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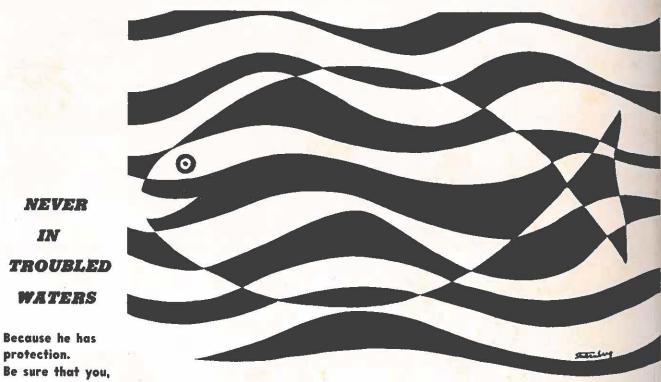
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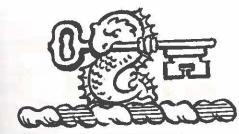
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Colors of the 299th Regimental Combat Team. Units of the 299th RCT are located on Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Molokai. Left to Right: M/Sgt Mitsuo Hasegawa, M/Sgt Kenneth K. Koizumi, SFC Shozo Taketa and M/Sgt Flordelino A. Miguel. All are members of Hq & Hq Co 299th Inf

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299th REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

"E MAKAALA KAKOU"

The 299th Infantry Regiment was constituted in the summer of 1915, organized and federally recognized on 12 October 1915 as the Second Infantry Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii. It was consolidated with the 3d and the 4th Regiments and the First Company Hawaii National Guard 1 July 1917, retaining the designation of the Second Infantry Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii. This organization was drafted into Federal service on 1 June 1918 and redesignated Second Hawaiian Infantry Regiment.

Upon termination of World War I this unit was demobilized on 14 February 1919. It was reorganized and federally recognized 29 June 1921 as the Second Infantry Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii. It was further redesignated 299th Infantry Regiment on 17 August 1923. World War II service commenced with the induction of the 299th Infantry Regiment into active Federal service on 15 October 1940 at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, T.H. The inactivation of this command took place on 20 June 1942 when Niseis assigned to the command were transferred and organized into the 100th Battalion. The remaining personnel and equipment were transferred

to organize the 3d Battalion of the 298th Infantry Regiment which organization continued on active federal service until the termination of World War II.

The post war organization of the Regimental Combat Team occurred in September 1946 and Hq & Hq Co 299th Infantry was reorganized in Hilo, Hawaii per paragraph 3 General Orders 2, AGO·HAW, 1946, and was federally recognized on 8 October 1946. Colonel Jack E. Conley, presently military aide to the Governor of Hawaii, was the first commanding officer of the post war organization. He resigned on 7 August 1947 due to pressure of business and was succeeded by Colonel Lester W. Bryan. The latter was reassigned as Assistant Chief of Staff, Hawaii National Guard on 16 October 1950 and was subsequently succeeded as Commanding Officer, 299th RCT by Colonel Frank A. Alameda on that date.

The initial post war reorganization of the 299th Infantry included units on the island of Hawaii with the 1st Battalion stationed on the islands of Maui and Molokai. On 24 April 1947 the 299th Infantry Regiment was redesignated 299th Regimental Combat Team consisting of the 299th Infantry, 487th FA Bn and the 230th Engr Com-

Col. Frank A. Alameda, center, commanding the 299th RCT, poses with his staff officers. From left: Major Sau Hoy Wong, S-2, Lt. Col. Rudolph Wipperman, Surg., Lt. Col. George W. Carter, Advisor, Lt. Col. Michael R. Roman, XO, Col. Alameda, Lt. Col. Paul Schattauer, Prov Bn CO, Maj. Reginald Lau, S-3, 1st Lt. Aley K. Auna, S-1 and Maj. John R. D'Araujo, S-4.



