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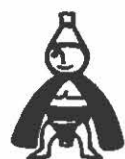
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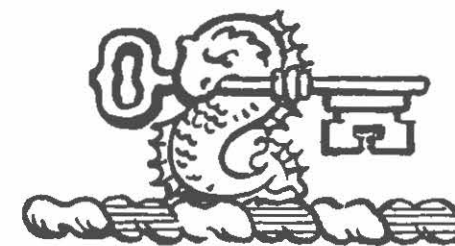
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ON THE COVER

Major Melvin G. Yen, safety officer for the 154th Fighter Group and a F-102 pilot is shown by a "deuce" similar to the one he landed with no engine power recently. See related story on page 7. Cover photo by AIC Terry Koenig.

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Adjutant General

A BRIEF HISTORY

In previous issues of The Hawaii Guardsman I have tried to comment on certain matters I believe important to the Hawaii National Guard. It may well be time for a change of pace. So in this issue there will be no message or exhortation to members of the Guard. Instead, I propose to invite you to be my guest on a brief trip back in time as I reminisce about my assignment in Hawaii from November 1933 to March 1937.

I graduated from flying school on October 14, 1933 and was of course more than pleased to receive orders assigning me to duty at Wheeler Field, back home in Hawaii. Upon arrival I was assigned to the 6th Pursuit Squadron with duty as pilot and additional duty as Squadron Mess Officer, later as Squadron Adjutant and finally, as Group Motor Officer. We worked hard in those days — to the hangar at seven-thirty every weekday morning, flying from 8:00 to about 9:30 a.m. in our trusty P-12s, coffee at the PX until 10:30 a.m. or so and then slaving in the office until noon. Afternoons and evenings were free unless something quite unusual was scheduled.

Flying a P-12 was fun! To those of you with short memories or those who were very young or not yet born, the P-12 was a Boeing biplane with a Pratt Whitney radial Wasp engine and it could do almost every acrobatic stunt in the book including outside loops. It wasn't very fast, about 150 mph for normal cruise. Straight down and wide open it would hit terminal velocity of about 350 mph. It was armed with a 30-caliber Browning machine gun firing through the propeller, although occasionally the synchronization was somewhat imperfect and a hole in the prop, a shuddering airplane and a more alert pilot resulted. We did our ground and aerial gunnery and our dive bombing during a two-week encampment at Bellows Field every year. It was en route back to Bellows from Wheeler one Sunday afternoon that I had one of my early flying thrills. I had taken a somewhat roundabout route with a couple of landings at Haleiwa. After take off there, heading for Kahuku and at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, I did a slow roll. Unfortunately, while inverted, the carburetor float stuck in the full open position and the engine promptly flooded out. Normally the cure was simply to shake the stick violently fore and aft to unstick the float. This time it didn't work and, as with Major Mel Yen's recent experience (covered elsewhere in this issue) I was faced with the decision of getting out or riding it down. Low altitude prevented reaching any approved landing field and in a very short time I was on, and in fact hub deep in, the sand at Sunset Beach. The airplane wasn't damaged and was flown out the next day after being pulled out of the sand and up to the road, but I was a bit more careful of sticking floats thereafter, particularly when flying the Group Operations Officer's airplane.

Many other flights stick in my memory but two were quite out of ordinary, both of them in an OA-3, a Douglas amphibian rather than in the P-12. One involved flying to the Big Island on December 24, 1935. I landed at Upolu Point to pick up Dr. Jagar, chief volcanologist at Kilauea, and we then flew back and forth for some two hours across the 1935 flow from Mauna Loa which had started at the 11,000 foot level in October and had reached the saddle at Humuulu sheep station and turned toward

IT'S HISTORY NOW

by
PFC Ed Smith
29th Brigade

The activation of the 29th Infantry Brigade and attached units on May 13 has been amply recorded in history.

The tears, the determination and duty which accompanied the call-up are now, however, part of the past. The 29th Brigade, Hawaii National Guard is now the 29th Brigade, United States Army. No longer can the men of the 29th be dubbed "weekend warriors" . . . they're full time soldiers doing a full time job . . . and doing it well.

The months since May 13 have served as a period of adjustment for the men of the brigade. On both personal and unit levels the brigade has matured. The change from civilian to military life is a difficult one at best. For the 29th this adaptation couldn't be slow and gradual. The 29th came on active duty at a full run . . . going immediately into an intensive 120 day training period.

One day a man was enjoying civilian leisure, the next he was climbing a mountain in the Koolaus

sweating under rifle and full pack. The going for the past few months has been rough. Each man and each unit was faced with a challenge. Now the challenges have been met and the brigade is ready for what the future may bring.

A great deal had to be done. Each man was faced with the personal task of adjusting to his new way of life. This he did . . . with an ingenuity common only to man.

When first called to active duty the men of the 29th often inadvertently referred to their duty as "summer camp". This phrase is seldom heard now. Most men have come to realize by now that this ain't "summer camp."

One PFC in the 1st Battalion commented that he had caught himself using the phrase. "I told myself this wasn't summer camp but I really couldn't believe it until I had KP about the third time. Then I believed it."

A basic problem the men faced



SENATOR IN FIELD — Senator Daniel K. Inouye, second from right (sunglasses), is briefed on a problem by SSG Stanley Emmsley, center, squad leader from Co C, 1st Bn, 299th Inf, during a training exercise in the Koolau mountains. Flanking them are Captain Louis Abreu, left, the company commander, and Lieutenant Robert Cole, platoon leader.

was adjusting to military hours. Especially the very early reveille during the training period. SP4 Allan Araki of Company A, 29th Support Battalion had little confidence at first in his ability to climb out of the sack at 0430 in the morning. "I had to use two alarm clocks just to be sure I'd wake up in time," he yawned, "now I only use one."

Men living in the barracks have had this problem solved for them. A PFC in the 100th Battalion noted that he's had no problem at all. "When the time comes, the lights go on and things start happening. Someone hollers, 'Hey, get up,' You just can't sleep through all that."

Sergeant Willaim Atiz, squad leader in Company B, 2nd Battalion has got the best deal of all. "My wife gets up early and wakes me up," he said proudly.

Another problem which has faced the men of the 29th Brigade is the pay cut they took when they stepped into army greens on a full time basis. Many drawing top wages in civilian life, and were living accordingly . . . on the time payment plan, naturally.

However, some of the men took the drop in pay in their stride. "I lost some money but gained some benefits," explained ISG Dick Spargo from California now serving the 40th Aviation Company.

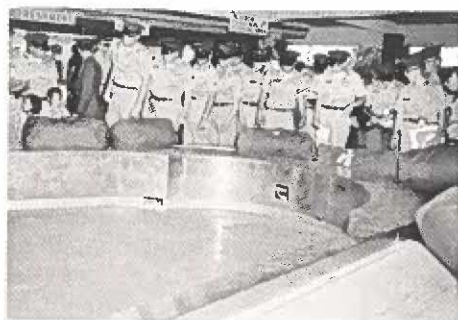
Other men found that their wives were willing to help out with the family financing. "I wanted to work. It helps in two ways. First we can use the money and second, it keeps me busy while my husband's away," one new Army wife explained.

