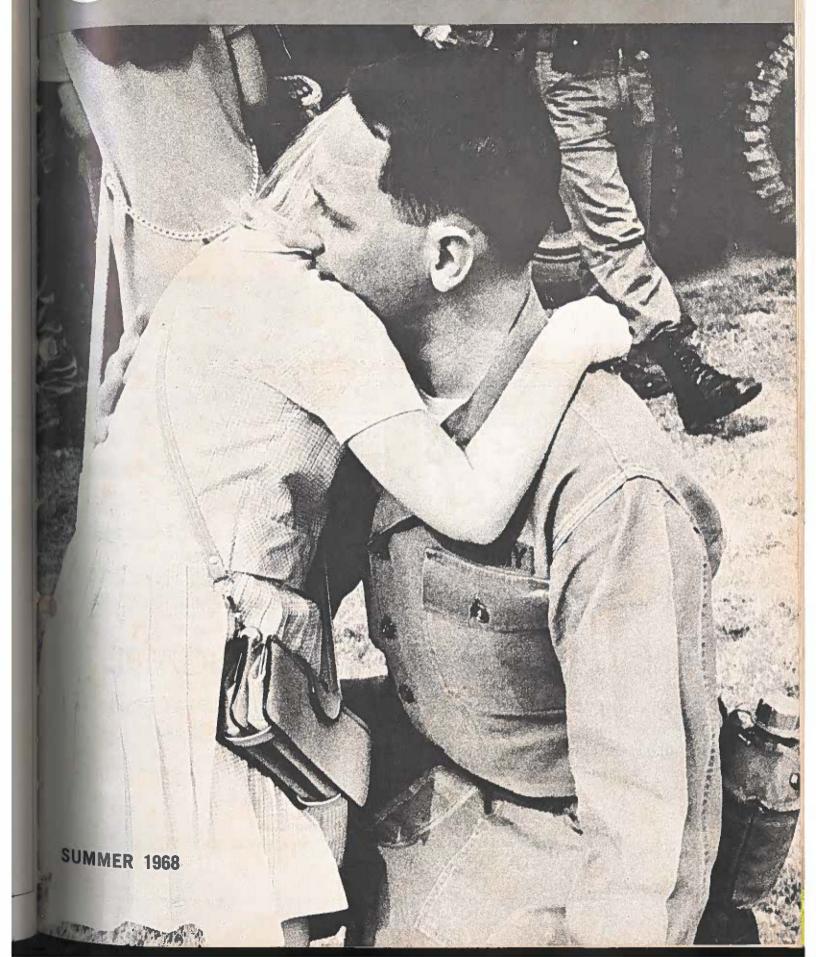
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ON THE COVER

A moment of parting is dramatically caught in the camera lens of Star-Bulletin photographer Terry Luke. Eight year old Laurel Baron tearfully hugs her father, Lt Barth Baron, an officer with the 29th Infantry Brigade, as he reports for active duty on May 13, 1968.

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Adjutant General

MAKING HISTORY

The activation of our 29th Infantry Brigade has been the major event in the recent history of the Hawaii National Guard. As I have indicated by other means, the general reaction to this order to active duty was a matter of pleasure and pride to me personally and to all of us of the Hawaii National Guard. It clearly demonstrated a strong sense of duty and an acceptance of our inherent obligations as citizen soldiers which has always been one of the strengths of our country. This came at a time when a few of our citizens seem to feel no such sense of duty or obligation so it was particularly heartwarming. I respect every man's honest convictions and conscience even though I may think his judgment in error. We all desire peace in this turbulent world of ours, no less than those who are protesting the draft or the Vietnam war. I, however, can have no great sympathy for the individual who voluntarily joins a Reserve force, draws pay for his service and upon order to active duty decides that he has reasons, other than valid physical or hardship ones, for not responding.

One of my very difficult tasks during the period prior to activation was that of granting or denying requested delays or exemptions from the order to active duty for hardship reasons. I and my board of officers have attempted to be compassionate but at the same time have been required to obtain full proof that an extreme hardship condition as defined in regulations actually existed or would be caused if the member were ordered to active duty. Many members have suffered family and financial hardships to some degree and this I regret, but I regret most strongly the action we felt we had to take with regard to those whose hardship conditions came quite close, but not close enough, in meeting th requirements. I will hope that our communities, individua friends and all of us will do what we can to help ease the more serious hardship situations. I will further hope that the satisfaction to the individual in knowing he is serving his country will least to some degree counterbalance the difficulties he must face

All members of the 29th Infantry Brigade have my best wished during their active duty tour. I know that they will be a credit with the Hawaii National Guard and to all citizens of the State of Hawaii.

THEY AREN'T IRREPLACEABLE, BUT . . .

by Wallace C. Mitchell



Each issue of THE HAWAII GUARDSMAN will feature an article written by a member of the media. These articles be concerning a current issue which may have some effect on the Hawaii National Guard, now or in the future. The publishers expressed by the writers are not necessarily those of the publishers. Mr. Wallace Mitchell, Military Writer for the HONOLULU ADVERTISER, wrote the article which appears on the following pages.

From A Reporter's Viewpoint

Man by man, Guardsmen reported for active duty on May 13. They walked off planes and trucks out of civilian life and into military life.