bat Co with Colonel Jack E. Conley as commanding officer. This organization is in effect today. The only major change in the Combat Team occurred on 1 November 1956 when the 2d Bn was inactivated on the island of Hawaii and the 3d Bn 298th Infantry was redesignated 2d Bn 299th Infantry with station on the islands of Kauai and Molokai. At the time of this reorganization the Heavy Mortar Co was transferred from the island of Maui to the island of Hawaii with station at Honomu, Hawaji. Bravo Co which was formerly a part of the 1st Bn with station at Kaunakakai, Molokai was redesignated Golf Co with no change in station, except that it became a part of the 2d Bn with headquarters on the island of Kauai. The 299th Regimental Combat Team enjoys the distinction of being the first post war National Guard Combat Team to be organized in the entire nation.

The growth of the command is indicative of the hard work and untiring efforts of those responsible. Reorganization on 8 October 1946 consisted of the minimum number of individuals required to acquire federal recognition. The strength of the Regiment on 1 January 1947 totalled 30 officers, 2 warrant officers and 133 enlisted men, comprising Hq & Hq Co, Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn, Med Det less 1st Med Section, 1st Bn Section Med Det, Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn and Anti-Tank Co. As of 31 December 1947 the strength of the Regimental Combat Team totalled 87 officers, 3 warrant officers and 1482 enlisted men. The strength of the Regimental Combat Team as of 18 January 1957 is 133 officers, 18 warrant officers and 2126 enlisted men.

At the time of this writing an intensive recruiting drive is being planned for the period 1 February 1957 to 15 March 1957 with the goal set at acquiring a net gain in strength of 263 enlisted men.

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Commanding the 299th RCT's provisional units are, from left, front: Capt. Paul K. Nakamura, Svc. Co., CWO Andres A. Baclig, Band, Capt George M. Aoki, Hqrs. Co. Capt. Katsuki Arita, Hv Mort Co. Rear row, left: 1st Lt. Robert J. Santos, Med Co(—), Capt. Daniel Wela, 230th Engr Co, Lt. Coi. Paul A. Schattauer, Bn CO, and Capt. Chester K. Long, Tk Co.

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Working on the 1957 Field Training schedule are 1st Bn staff officers, from left: 1st Lt. Komao Mochizuki, Asst. 53, Capt. Claro R. Capili, S4, Maj. August M. Nascimento, Actg Bn CO, Maj. Solomon Lee, S3 and CWO Peter O. Sierra, S1.



Third Battalion commanders are, from left: 1st Lt. Yutaka Nakashima, Co L, 2nd Lt. Harauyuki Suzuki, Plat Ldr Co I, 1st Lt. Sam Leong, Co M, Lt. Col. George S. McEldowney, Bn CO, Capt. Donald E. Wills, Hqrs Co, Maj. Herbert Y. Miyasaki, XO, 2nd t. Henry Hara, Co K (-).



Commanding Kauai units are, from left: Capt. Minoru Takashima, Co F, 1st Lt. Moriyoshi Ganeko, Co H, Capt, Abel Medeiros, Hors Co, Lt. Col. Hartwell Blake, Bn CO, Maj. Peter Kim, Med Plat and 1st Lt. John Ilalaole, Jr, Co E.



Discussing a training situation are staff officers of the 487th FA Bn, from left: Lt. Col. Roy S. Replogle, Bn CO, Maj. Fred J. Koehnen, S3, CWO Clarence Ignacio, S1, 1st Lt Howard C. Abe, \$2.

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MILITARY **OPERATIONS**

by Lt. Gen. C. D. Eddleman, Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations

The following article appeared in the February 1957 issue of Army Information Digest, an official U.S. Army publication. Permission for its reprint has been granted by the Digest.

The Army is responsible for preparing forces for the effective prosecution of war on land. Indeed, no nation can accomplish its war objectives without control of the land - its people and its resources. The operations of air and naval forces are dependent upon the control of land areas. Only land forces can defend the base areas essential to the prosecution of war.

