsmen and 11th Brigade troops boarded ships of Amphibious Squadron Eleven, based at San Diego, California, on August 1 at Honolulu and prepared for the landing at Molokai's Papohaku Beach, August 5. Several days prior to the assault, two tank landing ships (LST) loaded with men and equipment of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry ("Go For Broke"), and the green-bereted 40th Special Forces Group, both Army Reserve units, landed on the island as "Viet Cong aggressors."

As the landing force churned across the channel, other Hawaii Guardsmen already on the island as part of the advance group were already at work. Among the advance elements was the Coral Sands II aviation detachment, composed largely of Guardsmen from Hawaii's 29th Aviation Platoon, 29th Infantry Brigade. The aviation detachment's eight-man Guard section consisted of four pilots and an equal number of crew chiefs.



CHOPPER ASSISTANCE—H-19 helicopter pilot, CPT James Doole, Jr., Honolulu, assists members of the 11th Brigade during the exercise. An Army officer is giving CPT Doole map coordinates for additional helicopter assistance when some infantrymen were overcome by heat. The aviation detachment, composed largely of Guardsmen, carried on numerous types of flight missions during the exercise.

Together with regular Army aviators, the pilots flew scores of missions, from VIP flights to reconnaissance, parachute drops (Green Beret troops) and aero-medical evacuations. The latter proved invaluable when several infantrymen collapsed in the field from heat. Other aero-medical evacuations were performed for injury cases for both Army and Navy personnel, although injuries were



CASUALTY REPORT—CPT Benjamin K. Manuel, platoon commander from HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Inf., Kaunakakai, Molokai, gives a "casualty" information report during an attack upon a hill. The various flags he carries each have a special significance and are used to guide the participating troops.

few. The detachment utilized helicopters, U-8, and U-6A "Beaver" aircraft for the various missions.

To set the scene for the exercise, Molokai—or "Hai Tinh," as it was renamed, was represented as an imaginary island off the coast of Vietnam, which had been placed under control of the Saigon government under the 1954 Geneva Accord. A massive Communist buildup threatening the South Vietnam capital forced Premier Ky to withdraw his forces from the island to defend the capital. Civilian Irregular Defense Groups defending the island were soon overcome by the Viet Cong.

Shortly after the defenders' defeat, North Vietnamese forces occupied the island and began construction of hardened surface-to-surface (SSM) and surface-to-air (SAM) missile systems on the island. Completion of the sites was set for early September 1967.

This pending missile threat to South Vietnam had to be destroyed, but because of the possibility of inflicting heavy casualties on friendly natives, and the advanced hardening of the underground missile complex, air strikes were ruled out.

The decision was made to use an amphibious assault raid to destroy the system complex before it could become operational.

Prior to the actual assault, the task force conducted a practice landing at Papohaku (renamed "Dong") Beach, and a diversionary "attack" on "Cu Lao Chau," (actually the uninhabited island of Kahoolawe which the



GUARD UMPIRES—Three Guard umpires prepare for an upcoming action during the "Coral Sands II" exercise. Pictured from left are Major Lawrence Tavares, full-time officer from 1st Bn., 299th Infantry, Wailuku, Maui; MSG Thomas K. Lopes, "A" Co., 1st Bn., 299th Inf., Wahiawa; and ISG Lawrence Yurong, also from "A" Co., 1-299th, and a full-time Guardsman.

Navy uses for target practice), where "an elite North Vietnamese Army mechanized battalion" was "training" before being sent as reinforcements to Hai Tinh.

The sea-going voyages to Molokai and return were a different experience to many Guardsmen who were used to traveling inter-island by air.

Lieutenant Colonel Manuel DeMello, 29th Brigade operations officer and ranking Guard umpire, commented, "We landlubbers are not used to being restricted to a small area like a ship for days at a time." Time spent at sea ranged from five to six days total, in spite of short travel distance.

Following live firing by air and naval gunfire on Kahoolawe, August 4, the main assault got under way the next day about 8 A.M. Assault ships, including a destroyer, attack transport and cargo ships, dock and tank landing ships, began disgorging their loads of troops and equipment as planes from the Ohio ANG and Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station "strafed" the beach.