The 29th Infantry Brigade and the 100th Battalion had been summoned to do what they were organized and trained to do. Once the impact of the President's callup a month earlier had passed, there was little real surprise among the troops that they had been tapped. The Brigade was a Special Reserve Force, honed in extra drill for just such a fire call. The Battalion long had prided itself on its showings in such field tests as Coral Sands on Molokai.

Initially there had been some grumbling that Hawaii had been called on to produce more troops than its small population warranted, in contrast to more heavily-populated states, but that failed to catch fire in editorial comment, or to foment public indignation meetings. Actually, there was considerable evidence of community pride in the contribution it was making to the country.

There is no question but what the call-up had and will continue to have sharp impact on the state. You cannot take 3,600 men from a community the size of the state of Hawaii without it being felt. There were some executives called, of course, but most of the soldiers were the foot soldiers of the business community. Most are young and were training to move up and take positions of responsibilities and leadership. They are the men whose jobs are the working gears of a retail store, a sugar mill, a plantation, a used car lot, a supermarket. They aren't irreplaceable but they are hard to replace.

Just as important as the economic impact is the social impact of taking 3,600 men temporarily away from the community.



AN UNIDENTIFIED GUARDSMAN sadly bids goodby to his wife before departing for Schofield Barracks, after the 13 May Aloha Ceremony at Fort DeRussy. He will be going through at least 13 weeks of intensified training while awaiting further orders.

Churches lost Sunday School teachers. Little League teams lost coaches. There were gaps left in bowling and golf clubs, in fishing partnerships, in Boy Scout and Cub Scout leadership ranks. Most Guardsmen participate in various community endeavors. They belong to the Jaycees and work on committees and they belong to religious and fraternal groups and contribute. Those contributions will now be missing for two years and they won't be easy to replace. They just might not be replaced, either.

There also is the impact on the community of the loss of their contribution to the economic well-being of their individual communities — Honokaa, Kohala, Pahoa, Kaunakakai. The families they left behind, to be sure, will continue to buy groceries and gasoline for the car and make the mortgage payments. Ask the man who runs a bowling alley if he's felt

a difference in his monthly receipt since the 29th was called up. Ask the guy who has a lease on a gar station or the one that has a small tavern. The family car doesn't use as much gas, these days. The tavern-keeper dowsn't pull much beer as he did, say, in March. The bowling alley operator has had to help teams patch out their lineups to keep leagues going With the man of the family away and in many cases, the family in come shrunk, there's a difference in shopping practices, too. Ask any supermarket manager. He is notice ing a difference.

But probably the big impact is on the people left back home. neighbor has something go wron with his car, and mutters, "Chee. Kekoa could fix 'em." A church or a temple has an annual pancake breakfast. "David K - always handled that - I don't know." PTA president discovers that attendance at meetings has dropped off, wonders why, then remembers Charles isn't around to make those telephone calls or drop a reminder during his rounds on the bakery truck for people to get to the school for the meeting.

These are the spots where the



(LEFT TO RIGHT) Governor John A. But Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell; Lieutenant Geral Edgar C. Doleman, Deputy Comm der in Chief and Chief of Staff, Uni States Army Pacific; Major General Bjamin J. Webster, Adjutant General Sof Hawaii; and Major General Roy Laster, Jr., Commanding General, Uni States Army, Hawaii; make up the list dignitaries that presided over the 13 Aloha Ceremony at Fort DeRussy.

impact is felt. Three-thousand, sixhundred men whose contributions were little or lots, noticed and unnoticed, important or routine, now are not around to do the things they were doing.

When you walked off that plane or hopped down from that truck there may have been a temptation to mutter, "Well, here I am." And not think about the holes in the community fabric that have been left.

T'ain't so. They're there until

Wallace C. Mitchell is military writer for the Honolulu Advertiser. He has been writing about people all of his newspaper career. He had a brief apprenticeship with United Press before entering the Navy and spending nearly our years on carriers in the South racific. He then spent 17 years with the Cowles publications, principally the Minneapolis Star, as a political writer.

This included assignments to Hawaii with which he developed a love affair and took the next plane when asked to be the Advertiser's political writer in 1962. He was given commutation of sentence from that, prowled about in oceanography and special features until taking on the military beat. His son is a Vietnam veteran, now at the University



Wallace C. Mitchell

of Hawaii on Operation Bootstrap; a daughter is at the University of Buffalo and another daughter is in a theatre workshop in upstate New York. His wife is a curriculum specialist for the Honolulu district, Department of Education.

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We are proud of you and know you will do the best possible. Aloha to the officers and men of the 29th Infantry Brigade, Hawaii Army National Guard.

Rep. Thomas Tagawa

Aloha and Godspeed to the officers and men of the 29th Infantry Brigade, Hawaii Army National Guard.

We congratulate the Officers and men of the 29th Infantry Brigade on their being selected for Active Duty.

Aloha and Godspeed

Headquarters, Hawaii Army National Guard





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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR JOHN A. BURNS GUARDSMEN OF THE 29TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

As Governor of Hawaii and Commander-in-Chief of the Hawaii National Guard, I wish to take this opportunity to bid you Aloha and pray for your safe return with God speed.

The people of the 50th State are aware that the next two years will cause hardships for many. Those of us who remained behind will try our utmost to assist in every way possible.