PFC Lewis Swain, now serving in Company B, 2nd Battalion commented on his situation. "I dropped considerable salary but since my wife went to work we'll make out okay."

For some of the men financial struggles are nothing new. "Heck,



BREAK TIME — SP4 Gordon Hashimoto, right, keeps watch while two of his buddies, SP4 Michael Crissafi, left, and SGT Clayton Gomes, relax a little during a battalion exercise. The men, all from the island of Hawaii, are members of 2nd Bn, 299th Inf.



WE FINALLY MADE IT — Newcomers to the 29th Infantry Brigade began arriving in late June to help fill out the ranks. Most of the troops are from Individual Ready Reserve Pools on the mainland. They come from nearly every state, some from even as far as Puerto Rico. Approximately 700 new men have joined the brigade in the past few months. Commanders have noted that they have joined in well and are doing an outstanding job. Above a group of newcomers are shown waiting for their baggage at Honolulu International Airport before being bussed out to Schofield Barracks.



MEDICS LEARN THE RIGHT WAY — Captain Robert Nemechek, a doctor in Co B (Med), 29th Spt Bn instructs the men of his section in the proper procedure for handling a patient with a stomach wound. Medical aid men in the 29th Bde have undergone complete training both in the field and within the Schofield Barracks medical facilities. Pictured left to right are CPT Nemechek, SP4 Roland Vares, SFC Pelemon Regudon, SP5 Richard Llanza, SP4 Alvin Wong, SP4 Darryl Wong and the "patient" is SP4 Joe Kalahiki.

IT'S HISTORY NOW

continued

I was struggling before I came in. This is nothing new for me," noted SP4 Bob Bailey from Hilo, Hawaii.

Another soldier echoed the sentiments of many of his fellows. "Right now I just about break even financially. The thing I really look forward to is getting the GI Bill when I get out. That will help a lot."

Army chow for any group requires a bit of getting used to. Over 700 "filler" personnel from the mainland joined the brigade beginning in late June. These men, individually called-up reservists from all over the United States, were almost universally accustomed to potatoes. On the other hand, the native Hawaiian troops prefer rice. Naturally rice is seen quite often in the mess halls.

When the cooks serve rice the "fillers" moan and when potatoes are on the menu the "islanders" moan. However, the problem has not gotten out of hand.

One "filler" from the mainland immediately after moaning over his serving of rice said, "I don't know why I complain. I like rice . . . eat it at home all the time."

The infamous C-rations have resulted in some comment from the men. A typical comment came from a SP4 in the 1st Battalion. "I haven't lost any weight and I can't understand it. When I'm in the field I'm on a C-ration diet. They must be right about them, but I don't see how."

Trading the relative freedom of civilian life for the regimentation of military life has created some minor individual problems. Most of the men of the 29th are near their homes and passes are awarded freely when the men are in from the field.

Other aspects of Army regimentation are the inevitable lines, the shining of brass and polishing boots.

However, for some of the men this is old stuff. "I didn't have to adjust to this sort of thing. I've been doing it for 22 years now," one Sergeant said.

SP4 Bob Bailey mentioned that

he didn't mind these extra military duties. "Actually you have a lot of time on your hands for this sort of stuff. As long as I have something to do I won't go out and spend money. Shining boots is something to do and besides, we all get together and talk about home."

One more aspect of the change from civilian to military life is the usual break in social relations at home. For many of the islanders this is no problem at all and many of the mainland troops find this of little difficulty.

A sergeant who recently arrived from the mainland commented that he had no problem in this respect for most of his close friends had been in the Guard with him and were now in Hawaii.

"Most of my friends are right here," explained PFC Lewis Swain, a Hawaiian. His situation is typical within the brigade.

SP4 Clyde Matsunaga of HHC, 2nd Battalion commented that he liked the social situation. "It's pretty good. We are really in an unusual situation. All the island boys are here together."

The influx of "filler" personnel brought a single unique problem. Unfortunately mainland ears are not normally attuned to low pidgin spoken by many of the island troops. A few problems developed but they were soon overcome.

A Hawaiian soldier from Hilo explained as he chewed a bit of squid tentacle that he couldn't make the mainland boys understand what he was saying at first.

"Now I try to use my best English when I talk to the mainland boys . . . if I throw in some pidgin they'll be lost," he grinned.

Another Hawaiian soldier speaking with a strong Harvard accent said, "I can turn off-mee-pigeen-ny-teem."

The "fillers" are gradually becoming more able to pick the various words out of the island brogue. However, they haven't been totally successful and can appreciate the islanders efforts to make themselves understood.

One "filler" serving in the 29th

support Battalion mentioned that he noticed when he enters a conversation with several island boys they courteously convert to their island "Harvard" so he could understand.

Over the past few months a great many changes have taken place within the 29th Infantry Brigade. The brigade has undergone a "period of adjustment". The men are growing as men and learning as soldiers. They have made the best of a tough situation and some have even enjoyed it.



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BRIGADIER GENERAL VALENTINE A. SIEFERMANN, Chairman of the General Arrangements Committee for "Hawaii in '71," signs the contract naming All Travel as the official travel representative for the HNGA as Mr. Jim Abell (left) and Mr. Tom Anderson of All Travel look on.

All Travel Inc., a subsidiary of AMFAC INC. has been named travel representative for the National Guard Association of the United States General Conference to be held in Honolulu in 1971.

In ceremonies held recently at Fort Ruger, Hawaii, representatives from All Travel and the Hawaii National Guard Association signed the contract designating All Travel the official representative for the conference.

All Travel will coordinate all

transportation and accommodations for the 93rd General Conference which will be held here from September 18th through the 25th, 1971.

"Hawaii in '71" is the theme of the convention which is expected to draw 5,000 NGAUS members from all 50 states, District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The last General Conference of the NGAUS held in Hawaii was in 1960 and was considered to have been a great success.

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Donna Verne Sachiko Kato, a 1968 graduate of Honokaa High and Elementary School, was selected as the first person to receive the Hawaii National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association Scholarship.

Miss Kato was selected over all other applicants because of her record of scholastic achievement and her potential for further academic success.

The Hawaii National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association was formed in 1964 and membership is open to all NCOs in the Hawaii Army and Air Guard.

Applicants for the scholarship were limited to the families of Association members.

The scholarship is for one year and may be used at any accredited College or University in the State of Hawaii.

Miss Kato is the daughter of SFC Shunji Kato and the late Sumiko Kato. SFC Kato is presently on active duty with the 29th Brigade at Schofield Barracks.

She will enroll at the University of Hawaii this fall.



MISS DONNA KATO is shown receiving the Hawaii National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association Scholarship. From left are: SGM Sotero A. Bailado, chairman of the scholarship committee; Miss Kato; SFC Shunji Kato, Donna's father; and SGT Mitsuo Shito, president of the association.