It was the task of the umpires to determine that things went "according to Hoyle," and to determine the results of various created situations.

As the first wave hit and the men stormed ashore, the Brigade got its first shock with the "death" of a battalion commander.

Lieutenant Colonel Edwin D. Beers, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, was declared a casualty the moment he stepped ashore. He was "killed" by umpire Major Frederick A. Holck, assistant G-3, Hawaii Army National Guard.

With his executive officer taking command, Colonel Beers sat glumly on the beach while his men moved inland.

The Reservist aggressors hit the Brigade troops with 59 guerrilla warfare situations, ranging from planting mines behind the advancing troops to "poisoning" water containers with vegetable dye.

By August 7, however, it was all over. The attacking force accomplished its objective of destroying the missile sites and began withdrawing back to the ships.

Commending all the troops and supporting units, Major General Roy Lassetter Jr., commanding general of U.S. Army Hawaii, declared that the exercise was a "valuable experience in a realistic operation."

Colonel DeMello added that, "The Guard personnel involved in this operation conducted themselves in a professional manner which drew many favorable comments from units being evaluated. I think all the Guardsmen gained a lot of experience and knowledge," he said.



PLANNING—Major Gilbert Korenaga, assistant S-3, 29th Infantry Brigade, and SFC Joseph Ahue, Jr., Brigade intelligence sergeant (Air), go over the day's operations at the field headquarters of the 11th Infantry Brigade.



COMMUNICATIONS—Mobile communications was provided by the Hawaii Army National Guard through use of some 120 pieces of communication equipment and approximately 60 vehicles. SP4 Harvey Lum, full-time Guardsman from HHD, HARG, G-1, acts as a jeep driver and radio operator. He is accompanied by MSG Eugene K. B. Won, Army Reserve.

Perhaps the most notable comment came from Colonel Robert L. Westbrook, tactical exercise coordinator, while praising the umpires, noted that they "left their civilian jobs, were assigned a mission that normally calls for several weeks of intensive training for active Army people, then gave an outstanding performance. Without them," he continued, "the control of the exercise would have been most difficult. As the cavalry used to say, 'They added dignity to what might have been a brawl.'" ● ●



Hawaii Shooters



THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD pistol team, left, competed in the World Series of marksmanship with four members entering the winners circle. The national matches, held at Camp Perry, Ohio, included 32 National Guard pistol teams as well as teams representing police, civilian and other military organizations. Members of the Hawaii team are (kneeling) Major Kerwin R. Keys of Aiea, Major Charles C. R. Park, Pearl City, and Sergeant First Class Joseph W. Nakoa, Kailua; and (standing) Major Melvin Alencastre, Kailua, Sergeant First Class Eckley W. Yim, Kailua, Lieutenant Colonel Clarence R. Johnson, Honolulu, Staff Sergeant Joseph H. Viveiros, Kailua, and Lieutenant Colonel John E. Ainoa, Jr., Honolulu. Placing in the winners circle were Sergeant Yim, who fired 289-08 for 12th Reserve Master in center fire preliminary match number 8; Major Park, with 181-04, 2nd Reserve Expert in center fire slow fire match number 15 and 182-04, 7th Reserve Expert for .22 calibre slow fire match number 10; Major Alencastre with 196-09, 19th Reserve Master in .22 calibre rapid fire match number 12; and Sergeant Nakoa with 289-11, 4th Reserve Master in the .22 calibre national match course, match number 13.

Top Shooters



SSG TOM F. ODA (left) and SSG Myles G. Brown (center), Hawaii's members of the All Guard Rifle Team, are shown with Major James M. Fletcher, this year's team captain, at Fort Custer, Michigan. Brown, who was selected as a coach for the team, and Oda, were at Fort Custer for intensive practice firing prior to going to Camp Perry, Ohio, for the national matches. This is the 4th year Sgt Brown has been selected for the All Guard Team and Sgt Oda's 2nd year. Both shoot in the Master Classification.