We are proud that the 29th Infantry Brigade has been selected to serve our country during this trying period of world crisis. This call-up exemplifies the great tradition of the citizen soldiers serving our country during a time of need.

My warmest Aloha to each of you. May the Almighty be with you and yours always.

Janua a. Burne

The 29th Reports For Active Duty

by Captain Bob Bean



SERGEANT FROM THE 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery bids farewell to his daughter at the May Aloha Ceremony held at Ft DeRussy. He is one of the 3000 Guardsmen who has been activated in the call-up in Hawaii. He and his fellow Guardsmen boarded trucks destined for Schofield Barracks.

For the first time in 28 years, the Hawaii Army National Guard has been called to active duty. The 29th Infantry Brigade was selected for this honor because it is the best in the nation.

Early in the morning on April 11 word was received from Washington by Major General Benjamin J. Webster, the Adjutant General, that the 29th had been ordered to active duty effective May 13 for a period not to exceed 24 months.

The Brigade has since been designated as the Pacific's Strategic Reserve Force. This means the brigade may be deployed anywhere in the Pacific or may remain at Schofield.

The 29th Brigade was part of more than 24,000 Army and Air Guardsmen mobilized because of the Viet Nam conflict.

The National Guard will have contributed about 62% of the 39,387 personnel in the two mobilizations so far in 1968 to meet the challenges of the Viet Nam conflict. An additional call-up may occur before July 1.

The President had announced on March 31 a selective recall of reserve components, and the next day, April 1, the Pentagon announced plans for a call-up of 60,000 members of the reserve forces, of whom less than 20,000 would be sent to Viet Nam, the rest reconstituting the Strategic Reserve. The call was to come in two increments, the first of which would mobilize some 14,000 to 16,000 men within a short time period.

Shortly afterwards, the Nation was rocked by the rioting in 125 cities which followed the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. The first increment call-up was delayed until April 11, when the 29th was ordered to active duty.

The April mobilization involved 12,867 Army Guardsmen in 81 units from 17 States, including two separate infantry brigades, Hawaii's and Kansas' 69th. All of the Army Guard units were SRF.



MEMBERS OF COMPANY D (Maintenance), 29th Support Battalion are having medical forms completed by medic personnel of Company B, 29th Support Battalion at the Armed Forces Examination Station at Fort DeRussy, Honolulu in preparation for the 13 May mobilization.



MISS MAUREEN WOODS, daughter of Colonel Clyde W. Woods, Deputy Commander for the 29th Brigade, has her "mug shot" taken for her I.D. Card. SGT Richard Chung of the Guard's 11th Army Band which volunteered to assist in the May 13 National Guard call-up, is handling the camera.



DEPENDENTS OF HAWAII GUARDSMEN pick-up packets of informative handouts distributed by personal affairs briefing teams who traveled throughout the state, covering such things as power of attorney, medical benefits, ownership of property and automobiles, reemployment rights and legal aid.

The 29th Infantry Brigade, also part of the Army's Selected Reserve Force (SRF), a force formed in November 1965 of certain selected units in the National Guard, was brought to peak strength and readiness before being called to active duty. The unit also received additional training and equipment to make them combat ready.

All units of the Brigade that were called-up are located in Hawaii. Three units attached to the Brigade are located in California. These units however, were not called up with the Brigade.

In addition to the 29th Brigade being called-up the United States Army Reserve's 100th Battalion of the 442nd Infantry was ordered to active duty. The 100th became the third battalion of the 29th but will retain its designation as the 100th Battalion.

The call to active duty touched off a chain reaction of events.

All Brigade personnel had to be officially notified, personnel records had to be closed out, ID card had to be issued, not only to Brigade members, but also their dependents, photographs had to be taken, and medical examinations had to be conducted on all those people who had not had one for 12 months or more. In addition, orders had to be published, equipment packed, field gear and personal equipment inspected and packed into duffle bags, and forms had to be signed. Endless miles and miles of forms.

It seems that nothing can be done in the Army without a form. If you want to go home at night, sign a pass and when you come back in the morning, sign yet another form.

All of these forms and other paper work must be done by someone so the midnight oil burned in every armory window getting things ready for M Day, May 13.

While all the forms were being filled out and the equipment was being packed, three teams of Army Guard officers conducted personal affairs briefings for all members of the 29th Brigade and their dependents throughout the state. The



MEMBERS OF THE ADVANCE DETACHMENT of Company D, 1st Battalion of Kapaa, Kauai, arrived at Schofield Barracks a week before the main body of troops. Their duty was to get their un equipment set-up and quarters prepared for the rest of the units. Helping unload their truck full of equipment are (on truck SP4 Thomas Vierra and PFC Jim Anderson, (on ground) SGT E. Abreu and SP4 Stephen Girald.



MEMBERS OF HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade Medical Platoon, help unload medical supplies from their trucks at Schofield Baracks. Helping in the unloading are Project John Pahk, PFC Milton Fujita, PFC Dougles Kam, PFC Mark Tsutsumi and SP5 Dennis Hashimoto. They are members of the advance party which started active duty week before the main body of troops.

briefings were conducted for over two weeks to insure all the people involved had a chance to attend.

The briefings for the Guardsmen called to active duty and their families covered such things as pay and allowances, insurance, power of attorney, wills, reemployment rights, soldiers and sailors Civil Relief Act, and property and automobile ownership.

