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# UNCERTAIN YEARS AHEAD



By: Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following text was delivered by General Webster at the recent State OCS Graduation ceremony. It is, however, applicable to all Guardsmen.

This is the fourth year that I have been on the platform for graduation ceremonies for the Hawaii Army National Guard Officer Candidate School. On each previous occasion, my thoughts were varied during the ceremony. They were thoughts of sincere appreciation to the others participating, to the staff and faculty of the school, and to the families and friends of our graduates who have supported them in their efforts to attain commissioned officer status. There has been the thought and a feeling of pride in the young men themselves, young men who, unlike some of their contemporaries, have seen fit to undergo a somewhat arduous course and who will be, as a result, able to contribute and give more to our important mission. There have been also some thoughts of the future, a wondering about what would be in store for you young men 20 or 30 years from now.

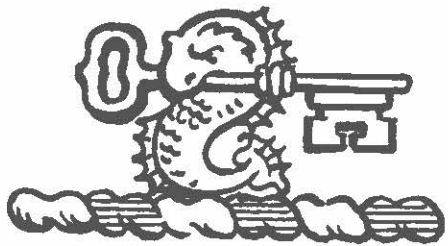
And so it is again today. My appreciation goes to those mentioned as in the past and, particularly this year, to General Spragins and to Mr. Payne, who have joined us on the platform this year. I am once again proud of the men who are graduating today. And today, as on the earlier occasions, I cannot but wonder about the future for you graduates—particularly, I suppose, about your military future. I mentioned 20 or 30 years and this may seem to some to be too far away to be very concerned about right now. Somehow, when I stop to realize that 45 short years have passed since I first put on a uniform of the United States Army, 20 or 30 years do not seem very long. As you know, many people are intensely concerned about the future at this time because of some rather frightening projections concerning population and pollution. I am sure that you have heard and read about the recent Governor's Conference on the Year 2000. I attended only one session of the conference, but that was enough to make it clear that, while there is and should be concern about the Year 2000, there is certainly no consensus about what Hawaii and the world will be like or should be like at that time. Nor is there consensus about what measures should be implemented now or in the near future in order to pave the way to a desirable Year 2000. There may be those among us who have a clear vision of the future, but we seem simply to be unable to recognize the true from the false prophets. We must, of course, continue to listen to and try to learn from those who are studying the future and are seriously trying to provide sound guidance in our efforts to avoid the many problems we certainly face.

With regard to the place of the military of the future, it would seem that there is even less consensus. Some may even claim that there will be no need for military forces by the Year 2000, that we are indeed doomed if we have not

by then learned to live in peace between men and nations. This is, of course, a prospect devoutly to be wished for. Others more pessimistic might forecast that either pollution or nuclear war would have so ravaged the world that the military as we know it would not be pertinent to life then. Still others would take the more pragmatic view that, people being what they are and in spite of accelerating change in our world, disputes and at least the threat of wars will continue and the need for well-trained and strong military forces will, therefore, also continue.

It appears to me that, since we cannot see the long-range military future clearly, we must simply forecast the near future from the situation today as well as we can. A small but vocal minority greatly downgrades the military requirement and the dollars needed by the military are subject to considerable dispute. I think it is clear, however, that there is general consensus that we continue at *this* point in time to need strong military forces, both regular and reserve. This means that we need dedicated, steadfast and competent young men to man these forces. So, while I cannot predict your long-range future, I know that the Country needs your best efforts now. You have done well in the past year but I charge each one of you to continue to give all that you can to the military part of your life. Regardless of whether you serve for 5 or 10 or 20 or 30 years or more, as our unknown future develops I know that your efforts in providing a necessary service to the Country can and will give you a sense of great personal satisfaction. I know, too, that satisfaction will be yours if you can say to yourselves after that service, "The Hawaii National Guard, or the U.S. Army Reserve, is a better organization because of my membership in it."

You have, gentlemen, my sincere congratulations today and my very best wishes for the uncertain years ahead.



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# UNCOMFORTABLE

EDITOR'S NOTE: A few weeks ago, MG James F. Cantwell, president of the National Guard Association of the United States, spoke to the members of our local Association. His address carried such impact, and was so well received, that a motion was made from the floor to have it printed in the HAWAII GUARDSMAN. The motion was carried unanimously and the majority of the speech appears below.

Today, I want to talk to you for a few minutes about the situation in which our nation finds itself as we enter the 1970s. I also want to discuss some developments in Washington that will have an influence on the future of the National Guard.

Today, our country is in trouble—deeper trouble than many of us realize. I am concerned about it, and I want to share my concern with you.

I am concerned, as I am sure you are, about the deep divisions that have developed between various segments of our society.

I am also concerned over our inability to convey a sense of history and of national purpose to our young people.

I am shocked by those who condone and excuse lawlessness as an acceptable means of making their voices heard.

I find little to admire and much to deplore in what is euphemistically described as dissent by many college students and faculty.

I am frightened by the absolute lack of any sense of perspective, or sense of humor, among so many of our young people, and by the absolute and utter seriousness with which they approach every aspect of their lives and every aspect of national life.

I find some uncomfortable parallels between the excesses we are seeing in our country today, and the excesses which preceded the decay and extinction of other great

nations. Lord Byron once said: "It takes good men a thousand years to build a free State, but renegades can lay it in the dust in a day."

There are some renegades loose in America today, and small though they be in numbers, they have the capability of dividing us, and weakening our will, and eventually bringing us down—unless we insure that the voices of reason and common sense are heard again.

It's not that our country's ailments are incurable ones, but merely that we are permitting ourselves to be persuaded by an irresponsible and intolerant minority that they are incurable.

We've become a little bit like the natives of some primitive societies who can will themselves to die. We in America are being bamboozled by a vocal minority into believing that our diseases are incurable and if we continue to believe this long enough, they may very well lead to our demise. Our problems are not insolvable, unless we let ourselves become victims of the tyranny of a destructive and violent minority of our people.

General Harold K. Johnson, a brilliant and thoughtful man, recently told a group of retired military officers that we have exposed ourselves to the possibility of a *dictatorship* of the minority. Truth has become the victim of hyperbole and outrageous exaggeration.

You and I are both citizens and soldiers. We have a citizen's concern for all that happens in our great country, and a soldier's concern for its security. We therefore have every right to speak out on either count. We have an inescapable responsibility to speak out when the defense of the nation is concerned.

I therefore urge you—all of you—to make yourselves heard in this farthest west section of our country, on matters which you as military men can speak about with some authority. I hope you will

read about the defense issues of the day, and make yourselves knowledgeable—then pass your knowledge on to your fellow citizens.

Many issues are being raised in Congress, in the press, and in public statements by men of prominence that contain a great deal of what can only be described as nonsense about the defense of this country. Much of what we have been hearing about the ABM system, for example—or the Cambodian operation—or the ROTC—or military waste, or almost any other important military issue, is of debatable accuracy.

Granted, much of it is based on a deep and earnest desire for peace in the world, but we as Americans cannot bring peace to the world merely by yearning for it. We and our military power are all that stand between many of the smaller nations of the world and subjugation by the forces of communism, and it would not be a step toward peace if we were to reduce our ability to provide that protection. It would, instead, be almost a certain route to further conflicts.

The military establishment has suffered more than other segments of our society from these recent outbursts of criticism, dissent, and name calling. It has heard itself described as a squanderer of the nation's wealth. It has found itself blamed for one of the most unpopular wars of our history—a conflict which, in all truth, was thrust upon the military rather than sought by them. It has heard the competence, and even the integrity, of its leaders called in question in the most demeaning terms. It has seen itself held up, by the so-called peace groups, as the symbol of a repressive and militaristic society.