Our Army must be prepared to engage in any type of war in any area of the world where it is in the interest of the United States to commit military forces. This requires that the Army be capable of operations under all conditions.

While the Army emphasizes the attainment of a fully effective capability to conduct atomic warfare, ground forces must retain a capability to win wars in which atomic weapons may not be used. However, at all times Army forces will be operating under the continuous threat of atomic attack and must be prepared for such attack.

Today's Army is undergoing major changes to meet the challenge of the future. New tactical concepts are evolving to reflect the changes in weapons and equipment made possible by technological advances. Army organizations are being modified accordingly.

Army operations have been significantly affected by new developments in the fields of firepower, mobility and communications. The most dramatic of these developments involve the integration of atomic weapons and guided missiles into the Army's arsenal, and the introduction of air mobility and new means of achieving ground mobility on the battlefield.

FIREPOWER

The advent of atomic firepower in ground warfare is the single most significant factor influencing Army concepts of operations and organization. These weapons provide massed firepower of unprecedented destructiveness. With a wide range of weapons available, Army commanders are able to deliver firepower when and where needed and in the amount required. Because of these developments the concepts of land warfare, both offensive and defensive, are undergoing major changes.

In general, the most significant change resulting from the introduction of atomic weapons is that the zone of combat operations is enlarged.

The constant threat of atomic attack requires that Army units be comparatively small and self-contained organizations of combined arms, possessing great fire-

power and mobility. They must be able to operate semiindependently on a battlefield characterized by dispersed formations. Units must be prepared to exploit the effects of atomic weapons, yet they must be so organized and deployed that they will not be vulnerable to the atomic fires of the enemy.

Army firepower today includes the familiar conventional artillery weapons, the 280-mm. gun with its atomic and conventional capabilities, guided missiles and rockets.

The Army now has two operational field artillery missile systems - Honest John and Corporal. Both missiles can deliver nuclear and other munitions. The Honest John rocket is a division or corps weapon with a range comparable to heavy artillery. The Corporal guided missile is essentially a corps weapon with much greater

In addition to these surface-to-surface weapons, the Army also employs the Nike surface-to-air missile in defense of the United States from air attack. The present Nike is only the first in a family of antiair weapons.

All of these weapons are operational today. Significant strides have been made in providing today's Army with atomic delivery capabilities, and in integrating missiles and rockets into the Army weapons family to replace some artillery means.

In future weapons system, the Army is seeking increased range, greater accuracy, and lighter weight in order to provide a higher degree of battlefield mobility and air transportability. Future weapons will be characterized by vastly increased firepower and greater range. Increasingly, conventional artillery systems will be replaced by missiles and rockets.

Wherever practicable, these future weapons will be capable of delivering either atomic or conventional munitions in order to insure operational flexibility. Atomic delivery capabilities will be integrated into the Army structure down to and within the divisions, but the capability to deliver conventional fires also will be retained.

While Honest John and Corporal are the only field artillery missiles currently in the hands of troops, both in the United States and overseas, many new weapons are in advanced stages of development. The Dart is a small, lethal missile which is particularly effective in destroying armor and in assaulting strong points. The Little John and Lacrosse are being developed and in the near future will replace or supplement the Honest John. These simpler, lighter weapons will have improved accuracy and a higher rate of fire than existing systems.

In the near future, the Redstone surface-to-surface missile will go into service, enabling the Army to deliver firepower at extended ranges and with great accuracy.

Why does the Army need weapons able to fire at these great ranges? Because the combat zone is increasing in depth. The role of artillery is unchanged - i.e., to support the land battle with firepower. The Army must be in a position to engage enemy weapons and other targets that can directly affect land battle. It can be expected that friendly forces will be brought under attack by enemy long-range missiles. The commander responsible for the success of ground operations must be capable of countering and neutralizing this threat with weapons immediately available and responsive to his control.