And so M Day arrived and it was time to bid Aloha to the National Guard and become part of the United States Army. On Monday, May 13, several thousand friends and relatives attended farewell ceremonies for the Hawaii Army National Guardsmen and Army Reservist at Fort DeRussy, Honolulu.

Top military and civilian leaders were on hand for the 0830 ceremony at Fort DeRussy's Kuroda Field.

Heading the list of dignitaries was Hawaii's Governor John A. Burns; Honolulu Mayor Neal Blaisdell; Lieutenant General Edgar C. Doleman, deputy commander, U.S. Army, Pacific; Major General Benjamin J. Webster, Adjutant



LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL NAKAMURA, Hawaii Army National Guard, briefs dependents of members of the 29th Infantry Brigade at Wailuku, Maui, on rights and privileges of the Guardsmen and their dependents while on active duty. Three personal affairs briefing teams traveled throughout the state to conduct these briefings, covering such things as pay and allowances, insurance, wills, power of attorney, medical and health, ownership of property and automobiles, and the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.

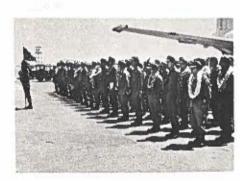




MEN OF COMPANY A, 2d Battalion, 299th Infantry of Olaa and Pahala, Hawaii await the order to line up for buses headed out to Schofield Barracks. The men were transported from Hawaii by C-124's supplied by MAC and will be staying at Schofield at least 13 weeks. They are part of the 3000 Hawaii Guardsmen affected by the 13 May Reserve call-up.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE American Red Cross provided refreshment for Guardsmen who were activated in the 13 May Guard call-up and their families. 9000 cookies were prepared at Roosevelt High School for the Aloha ceremony held at Fort DeRussy on May 13.



PRETTY GREETER Gail Matsuoka from the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Fighter Group Supply Section, places a lei on the guidon held by SP4 Allen Miyazone of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry from Olaa, Hawaii. Members of the HANG greeted all of the flights that arrived at Hickam AFB from the neighbor islands as part of their Aloha gesture to the members of the 29th infantry Brigade that were called-up for active duty.

General, Hawaii; Major General Roy Lassetter, Jr., Commanding General, U.S. Army, Hawaii; and Senator Daniel Inouye, to name just a few.

Commanding the troops was the newly appointed Commanding General of the 29th Infantry Brigade, Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer III. General Schaefer took command of the Brigade when current regulations forced an early retirement for Brigadier General Francis S. Takemoto. General Takemoto had commanded the Brigade since 1965.

The Aloha ceremony included a fly-by of a flight of Hawaii Air National Guard F-102's and an orchid flower drop by helicopters from the Hawaii Army National Guard's Aviation Platoon.

Although the 29th Infantry Brigade is now a part of the regular Army it will always be remembered as the Hawaii Guard unit, the unit that has always been known as the best.

Photos by SP5 Harold Higashi and SP4 Paul Chun



"WAIT FOR ME" whistles one of the men of Company C, 2d Battalion, 299th Infantry of Honokaa, Hawaii, as he rushes over to one of the buses bound for Schofield Barracks.



"UP TO THE THIRD STORY WE HAVE TO GO". SP4 Andrew Esher and SP4 Herbert Fajardo from Company A, 1st Battalion of the 299th Infantry Brigade going up a flight of stairs in Quad "D" on their first day of active duty at Schofield Barracks.



PFC JOHN FREITAS, of Paia, Maui, a member of 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, 29th Infantry Brigade, has blood drawn during medical examinations for troops called tactive duty.



"M" DAY IN HAWAII

The Hawaii Army National guard and the Army Reserve had its first Mobilization Day since World War II, on May 13, 1968 with the call-up to active duty of the 29th Infantry Brigade and the 100th Batralion of the 442nd Army Reserve. The call-up announced by the Secretary of Defense in April, comprised approximately 24,500 reservist. The National Guard was called upon to furnish the bulk of the combat forces which included the 29th Infantry Brigade, and the 69th Infantry Brigade of the Kansas National Guard.

The 29th was organized in January of 1959, from units of the 299th Regimental Combat Team and the 298th Artillery Group. All of these units were outstanding with excellent training records and so the 29th had a good start. Later, it was classified as one of the eady reserve force, which gave them additional armory training periods and receipt of the latest equipment.

At the mobilization ceremony one could not help but have a great



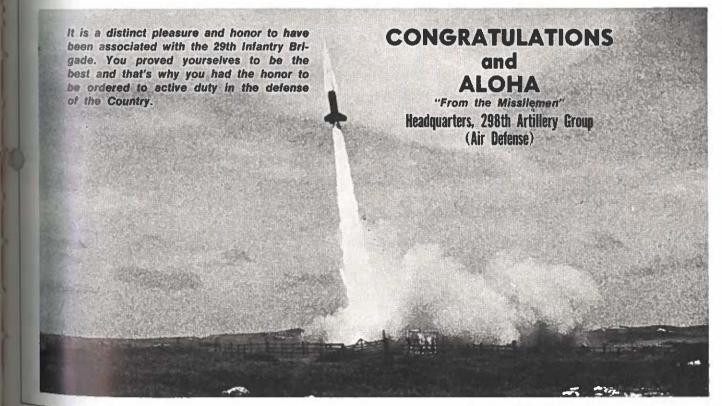
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Major General F. W. Makinney (Ret)
Former Adjutant General, State of Hawaii
1946-1962

feeling of admiration for the guardsmen and reservist who responded to the call-up. There is no doubt that there are many members who must undergo hardship in pay and maintaining their families while in active service. There is no question as to their dedication,

knowing that the call-up was necessary and their units were needed to bolster the military readiness of our country.