Certificate of Victory



CPT ROBERT G. PINNEY and SP5 Benjamin Yacapin, team members, hold the NGB Certificate of Victory awarded the 298th Gp for winning the 6th Army Area .22 Cal. Battalion Postal Match.



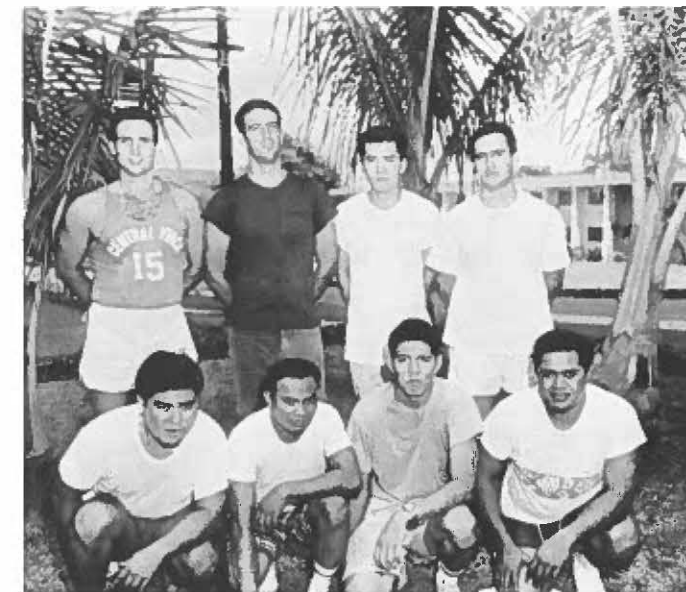
"CHAMPS"



THE CHAMPS—Co B, 2/299th (standing, left to right), Kela, Sako, Lancaster, Ogawa, E. Poai, and coach of the team, CWO Cabral; (kneeling) Elia, A. Poai, and Leialoha.

The 1967 Hawaii National Guard Volleyball Championship was held on Saturday, 27 May at the Fort Ruger Gym. After a hard fought double elimination playoff that went non-stop for the entire day, Company B, 2d Bn, 299 Inf., emerged as the champions. Hard on their

2D PLACE



RUNNERS-UP—Co A, Spt Bn (standing, left to right), W. Bisho, C. DeMello, S. Sako, and H. Peters; (kneeling) L. Saken, P. Canianes, R. Ho, and T. Koani.

heels was Company A, Support Battalion, who took the runner-up honors. The other teams that participated in the championship playoffs were Btry C, 1st Bn, 298th Arty Gp (AD), teams A and B, and the OCS. ● ●

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VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

By MAJOR WILLIAM T. KLOPP

Late in June, while the HANG C-54 crew was making plans (and excuses at home) for a navigation training flight to Hayward, California over the 4th of July weekend, word came to Brigadier General Siefertmann that Governor Burns had been asked to represent the United States at the coronation of His Majesty King Taufa'Ahau Tupou IV of the Tonga Islands on 4 July 1967. With the "word" came the question: "Can the HANG C-54 transport the official party from American Samoa to Tonga and return?" This inquiry triggered an immediate response from the ever-alert flight crew: "Where—and what—is Tonga?"

After a day spent in inquiry with the 7651st AICS, MAC Route Briefing, Pacific Region FAA and the local Pan American Station Manager, the available information boiled down to the fact that Tongatabu Island is situated about 490 nautical miles southwest of Pago Pago, Samoa, that Fu'Amotu Airport was reputed to have a 7,000 feet sod runway and that the latest available WAC chart of the island was published in 1951. Naturally, the decision was: "GO."

Armed with this wealth of information, the crew began preparations. Assigned to this mission were: Major William T. Klopp, Aircraft Commander; Colonel William A. Lafferty, Instructor Pilot; Major Harold Nagai, Pilot; Major O. A. Byrne, Co-pilot and interpreter; Captain Larry Counts, SAM Flight Instructor-Navigator; Captain Herbert K. Nemoto, Navigator; Lt Col Claude V. Caver, Flight Surgeon and Photographer; Lt Col Robert B. Maguire, Governor's Aide; TSgt Edward N. Uyeda, Instructor Flight Mechanic; TSgt James H. Davis, Flight Mechanic and Photographer; SSgt Abraham K. Hiapo, Flight Mechanic; TSgt Guy M. Matsuguma,

Flight Attendant; TSgt Howard H. Hironaka, Governor's Aide; and TSgt Harold K. Kepaa, Governor's Aide.