Surface-to-surface missiles, those the Army has today and those of the future, are required for the Army's land combat mission. But the Army also has a mission to provide antiaircraft defense of the Continental United States and in combat theaters. Enemy capabilities, both in aircraft and missiles, determine the Army's requirement for antiair missiles.

The present Nike missile which is deployed in defense of critical areas in the United States is only the first in the Army family of surface-to-air missiles. The Nike-Ajax was designed to engage jet bombers, and is capable of destroying any known aircraft. However, the current version of the Nike is only a beginning in antiair missiles.

The Army plans to convert its present air defense installations to launch Nike-Hercules. This new version has greater range and speed, operates at greater altitude and carries a far more lethal warhead than Nike Ajax.

Nike weapons are intended for use at long range and high altitude. To provide an optimum defense at all altitudes the Army is developing a complementary missile system to destroy low altitude targets.

In carrying out its responsibility for antiaircraft defense, the Army has developed and employed the first operational antiair missile system in the free world.

MOBILITY

As has been indicated, the Army must be prepared to engage in combat anywhere in the world. Full effectiveness of land forces can only be realized if there are the means available to provide maximum strategic mobility.

No less important is mobility on the battlefield, as a means of reducing vulnerability to enemy action and to exploit the effects of the greatly increased firepower available to support ground operations.

The strategic airlift necessary to enable the Army to move rapidly to operational theaters must be provided by the Air Force, just as the Navy must provide the fast surface means necessary for oversea movement. But to achieve this kind of mobility, Army equipment must be lighter in weight and air-transportable, insofar as feasible.

In the realm of tactical mobility, the Army requires means which will enable combat forces to concentrate rapidly from dispersed forcations at the focal point of attack, and then as rapidly disperse again to reduce vulnerability to enemy counteraction. Also, Army commanders must be capable of moving supplies, troops and equipment within the battle area.

This kind of mobility requires improved battlefield mobility both on the ground and in the air. The Army needs lightly armored, air transportable vehicles that will give true cross-country mobility. The Army also needs improved aircraft capable of operating from unprepared fields in the combat zone.

In the field of ground mobility, the Army is developing lightly armored carriers. These amphibious, crosscountry vehicles can carry personnel, equipment, and supplies. They can be used as weapons platforms, or as command or reconnaissance vehicles. They provide protection against small arms fire and fragmentation, and against some of the effects of atomic weapons. A most important attribute is that they can be lifted by medium transport aircraft.

For the more immediate future the Army is developing a new family of tanks. While missiles will play an increasingly important antitank and assault gun role, it is not expected that the tank will be eliminated from existing organizations in the foreseeable future.

The M-56 is a lightweight, selfpropelled 90-mm. antitank and assault gun developed primarily for airborne and airlanded forces. It weighs about 16,000 pounds and has been parachuted successfully from C-119 aircraft. This weapon will provide a greater degree of antitank protection and assault gun support for airborne operations than has been previously possible.

The Army's mechanical mule is another of the new ground vehicles coming into service. It is a lightweight general purpose carrier having great battlefield utility.

Running through all of these developments in ground vehicles is a common emphasis on air transportability so that Army forces, with their equipment, can be moved by air to any trouble spot. But the Army also needs air mobility on the battlefield. This is a fundamental purpose of the Army aviation program.

Air vehicles are essential if the Army is to have the increased mobility necessary for combat operations. In many situations, victory will be on the side of the most mobile, but not necessarily the biggest, battalions.

Army aircraft must be capable of living with ground forces and operating in the combat zone. This requires rugged design and the ability to operate under primitive conditions. Helicopters, convertiplanes and fixed-wing are necessary for target acquisition, command, liason, logistic support, troop movement, evacuation, communications and for other combat roles. At the present time, seven branches require Army aircraft.