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A FEAT NOT EASILY ACCOMPLISHED

by
CPT Bob Bean

piloting an F-102 without an engine has been described by some "deuce" jockey's as about the same as flying a bathtub.

Earlier this month (July) Major Melvin G. Yen, safety officer for the 154th Fighter Group, Hawaii Air National Guard did just that.

It all started with a routine practice profile intercept flight on Saturday, July 13 during a regular monthly exercise. Major Yen and his flight leader Major Thomas A. Haine departed Hickam Air Force Base for their combat air patrol (CAP) position at 9:22 a.m. The two aircraft were designated as flight Poi 62. Nineteen minutes after takeoff Yen experienced an AC power failure warning light illuminating on his control panel. This was to start a series of events that eventually led to a frozen engine and the remarkable job of landing the aircraft safely.

When the AC power failure light came on, flight Poi 62 was approximately 115 nautical miles from Honolulu. Yen then noticed that his oil pressure was beginning to fluctuate. He selected minimum afterburner and started to climb in order to get as much altitude as possible. Then the low oil pressure light came on and engine grinding vibrations started and increased in intensity as the engine RPM slowly dropped from 92% to 90%.

At this point, flight leader Haines reported to Yen that he noticed a white trail coming from the aft end of Yen's F-102. In order to be sure it wasn't just a con trail, Haine went ahead of Yen, flew at the same altitude and power setting. Yen reported no trail from Haine's aircraft. Haine then looked over Yen's deuce closely and determined that there was an oil leak.

Because the engine vibration was increasing, Yen discontinued afterburner and leveled off at 34,000 feet. Engine temperature climbed through 800 degrees (normal is 600 degrees) and the flight leader

report a fireball from the aft end of the plane. Shortly after that Yen reported what seemed like a minor explosion and the engine froze. Poi 62 was still 54 nautical miles from Honolulu.

Major Yen then went into a glide pattern (similar to the glide pattern of a flat rock) and headed for the nearest airfield that had all of the necessary facilities such as crash barriers, emergency equipment, etc. Although he had a straight in shot at Dillingham Air Force Station (which maintains a 9,000 foot emergency runway), Yen elected not to use this as there is no emergency equipment at Dillingham. He elected instead to request emergency landing at Barbers Point Naval Air Station where all the necessary emergency equipment is available even though Barbers Point is on the other side of the island.

Yen, realizing that he could not

fly over land in case he had to "punch out," skirted the edge of the island, each turn of the plane dropping him lower in altitude.

Finally, Barbers Point straight ahead. Flight leader Haines read the emergency landing checklist so Yen could concentrate solely on flying. 5,000 feet and 1 mile to touchdown, Yen dropped his landing gear and went into a 45 degree dive to gain enough speed to stay airborne. Finally, the wheels were on the ground, arresting gear successfully engaged and emergency drag chute deployed.

Major Yen with the teamwork of his flight leader, successfully flew a "bathtub" 54 nautical miles from 34,000 feet. A feat not easily accomplished.

Major Melvin G. Yen has been recommended for the award of the Able Aeronaut, which is the Pacific Air Force's "Well Done."



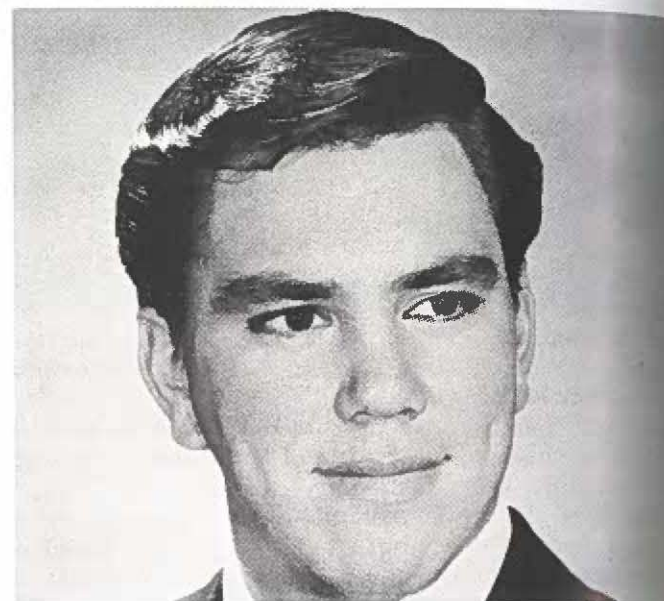
EVER FLY A BATHTUB? Major Melvin G. Yen, Safety Officer for the 154th Fighter Group is pictured by his F-102 Interceptor shortly after he landed. Major Yen successfully flew his aircraft from 54 nautical miles and 34,000 feet with no engine power.

SMAJ Bailado Retires



THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD COMMENDATION Medal is awarded to SMAJ Sotero Bailado by MG Benjamin J. Webster, AG. SMAJ Bailado retired after 23 years of service with the Hawaii Army National Guard. He was a member of the 298th Artillery Group (Air Defense). Bailado has been with the 298th since they were reorganized shortly after the end of World War II.

201st BATTING .398



AIRMAN ROY K. AWANA a recent honor graduate from the 3380th Technical School, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

If the 201st Mobile Communications Squadron was a major league baseball team they would surely give anyone a run for the pennant. By baseball standards the 201st average of 50 honor graduates out of 110 persons who attended technical school would be enough to make any batting coach proud of his players.

The Hawaii Army National Guard Officer Candidate School program is continuing despite the fact that the bulk of the Hawaii Army Guard is on active duty at Schofield.

The officer candidates making up this year's class come from the Hawaii Army National Guard's Nike Hercules missile units, the 298th Artillery Group, the Hawaii Air National Guard and the United States Army Reserve. This is the first time the Army Guard's OCS has had Air Guardsmen as candidates. Two of this year's students are members of HANG.

The OCS program lasts for one year, starting with a two week active duty period, eleven weekend training assemblies, and then finishing next summer as senior candidates with a final two week active duty period.

Those candidates that successfully complete the program will be commissioned as second lieutenants.

Twenty candidates graduated from last year's class and reported for active duty with the 29th Brigade at Schofield Barracks within two days following graduation.

HARNG OCS Program Continues



PRACTICAL EXERCISE. Two unidentified OCS candidates are shown moving toward the "enemy" during a squad tactics exercise in Diamond Head crater.

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Mossman Receives AF Commendation Medal



Major William E. Mossman has received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his outstanding achievement as Air Defense Systems Evaluation Officer with the Office of the Director of Operations, Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard.

OUTSTANDING WEAPONS DIRECTOR



BG VALENTINE A. SIEFERMANN recently presented MAJ Wai-chi Kikuta a member of the 169th ACW with the George T. Miki Memorial Trophy for his demonstration of outstanding and noteworthy performance as weapons director during Fiscal Year 1968.