The crew loaded-up with pineapple, fresh milk and eggs (barter goods) and launched at 0845 Friday 30 June for Samoa.

Thirteen uneventful hours later they were met by Mr. Johnson, Acting Governor of American Samoa, with the news that hotel accommodations previously confirmed would not be available until 2 July and that he was trying to arrange some temporary quarters at the Tafuna airport. About midnight, sacks were finally found for all hands and the HANG-men retired.

Saturday brought a 0825 departure to see if Tonga was for real. Three hours later, after a little IFR flight through what must qualify as some of the world's most loosely controlled "controlled airspace," the troops found a lovely group of islands, the largest of which is Tongatabu. The island is about the size of Lanai, though quite flat. Fu'Amotu indeed had a 7,000 feet sod runway which was quite firm—in short, a piece of cake.

After landing the crew had their passports stamped, took pictures and dispensed pineapples and clothing like proper tourists while a couple of Samoan workmen constructed a wooden passenger ramp with which to disembark the distinguished visitor passengers the next day. Major Byrne was left behind to establish a beachhead, all others returned for another thrilling approach into Tafuna Airport, Samoa.

Upon arrival, the airplane was placed in distinguished visitor configuration and spotlessly cleaned. After servicing, an engine runup revealed excessive magneto drop on #1 engine, so with darkness established and nothing but flashlights and auto headlights available, Sgts



CORONATION GUESTS—Governor and Mrs. John A. Burns of Hawaii are escorted by two Hawaii Air Guardsmen, TSgt Howard H. Hironaka, left rear, and TSgt Harold K. Kepaa at the coronation of Tonga's King Taufa'Ahau Tupou IV.

Uyeda, Davis, and Hiapo changed a magneto distributor block and 14 sparkplugs on the back of each cylinder. And so to bed, leaving a 0500 call for a proposed 0730 departure.

Sunday was a much nicer day than the previous two. All looked well for a successful on-time launch when the "word" was passed: Departure slipped to 1230. Oh well, can't win 'em all. The 1230 departure became a fact, the trip was smooth and Major Klopp lucked-out on the landing. Among the distinguished visitor passengers were: Governor and Mrs. Burns; Governor and Mrs. Lee, Samoa; Former Governor and Mrs. Brown, California; Mr. Bob Lindquist, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Abe Piianaia, Department of Hawaiian Homelands; and Mr. Roger Coryell, KHVH-TV.

Festivities upon arrival included a band concert, the review of an honor guard by Governor Burns and the usual greetings. Electing to stay on Tonga for the coronation were Colonels Maguire and Caver and Major Nagai. The rest of the troops, remembering the promise of admittance to the Inter-Continental Hotel, air conditioning, innerspring beds, hot showers, etc., hit the blue for the three hours drive back to Samoa. About 2000, the duty day closed out with a hot shower for the flight crew.

Monday and Tuesday were spent taking R&R. Hotel accommodations were much like the Kona Inn with a few unusual touches. Would you believe french fries made from bread-fruit? Tutuila is a beautiful island shaped somewhat like Molokai but about half the size. Pago Pago harbor is undoubtedly one of the best natural harbors in the Pacific. There is an aerial cable car which goes across the harbor and to the top of Mt. Alava (1,609 feet), providing an outstanding view of the island, Western Samoa (75 miles west), and Manua Islands (60 miles east). This is not for the faint-hearted for those subject to acrophobia but no worse than the old 169th Koko Head tramway.

Along about Wednesday, the call-out came at 0400. (The departure times were getting as bad as MAC!) Departure from Tonga was on schedule and everyone who was on the list showed up. Trip back to Samoa was uneventful and completed in time for a swim and a nap before the cocktail hour. Those who remained in Tonga

told tales of the festivities and those who stayed in Samoa told tales of privations there.