With a combination of these ground and air mobility means, the Army will attain greater and greater mobility. To survive on tomorrow's battlefield requires that ground forces have immediately available all the necessary means of tactical mobility to move troops, equipment and supplies within the combat zone. Only then will it be possible to exploit the effects of atomic firepower. It is this mobility differential over the enemy, coupled with the ability to mass firepower, that can insure victory in battle.

COMMUNICATIONS

Increased firepower and improved mobility of Army forces are having a major effect on tactical concepts. Operations on an extended battlefield with highly mobile, dispersed formations will impose new demands on the

Army communications systems. Problems of control and of target acquisition will assume far greater importance. Communications facilities needed will be far in excess of those previously required.

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The Army is developing signal equipment which is lighter in weight, and capable of operating at greater range. This equipment must be dependable and resistant to enemy electronic countermeasures. Progress also is being made in other fields of communications such as television, photography, radar, infrared, and electronics.

TACTICAL CONCEPTS

Advances in firepower, mobility, and communications are producing major changes in tactics and in organization, and in the methods of employing ground forces in warfare. The battlefield of tomorrow will be very different than in the past.

In an atomic war, the battlefield will be larger and combat action will be characterized by rapid movement and extended intervals between units. Formations will be dispersed, but will be capable of fleeting concentration to seize an objective. Mass formations to achieve a breakthrough or to mount an assault will be a thing of the past. Concentrations of men and material on the scale typical of World War II would be suicidal.

In a typical World War II conventional type of defense, for example, the bulk of the units were far forward, including not only the front line elements, but also the support elements, control media, and logistic installations. An atomic weapon delivered at any point along the main battle position would have produced major losses.

In a defense of the same area in the future, the battlefield would be many times as deep. Divisional sectors would be greatly increased in depth. Troop concentrations would be dramatically reduced with troops dispersed throughout the combat zone.

Such a defense in depth requires a reorganization of the battlefield, and new tactical concepts. Mobility is of the essence. Relatively small battle-groups of all arms must be capable of air movement within the zone of action and must be able to move cross-country. In this type of defense, atomic weapons would not fracture the battle position, although there would be disruption and damage.

Defensive action will consist of a rolling with the punch. There will be no rigid main line of resistance. The defense will be elastic; enemy penetrations of the defense position will be normal.

As the momentum of the attack is spent, the enemy forces become vulnerable to atomic weapons and are counter-attacked from the flanks and rear by the defending battle groups and by highly mobile reserve forces brought up from the rear. To be successful, these tactics demand that the Army possess the necessary means to fix the location of enemy forces, and the necessary command and communications facilities to permit the close coordination of the movement of counterattacking forces with defensive fires. Possibly the most important need is competent junior leaders, both commissioned and noncommissioned, who can exercise the judgment and initiative essential in conducting defensive operations of this type.

Turning to offensive operations in the future-a river crossing action, for example - the operation would

be conducted in accordance with carefully coordinated movement tables and scheduled fires. Because of the constant threat of atomic attack, the depth of the zone of operations would be greatly increased and units would be dispersed. The attacking forces, consisting of highly mobile mechanized battle groups, would be in concealed positions some 35 to 40 miles to the rear of the river line. Only minimum activity would be permitted in forward

The attacking formations would move out and cross the river in amphibious vehicles. Landings on the far bank may be timed to coincide with the arrival of airdropped and air-landed forces. Depending upon the circumstances, the objective area may or may not have been subjected to prior atomic attack.

Under this concept of operations, all effort converges on the objective in a fleeting concentration. After seizing the objective area, the attacking forces disperse as rapidly as possible to reduce their own vulnerability to atomic attack. The entire operation is characterized by speed and full exploitation of weapons effects, while avoiding any protracted concentrations which invite atomic attack.

This same offensive pattern is suited to operations conducted at any distance behind enemy lines. The only limiting factors are the radius of operations of aircraft and land vehicles and the ability to provide the necessary combat and logistic support.