Massad Visits 298th Group, 29th Brigade And 169th ACW Squadron



CAPTAIN RUDY THOMAS, (center) CO, Btry C, 1st Bn, 298th Arty, briefs Mr. Massad (right) on the mission of the unit while MG Greenlief listens intently.

Defense Department and National Guard officials praised the training and morale of the 29th Infantry Brigade during a visit here.

Ernest L. Massad, deputy assistant secretary of defense (Reserve Affairs), stated that the brigade is "doing a wonderful job."

Stating that the brigade "has a real mission to perform," Mr. Massad said, "I am proud of them."

He was accompanied to Schofield Barracks by Major General Francis S. Greenlief, deputy chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Together they visited troops on post and in the field to learn first-hand what the men themselves felt about their callup to active duty.

After visiting one day with the 29th, Mr. Massad then spent the next with the 298th Artillery Group and the 169th ACW Squadron.



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Hawaii Air National Guard pilots are flying air defense missions in Viet Nam as part of a world-wide extension of their operations.

The world-wide program dubbed "PALACE ALERT" is the brain child of the Pacific Air Force and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The first two HANG F-102 pilots to volunteer for "PALACE ALERT" are Majors Gerald K. Sada and Jon G. Parrish of the 199th FIS. Majors Sada and Parrish left for Clark AFB, Philippines in July and are now flying missions out of Da Nang AB, South Viet Nam.

More than 100 combat qualified F-102 pilots nation wide have volunteered for the program which will augment F-102 pilot resources of the active Air Force without a mobilization. 20 Air Guard fighter interceptor groups nationally maintain an around-the-clock runway alert as part of the Air Defense Command and comprise 44 percent of its interceptor forces. The 154th Fighter Group's 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard comprise 100 percent of PACAF's runway alert interceptor force for Hawaii.

The Air Guardsmen are serving on short active duty tours ranging from 89 to 179 days. The initial program requires the Air Guardsmen to maintain a commitment of 32 pilots on station over a two year period. If all volunteers served the maximum six month tour, this would require 128 pilots to sustain the requirement. The program may be expanded later to as high as 100 pilots on station, which would require at least 400 volun-

Palace Alert

by
AIC Terry Koenig



BRIGADIER GENERAL VALENTINE A. SIEFERMANN is flanked by the first two volunteers for "Palace Alert" Major Gerald Sada (left) and Major Jon Parrish. Majors Sada and Parrish are now flying missions out of Da Nang, South Vietnam.

teers during a two year period.

The 32 pilot program represents the equivalent of an additional active duty squadron but does not hinder the capability of the runway alert forces to perform their day to day mission of air defense.

Brigadier General Valentine A. Siefermann, Commanding General of the Hawaii Air National Guard, feels the benefits of the program are two fold. "We will, of course, save the nation a considerable amount of money by using pilots from the Air Guard already trained and qualified to fly air defense missions not only in Viet Nam but throughout the World." "In addition our pilots will gain valuable experience." General Siefermann went on to say that considering National world wide commitment and

the status of the nation's economy our reserve forces are obligated to support their parent services whenever and wherever possible.

The Hawaii Air Guard will support the program with two pilots every 89 to 179 days with a possible increase in this number during the next two years.

"PALACE ALERT" got underway July 1, with 17 pilots operating in Europe from bases in Germany and Holland, five in Okinawa and ten in Clark AFB, Philippines. Those operating out of Clark have deployed to other Southeast Asia bases including missions over Viet Nam.

At the present time the program has been limited to pilots, and support personnel have not been included.

The next two volunteer pilots to be accepted for "PALACE ALERT" are Major Richie K. Kunichika and Captain Rexford F. Hitchcock. Both Kunichika and Hitchcock are F-102 pilots with the 199th FIS, HANG. They will be serving 89 day tours and will be assigned to the 405th Tactical Fighter Wing at Clark AFB, Philippines.

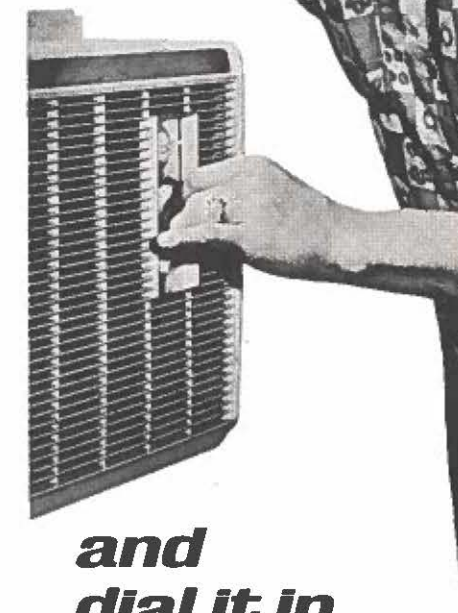
Major Harold Nagai, Operations Officer for HANG played a primary role in putting the program together. Nagai, a qualified F-102 pilot in addition to his duties as an Operations Officer said, "We think its a good program and will give us (Air Guard pilots) the benefit of overseas flying experience." Nagai was the first of many F-102 pilots from the HANG to volunteer for the program.



THE SECOND SET OF pilots slated for "Palace Alert" duty are Major Ritchie Kunichika (left) and Captain Rex Hitchcock. They will be assigned at Clark AFB, Philippines.



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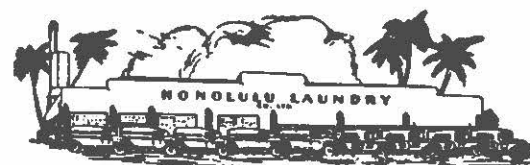
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150th NEWS

by
Capt. Owen Ota

SATO AWARD WINNER

ISTLT George J. Koga was presented the Major James Y. Sato Memorial Award during the HNG Association's 19th Annual Conference at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel. This award is given annually to the Hawaii Air National Guard Officer who contributes most to the unit's efficiency and effectiveness.

LT Koga is the Communications and Electronics Maintenance Officer of the 150th AC&W Sq. He has been with the Air Guard since 1958, and was a member of the detachment that built the present Kokee Radar Site in 1961. "Coming up through the ranks", LT Koga was commissioned in 1966.

HOKU AWARD

MSG Paul Otani is the winner of the 150th AC&W Sq Hoku Award for the quarter ended June 30. This award is given for outstanding performance of duty, leadership and contributions to unit improvement. MSG Otani was also awarded two free dinners by Hideo Nonaka, owner of Mike's Cafe in Hanapepe.

MSG Otani is the NCOIC of the 150th Radar Maintenance Section. He first joined the Air Guard in 1959.

DEPARTURES

Good luck to Capt Robert Konishi who has departed for Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Capt Konishi was assigned to the 150th as the Assistant Weapons Director Staff Officer.

TSGT Toshio Nagai and TSGT Gemi Pascua are part of a 17 member group from the HANG to attend the ADC-NCO Academy. The two week course, starting Sep 68, is held at Hamilton AFB, California. Both men are with the 150th C & C Maintenance Section.