It has been able to respond only indirectly to much of this criticism, because military men are supposed to avoid politics. Today, however, there is a great deal of apprehension

# PARALLELS

among reasonable and thoughtful men in the nation's Capitol, and elsewhere, that the security of the nation is being jeopardized by the outrageous and persistent attacks on the forces that provided our nation's defense. There is a fear that the criticism is giving a momentum which may end in a serious deterioration of our will and our ability to defend our country, and protect other nations of the free world.

That's why now it behooves us, as representatives of the military, to make ourselves heard plainly on matters affecting the unity of our nation.

It is time at long last for us to acquaint our fellow citizens with the realities of defense, and realities of power in a dangerous and imperfect world.

Now let me talk for a moment about some things that are happening in Washington that affect all of the military, the National Guard as well as the rest. This is the year for economizing. Pressures are being exerted from many directions to drastically reduce our expenditures on the military establishment. The Fiscal Year 1971 budget will be more austere than anything most military leaders had anticipated. It will require drastic reductions in strength in the active forces, equally drastic cuts in what our military departments had hoped to spend on replenishing our stocks or modern equipment.

The results of this economy drive will be felt in every branch and component of the military. It's too early to talk in detail about the specifics of these cuts as they affect the Guard, so I'll simply say—be prepared for a period of near-starvation budgets.

The National Guard *seems* to be in a better position than most to avoid the most drastic of these cuts. With the regular forces destined to receive some serious cuts in

strength, the reserve components very well may become more important than ever before in the defense structure of the nation. Leaders of the active Army and Air Force have said repeatedly, in recent months, that it will soon be absolutely mandatory that the reserve components achieve and maintain the highest possible levels of combat readiness, if America is to be capable of fulfilling its numerous commitments around the world.

This does not mean that we can expect to find our manning level increased, for they most certainly won't be. At some point in the near future, in fact, it is *my* belief that we may even have difficulty in retaining authorization for the strength level we currently enjoy.

What the active forces are going to insist on, with greater urgency than ever before, is readiness in forces we have.

The National Guard holds a better position in the competition for funds and support than the other reserve components because of our State mission. It therefore appears likely that, for the immediate future at least, we will feel the budget reductions less than our friends in the wholly Federal reserve.

Our biggest single problem during the next two or three years may very well be that of keeping our strength at authorized levels. All of you are aware of changes that have been made in the draft procedures—changes that limit draft vulnerability to those 19 years old and younger. You also are aware of the strong pressures that are being exerted to shift our emphasis to voluntary manpower procurement.

It does not appear probable that the all-volunteer concept will make much headway in Congress this year and perhaps in even next year. Nevertheless, there will be a gradual swing in the direction of voluntary procurement, and a corresponding

reduction in draft pressures exerted on young men of military age by the draft. As this happens, we will find it increasingly difficult to keep the ranks of the Guard filled, both with enlisted men and officers.

Our main hope in all this is that we can make some substantial improvements in our re-enlistment picture, and in the enlistment of men with prior service.

If we are to be successful in this, we have to make service in the Guard more attractive than it has been in the past.

The public relations department of the National Association recently conducted a nationwide attitudinal survey of enlisted National Guardsmen, to ascertain what our own people think of Guard service. We thought that by knowing the attitudes of Guardsmen toward the Guard, we could pinpoint, and possibly eliminate, some of the more objectionable features of service in the National Guard.

Similar studies of a more limited nature have been conducted by the National Guard Bureau and even by some of the States. All of them seem to confirm some things that we had commenced to suspect long ago. They confirmed that unchallenging training and boredom are the undesirable features that Guardsmen themselves cite more often in their criticism of us. They show that additional financial rewards would *help* keep men in the Guard, but that money is not the primary factor involved. The primary factor is that of personal satisfaction in doing an important job well, and in a sense of personal worth. Young men will not be willing to stay in the National Guard for an extended period unless they feel that their personal efforts are recognized, and unless that effort results in something worthwhile being accomplished.

Those are matters on which each



of you, as National Guard officers, can have a direct influence in your own units.

I hope, therefore, that each of you will look on this as a matter in which you have a personal and important responsibility, and will tackle the job with your usual enthusiasm and vigor.

In Washington, meanwhile, we will be attempting to obtain some more tangible resources in which to revitalize re-enlistment programs—such resources as re-enlistment bonuses, improvement in reserve retirement, and higher pay. It appears improbable that we will have much success in this area this year, in the face of the economy drive to which I referred earlier, but we can at least lay the groundwork.

Most of you are aware that some unknown person placed a satchel charge against a wall of our building during an anti-war demonstration in May, and shattered all of the plate glass windows along one wall of the Hall of States. Replacement of the glass, and repair of some other damage, has proceeded rather slowly because of the time required for ordering, cutting, delivering and installing 70 very large sheets of heavy tinted plate glass. We hope, however, the work will be completed shortly, and that our building will be restored to its former condition and appearance. We were insured, and the insurance will cover most of the costs of the repairs.

Once again, I thank you for inviting me to your conference and for listening to these remarks. I also want to extend my sincere thanks to you for accepting the responsibility for hosting our 93rd General Conference in 1971. The National Guard officers all over the country still talk with fond remembrance of their visit here a decade ago for an earlier conference, it was an occasion which they and their ladies will remember for a lifetime.

I know how much work is involved for you in staging such a conference and I therefore am extremely appreciative to General Webster and to all of you for so graciously agreeing to accept these responsibilities once again.

# WE SALUTE THEM



A "little white lie" started a 42-year career for Chief Warrant Officer Fred K. Robello when he fibbed about his age in 1928 to join the Hawaii National Guard. On August 28, Fred, now the senior Hawaii Guardsman in terms of service, retired. During those 42 years, he rose through the ranks to become a Chief Warrant Officer Four. He took some time off to spend six years on active duty during World War II as a First Sergeant with the old 298th Infantry, and then returned to help reorganize the Guard when the War was over.

Fred has been a full-time Federal employee for over 32 years. He's been the Guard's Technician Personnel Officer and, for the past three years, the Budget Officer in the Comptroller Division. He's seen both of his twin sons join the Army Guard, and both of his daughters marry men who work in his office.

Fred has made a lot of friends during those 42 years, among them three Adjutants General. Those friends honored him with a testimonial luau on October 2 at the HIC Assembly Hall's Pikake Room.

## Honor Graduate

Master Sergeant Howard A. Okita of the 154th CAMRON was a recent honor graduate of the Air National Guard's Non-Commissioned Officers' Academy at McGhee-Tyson Air Force Base in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Academy prepares selected NCOs for more advanced leadership and management responsibilities.

Master Sergeant Okita joined the Air Guard in 1953 as a member of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.



## First Graduate

Lt. Col. Paul S. Mori, recently returned from Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, resumed command of the 201 MCS at Hickam AFB on July 1, 1970. Lt. Col. Mori, a member of the Hawaii Air National Guard since 1956, is the first Hawaii Air National Guardsman to complete the resident course at the Air War College. He also attended the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB. Lt. Col. Mori has been an air technician since 1956, and has served in the 109th AC&W Squadron, Hq HANG, and the 201 Mobile Communications Squadron.

## Outstanding Commander

Captain Tsutomu Ueno of Hilo was selected as the Outstanding Company Commander in both the Hawaii Army and Air Guard. Ueno was described as "A 'fire-house' commander who can be shifted to take charge of a weak unit and built it into a strong one."