Thursday, all hands hit the duty-free liquor locker promptly at 0900 (one gallon from Samoa) and the wheels were up by 1000. Thirteen and a half hours later, thanks to our stalwart Magellans, Oahu appeared. Customs was rather painless despite lots of tapa and straw baskets of indeterminate value and most everyone got home by 0230 Friday, 7 July. Another routine mission by the Pineapple (pandemonia) Airlines. • •

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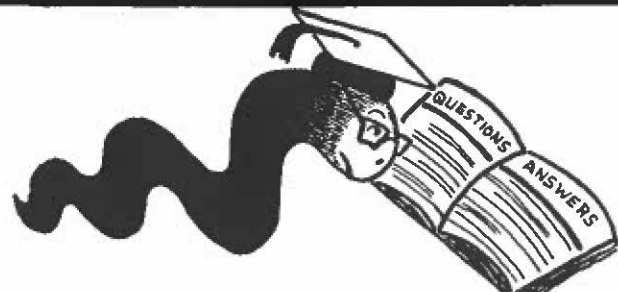
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Question: Noticed during an official reception, many senior officers walking from their private vehicles to the reception hall without their caps. Isn't this a violation of the uniform regulation?

Answer: At large receptions, offi-

cers are permitted to leave their caps in their private vehicles based on traditions, customs, and courtesies of the Army.

Question: I am an employee of the Federal government and also a career guardsman. Will my retirement pay be affected by the Dual Compensation Act?

Answer: Persons entitled to receive retired pay may concurrently receive annuities under the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act, as amended. As a general rule, persons authorized retired pay are exempt from the dual compensation restrictions of the Economy Act of 30 June 1932, as amended.

Question: A fire has destroyed all of my service medals. How can they be replaced?

Answer: Any service medal (including ribbon, clasp, star, or similar device) prescribed as part of the medal which has been lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use, without fault or neglect on the part of the owner, may be replaced without cost to an awardee in active Federal military service and at cost price for individuals not on active duty.

Question: How can I become an associate member of an officers' open mess?

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JOINT EFFORT



SURVEY—While SP5 Allan Hardy, 227th Engineer Company clears and grades the property adjacent to Ruger Theatre, Frank Herman, a volunteer worker for Honolulu Community Theatre, checks the grade. The 29th Brigade's Engineers assisted HCT in preparing the ground for construction of a new scenery and costume building.



DIGGIN' IN—SP5 David Keamo, 227th Engineer Company heavy equipment operator, maneuvers his front end loader into a pile of dirt and rock adjacent to Ruger Theatre where the Engineers assisted Honolulu Community Theatre in clearing and grading land for construction of a new scenery and costume shop.

When the Honolulu Community Theatre completes its new scenery and costume shop at Fort Ruger, it may be said that the Hawaii Army National Guard "laid the groundwork."

The building, being constructed adjacent to Ruger Theatre, is the first step in a planned expansion program over the next few years, to be culminated with the building of a new, modern theater.

The Army Guard's 227th Engineer Company, of the 29th Infantry Brigade, recently contributed four days and more than 90 man-hours in equipment operators' work to clear brush and grade the site for construction.

Nearly a dozen Guardsmen participated in the ground clearing and grading work during weekend drills, on May 21 and June 4, 5, and 11.

They are: Chief Warrant Officer Sampson K. Bright, officer-in-charge; Staff Sergeant Melvin Camat, NCO-in-charge; and equipment operators, Specialists P. K. Pagador, M. T. Aiu, D. K. Keamo, A. P. Hardy, G. F. Kohanohano, A. L. Delere, J. M. Gonsalves, M. Q. C. Chun, and T. Ahn.

The groundwork for this building turned out to be tougher than anticipated, when numerous huge boulders were unearthed by National Guardsmen.

Among the big rocks were many measuring several feet high and wide.

Using a bulldozer, two front end loaders and two 5-ton dump trucks, Captain Masuoka's men managed to root out and remove the troublesome boulders. Grading cuts were made up to six feet deep, with an average of four feet.