WAYNE ELLIS COMMISSIONED

Wayne R. Ellis of Lihue, Kauai was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant at Lackland AFB, Texas in June 1968. He is presently assigned to the 150th as a Weapons Director.

LT Ellis first joined the Air Guard in 1967 as an A.C. & W. Operator. As an airman he won the 1967 Hoku Hou Award which is given annually for outstanding performance of military duties, military bearing and attitude.

LT Ellis is a graduate of Puna-hou School and Drury College and is presently employed as a management trainee at Hale Kauai Co. of Lihue.



MR HIDEO NONAKA (center) congratulates MSG Paul Otani (right) for winning the 150th A.C. & W. Sq. Hoku Awards as Lt Col Dewitt Bye looks on approvingly.

OPERATION COOPERATION

by
Captain Thomas Shimabuku

The 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard has acquired another important mission. In addition to its responsibilities as part of the fulltime air defense force of the Hawaiian Islands, the squadron now administers a weapons controller school.

In cooperation with the United States Air Force, an upgrading and re-qualification program for the weapons controllers of the 5th Tactical Control Group stationed in the Philippine Islands has been established. Under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Paul K. Goya, Commander of the 169th, the operations section has organized a three part course.

According to Major Donald M. O'Day, Operations Officer for the 169th, the three phases are divided into academics, actual missions and cross training with the various tactical and air defense elements located in Hawaii.

The four week course begins with academics which range from a basic review to more complex and advanced subjects. The curriculum covers aircraft performance, weapons familiarization, air mass problems, tactics, and techniques. Other subjects included are operational procedures, communication, electronics, weather and intelligence.

The second phase of the program is the application of acquired knowledge to actual situations. This part of the program includes live missions with the F102 interceptors of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. In addition to the live intercept missions, each class participates in a minimum of four air defense exercises. Supplementing these missions are practice problems created by the squadron's target simulator. According to Major Nelson T. Moriwaki project officer for the 169th, a minimum of 100 hours of live intercept missions, and 67 hours of simulated problems are scheduled for each class.

The third and final phase of the program is cross training. Familiarization visits are made to the Air Force's Air Defense Control Center, the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Fighter Group, the 7th Direct Air Support Flight, the Marine Corps' Air Defense and Tactical Facilities, the Navy's radar picket ships, and the Hawaii Army National Guard's Nike Hercules Missile units.

So far, four classes have been graduated from the 169th's accelerated course.



LISTENING ATTENTIVELY to HANG instructor, Capt Roy D. Mendes, as he gives some pointers on the attack computer, are from left to right, 2nd Lts Ronald R. Schurter, Joseph G. Homsy, Thomas D. Hudson, and Travis E. Wilkes from the 5th TAC Con Gp.

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298th Artillery Group News

by
CPT Al Kort

Annual Field Training — The 298th Artillery recently completed their ten-day AFT held 15-19 and 22-26 July. HHB completed the full ten-day period while the fire units attended AFT in five-day increments. Batteries B and D attended from the 15th through the 19th and Batteries A and C from the 22nd through the 26th.

In addition to the primary mission of providing Army Air Defense for the state, personnel received training in riot control, the M1 rifle and a gas chamber exercise where the effectiveness of CS as a riot control agent became a personal experience. Members of the group staff and key unit personnel received extra instruction in the planning aspects of riot control from members of the HARNG staff.

Extra curricular activities were many and varied. These included fishing parties, golf, bingo, volleyball and the traditional beer busts — all after duty hours, of course. On July 24th, the group officers held a PUPU PARTY at the Schofield Officers Club. Officers of the 29th Brigade were special guests. During the course of events, it was discovered that the 24th was also COL Becker's birthday. An appropriate cake was located at a nearby bakery.

SMAJ Bailado Retires — On July 23rd, SMAJ Sotero Bailado said his official farewells to the group at an awards and retirement ceremony. SMAJ Bailado recently retired after 24 years of service. He is succeeded by 1SG William Duncan, formerly of Btry C. Major General



SP6 MELVIN CHOCK is shown leaving the "gas chamber" at Schofield Barracks after experiencing the effects of CS as a riot control agent.

Benjamin J. Webster presented the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal to SMAJ Bailado and Major Melvin Alencastre for meritorious service. Lieutenant Colonel Robert Stanek presented the Guardsman of the Year award to 1SG Mitsuo Shito, Btry D, and the Hawaii National Guard Soldier of the Year Trophy (1st runner up) to SP5 John Amadea of Btry D. An informal reception followed the ceremony. Noted among the guests were senior NCOs from Group, HARNG, Brigade, and USARHAW who served with SMAJ Bailado.

New Recruiting Record — CPT Thomas is noted for his claim to have set a new recruiting record at "Charlie". On Sunday, 21 July, he formally inducted sixteen new recruits into the battery. The "swearing in" followed an intensive orientation on the mission, operations, and standards of the unit by CPT David Kaahaaina, battery XO.

New First Sergeant — Congratulations to PSG George Cho who was recently named to succeed 1SG William Duncan as first sergeant of Btry C.

Training Pays Off — First aid and security training paid off for SSG Francisco Latorre and SP4s Masahiro Nakama and Stanley Nakagawa of HHB recently. While working at the Diamond Head Radar Tracking Station, SP5 Thomas Maeda fell ill. Noticing this, SSG Latorre and SP4 Nakama applied first aid, made the patient comfortable, and summoned medical aid. COL Becker has presented Latorre and Nakama with letters of commendation. On July 15th, while on guard duty at the Wahiawa Armory, SP4 Nakagawa and Nakama noticed a vehicle enter the grounds of the Leilehua Golf Course. They notified the Sergeant of the Guard and a passing Honolulu Police Officer. Honolulu police were able to catch two persons in the act of burglarizing the clubhouse. Nakagawa and Nakama received letters of commendation from the police chief Dan Liu, the Adjutant General, Commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard and the Group Commander. Congratulations to these guardsmen for getting involved in an age of "noninvolvement".

Letters of Appreciation — MSG Atsuo Ajirogi and Yoshiaki Kane-kuni have received letters of appreciation from BG Francis Takemoto, former commander of the 29th Brigade, for their aid in the reorganization of Company A.

Major Harr Retires



MAJOR TYLER M. HARR, JR. receives best wishes at a recent drill formation from Hawaii Air National Guard commander Brig. Gen. Valentine A. Siefermann and 154th Fighter Group commander Col. James Ashford. The occasion was Maj. Harr's retirement after more than 19 years as a Guardsman. Maj. Harr flew P-47s for six years previously as an Air Force regular during World War II, and with HANG's 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron before pressures of personal business forced him to non-flying duties.

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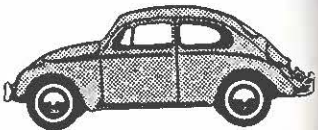
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Highlights On The 1968 HNGA Conference

by
Major R. N. Daguio

The 19th Annual Meeting of the Hawaii National Guard Association was held at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel in Honolulu on Saturday, 10 August 1968.