## Outstanding Weapons Director

Lieutenant Jerry M. Matsuda, of 2511 Manoa Road, was awarded the George T. Miki Memorial Trophy as the Outstanding Weapons Director in the Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG) by Brigadier General Valentine A. Siefermann, HANG Commander. The trophy was presented for exceptional skill and proficiency as a Weapons Director. A Director is the man responsible for guiding friendly fighter aircraft to successful intercepts of hostile bombers. He also assists aircraft in distress and coordinates recovery operations.

Lieutenant Matsuda is employed full time by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Highways Division. He is a part-time Guardsman, a member of the 169th AC&W Squadron, and only the second part-timer to receive this award since its origin.



## Outstanding Field Grade Commander

Lt. Col. Tai Sung Hong, Commander of the 199th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, was selected as the Field Grade Commander of the Year for 1970. He was also selected as the Air Guard's Fighter Pilot of the Year. These achievements are more remarkable because Lt. Col. Hong is a part-time pilot in a unit which is composed of many full-time aviators. He works as a full-time stock broker for Francis I. duPont and Company, and the brokerage business keeps him occupied from six in the morning until two in the afternoon, then the Squadron and flying take up his afternoons. The Commander normally spends 20 to 30 hours a week at his "part-time job."

## Outstanding Warrant Officer

The Association selected Chief Warrant Officer Thomas S. Spencer to receive its first Outstanding Officer/Warrant Officer Award. The Association's selection was based upon: outstanding service in the Hawaii National Guard; ability to inspire the confidence of others; participation in civic activities, and previous awards and commendations.

Chief Spencer was described by his commander, Lieutenant Colonel Fred Koehnen, as "An old soldier, quiet, dependable and efficient. He does his job without fanfare, but he has the technical knowledge and the personal dedication to accomplish all tasks assigned with superior results."



## James Y. Sato Award

Captain William D. Spillane, also of the 199th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, was selected as the winner of the James Y. Sato Memorial Award for 1970. The award was established in memory of Major James Y. Sato, a member of Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard, who died in an F-102 aircraft accident in 1964. The award is presented annually to the Hawaii Air Guard officer who makes an exceptional contribution to his unit's efficiency and to the mission of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Captain Spillane has been an A-1E pilot in Southeast Asia, a Weapons Instructor at Tyndall Air Force Base, and is also rated as an EXPERT in interceptor tactics. He devoted many hours of his time toward instructing other 199th pilots in intercept techniques, interdiction, close air support, and search and rescue missions.



# PUBLIC SERVICE

## band concert

The Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Band boarded a Tennessee National Guard aircraft one night, armed to the teeth. The Band had been invited to perform at the Air National Guard's Non-Commissioned Officer Academy located at Magee Tyson Air Force Base in Tennessee, and their armament included a truckload of instruments and a baggage compartment full of pineapples, orchids, anthuriums and Hawaiian perfume samples.

Master Sergeant Bill Yuen, lead saxophonist, stood off to one side with the Tennessee aircraft's Load Master, earnestly discussing the pros and cons of loading the instruments or the pineapple into the craft's single locked cargo compartment.

The Band's schedule at the Academy included playing for an honor guard ceremony on Thursday morning, a traditional flight line review for the graduates in the afternoon, and dance music and a hula show in the evening. Hula numbers were performed by burly John Bajet, Joe Kama and Joe Kaina, outfitted in hula skirts and kukui nut leis.

The next day, the 111th left Tennessee for Washington, D.C., where they were guests of the 1st Army Band and where they attended workshops with the organization. Their schedule also provided time for visits with the Washington-based bands of other services.

After the D.C. visit, the Band traveled to Carson City, Nevada for an evening concert at the State Capitol by invitation of Nevada's Adjutant General. The Band's repertoire included Hawaiian numbers such as "Koni Au" and Jack Pitman's music, as well as a variety of show tunes from Broadway musicals.



First Sergeant Makaulo does his bit for ecology.

## ecology

The Hawaii Army National Guard's ecology project, nicknamed "A tree in every foxhole" by the troops, moved into high gear with a three-battalion assault on hill 904 in the Kahuku range. The First Battalion, Second Battalion, and Support Battalion of the 29th Infantry Brigade, turned a number of their troops loose on the scarred monument, armed with 3,000 tiny pine trees, 40 bundles of grass for erosion control, and a ton of fertilizer to rejuvenate the almost-sterile soil. Most of the men were dressed in the traditional combat gear of the infantry soldier and they wielded GI-entrenching tools, as well as picks and shovels, as rows of trees and grass were carefully set into the barren scars of the often-used training objective, Hill 904. The project was planned jointly by

State Forester David Fullaway, a former Guard officer, and conservation-conscious commanders of the Army Guard. Conservationists within the Guard, like Major George Aoki, an agricultural extension agent, assured that the proper trees were selected and that the men were properly instructed prior to the start of the project.

The pines that were selected will eventually reach heights of 40 feet. In combination with the grass, the trees will halt the ravages of both wind and rain which have eroded the hill's slopes.

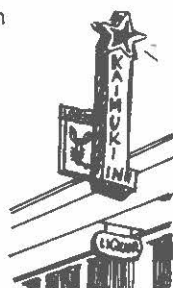
The project was the idea of Lieutenant Colonel Ellsworth Bush, Commander of the Support Battalion, and was designed to assist both the civilian and military communities of which Guardsmen are members.

The operation was completed within a matter of hours as everyone, including Major General Benjamin J. Webster, State Adjutant General, Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer, III, Commander of the Army Guard, Colonel Edward Yoshimasu, Brigade Commander, Battalion Commanders, and Staff Officers pitched in.

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## mike arrives

The Hawaii Air National Guard's Royal Guard received the Minuteman Mike Award as the Guard's Outstanding Community Service Project for 1969. The award is presented annually by the Adjutants General Association. The award—a six-inch-high bronze Minuteman statuette—was presented to State Adjutant General Benjamin J. Webster at the Association's annual meeting.

The Royal Guard was selected because it represents HANG's contribution to the community's restoration of Hawaii's historic Kalakaua era. The unique organization bridges the complex identity gap between Hawaii's Polynesian past and today's jet-equipped organization.



The Project.



The Award.

## clothing drive



The Hawaii National Guard, the U.S. Army and Navy, joined forces to provide used clothing for distribution by The Reverend Thelma Simpkins. Reverend Simpkins, Guard Chaplain Orlando Chapman, and Army Specialist Frank Gugudan, inspect the clothing.

## MAY I CARRY YOUR BOOKS?

The question is innocent enough, but unless you're prepared to carry 60,000 books from Kapahulu to Richards Street, don't ask it of Mrs. Tim Boyne.

Mrs. Boyne is one of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, and the books were sold to provide scholarship money for local youngsters who want to become librarians. The Friends of the Library adopted the project 24 years ago; however, this year's sale surpassed all others. This year's profits will also provide funds to send graduate librarians to institutes as far away as the East Coast.

It takes men, equipment, and time for the project, and the Hawaii Guard made all three available on a Saturday morning. The move was accomplished by 28 men and four 2½-ton trucks in a half-day.

As one of the men jokingly commented while he massaged his aching arms, "They've got to be kidding if they classify this as 'light' reading."