I was impressed with the enthusiasm displayed by the individual guardsman and reservist. I could sense a strong feeling of patriotism, a feeling which seemed to be lacking in Hawaii the past year due to the demonstrations and dissenters of the Vietnam War.

activities of the protestors and I extend my best wishes to Brigadier General Francis S. Takemoto, former Commander of the 29th, for a long and happy retirement period and congratulations to Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer, III for his assignment as Commanding General, 29th Infantry Brigade. To the officers and men, my best wishes for continued success, during your active duty period. Whatever your assignment will be following this period, I know it will be carried out with professionalism and from the best tradition of the Hawaii National Guard.



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F-102 DELTA DAGGER JET FIGHTER glances approvingly at NORS Free Trophy held by Group Commander Colonel James R. Ashford.

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BATTERY B, 1ST BATTALION, 487th Artillery, Hawaii Army National Guard was awarded the Eisenhower Trophy. This award is given to the unit selected as the most outstanding unit the Hawaii Army National Guard for the calendar year 1957. Accepting the award is CPT Louis Miranda Jr., Company Commander, from Major General Benjamin J. Webster, Adjutant General, State of Hawaii.

111TH ARMY BAND



HILO MUSIC LOVERS WATCH enthusiastically as WO Jules D Castro directs the Hawaii National Guard's 111th Army Bar at Mooheau Park, Hilo, Hawaii. Earlier in the day, the ban had participated in the Hilo Armed Forces Day Parade as well as playing concerts at various other spots on May 18.





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SOLDIER OF THE YEAR



SP4 WESLEY G. KITAMURA of HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery, was awarded the "Soldier of the Year Award", by Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer III, Commanding General, 29th Infantry Brigade. SP4 Kitamura was selected as the most outstanding enlistedman of the Hawaii Army National Guard in the grade of E4 and below. His outstanding performance for the calendar year 1967 won him this award.

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GENERAL TAKEMOTO RETIRES



COLONEL CLYDE WOODS, Deputy Commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade, presents General Takemoto with an Aloha gift on behalf of the Brigade.

Brigadier General Francis S. Takemoto retired May 4 as commanding general of the 29th Infantry Brigade, Hawaii Army National Guard. He received the Hawaii National Guard's highest award during retirement and change of command ceremonies at Fort Ruger.

General Takemoto was presented the Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit by Major General Beniamin J. Webster.

The medal is awarded only for acts of heroism or bravery, or for extraordinary achievement resulting in an accomplishment "so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set the individual apart from his comrades or from other persons in similar circumstances."

General Takemoto, the first American of Japanese ancestry to achieve that rank in the American armed forces, is cited for "exemplary achievements while School, Honolulu.

assigned as Commanding General 29th Infantry Brigade, during the period October 4, 1963 to May 3

General Takemoto undertook the task of molding the brigade into a cohesive combat unit and producing a combat ready brigade in minimum time.

He was cited for his "inspiring leadership and unprecedented personal interest and devotion." which guided the brigade through the difficult task of reorganizing and simultaneously activating new units, such as the 29th Support Battalion and 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery.

He progressively led the brigade through each phase of training until it reached its peak readiness of today.

General Takemoto first joined the Guard in 1946 as a captain, after having served through World War II with the 100th Battalion. 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Among his medals he holds the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He started his military service in 1935, upon receiving his commission as a second lieutenant through the Senior ROTC program.

General Takemoto is presently principal of Manoa Elementary

GENERAL SHAEFER HEAL

Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer, III, commanding general of the Hawaii Army National Guard, volunteered to head the Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade on active duty.

He was selected to succeed Brigadier General Francis S. Takemoto who retired May 4, 1968.

Announcing the appointment, Major General Benjamin J. Webster, adjutant general of Hawaii said, "I am extremely nleased that General Schaefer has volunteered to take command of the 29th Infantry Brigade. General Schaefer is a highly qualified officer who should bring credit to the brigade in leading them during their period of active duty."

Before becoming commander of all Army Guard units in Hawaii in February, 1960, General Schaefer commanded the 29th Infantry Brigade. He assumed that post in January, 1959, receiving federal recognition as a brigadier general on April 21, 1959.

A fourth generation kamaaina, General Schaefer was born in Honolulu on January 3, 1921. He attended Punahou School and Cornell University.

After graduation from Cornell 1942. Schaefer was commissioned second lieutenant in the infantr He saw action at Guadalcanal wil the 25th Infantry Division.

It was here in January, 1943, the he was wounded while leading h platoon in an assault on enem positions. For his actions, Schaefe was awarded the Distinguishe Service Cross, Bronze Star, Con mendation Medal, Purple Hear and Combat Infantryman's Badge

Released from active service i 1945, Schaefer served as a major id the organized reserve corps unt 1947. In May, 1947, he joined th Hawaii National Guard as intell gence officer of the 298th Regimerine tal Combat Team.