The "day" phase (business session) was preceded by a concert by HARNG's 111th Army Band. The concert and members of the Royal Guard of the Hawaii Air National Guard acting as color bearers, added the necessary martial air to the occasion.

At 0830, the call to order was issued by Colonel John M. Becker, Association President, and the scheduled order of business was transacted. Certainly, the most interesting highlights of the "day" phase were the President's Report, scheduled addresses by Major General Benjamin J. Webster, Adjutant General, and Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer, III, Commanding General of the 29th Infantry Brigade, and the report rendered by Brigadier General Valentine A. Siefertmann, Chairman of the General Arrangements Committee for Hawaii in '71. Announcement of the Officers for the Association for Calendar Year 1969, elected by a meeting of the Delegates earlier in the week, was also made. They are: President, Major Daniel K. C. Au; Vice-President, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Stanek; and Treasurer, Captain Allen Mizumoto. The Secretary, Major R. N. Daguio, will be a carry-over from 1968 for another year.

The customary cocktail hour and



SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE is given a standing ovation as he addresses the 19th annual banquet of the HNGA.

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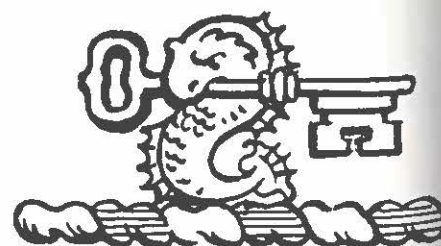


NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS. The new officers elected for the HNGA for 1969 are (from left) Major Daniel K. C. Au, President; LTC Robert Stanek, Vice President; COL John Becker, past President; Major R. N. Daguio who will remain as Secretary for another year; and Captain Allen Mizumoto, Treasurer.

banquet in the "evening" phase was highlighted by an address by the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, one of Hawaii's Senators to Congress. He gave his most complimentary impressions of the 29th Infantry Brigade after it's call to federal active duty and his views on the misconception that the National Guard was a haven for draft-dodgers. Mr. Dan Aoki represented Hawaii's Governor Burns at the banquet and the presence of several former Guardsmen was noted. These included Brigadier General David P. Silva, Colonel Wilhelm A. Anderson, Lieutenant Colonel George R. Duncan and Lieutenant Colonel George S. McEldowney.

HNGA Awards were also presented during the program which was so capably "emceed" by Captain Bob Bean. The HNGA Award for Outstanding Leadership was re-presented to 2LT John K. Kauhahao, an OCS graduate for the HARNG Class of 68, now on active duty with the 29th Infantry Brigade. The James Y. Sato Memorial Award to the Outstanding HANG Officer was presented to 1LT George J. Koga.

The Outstanding Company Grade Commander Award was presented to Captain Lawrence P. Mosher, Btry B, 1st Bn, 298th Arty, and the Outstanding Field Grade Commander Award was presented to Major Tom T. Kimura, Btry C, 1st Bn, 298th Arty.



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OFFICERS

Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
O-10 ¹	\$1,607.70	\$1,664.40	\$1,664.40	\$1,664.40	\$1,664.40	\$1,728.00	\$1,728.00	\$1,860.60	\$1,860.60	\$1,993.80	\$1,993.80	\$2,126.70	\$2,126.70	\$2,259.60	\$2,259.60
O-9	1,425.00	1,482.20	1,493.70	1,493.70	1,493.70	1,531.20	1,531.20	1,594.80	1,594.80	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,860.60	1,860.60	1,993.80	1,993.80
O-8	1,290.60	1,329.30	1,360.80	1,360.80	1,360.80	1,462.20	1,462.20	1,531.20	1,531.20	1,594.80	1,594.80	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,797.60	1,797.60
O-7	1,072.20	1,145.40	1,145.40	1,145.40	1,145.40	1,265.70	1,265.70	1,329.30	1,329.30	1,462.20	1,462.20	1,563.00	1,563.00	1,563.00	1,563.00
O-6	794.40	873.30	930.30	930.30	930.30	930.30	930.30	930.30	930.30	930.30	930.30	1,170.90	1,170.90	1,285.70	1,373.10
O-5	635.40	746.70	797.70	797.70	797.70	822.60	822.60	866.40	866.40	911.40	911.40	1,050.60	1,050.60	1,120.20	1,120.20
O-4	536.10	652.20	696.30	696.30	696.30	740.40	740.40	790.80	790.80	835.20	835.20	873.30	873.30	936.90	936.90
O-3	498.30	556.80	594.60	594.60	594.60	689.70	689.70	753.30	753.30	790.80	790.80	810.00	810.00	810.00	810.00
O-2	399.30	474.30	569.70	569.70	569.70	600.90	600.90	600.90	600.90	600.90	600.90	600.90	600.90	600.90	600.90
O-1 ²	343.20	379.80	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30	474.30

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O-2	588.60	600.90	620.10	652.20	677.40	696.30	696.30	696.30	696.30	696.30	696.30	696.30
O-1	474.30	506.40	525.30	544.20	563.10	588.60	588.60	588.60	588.60	588.60	588.60	588.60

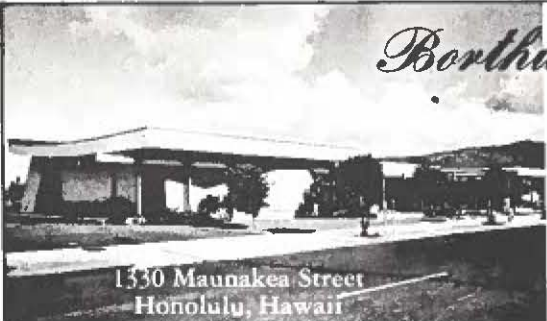
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W-4	\$507.30	\$544.20	\$544.20	\$556.80	\$582.00	\$607.50	\$632.70	\$677.40	\$708.60	\$734.10	\$753.30	\$778.20	\$804.00	\$866.40	\$866.40
W-3	461.10	500.40	500.40	506.40	512.70	550.20	582.00	600.90	620.10	638.70	658.50	683.70	708.60	734.10	734.10
W-2	403.80	436.80	436.80	449.40	474.30	500.40	519.30	537.90	556.80	576.00	594.60	613.50	638.70	638.70	638.70
W-1	336.60	386.10	386.10	417.90	436.80	455.70	474.30	493.80	512.70	531.60	550.20	569.70	589.70	589.70	589.70

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Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
E-9 ¹	\$303.90	\$364.20	\$377.70	\$391.20	\$404.40	\$483.60	\$576.30	\$599.50	\$603.30	\$616.50	\$630.00	\$642.60	\$676.50	\$742.20	\$742.20
E-8	281.90	318.00	331.20	344.70	358.20	417.30	430.50	444.30	464.10	477.30	490.50	503.70	536.70	663.00	663.00
E-7	226.20	278.70	291.90	304.80	324.90	371.10	384.60	404.40	417.30	430.50	443.70	456.90	489.90	596.70	596.70
E-6	190.20	238.50	251.50	271.50	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	371.10	371.10
E-5	137.70	192.00	205.50	218.70	218.70	218.70	218.70	218.70	218.70	218.70	218.70	218.70	218.70	285.00	285.00
E-4	109.50	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00
E-3	109.50	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00
E-2	109.50	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00
E-1	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50

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298th ARTILLERY COMPLETES SNAP

Units of the 298th Artillery Group completed their Short Notice Annual Practice (SNAP) for FY 68 on 26 June at McGregor Guided Missile Range, New Mexico, when Battery B and Battery D fired their missiles.