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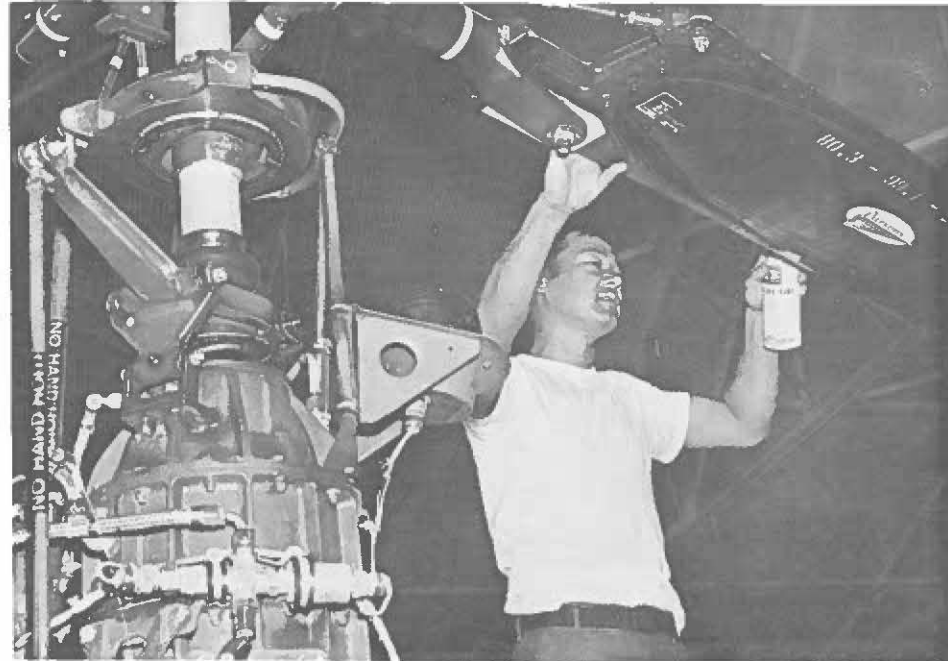
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# CAMP CANDIDS



Helicopter maintenance, one of the many skills required in the 2929th.



Camouflage, an indispensable part of combat training.



An artilleryman keeps the "move" in "shoot, move and communicate."



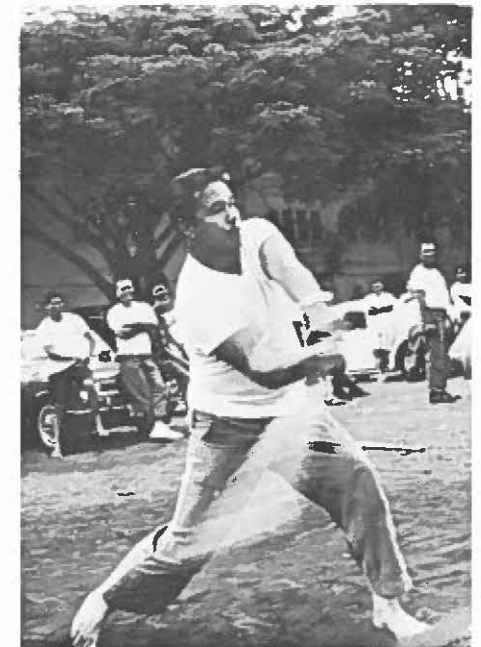
A 4.2 inch ear ache.



"Hoss" Fenner and his knight on their way to the impact area during field day.



That brisk out-doorsy aftershave lotion, the Makua breeze.



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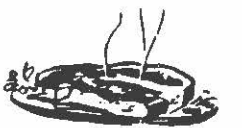
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# OCS GRADUATION



Lieutenant Melvin Imai

The Hawaii Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School (OCS) held its graduation exercises at the Schofield Barracks' Kaala Club for 14 Army Guardsmen, two Air Guardsmen and six Army Reservists.

The ceremony marked the end of a course of instruction that had spanned 13 months and a curriculum which included courses in leadership, individual- and crew-served weapons, instruction techniques, administration, logistics, communications, maintenance operations, counter-insurgency, and tactics.

The commencement address was delivered by Major General Benjamin J. Webster, Adjutant General of Hawaii, who spoke of his concern for the future and of the need for well-trained men. A congratulatory message was delivered by Brigadier General Charles Spragins, Commanding General of the 4th Infantry Brigade. General Spragins expressed his confidence in the graduates. The General once commanded a group of National Guard Rangers in Korea and he cited them as an example of the excellence of the Guard's forces.

Awards were presented for outstanding achievement. Elliott P. Akana received the Adjutant General's Award from General Webster, and was designated as the Honor Graduate for achieving the best overall ratings in academics, leadership, and performance of duty. He also received the Erikson Trophy from the General, who presented it on behalf of Major General Winston P. Wilson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau. William E. Desha received both the Hawaii National Guard Association Award for Leadership and the Association of the United States Army Plaque for Leadership. Gary L. Covert received the Academic Board award for attaining the highest academic scores during the year. The award was presented by Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer III, Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard, OCS Superintendent, and President of the Academic Board. Earlier in the program, Covert delivered the valediction. The Tactical Officer Committee Award for Physical Training was presented to Arthur Ugalde for attaining the highest score in the Physical Combat Proficiency Test. The test consists of five events including a one-mile run. Paul I. Kaneda received the Commandant's Award from Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Y. Oyama for making the greatest overall gains during the year.

Other graduates were: David K. Arita, C. Steven Brown, Joseph L. Carreira, Thomas B. Chang, Thomas E. Cox, Harry H. Hamano, Melvin K. Imai, Michael Y. S. Kim, Allen K. Kiyota, Gordon T. Mizusawa, James T. Nottage, Norman K. Y. Pang, Danny S. Tengan, Rodney B. Toledo and Calvin M. Yonamine.

On Monday morning, most of the men reported to Guard units where they received assignments and practical experience as platoon leaders for the second half of the Army Guard's annual training period.

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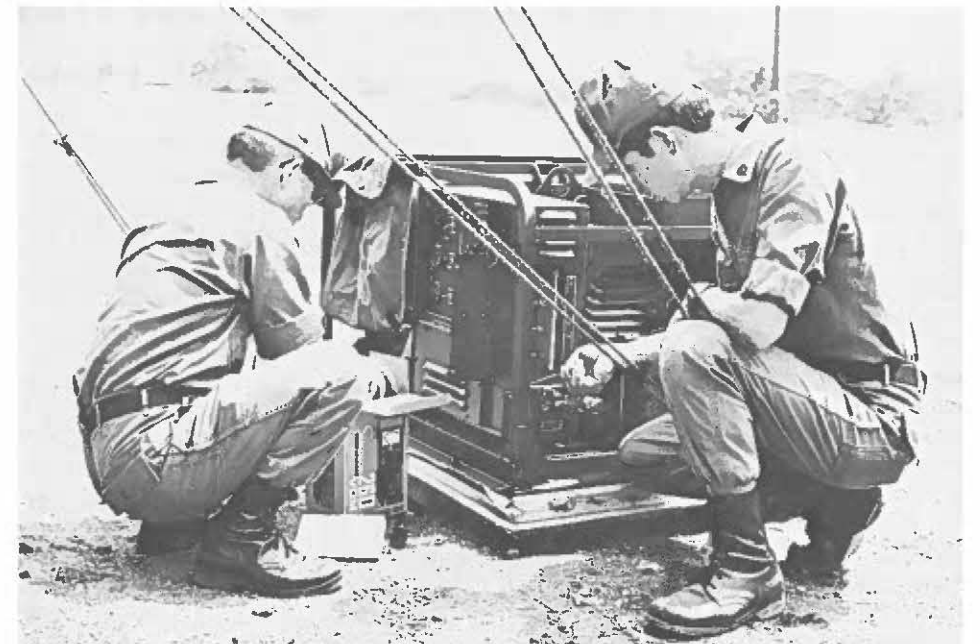
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# BRIGADE SUPPORT



The Support Battalion's repair vans moved right along with the combat units to provide maintenance in the field.