Noting the joint Guard and community group effort, Captain Masuoka said, "this provides good training for the men." He added that he hopes to find additional projects of this type which the 227th Engineers can use for training purposes, and help others to boot. • •

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MAJOR GENERAL BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER, AG, and BG F. A. Schaefer III, Army Guard Commander, review camp facilities.



MEMBERS OF THE Army Guard get the "Gas Chamber" treatment during exercises at Schofield.



THE ARMY GUARD'S Aviation Section's U-8 was kept constantly on the go throughout the annual training period.

On 1 July 1967 the Hawaii Army National Guard concluded its twentieth annual field training period since World War II. For some of you this was also your twentieth annual field training.

I am indeed proud and appreciative that this twentieth anniversary was marked by a highly successful field training period on the part of you Guardsmen. As was expected, we made a few mistakes but these will serve as guides to improve our military proficiency. The enthusiasm demonstrated by our Guardsmen both at Pohakuloa and at Schofield Barracks was truly inspiring and commendable. I wish to extend my personal appreciation to each of you for a job well done. Your performance was in keeping with the best tradition and spirit of the Hawaii Army National Guard. I ask that you continue with your good work in the year ahead. ● ●



MEMBERS OF THE Army Guard's 29th Bde load into C-127s for trip to Pohakuloa on the Big Island.



CASUALTIES MAKE TRAINING more realistic during Annual Field Training for members of the 29th Bde.



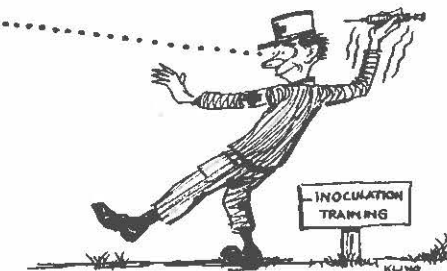
MEMBERS OF THE 487th Arty Bn firing during AFT-1967.



MEMBERS OF COMPANY C, 2d Bn, 299th Inf, 29th Bde, man a machine gun nest during a company exercise at Pohakuloa Training Area.

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Pistol:

LTC Clarence Johnson, HHD HARNG, Coach
LTC John Aiona, HHD HARNG
MAJ Melvin Allencastre, HHB 298th Arty Gp, Team Captain
MAJ Kerwin Keys, HHB 298th Arty Gp
MAJ Charles Park, HHB 298th Arty Gp
SFC Eckley Yim, Co D, 29th Sup Bn
SSG Joe Nakoa, 227th Eng Co
SSG Joe Viveiros, Co D, 29th Sup Bn

Rifle:

1LT Melvin Cummings, Co B, 1st Bn, 299th Inf
CW3 Ralph Apo, Co D, 29th Sup Bn, Team Captain
CW3 Henry Aken, Btry D, 1st Bn, 298th Inf
SFC Alvin Hatori, HHC 29th Inf Bde
SFC Manual Silva, 227th Eng Co
SSG Gab Moniz, HHC 1st Bn, 299th Inf
SP5 Oliver Cummings, HHC 1st Bn, 299th Inf
SSG Gene Layosa, Co B 1st Bn, 299th Inf
SP5 Ismael Epil, Btry C 1st Bn 298th Arty
SSG Franklin Lau, 154th CAMRON
SP4 Donald Mochizuki, Battery B 1st Bn 298th Arty
SP4 Earl Iwata, Btry D 1st Bn 298th Arty

These teams reported to Camp Perry, Ohio, this August for the Small Arms Firing School and then the

National Matches themselves.

Two of our local Guardsmen were selected for even higher honors. Both SSG Miles Brown and SSG Tom Oda were selected for the "All National Guard Team." The All National Guard Team is a collection of the best National Guard shooters in the nation. These men assemble at Ft Custer, Michigan, for intensive practice and team shooting. From there, they go on to represent the NGUS at the national matches against the best teams from the active services and the scores of police and civilian organizations in the nation.

The National Matches are an annual affair and represents a wonderful opportunity for Guardsmen to get an all expense paid trip and to represent their unit and the Hawaii National Guard in National Competition.

The Hawaii National Guard Match team is selected by the Adjutant General from members of the Adjutant General's team. The Adjutant General's team in turn is selected each June from the best scores fired in local competition for the previous six months.