ORGANIZATION

As has been indicated, the battle group will be the basic tactical element in future Army organization. Just what these battle groups will be called is not yet certain, but no matter what the name they will be very different from regiments and battalions as the Army has previously understood these terms.

However, studies and tests conducted thus far by the Army indicate that the division will continue to be the basic unit of combined arms. For the foreseeable future, there will continue to be a need for the three types of divisions - infantry, armor, and airborne.

The 101st Airborne Division, recently reactivated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, has been organized to take full advantage of new weapons. Similarly, the organization of the infantry division and smaller units is being studied continuously to adapt them to the conditions of atomic warfare.

The organization of the 101st Airborne Division is designed to test a unit equipped specifically for airborne operations. All of its equipment will be air transportable. The division contains five combat groups, each of which is capable of independent operations.

In addition to the five combat groups, the division includes a command and control battalion, a signal battalion, an engineer battalion, a composite artillery group, and a support command. Significant features of the 101st Airborne Division organization are:

- The division is organized on a pentagonal basis, with five subordinate elements at each echelon of command, rather than three as in the present triangular
- The division has an organic atomic capability with the Honest John battery.

- Functional logistics are provided by the support command.
- The division has augmented capabilities for target acquisition.

The number of aircraft required to lift the assault echelon of the new 101st Airborne Division is approximately the same as for the assault echelon of other airborne divisions, but the new organization will have equipment which provides significantly greater combat power. Whereas the present organization has heavy equipment in the follow-up echelon, the new divisional organization emphasizes the primary role of airborne assault, with less consideration to sustained ground combat operations.

On the basis of further studies and tests, it can be expected that there will be changes made in other organizations.

The Army can no longer think in terms of an approaching atomic age. That age is here. Today's Army is an atomic Army with capabilities which were unheard of a few short years ago. Present trends may be expected to continue.

In both offense and defense tactics will be tailored to meet the needs of an atomic battlefield. Victory will belong to the side possessing superior mobility, superior firepower, and superior command control. Full realization of the potential of new weapons and equipment, however, will be dependent upon reliable communications.

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There will be increasing emphasis on operations conducted under conditions of poor visibility and at night to reduce susceptibility to detection and vulnerability to atomic fire. Battles will consist of short but violent clashes. Real estate will be unimportant in itself. Rather, land areas will be important primarily as a means of controlling the battle or creating conditions favorable for the employment of improved weapons.

Offensive operations in the future normally will be made from column formations. The fleeting concentration of men and material necessary to attain the objective will be achieved by greater ground and air mobility. Overwhelming firepower will be concentrated in support of the attack, delivered by all forms of artillery — conventional, rocket, and guided missile. Units will concentrate rapidly at the focal point of the attack, and then just as rapidly disperse following seizure of the objective. In applying the principle of mass, the primary concentration will be in the form of firepower.

In adapting battle techniques and organizations to the needs of future warfare, it must always be remembered that weapons are not enough. Man himself remains the heart and soul of military power. In the last analysis, there is no substitute for the fighting man. He is the basic and essential element of any military organization. The most modern equipment of today and of the future is meaningless unless it can be mastered by man. The Army is absolutely dependent upon the skill and courage of the American soldier.



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"Through the smoky haze, I could see bodies silhouetted against the sky, storming over the hill, passing amongst the lifeless forms of the dead. I shivered. I buried myself into the withered maze of bushes that cluttered my machine gun position. A long line of them appeared over the hill and in back of them more troops, pushing forward with victorious smiles, poking the bodies with their bayonets as they passed by. Only a few minutes ago the hill was alive with the sound of battle, machine guns muttered in the darkness, cries of pain besieged the cold night. Then, the utter stillness. Those that were still living had left the hill. The dead lay still, bothered only by the probing of bayonets. The Chinese soldiers, passed by me. I stood up and walked with them. The fires of battle had died down, leaving me a silhouette in the maze of shadows. One of the forms came up to me -I stiffened. He put out his hand and shook mine then walked on. Three soldiers walked up to me and one grabbed my rifle. I ran down the hill, tumbling, stumbling, rolling, pitching forward. A staccato of bullets spread overhead. I kept running. It became quiet again. If I could head south again I could reach the remnants of my unit. I crawled along the side of of the road. Up ahead a group of soldiers appeared. American troops I thought. I jumped onto the road and ran to one of them.