Experience and education in the Support Battalion. Sp6 Richard Watanabe demonstrates generator maintenance to Sp5 Ron Kuga.

By: Major R. N. Daguio

The drive to bring the Battalion up to authorized strength has also included the recruiting of several new officers into the Battalion. Since the last issue, Captains John D. Ghee, Edward L. Correa Jr., Richard Y. Miyamoto, and First Lieutenant David W. K. Ma have transferred into the Battalion from the Army Reserve's Control Group. Other new officers are Second Lieutenant Nelson Jones, via "Direct Commissioning," and Second Lieutenants Melvin K. Imai and Arthur E. Ugalde, graduates of HARG OCS Class 08-70.

A special Battalion team, headed by SSG Wallace K. Yamashiro of Company B and consisting of members SGT Marvin E. Char of Company C, SP5 Gregory M. Yukitomo of Company A, and SP4 William S. Peters of Company D, provided continuity for the Battalion's recruiting effort while we were away at Schofield for Annual Training. The team remained at the Fort Ruger Headquarters and did an outstanding job in contacting former 29th Support Battalion



The 227th's brand new crane was put right to work on construction projects at Schofield.

members, non-prior-service people, and in spreading the word to the civilian population about the National Guard's enlistment program. Although the total results of their efforts won't be realized for a few more weeks, several of the men contacted have already indicated an interest in joining the Guard.

On July 31, 1970, Company A

(Administration) enlisted PFC Clarence Jun Dart Ching, and became the first unit of the 29th Infantry Brigade to achieve 100 percent of its authorized priority aggregate enlisted strength. The unit, however, is back down to 98 percent as of this writing because two enlisted members were lost when they were commissioned.

# KOKEE COMMENTS

By: Captain James N. Kurita

## Hoku Award Presented to SSG Douglas Kao

Staff Sergeant Douglas Kao was awarded the Hoku Award as the outstanding airman for the first six months of 1970. The presentation was made by LTC Dewitt C. Bye, 150th Commander. SGT Kao, a member of the Communication Maintenance Section, was honored for his outstanding performance of his military duties, initiative, leadership, military bearing, attitude, job knowledge and performance. His self-improvement efforts, level of Air Force Specialty Qualifications, suggestions toward unit improvement, and other personal attributes were also recognized.

SGT Kao was given special recognition for his demonstration of exceptional leadership, which contributed to the accomplishment of unit mission and his logical, precise, and professional approach to his work. He has made a constant effort to keep the communication equipment in peak condition and has designed modifications to increase the capability of the present equipment. He was further cited for his self-improvement efforts which included obtaining a First Class Radio/Telephone license and the completion of several ECI courses.

The Sergeant enlisted in the Hawaii Air National Guard on May 16, 1964 and graduated from the Radio Repairman's Course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

## SGT Gene Moriguchi Recipient of the Hoku Hou Award

SGT Gene Moriguchi of the Radar Maintenance Section received the Hoku Hou Award for the first half of 1970 as the outstanding airman below the grade of Sergeant. The selection was based on his outstanding performance at basic military training, service school and OJT at the unit, as well as his outstanding performance of military duties, military bearing and attitude, personal attributes, self-improvement efforts, and initiative. Participation,

ability to effectively absorb and apply training received, attendance at unit training assemblies and field training were also considered.

SGT Moriguchi was praised for his unselfish efforts in aiding the training program in his section. He has volunteered to give instruction, and has undertaken unpleasant duties to allow trainees in his section to receive more proficiency training. He was also recognized for introducing new ideas and techniques which improved the section's ability to perform its mission.

SGT Moriguchi enlisted in the Hawaii National Guard in 1968. Before joining the air technician detachment, he was employed by Kentron Hawaii at Barking Sands.

## Surprise Promotion Ceremony for Captain Dobashi and 1LT Ellis

Major Raymond J. Moriguchi, Commander, arranged a surprise promotion ceremony for Captain Myron Dobashi and First Lieutenant Wayne R. Ellis. Captain Dobashi's mother, Mrs. Hanako Dobashi and his fiancée, Jean Togo, pinned his "tracks" on. Lt. Ellis' wife pinned Wayne's new bars on. Both officers were unaware of their promotions or of the presence of their families. After the ceremony, they all attended a luncheon prepared by the best cooks in the Air National Guard.

# HANAPEPE HIGHLIGHTS

By: PSG Clarence Ariola

It was party time at the Hanapepe Armory as more men from Company B returned from active duty. The whole thing was put together by First Sergeant Spud Olivas, Sergeant Pascua, the Mess Steward, and the men of Bravo Company, who came up with some pretty far-out food. The guest list was headed by the Brigade Commander, Colonel Edward Yoshimasu, and his staff and Kay Duhrkoop, the Company's morale booster.

While the unit was at Schofield during the recent activation, a lot of us would come home for weekends or on leave before a Vietnam tour. Kay's was the place to go for information and a lift in your morale. A couple of the guys' morale got so high that they walked off without their boots.

Naturally, when the troops re-

turned to Kauai, they drifted back into Kay's, but this time to talk about those active-duty days. All types of tales have been told in Kay's, both sad and happy, but for the most part, judging from the stories, it was more fun than anything else.

One of the Company's former members, Murphy Maka, turned out to be a small-scale hero here on the Garden Isle. One day, Murphy stopped me as I was on patrol out in the Haena area (I'm a member of the Kauai police force in civilian life). He was suspicious of two haole surfers who were paddling up the Lumahai River. He thought they might be going to tend some marijuana plants that had been uncovered in the area several weeks prior. The two of us, and a third man, went after them into the area where the patch was located. Murphy was right. Both of them

went right to the patch, where they worked with tender, loving care. As a matter of fact, one of them was watering his plants in a very unusual manner. He was standing there nude, wringing his wet shorts out over the plants. The process was slow, but it must have worked, because the plants were healthy. We put a stop to the farming operation a few minutes later with the arrest of both men and the confiscation and total destruction of their carefully tended crop.

An area that is not quite as exciting, but more rewarding, is recruiting. Four of our new recruits have already left for Fort Ord. They are: Privates Stanley Almeida of Koloa; Ronald Santiago of Kapaa; Wilfred Espiritu of Hanalei, and George Thronas of Kapaa. More of them will be off to Fort Ord as soon as more space is available at the Training Center.

# THE 169TH A C & W

By: SGM Roy Chee

The 169th was recently awarded the Air National Guard Distinguished CEM Unit Plaque as runner-up C & E unit in nationwide Air Guard competition. Points were awarded for the unit's weapons qualifications, Airman re-enlist-

ments, skill level qualification, manning levels, personnel passing 3, 5 and 7 level tests, annual training attendance, ORI capability, and other outstanding accomplishments. The trophy was awarded at the recent New York Conference.

A "Casino Night" function, with all the color and gaiety of Las Vegas, marked a fund-raising evening on behalf of MSG Roy Tamanaha, who is scheduled for disabili-

ty retirement. Sgt. Tamanaha, a member of the 169th ACW Squadron since August 1961, is awaiting word from the National Guard Bureau on his separation. This well-attended affair was sponsored by the Squadron NCO Club. Many of the gifts were donated by Squadron personnel. An informal presentation of the proceeds from the Casino Night was held at Roy's home later.