It works this way. Early in the year a series of shooting matches are selected. To qualify, you must fire and record your scores in these matches. The best three scores are selected, totalled up, and from these are selected the top ten shooters for the pistol team and the top 16 for the hi-power rifle team. Once you have been selected, you will represent the Hawaii National Guard in most of the local matches and be eligible for selection for the National Match team.

It is a challenge and an honor worth working for. • •

18TH HNGA CONVENTION



OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS—Three individuals received trophies for outstanding leadership and performance during the HNGA's 18th General Conference. Accepting the awards, from left, are: Major Marvin E. Ferreira, Btry C, 1st Bn, 298th Arty (AD), with the new Outstanding Field Grade Unit Commander's trophy; Capt Reginald Doi, 150th ACW Sq, with James Y. Sato Memorial Award for HANG officer contributing most to unit's efficiency and effectiveness; and CPT Kazumasa Ota, Company A, 1st Bn, 299th Inf, with award for most Outstanding Company Grade Unit Commander.

AG's PAST AND PRESENT



FORMER AG's—Two former adjutants general of Hawaii, retired Major General Frederick W. Makinney, left, and retired Major General Robert L. Stevenson, right, flank the present adjutant general, Major General Benjamin J. Webster, left center, and Congressman Spark M. Matsunaga, at the 18th General Conference of the Hawaii National Guard Association banquet.

NEW HNGA OFFICERS



ELECTED—Col John M. Becker, 2nd from right, and Major Charles M. Wills, right, were reelected president and treasurer, respectively, of the Hawaii National Guard Association for the coming year. With them, from left, are CPT Rosario Daguio and LTC Francis Bowers, newly elected secretary and vice president. The officers were elected at the Association's 18th General Conference.