The units were alerted on Wednesday, 19 June and departed Hickam on Utah Air National Guard C97s for El Paso, Texas on Saturday, 22 June.

This year marked the first time that HARNG missile units have fired at McGregor range since 1960, when they set several Army-wide records. It was also the first time that our missile units were able to be rated and compared to National Guard units in CONUS.

During SNAP, the unit is rated on system preparation (daily,



MEMBERS OF A BATTERY, 1st Bn, 298th Arty Gp, inspect a radar unit during the week-long Short Notice Annual Practice (SNAP) at Fort Bliss, Texas. Members from left are SP5 Edward T. Hashimoto, SP5 Gilbert R. Estores, SP4 Edward D. Estoesta, SP4 Roy Y. Tanahara, SP6 Hajime Sekiya, and SP6 Thomas T. Hayashida.



MEMBERS OF C BATTERY, 1st Bn, 298th Arty Gp, head for the protective bunker after readying a Nike Hercules missile for firing during the Group's week-long Short Notice Annual Practice (SNAP) at Fort Bliss, Texas. Members from left are: SSG John Kau, SP5 Walter O. Watanabe, SGT Richard R. Dumancas, SGT John Miranda and SP4 Louis S. Cho, Jr.

weekly, monthly checks and adjustments), missile assembly (proper procedures in uncrating, assemble hydraulic and electrical checkout, and preparation of the missile for firing). The unit then receives an Operational Readiness Evaluation which rates their ability to bring their equipment from a "Standby" condition to "Battle Stations" and fire a simulated missile within a specified time period. This is followed by a Tactical Effectiveness Evaluation (TEE) which tests the ability of the Battery Control Officer and Fire Control Crew to engage targets under varying battle conditions. The total possible score under current regulations is 2,000 points.

Battery B (97.0%) led the HARNG missile units followed by Battery C (Site 3 — 92.4%), Battery D (Site 6 — 90.0%), Battery C (Site 4 — 87.0%), Battery D (Site 5 — 80.3%), and Battery A (Site 1 — 78.6%).

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HAWAII GUARDSMAN

From The Fighter Group

by
AIC Larry Edwards

THE SEARCH CONTINUES

The Hawaii Air National Guard's now-famous search for an F-47 "Jug" is on again after apparent success turned into another disappointment.

HANG began searching for a jug more than two years ago in an attempt to complete its aircraft hall of fame, which already has an F-86E, F86L, and of course the F-102s now in use.

The F-47 was the first aircraft flown by the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, from HANG's inception in 1947 until 1954. Prior to becoming a Guard unit, the 199th flew F-47s in the Pacific as the 464th Fighter Squadron, so the jugs hold a special place in their hearts.

The search took on worldwide proportions last January when Captain Eddie Anderson, project officer for the hunt, sent out an appeal to such media as the Air Force Times, Airman Magazine, and a number of far reaching civilian publications.

Virtually every part of the globe responded, from France to Thailand and from Ecuador to New Guinea. Many of the responses were so vague as to make them of little value, but some proved legitimate.

More than 20 responses referred to the same aircraft, one located in front of an American Legion post at Manchester-Shortsville, New York. A former Puerto Rican Air Guard fighter which could conceivably have belonged previously to the Hawaii unit, it seems it has been on display at the post for several years.

Captain Anderson made a personal business trip to Washington and New York in late June, and while in Washington briefed the National Guard Bureau of the development.

The NGB assured its full cooperation and promised to provide transportation of the jug to Hawaii in a Guard C-124 provided HANG first crated it.

Anderson talked to the American Legion while in New York and got a favorable reception. All officials said they would discuss the proposal at a meeting and advise him of the outcome.

Things looked rosy at this point, but recently the post wrote Anderson and informed him they had decided against giving away the aircraft. So ended another chapter in the search.



THE SEARCH IS still underway for an F-47 like the one pictured above.

CALIFORNIA EXCURSION

Trips to Sacramento and Lake Tahoe spiced annual field training in June for one squadron of the 154th Fighter Group.

Captain Wyman Au and 12 members of the 199th Weather Flight spent 9-23 June at McClellan AFB in California with Detachment 19, 24th Weather Squadron. Active duty training with a regular unit is required once each three years, and this was the first trip outside Hawaii for the 199th.

"The forecasters received cross-counter briefing training," Captain Au said, "and the observers learned to work with the latest meteorological equipment. All became familiar with various centralized weather products from Washington and with the geographical locations of airfields in the continental United States."

A BRIEF HISTORY

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Hilo. The purpose of the flight was to determine just where the flow should be bombed in order to try to divert it. A newspaper report that evening stated that "history records no parallel to today's reconnaissance flight." The decision on where to drop the bombs was made and two days after Christmas the Keystone B-3 bombers from old Luke Field on Ford Island did bomb the flow. I of course would not personally participate in dropping bombs on Madame Pele. The bombing was accurate and was believed successful but the success was never completely proved because that night the source stopped sending new lava down the mountain.

The other out-of-the-ordinary flight was to Kalaupapa, just a month later in January 1936. I took over with me the Belgian Consul and four priests for the disinterment of Father Damien, when his body was to be moved back to his native Belgium. There had been some local objection to the removal of Father Damien's remains from the place where he did so much to help the unfortunate people of Kalaupapa. Bishop Stephen explained the reason for the decision for disinterment this way: "Today his native country who gave him to us claims him. His country desires to bestow upon him honors which cannot be given in this remote island spot." In any event, spending the day in the settlement and watching the opening of the casket was a most interesting and moving experience for all who participated.

Well, flying has changed a bit in the ensuing thirty-odd years and it has been a rewarding experience to have been a part of that change. I hope you will pardon the reminiscing about the so-called "good old days." In future issues, I'll get back to writing about current and future matters of concern to the Hawaii National Guard.

THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE CIVILIANS ANYMORE

by
SGT Ronald Fellows

"The men don't look like civilians anymore."

This comment was made recently by Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) during one of his visits to the 29th Inf Bde at Schofield Barracks.

Senator Inouye, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is one of several high-ranking visitors to observe the brigade in training.

What he has observed are former "weekend warriors" who have now been transformed into combat-trained soldiers, ready to accept whatever assignment may be given them or the brigade.

The transformation has not been easy.

Training has been long and rigorous. It has not been uncommon to see the nights at Schofield lit up by sputtering flares drifting earthward from the sky, while in the background machine guns chattered and mortars and artillery played their "whump — whump" beat.