In 1948 he was assigned as exeecutive officer of the 1st Battaliornis 298th Infantry, and later that yea or became its commander.

In 1952, Schaefer served as exer ecutive officer of the regiment. Thig. following year he assumed comve mand of the 298th.

When the 298th Infantry wa/oreorganized as an artillery antild aircraft unit in 1957, he was agill pointed commander of the 298t AAA Group. He served in this post's

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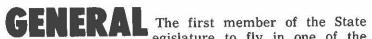
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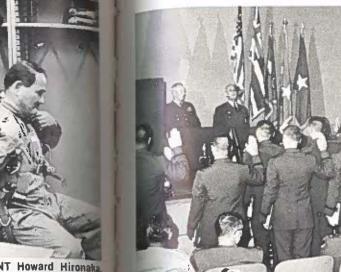
egislature to fly in one of the Jawaii Air National Guard's Delta Dagger" jet interceptors, ronounced the flight, "terrific"! The Honorable Tadao Beppu, peaker of the State House of tepresentatives, flew as a assenger recently in an Air Guard F-102, two-seater training version f the plane that is part of Hawaii's rst line of air defense. His pilot, Major Kurt E. Johnson, perations officer of the 154th

TECHNICAL SERGEANT Howard Hironaka parachute shop supervisor, fits Represen tative Beppu with a parachute automatic back pack. The pack contains survival equipment as well as parachute.

demonstrated attack tactics and maneuvers. Following this series Representative Beppu's plane became the target as his pilot began defensive maneuvers.

When the combat-type maneuvers ended, the two jet interceptors flew close formation and returned "through weather" to Hickam, using instruments.

Although many legislators have been briefed on the air defense role of the Hawaii National Guard, Mr. Beppu is the first to actually fly in one of the F-102's used in this mission.



BRIGADIER GENERAL FREDERICK A. SCHAEFER III presented the Oath of Office to the mayly graduated class of the Hawaii Army National Guard State Officer Candidate School.

Twenty of the 23 officer canlidates graduated from the Hawaii Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School May 10 are slated for active duty three days later. The men are from units mobilized May 13.

Seventeen of the candidates are members of the Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade and three of the men are from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve.

At the Senior Capping Ceremony, held at Fort Ruger, the 23 remaining seniors out of a starting class of 44, donned blue helmet liners marking their senior posi-

Graduation-commissioning ceremonies were moved ahead this year so that those men slated for active duty could receive their commissions prior to reporting. The class normally would have graduated this August following "summer camp." This year's twoweek training session was held April 27-May 11. An additional drill was also during April.

For the first time in the school's history, there were candidates representing all of the major islands in Hawaii, and the first time in six years that Molokai was represented.



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"After being committed against

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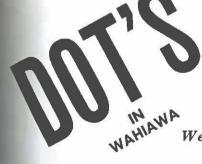
lefense tactics," he continued.

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298TH ARTY GROUP NEWS

CPT Reginald S. Lee



LTC CONRAD C. TSUKAYAMA, XO, 298th Arty Gp, presents the Group's Aloha Gift to CAPT Kazumasa Ota, CO, Troop E, 19th Cavalry, 29th Bde.



Troop E, 19th Cavalry, 29th Infantry Brigade, received an Aloha sendoff co-sponsored by the 298th Artillery Group (AD) and the 169th AC&W Squadron with representatives from the neighboring communities of Wahiawa, Waialua, Waipio, and the pineapple and sugar industries.

The sendoff, held at the Wahiawa Armory on May 13, saw the Leilehua High School Band, directed by Mr. Bruce Cox provide music throughout the ceremony.

Leis were presented to the unit by the 169th AC&W Squadron and the Wahiawa Community and Businessmen's Association. These were tied to the guidon.

An Aloha gift was presented to Captain Kazamasu Ota for his unit by Lieutenant Colonel Conrad C. Tsukayama, Executive Officer, 298th Artillery Group, representing Colonel Johh M. Becker, Commanding Officer.

The Adjutant General, State of Hawaii, was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Archie Kennison Jr., who presented the unit with an Aloha Tiki.

Captain Ota thanked everyone for their Aloha and his unit sang their famous "Red Hibiscus" for the audience.

Refreshments were served at the end of the ceremony by the 169th AC&W Squadron, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Paul K. Goya.



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MOBILE CONTROL DEPLOYED TO KONA

by 1LT David F. Howard

An AN/MRN-15 mobile control tower was deployed to the Kona Airport on the Big Island on June 20, 1968, at the request of the Federal Aviation Administration. Installation and initial checkout was accomplished by a team of 201st MCS technicians consisting of MSGT Wayne Soma, TSGT Donald Higa, and AIC Roy Yamasaki.

Air traffic into the Kona airport has increased so much that a control tower is now a necessity, according to FAA. While a permanent tower is being built, FAA will operate and maintain the AN/MRN-15, which has been placed on the roof of the Kona Airport Terminal. The permanent tower should be completed and operational within 90 days, at which time the mobile tower will be returned to the 201st MCS.