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# DEAR MELVIN

EDITOR'S NOTE: The *Guardian* has gained a new columnist, Captain Melvin Ida of the First Battalion. He'll pass on hints and suggestions and he'll answer questions. Just send your questions or notes to CPT Melvin M. Ida, 1st Bn, 299th Inf, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793.

Dear Melvin: I've heard of some changes to our Serviceman's Group Life Insurance plan. What's the inside story on this?—Uncovered.

Dear Uncovered: Worry no longer. Hawaii Guardsmen now have \$15,000 of life insurance while on active duty under a new Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program signed into effect by President Nixon.

The new program raises the insurance coverage from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and includes all National Guardsmen and other reservists for the first time. The cost of the coverage will be \$1.80 per year for Guardsmen.

The coverage is in effect for Guardsmen only while on active duty for annual training and for scheduled weekly drill periods. It also includes the time necessary for direct travel to and from the training site or armory.

The insurance program is administered by the Veterans' Administration, and coverage is automatically in effect for all our Guardsmen.

Guardsmen who do not wish to receive the coverage will be given a chance to decline it, but this must be done in writing by the man.

The VA says premiums for Guardsmen and other reservists who are on active tours of less than 31 days will be \$1.80 a year for the \$15,000 coverage. The annual premium drops to \$1.20 for \$10,000 of coverage and to 60 cents for those who want only \$5,000 of coverage.

The new SGLI coverage can also be converted to a commercial plan

without the usual physical examination or other proof of good health.

Dear Melvin: Whatever happened to the income tax deduction that the HNGA was attempting to have the State Legislature pass?—Deductible.

Dear Deductible: Governor Burns has signed legislation that allows Guardsmen a \$500 deduction on their Hawaii State income taxes. Yes sir, it pays to be a Guardsman!

Dear Melvin: I'm an E-4 whose enlistment is nearly over. I'd like to stay in, but only as an E-5. What do you suggest?—Passed Over.

Dear Passed: During the period that "Try One" is in effect, men below the grade of E5 who extend their enlistment for two years or more in lieu of electing a discharge upon ETS, may be promoted to the next higher grade. So sign on and save me a cigar.

Dear Melvin: I'd like to get into the management field. How can I get my foot in the door?—Eager.

Dear Eager: You can head your own company before the age of 30. Enroll in the National Guard OCS next spring.

Dear Melvin: I'm a letter carrier who got stranded in Hawaii during the recent convention. The Post Office doesn't need me. Can you suggest something for a man with my background?—E.E.E. Smith.

Dear E.E.E.: I have immediate openings for individuals who like to walk, MOS 11B or MOS 11C. The jobs pay \$16.60 per month and they're with rapidly expanding companies which offer great advancement opportunities. Contact the 1st Bn, 299th Inf.

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## SHELL REPS

By: Captain Richard Fenner  
Two Redleg Vietnam Vets  
Win Commissions

It isn't every day that you can go to bed as a Sergeant and wake up as a Second Lieutenant. But that's what happened to two members of the First Battalion, 487th Artillery, when two of the Battalion's combat veterans received Second Lieutenant's bars in late summer. The two men, Ernest M. O. Lum and John K. Hao, were commissioned under a new policy which allows enlisted men of rank E-5 or higher and with combat experience to become officers. Both men went on active duty with the 487th Field Artillery Battalion of the 29th Infantry Brigade, served in Vietnam, and were awarded the Bronze Star.

Lieutenant Hao served with the First Field Forces in the Central Highlands as a Section Chief in a self-propelled, 175mm gun unit. Lieutenant Lum was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division's 3d Brigade as an electronics technician, and he maintained the Brigade's surveillance radars.

New Command Sergeant Major  
for the Artillery

It is a long, hard climb to the top in any field, and it takes plenty of skill, perseverance, and devotion to duty. Our new Command Sergeant Major has these attributes and more. Command Sergeant Major Hiroshi Sano started his long climb as a Private 25 years ago at Schofield Barracks, before many of our present Guardsmen were born. Seventeen years ago, he joined Company L of the Third Battalion, 299th Infantry of the Hawaii Army National Guard. In 1959, he joined Battery D of the Second Missile Battalion, 298th Artillery and later, in 1960, he joined the 227th Engineer Battalion which later became our First Battalion of the 487th Artillery.

When the 29th Brigade was called to active duty in 1968, the old warrior was there with the Battalion, but the talented NCO was soon reassigned to Headquarters, 29th Brigade where he remained until deactivation, when he again returned to the Redlegs.

## THE 201ST COMMO NET

By: Captain David F. Howard  
A1C Gregg Kakesako, a member of the Telecommunications section of the 201 Mobile Communications Squadron, and recent press secretary for Representative Sparky Matsunaga in Washington, D.C., is now a writer for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. A1C Kakesako was a member of the Washington, D.C. Air National Guard. Gregg first joined the 201st after he graduated from Coe College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and History. He also has a master's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri.

Captain David M. Rodrigues, recently of the 234th Mobile Com-

munications Squadron of the California Air National Guard, and originally of the 154th Fighter Group, Hawaii Air National Guard, has returned to Hawaii and joined the 201st MCS as the Maintenance Analysis, Reports and Records Officer. Captain Rodrigues was an Air Technician with the 154th Fighter Group, the 150th AC&W Squadron, and Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard, before leaving HANG in 1966 to attend college at San Jose State. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and is now employed by Hawaiian Electric Company.

The Squadron NCO club has

### Heroes Behind the Scenes

It isn't very glamorous, but without it, nothing happens. Sounds like a riddle doesn't it? Well, this year at annual training, it was more of a riddle than you can imagine. The answer to the riddle is "supply."

With many chiefs and few Indians, the fantastic job of supplying an Artillery Battalion went on with hardly any hitches, thanks to the hardworking personnel of the Battalion and Battery Supply Sections.

Not enough credit is given to these unsung heroes who, from early morning until late at night, keep the necessities of life flowing. At Schofield Barracks' McCarthy Flats, everyone congratulated the forward observers for bringing the rounds in on target, they applauded the speed of the gun crews, and were amazed at the precision and accuracy of the Fire Directors Computers firing data computations. Yet no one realized that without the Supply Section, none of this could have happened. They rarely noticed that the Supply Sections were around at all. Well, not entirely—some of the guys were a bit vocal because they couldn't have whipped cream on their strawberries in the field, but then that's typical. Nobody is perfect, not even our Battalion and Battery Supply Sections.

elected new officers for this fiscal year, and forecasts increased club activity and continued success for the coming year. The club, under the leadership of SSgt Bertram T. Narita, is planning to host the open house, scheduled for this November, in our new facility at Hickam AFB. The new executive council of the club consists of: SSgt Bertram T. Narita, President; SSgt Eugene H. Kawamata, Vice President; SSgt Wallace J. Oki, Secretary; SSgt Robert K. Iwane, Treasurer; TSgt Norman M. Uyechi, TSgt David P. Langsi, SSgt George I. Hayashi, TSgt Henry Arthur, TSgt Robert T. Kamiyama, and TSgt Clement M. Oshiro, council members.