Specialist Second Class Francis H. Wright sat back in his chair and watched the smoke from his cigarette curl to the ceiling. His eyes shadowed the six hours of fearful survival within Chinese lines, the capture and the thirty-three months of confinement in North Korea.

Where are the Americans, I yelled. He looked at me, shrugged his shoulders, and with an indistinguishable reply beckoned me off. He was not American."

"I had come into the army in 1949 after spending two years with the Hawaii National Guard. After a short stint in the States I was sent to Korea where I joined the 8th Cavalry Regiment in October 1950. Two weeks later near Unsan, North Korea, my company was in defensive positions preparing for an attack by Chinese forces. The attack started about six that evening (2 Nov). Masses of fanatical Reds attacked our positions, our artillery was knocked out, our machine guns were massed on line to keep the enemy back until we could withdraw to more suitable positions. Guns jammed, rifles misfired, the enemy mortar fire pounded us incessantly. The first few waves were pushed back, but the terrific pounding of mortar fire and the lack of ammunition told the story."

"After I had left the soldier I had mistaken for an American I headed north to get around the Chinese positions then head south. I met another group of Chinese and one soldier hit me on my helmet with a shovel. I ran down the hill and stayed hidden for awhile. About two in the morning I moved out again. I wanted to get as far away from the Reds as possible before daybreak.

There was a corn field which my company had camped in the night before. I headed for it, crawling on my belly. The Reds had already taken the area and were resting in the field. I moved from cornstalk to cornstalk. One soldier spotted me. I stood up and walked natural. Nothing happened. I headed for the road and walked along the gulley. In front of me was a monstrous mountain. If I could get there I could follow the ridge line to our positions. But to get to the mountain I had to cross an open field of about 300 yards. I started crawling across the field when five or six of the Reds spotted me and yelled. They called to me to come back. I went. I was told to put my hands on the ground then I was searched. They let me keep some pictures and a can of chicken, but threw away my letters from home. I was taken to a Korean hut where an interpreter questioned me. He wanted to know how many troops we had. If I were an officer. I told him nothing. He didn't want war, he said, and he knew I didn't. He wasn't going to kill me he said. I said nothing.

From then on until we hit Camp 5 in Northern Korea, I was moved from hut to hut. Other Americans were picked up and moved with me. An American lay outside of one of the huts. His right leg was blown off to the knee. He wanted some water. I asked the Chinese if he could have some. They said no. He was going to die anyway. They finally relented and gave him some. They took me away and that was the last I saw of him.

We came to another enemy camp where there were about a hundred American prisoners and we were loaded on trucks to be moved north. Along the way we picked up more Americans. We were camped together so tight that there was no room to move. When it was possible to stretch, I couldn't move my legs they were so stiff.

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Most of our travelling was done at night because of the daylight air raids and bombings by the UN planes.

Our first "home" was at a place called "Pleasant Valley" where we remained for a month. We would have stayed longer but for various incidents.

The Reds would get us into the assembly hall to join in singing songs — a regular community sing. One time, someone started singing the Star Spangled Banner and everyone stood up and joined in. The Reds tried to stop us but to no avail. After that, whenever we were told to sing songs, we sang the National Anthem. Once, we were being given an "indoctrination" class outdoors when we could hear another group in the auditorium singing the Star Spangled Banner so we all stood up and joined in.

It as just about then that the Reds decided to separate us, so part of the group was sent to Paktong where we stayed for a year, then another move to Changsong where I remained for the next two years.