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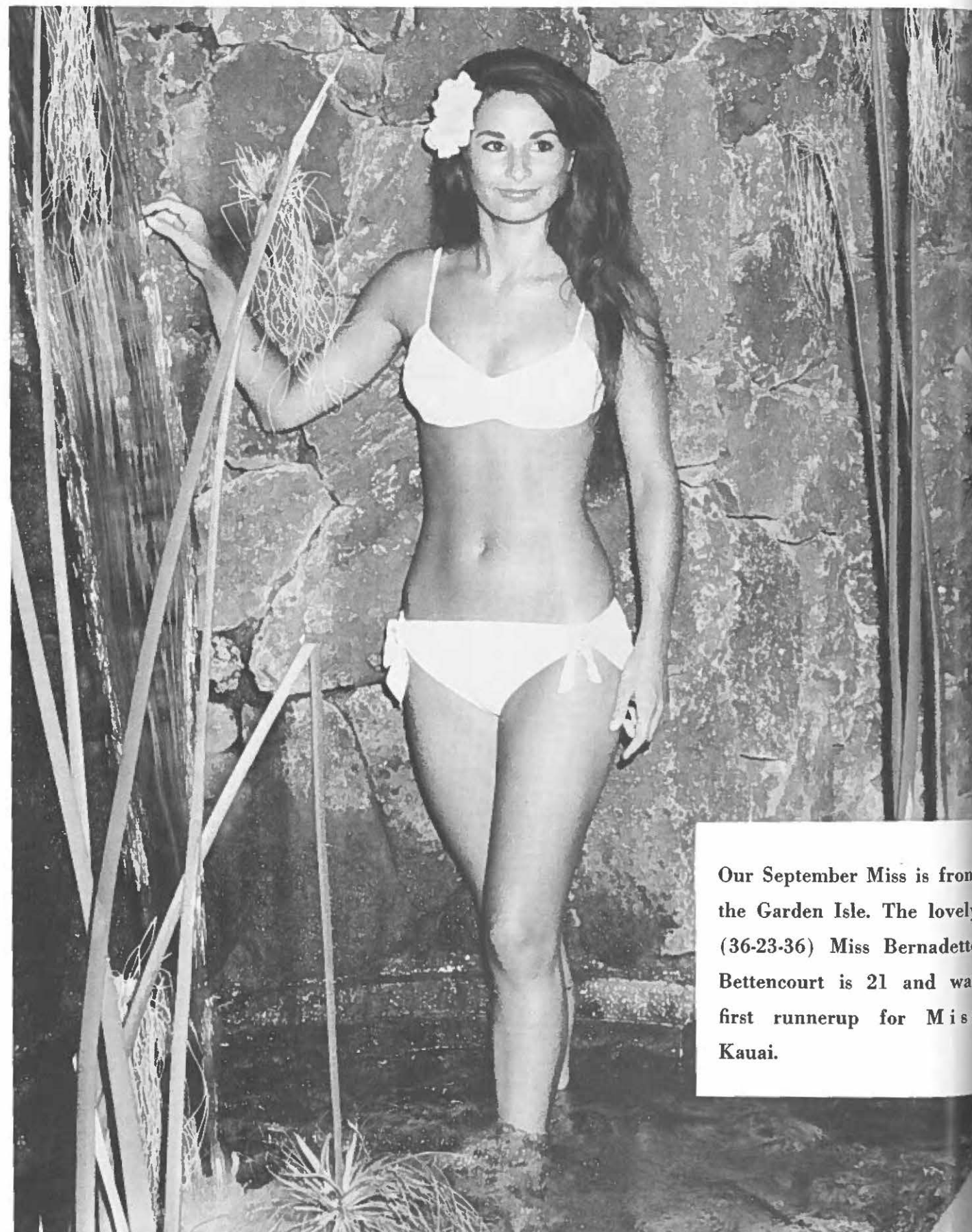
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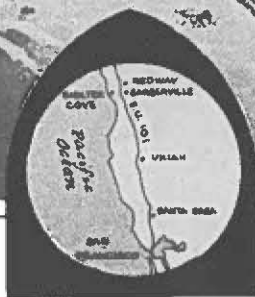
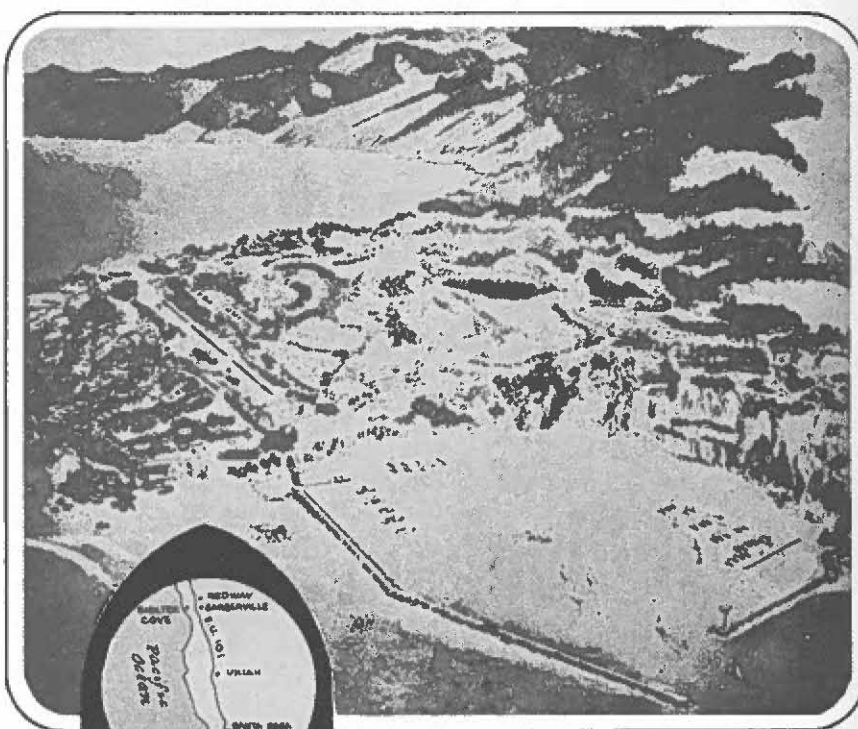
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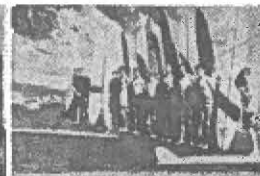
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