It has not been uncommon for troops to be up before dawn to tackle a field problem which lasted until midnight. And many times they would be in the field for days on end, getting grimy with dirt and dust, or soaked with rain — and bone tired.

For some men, the strain was even harder. From several hundred individual reservists called up from mobilization pools, a great number had not experienced even

weekend training or "summer camp" in some time.

The 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, formerly of the Army Reserve, operated under this handicap. Unlike the rest of the brigade battalions, it had not been part of the Selected Reserve Force and had not received the more intensified training of the National Guard. The 100th reported with less than half its authorized combat strength and had to build from many individual reserves called from the mobilization pools.

Also included in the filler group were soldiers transferred from the 4th Brigade, 6th Infantry Division, which was inactivated after the National Guard and Reserve callup.

As the fillers arrived from throughout the country — from Puerto Rico to Alaska — the brigade began to fill out. Training became more intense, and the raggedness of "civilian-soldiers" began to wear off. The men were becoming professionals.

Training began with the individual soldier — weapons qualifica-



RIFLE TRAINING — PFC Samuel Soares, right, Kohala, Hawaii, a member of Co C, 2nd Bn, 299th Inf, 29th Inf Bde, fires his newly-issued M-14 rifle during training at Schofield Barracks. Keeping score is Pvt Herman Librarios, Kainaliu, Kona, Hawaii. One of the first orders of business during the training phase was qualification on the M-14 rifle which replaced the M-1, used for many years by the Guardsmen and Reservists. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt R. Fellows)

tions and use of individual equipment, such as the gas mask. From there, they moved into unit training, beginning with squad tactics and moving into platoon, company, and battalion exercises.

New equipment was received from the beginning, including some which had not been deployed outside North America. Among them were the M551 Sheridan Armored Reconnaissance/Airborne Assault Vehicle, used by Troop E, 19th Cavalry, which fires either conventional shells or heat-seeking guided missiles; the awesome Combat Engineer Vehicle of the 227th Engineer Company, which is a combination bulldozer, crane, and mechanized artillery piece of fashioned around the chassis of an M60 tank; or the M728 Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge, also of the 227th Engineers, a folding bridge mounted on the chassis of an M60 tank which can scissor out 60 feet to span rivers and gullies. The chassis can detach itself from the bridge, cross over the span, and pick it up again.

Battalion Army Training Tests were administered in August and early September. Following this, the units then moved into jungle environmental activities. Emphasis

was placed on jungle warfare and guerrilla/counter guerrilla operations.

Some units moved off Oahu for training and exercises at Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii, where the mountain weather hits freezing at night and the sun blazes hot in the day.

Troop E, 19th Cavalry and 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery, saw much of this dusty, lava terrain on the slopes of Mauna Kea. Infantrymen too, got their taste of Pohakuloa. For men of 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, it was familiar ground, because it was home ground to the former Big Island battalion. For others, it looked like the end of the world.

The Koolau mountains near Kahuku, Oahu, became as familiar to most of the infantrymen as their own back yard.

The combat-type preparations also pulled men and units closer together, often for the first time.

First Battalion, 299th Infantry, whose National Guard units were scattered on three islands — Maui, Oahu, and Kauai — became a unified command.

The 40th Aviation Company, mobilized May 13 from California, was first attached to Headquarters, U.S. Army Hawaii. By mid-August, it was reassigned to the brigade, with the brigade's General Support Platoon, 29th Aviation Company joining up with the 40th.

Another mainland unit, the 277th Military Intelligence Detachment from Phoenix, Arizona, was assigned to the brigade from the beginning and worked hand in hand with the local units.

Brigade headquarters and the 29th Support Battalion were able to unify their efforts in a way almost impossible during drill status.

The Support Battalion had an almost herculean task in feeding, clothing, supplying and administering to the needs of the brigade. Its responsibilities included administration and records, finance, medical, legal, chaplains, supply and transportation, troop replacement, and maintenance.

The four months of training and hard work have changed the men



THE DESTRUCTOR — The engineers have a name for it, and it is officially known as the M728 Combat Engineer Vehicle (CEV). The weapon-tool is a combination bulldozer, crane and tracked artillery vehicle. Using the chassis and armor of the M-60 tank, the CEV's special 165mm cannon can hurl a shell filled with plastic explosive more than 1,000 meters. The big shell, which is completely self-contained with no outer casing, is used to demolish fortifications. Its 100 million candlepower searchlight makes it useful for night operations. The first of these to be deployed outside North America are now being used by the 227th Engineer Co, 29th Inf Bde. (U. S. Army photo)



READY FOR A "SWIM" — A Sheridan M551 Armored Reconnaissance/Airborne Assault Vehicle, missile firing tank-like weapon of Trp E, 19th Cav, prepares to cross a river during recent training exercises at Schofield Barracks. Waterproof siding, which folds into the vehicle body when not in use, is raised in preparation for the waterborne operation. The new weapon, first of its type to be delivered outside North America, can fire either conventional shells or shillelagh missiles.

who stood in ranks that May 13 at Fort DeRussy, when the brigade had its aloha send-off.

Whatever they may have looked like at first, "they don't look like civilians anymore."

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SLIDE FOR LIFE — One method of river crossing, as taught in the Jungle and Guerrilla Warfare Training Center, is this "slide for life" using a fashioned tree crotch to slide down a rope spanning the river. Coming down the rope is SSG Joseph M. Macario of 100th Bn, 442nd Inf.

LOVELY RUTHIE BLACKER admits she's hung-up on the Hawaii National Guard. The Hawaii-born 5-8, 123-pound brunette measures a perfect 36-24-36, features which helped her win the title of Miss Maritime Hawaii for 1968. Ruthie is pictured standing by HANG's F-86 on display at the 154th Fighter Group at Hickam.



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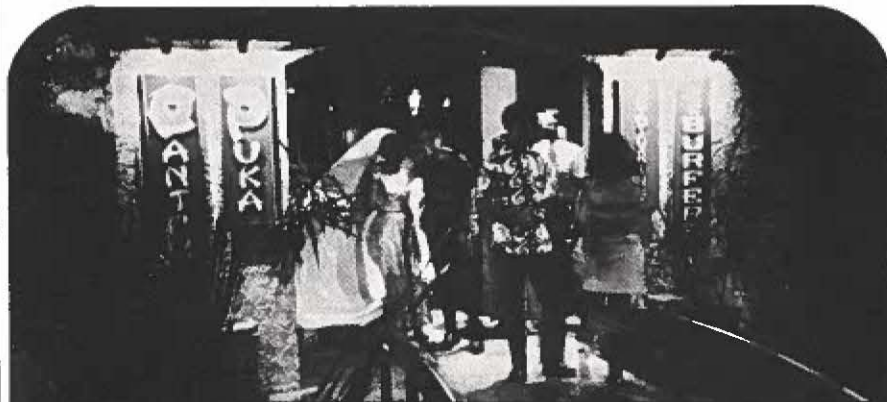
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