Airlift was by a USCG C-130 cargo aircraft, and provided unit technicians with valuable experience and training in the preparation for air shipment, loading, and unloading of aircraft. Air transportation for Lt Col Paul Mori, squadron commander, and Lt David Howard, the unit's PIO and Assistant Chief of Maintenance was provided by the Army Guard's U-8 flown by Major Paul Phillips. Lt Col Mori and Lt Howard flew to Kona to inspect the installation of he control tower. "The installation of the control tower went well,"



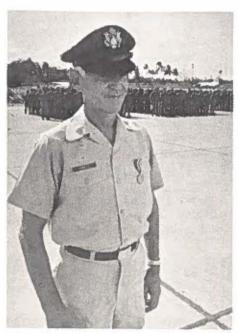
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. Members of the 201st MCS and the Coast Guard help load the AN/MRN Mobile Control lower on to a Coast Guard C-130 aircraft.

said Lt Col Mori. Colonel Mori went on to say, "The boys did a good job and the tower was operational in a minimum amount of time."



A1C YAMASAKI, (on top of van), SMSgt Walter Furuyama, MSgt Wayne Soma and TSgt Donald Higa from the 201st Mobile Communications Squadron set up an AN/MRN-15 Mobile Control Tower on the roof of the terminal at the Kona Airport.

Major Carlos Awarded Medal



MAJOR GENERAL BENJAMIN WEBSTER, Hawaii State Adjutant General, presented the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal to Major Frank Carlos, Chief of Supply and Services of the Hawaii Air National Guard at Hickam AFB on May 19, 1968. Major Carlos was honored with the Hawaii National Guard's second highest award for his work in improving the performance and efficiency of HANG Base Supply, and for his outstanding leadership in instilling an unprecedented "espirit de corps" among his subordinates.

REP. JOHN DUAKIE

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To all Members of the 29th Infantry Brigade

Gentlemen:

As your former Adjutant General, I wish to take this opportunity to address each of you about your recent call to active duty.

First, allow me to say that it is an honor to be selected. The calling of the 29th Infantry Brigade was not a chance calling; your organization was selected because of its excellence. Secondly, it is an individual honor to serve one's country, and to protect and preserve the way of life we know and take for granted. You are not the first reservists to serve in the active military establishment and certainly not the last.

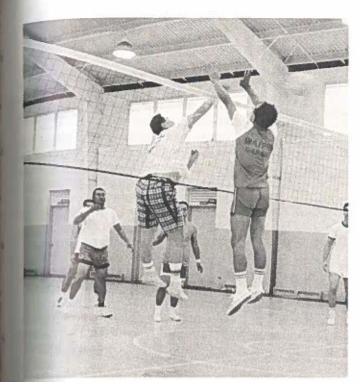
As you may be aware, since time unremembered Hawaii men have excelled in military matters. Because of this reputation, people throughout the world, as well as here at home, will be most interested in how well you perform. There is no question in my mind that you will excel.

Because I know many of you personally, I will try to visit each of you during your stay at Schofield. You have my wish for every

Sincerely,

Robert L. Stevenson President

Btry C Declared Champs



SGT ARTHUR WEAVER, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 298th Artillery Group, successfully slams the ball for a point as the unit goes on to win the Group championship. Battery C was declared the victor following the 298th Group volleyball playoffs. The team defeated all other Group teams during the marathon playoffs which lasted from early morning until late afternoon on Sunday March 10. The team is now eligible for the State playoffs. The story and photos arrived too late to make the Spring issue of



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Brigadier General Valentine A. Siefermann, Assistant AG for Air, announced recently that Army Guardsmen from the 29th Inf Bde requiring air transportation to the neighbor islands should check with Air Guard Operations at Fort Ruger, phone number 541-015, for the Air Guard C-54 schedule. C-54 scheduled flights will be made available on a first come first serve basis.



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"THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA"

by MSgt Gerald T. Iseri and Amn Jon A. Anderson

Nobody gets more mileage out of the spirit of Aloha than the Hawaii Air National Guard. For in the Guard, that phrase refers to more than the feeling of friendliness that characterizes Hawaii. It is the name of an airplane!

The "Spirit of Aloha" is a venerable C-54, a four engine, propdriven utility aircraft that was aguired by the Guard in late 1965. Since that time, the plane has logged over 1,300 hours, flown more than 600,000 miles, and carried thousands of Guard personnel. dozens of VIPs and a variety of equipment.

From Tonga in the South Pacific to California, Arizona and other states, the "Spirit of Aloha" has carried the Hawaii Air National Guard without even a minor problem worth remembering.

Crew Chief TSgt Sam Saffery, who has made more trips with the bird than anyone else, can only recall one incident that could have spelled trouble. That came on the plane's first long, over-water flight California. "We discovered we had gone about sixty miles off course due to a navigational error. But the error was corrected in time to reach Hamilton without incident, and only about a half-hour behind schedule."

The C-54 is the transport vehicle of the Guard. Hawaii Army National Guard Officer Candidate School members from the islands of Maui and Hawaii are transported to and from Oahu on the "Spirit" each month.

Members of the 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron on the Island of Kauai are flown to Oahu several times every month, a roundtrip of approximately 180 miles.

The bird also hauls equipment and rations between Kauai and Oahu monthly, and makes regular missile flights to Kauai's Bonham Air Force Base, carrying missiles which are used to arm the Air Guard's F-102 jet interceptors.

But these are the routine duties

to Hamilton Air Force Base in | of the "Spirit of Aloha". The most interesting chapters of her history are written on the unusual flights she has made.