# THE DEPOT DATELINE

By: Major Richard Murakami

Annual training 1970 was an unusual experience in a number of ways for the men of the 292nd Supply and Service Company. For example, this was the first two-week summer camp for most of us. In previous years, as Battery D—a Hercules-Missile unit—the training had been spread over the entire year, with only five days of training as a unit. In fact, for some men, this was the first taste of active-duty-style life since their basic training and AIT days. Also, because of the reorganization of the old Air Defense Group, nearly every prior serviceman in the unit had been assigned to a job for which he had no previous training. Because of these conditions, many of us approached camp with feelings of apprehension, a sense of challenge, and probably a mixture of many other feelings.

As you might expect, whenever people change their places of living and working, the move from the Company area to Schofield Barracks was accompanied by a little confusion, but by the evening of the first day most of the men and all of the equipment were settled in what was to be their home for two weeks.

A bivouac had originally been planned for the second week of camp, but the schedule was changed to allow two full weeks of MOS training. Very few complaints were heard following this announcement; in fact, it seemed that fewer complaints than usual were heard about the training all through camp, since the men regarded their training as useful and interesting.

The Bakery Section, for example, trained at the Pearl Harbor Navy Galley, where they were introduced to the fundamentals of baking for large groups of people. They also assisted the regular mess personnel in meat-cutting and in other areas of food preparation. Near the end of the second week, their labors bore fruit in the form



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of a magnificent cake which they baked and brought back to the company.

The Laundry Section spent their working hours at the Army's Quartermaster Laundry, where they observed and assisted the regular personnel. These men enjoyed the bonus of having their uniforms laundered free of charge each day.

The Petroleum Platoon also trained at Pearl Harbor's Naval Supply Center. They learned about various types of fuels and the vehicles and aircraft which use each

type. Testing procedures, used to determine the properties and quality of the fuels, were demonstrated to them. Under field conditions, the petroleum platoon would set up portable tank yards in the field and distribute fuel to combat units. Classes were given on these subjects.

The Transportation Section, and the rest of the 298th Field Depot units, operated the motor pool at summer camp. In addition to their regular duties of keeping the company's vehicles clean, running, and



Darn it Max. Yes Ma'am!

available, they were often asked to furnish drivers for other sections of the company. Despite the fact that only a few of the members of this section were experienced in motor vehicle maintenance, they performed their service well.

In addition to training, other activities—both military and non-military—took place. The Eisenhower Trophy, which is awarded annually to the outstanding unit in the HARNG, was awarded to Battery D at the Governor's Day parade. Specialist Five Melvin Mishina of our unit was also honored as the Soldier of the Year.

Our recruiter, Specialist Five Tony Pangan, enjoyed an extremely successful two weeks. Although some of the men considered the appearance of his recruits to be a cause for humor, Major Naipo assured them that the barbers in basic training would change things quickly and that he would personally see that they retained their masculine good looks afterward.

Training ended with the sight of the men loading up and moving back to jobs, wives, and girl friends.



SFC Charles Shimata learns how off-line storage is used in the computer center.

By: Duncan Chang

Thirty-two officers and 86 enlisted men of the newly formed Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 298th Field Depot, recently completed two weeks of intensified training at Schofield Barracks and surrounding military installations. The Depot Guardsmen applied themselves to training that ranged from baking to data processing and petroleum handling procedures.

The diversified training gave the Field Depot troops firsthand experience at the jobs they'll do when and if they're activated. This on-the-job training provided practical application of the lessons learned in classroom sessions and from technical manuals.

The entire two weeks of annual training wasn't all work and no play. In the middle of camp, recently promoted E-8s Simon Dano, Toshiharu Hamatake, Wallace Hong, Nelson Mau, Gene Naipo, George Shimada, James Suzuki, and Wilfred Takabayashi, and a host of E-7s celebrated their promotions. Ice-cold Hawaiian champagne and loads of Island pupus were devoured by the Company.

The Officer Corps of the Depot celebrated too. Promotions of Colonel Aiona, Lieutenant Colonel Keys and Ing, and Majors Deai and Clarence Park were toasted at the Wheeler Officers' Club.

The Company also enjoyed a Field Day of athletic events during camp. They participated enthusiastically in swimming, volleyball, basketball, baseball, horse-shoe pitching, ping-pong and tent pitching, and they were rewarded the next day with bruises and an assortment of sore muscles.

Annual training came to a close when Second Lieutenant Clifford Kawano, the "Class A Agent" for the Depot, paid the troops. Needless to say, after that, Annual Training '70 ended, not in a barracks, not in a maintenance shop, not in a computer center, but in the PXs and Commissaries.

## R & R

By: Duncan Chang

The true meaning of "aloha" was expressed this summer when the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard combined efforts and hosted 24 deserving California Guardsmen and their wives on a Hawaiian R & R trip. From the moment the California plane touched down at Hickam Air Force Base until the same plane made its return flight, the Californians were treated royally—Hawaiian style.

Command Sergeant Major Clifford Chee of the Air Guard arranged for the group to be quartered at the Pacific Beach Hotel in Waikiki, and Major Sam Naipo of the State Maintenance Office provided a tour bus and Sergeant First Class Eddie Auwae, the driver. A VIP tour of the State Capitol was arranged and conducted by Chief Warrant Officer Francis Lum, the Governor's Assistant, and a buffet lunch at Haiku Gardens was provided through the courtesy of Lieutenant Colonel Melvin Ing of the 298th Field Depot. Members of the Hawaii Air National Guard then coordinated a memorable trip to Kauai, which was hosted by members of the 150th AC&W Squadron. The Dole Corporation provided a free cannery tour and the Guard rounded things out with a circle-island bus tour.

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# BENNY THE WHIRLWIND



How long does it take to join the Guard? It all depends on your recruiter's A.Q. That's an anxiety quotient. Rodney Ushiro's recruiter, Master Sergeant Ben Villaverde, has one of the highest A.Q.'s in the Guard, and Rodney's 46-hour enlistment bears it out.

It began when the young man from Wailuku walked in to see "Whirlwind" Villaverde on a Tuesday afternoon. Before he left, he'd been scheduled for the battery of Armed Forces Qualifications Tests at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday and the Army Physical on Thursday.

Rodney turned out to be Grade AA Guard material, so on Thursday, shortly after the physical was "pau," Lieutenant Robert Johnson, the Administrative Officer of the Advisor Group, swore Ben's catch into the 29th Brigade.

The efforts of men like Master Sergeant Villaverde have resulted in the highest recruiting gains since World War II. Our most recent "Box Score" looks like this:

Assigned Strength 2,158

#### Top Company Sized Units

2929th Med Det  
227th Engr Co  
HHC 29th Inf Bde

#### Top Battalion Sized Units

29th Spt Bn  
2d Bn 299th Inf  
487th Arty Bn

National Guard Bureau Recruiting Bulletin No. 9 ranks Hawaii 6th in the enlistment of prior service personnel and 12th in extension of enlistments. We've moved up 9 "notches" in the extension of enlistments.

# VILLAVERDE RECALLS VIETNAM - PART II

By: First Sgt Ben Villaverde

By the time most of us from the 29th were firmly entrenched in 4th Infantry Division bunkers in the Central Highlands, Charlie had pretty well restricted his activities to light contact and skirmishes with the Fourth's persistent and wide-ranging patrols. Occasional rocket attacks on the fire bases, landing zones and, every so often, on the division base camp—Camp Enari—served as a reminder, however, that he was still around.