In 1967 she was flown to American Samoa, 2,600 miles from Hawaii, where she picked up the American delegation to the coronation of King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV of Tonga. Before the delegation arrived on a commercial airliner, the C-54 crew made a familiarization flight to the Tongan Islands, and discovered that the main island of Tongatapu had only a 7,000 foot grass runway. But it turned out to be firm, and presented no problem and later in the week the delegation, headed by Hawaii Governor John A. Burns and including former Governor Pat Brown of California, was flown the 500 miles from Samoa to Tonga and back.

On another occasion, Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall used the C-54 for an aerial inspection trip of the Hawaii shoreline. And a team of NASA scientists scouted possible astronaut training sites in Hawaii's volcano areas using the plane.

A gift of one dozen Axis Deer from the state of Oregon presented a logistical problem until the C-54 Crew stepped in. The deer were flown commercially to Honolulu, then transferred to the C-54 and flown to Kauai for release Kokee.

The "Spirit" has also mad numerous navigational trips places like Midway and Johnson



"SPIRIT OF ALOHA" is the Air Guard's C-54 transport.

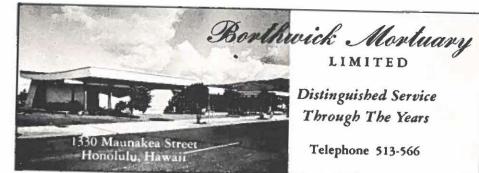
Islands, and to the Mainland. She has also transported numerous Guardsmen from Hawaii to Mainland National Guard conferences. For these long flights, the plane

carries a steward, TSgt Guy Matsuguma, who prepares steaks and other goodies on an old stove "scrounged" from Hickam Air Force Base. The stove had been parmarked for the scrap heap when our boys heard about it. According to Flight Engineer TSgt tim Davis, who has made many trips with the plane, the food is first-class all the way."

And speaking of food, on each of those Mainland convention flights. the C-54 is loaded with hundreds of island pineapples, pineapple juice. macadamia nuts and flower leis for presentation to Mainland dignitaries. On such trips, the "Spirit of Aloha" literally lives up to her

That Aloha Spirit was also the motivation behind a flight made in Jarch, 1967. At the request of the University of Hawaii, the plane was flown to Palmyra Island, a iny dot in the Pacific 960 miles south of Hawaii, to pick up a University professor whose mother was seriously ill on the Mainland.

From Tongatapu to Midway to Cauai to California, the Hawaii Air Guard's "Spirit of Aloha" really ets around. The HANG would be ard-pressed to get along without is non-scheduled, one aircraft



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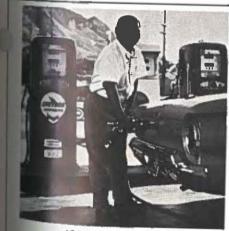
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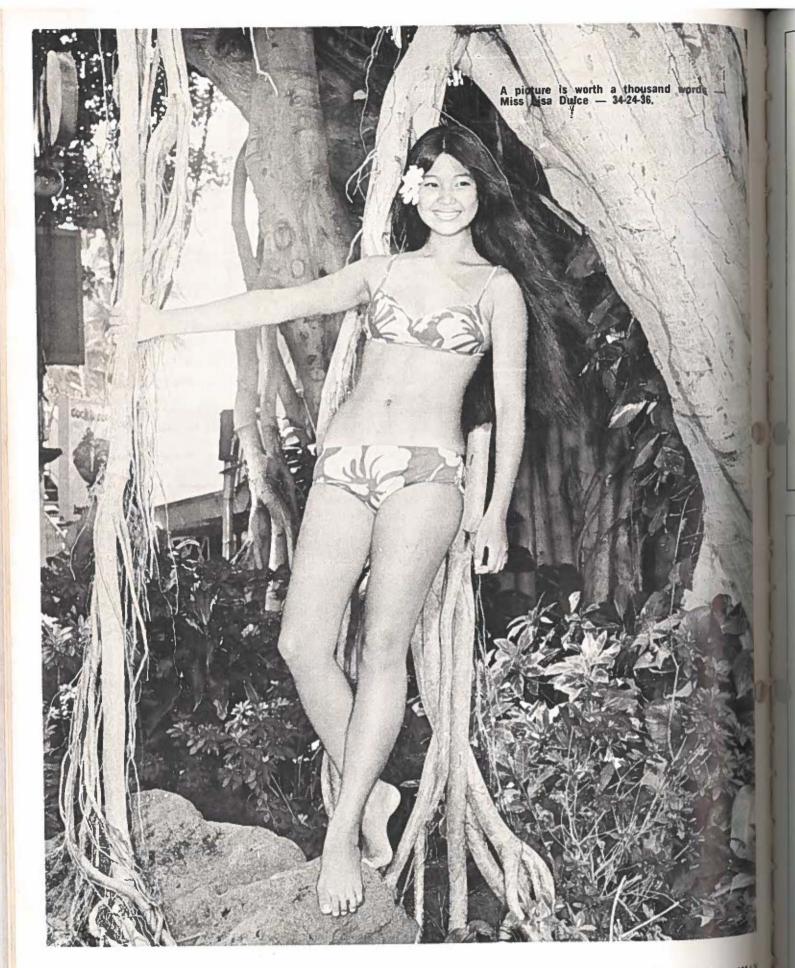
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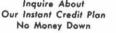
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