An activity that proved to be fruitful in many ways, and one that many of us participated in, was the Civic Action or "pacification" program. Through the efforts of the S5 teams, the suspicious Vietnamese discovered that the American GI was human after all, and kind, gentle, even neighborly at times, and always determined to improve Vietnamese living conditions. At the same time, the teams introduced a program of nationalism to make the Vietnamese aware of their government and its interest in them.

Under a completely revamped "Good Neighbor Program," training sessions were begun to teach the Montagnards fundamentals of first aid, construction, and updated agricultural techniques, including vaccination of their cattle which, with herds of buffalo, were a common sight throughout the country.

But it wasn't all peace and tranquility, for the enemy constantly brought havoc and discomfort to the natives in its attempt to offset the American's plan for village pacification. Incorporation of Montagnard hamlets under the Division's Hamlet Visitation Program became a priority effort, sponsored by the base camp's support units. This entailed not only helping the 'Yards to settle themselves in ham-

lets other than their own, but also providing adequate defenses for their protection. One Civil Affairs team was responsible for the protection of a consolidated hamlet called Plei Brel Dor, and the team was commanded by Captain James Respicio of Company A, First Battalion, 299th Infantry. Quickly and efficiently Captain Respicio's team tightened the village perimeter and fortified the area with strong bunkers and well-placed concertina wire.

A week later, under the cover of darkness, the Viet Cong surged toward the wire, intent on a quick victory. Under a heavy volume of firepower from the Red Warriors and the well-organized Montagnard defense groups, the enemy was turned back, their attack broken. Six of the enemy were killed in action. For the Plei Brel Dor this was more than a military victory; it was a major psychological achievement because it boosted the morale of the villagers and strengthened their confidence in the Americans.

With the village secured, health and sanitation became the major concerns of the Red Warrior CA team. By practicing modern preventive medicine and treatment, the team managed to curtail the persistent outbreaks of cholera and plague and greatly reduced the incidence of disease among the villagers. The importance of sanitation was also stressed.

The villagers learned a lot about agriculture from the CA team as well. Rice forms the major part of the Montagnard diet. The team introduced a new strain of rice imported from the Philippines which could possibly double production. The people were also instructed in the cultivation of vegetables such as corn, tomatoes, squash and watermelon.

The Montagnards kept water buffalo and pigs largely as a meas-

ure of wealth, and these animals were seldom killed except as a gesture to honor a deceased villager. Consequently, their diet was supplemented with fish. Five fish ponds were also constructed for the use of the villagers.

Another "Pineapple" engaged in pacifying the natives living near his base was Sergeant First Class Edward Auwae (Company D, 29th Support Battalion), who served as acting First Sergeant for Company A of the 704th Maintenance Battalion at An Khe. SFC Auwae, who could pass for an overgrown Montagnard himself, personally controlled his unit's indigenous labor force composed primarily of 'Yards. Ed's ability to get the most out of each Montie without causing discontent or disenchantment among them was his forte. All of the grounds and building maintenance, beautification, and even repairs were done entirely by Auwae's native cohorts. Word got around that this American GI was "Numbah One," and recruiting of local labor became routine matter. Small wonder that the moniker "Mayor of An Khe" was tacked on to this veteran Hawaii Guardsman.

In the next issue, work and play—the Vietnamese way.

# THE ACCENT ON YOUTH

How can training and other activities be made more meaningful, interesting and worthwhile? Is it a matter of making a unit more attractive to the community, or a matter of explaining the National Guard as a whole more fully? The answers to these questions and to others about training, recruiting and retention may very well come from a committee appointed by the Hawaii Army National Guard's Commander, Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer III. Spurred by an analysis of similar problems on the mainland, General Schaefer appointed an Advisory Committee of 12 very young Army Guard enlisted men. The Committee is headed by Second Lieutenant Wayne Honda, a teacher and bonafide member of the "now" group.

The Committee represents a cross section of the Oahu units; however, similar committees will soon be formed on the neighbor islands. Each will be used to foster a free exchange of constructive ideas which lead to practical solutions. The solutions will then be submitted to General Schaefer or the island commander for review, so that appropriate programs can be instituted.

Of course, ideas aren't limited to just the Committee, so Lieutenant Honda and the Committee members have taken some of their proposals back to their units, which have become sounding boards for solutions.

The Committee members are: SP4 John J. Crouch, HHSB 2st Bn 487th Artillery; SP4 Glenn T. Ha-

mada, Btry A 1st Bn 487th Artillery; SP4 Roy Y. Itokazu, HHSB 1st Bn 487th Artillery; SP4 Robert T. Meyer, 227th Engr Company; Calvin K. Nakaishi, Co D 29th Spt Battalion; PFC Douglas L. Halsted, 290th Gen Sup Company; PFC Dean I. Matsuda, 292d Sup & Svc Company; PFC Wayne H. Oda, 291st Maint Company; PV2 Jerry K. Arakawa, Co A 29th Spt Battalion; PV2 Alan M. Kataoka, Co A 29th Spt Battalion; PV2 Kelvin Keanini, HHC 29th Inf Brigade; and PV2 John E. Zimmerman, Co C 29th Spt Battalion.

The end product of these men's efforts should be a more viable HARNG which can fulfill its Federal and State missions and, at the same time, stay in tune with its members.

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# NCO NOTES

By: PFC Wayne Gau

The delegates of the Hawaii National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association gathered in the Maile Room of the Kahala Hilton Hotel for their annual meeting in late summer of this year.

Before the meeting started, SMSG Kenneth S. Kiyabu, the incumbent president of the Association, commented on Association activities. He was asked what he considered to be the most important project that the Association had undertaken during the year. SMSG Kiyabu said that it was the welcome given to the returning 29th Brigade.

During the presentation of the committee's reports, MSG Alfred M. Young, of the Information and Research Committee, recommended that the NCO Association investigate the activities of the HNG Officers Association for projects that will be of benefit to the NCOs.

The best report was given by SSG Benjamin Almadova, who headed the Time and Place Committee, which, of course, arranges the time and place of the Association's meetings. Since the results of his work were rather obvious to everyone present, he reported that, "The time is now and the place is here."

One area discussed by the members present was the participation of neighbor island members. The discussion centered around the fact that the NCOs on the outer islands were hesitant about joining in the Association's activities because the Oahu group tended to dominate things. Others noted that officers and council members from the neighbor islands had a difficult time flying here for the regular meetings and, at times, the meetings had to proceed without them.

Others noted that the Army Guard dominated the positions and

recommended that the presidency be alternated between the Army and Air units.

All agreed that changes would be desirable and that new ideas would help the Association.

New officers were elected during the course of the meeting. The men who will serve during this year are:

PSG John W.C. Seto President  
29th Infantry Brigade

CSM Wm. W.C. Duncan, Jr. Vice President  
298th Field Depot

MSG Francisco Tabar Treasurer  
29th Support Battalion

MSG Wayne Soma Secretary (2 years)  
Hawaii Air National Guard

The new council members are:

Master Sergeant George Cho  
29th Infantry Brigade

First Sergeant Shunzi Kato  
29th Infantry Brigade

Sergeant Melvin Chock  
298th Field Depot

Staff Sergeant James Robbins  
Hawaii Air National Guard

Sergeant Major Kanekuni  
Army at Large (2 years)

Staff Sergeant Benjamin Almadova  
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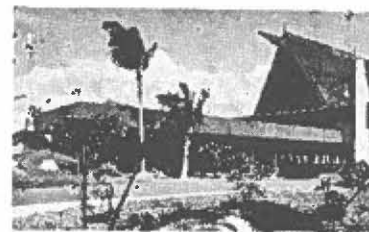
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