Wherever we went, there was poor medical treatment. Because of the poor diet we existed on, many of the men died from dysentary and other filth diseases.

The worst time of the year was, of course during the winter months when the Korean weather stayed below zero for months. The meager wood that was allowed us didn't compensate for the cold, so we used to steal wood. Even today, when I see a branch or a piece of wood on the ground, I want to pick it up and hide it; because that is exactly what we did. Of course if the guards spotted us picking up any of the wood, we would be given suitable punishment — standing at attention outdoors with arms extended to the front for an hour or so.

Towards the end of our imprisonment, we were getting rumors that the war was over. As days went by everyone grew excited and tense, however there was no official word, but we could tell that things were happening because the attitude of our captors changed. We were getting better treatment and started to feel human again.

Then, one day, the International Red Cross came into our village. They brought us cigarettes, soap and toothpaste and even gave us a bottle of beer each — the first I had tasted in three years!

The next day, the Chinese put us on trucks and took us to Kaesong which was just within the Red lines. We stayed there for two weeks, probably to fatten us up. But regardless of the good treatment we got there, nothing — nothing could erase our scars, the physical and mental beatings that we had taken at their hands.

From Kaesong we moved to Freedom Village, which was established as a prisoner exchange center. From there to the American camp! Ice Cream! Milk! Fresh bread! All the things we had been deprived of, things that I had earlier taken for granted, but thought I would never have again! After two years 9 months and 21 days of captivity I could go home!

"The National Guard is an efficient, well-organized citizen force, . . . prepared to reinforce the Regular Army for the first phase of the defense of the country." General of the Army George C. Marshall (1951).

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S PAGE



The Training Program for the National Guard

I am certain that all unit commanders in the Hawaii National Guard will agree that our units should be made up of men who have completed essential basic training of the individual soldier, thereby eliminating recruit training and devoting armory drills and Summer Camp periods to training in weapons (individual and crew served) and tactical training of small units.

President Eisenhower in his recent statement on his views of the need to maintain and enhance the mobilization readiness of the National Guard stated, quote: "As Commander-in-Chief, I subscribe fully to the statutory declaration that now and in the future we must maintain and assure the strength and organization of the National Guard as an integral part of the first line of defense of the Nation, and to the end that your organizations shall be ready to discharge their historic role at the very outset of any national emergency." unquote.

It is apparent that the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 was legislation designed to make the Reserve Forces, including the National Guard, a more efficient and effective Mobilization Day Force, ready to take its place with the active Army in a national emergency.

This Act provides that there should be not less than three and not more than six months of active duty for training with the regular forces for all members of the Reserve, including the National Guard. The Department of Defense, in implementing this Act, has directed that this training will consist of six months of training with the regular forces and that this program be placed into effect as of 1 April 1957.

In the recruiting drive, which commenced 1 February 1957 and ends 15 March 1957, the Hawaii National Guard is taking advantage of present directives pertaining to enlistments in the Guards. It is seeking the enlistment of veterans — that is, men who have had prior military service — or men who will agree to take the six months of training with the active Army. Those who have not had prior service and who cannot take the time for this active service may be enlisted during this period on the basis of four non-prior service men to one prior service man or six-months potential trainee.

During the period 1 October 1956 through 31 January 1957, the "one in five" enlistment program has had some success as follows:

Number of new enlistments

Number of prior active service

Number of enlisted for six-months
active duty
with the percentage "one in five" of 45.3%

It is expected that after 1 April 1957 the recruiting program, which is the responsibility of the Territory, will have some difficulty in enlisting non-prior service men who will agree to take six-months training, and as we understand it, 120 days from the date of enlistment. It is expected that the recruiting program after April 1 will meet with some opposition particularly with young men eligible to join the Guard, because the six-months training program will seriously interfere with their schooling and/or business in which they are engaged. It is hoped that the Department of Defense and the Department of Army will approve the recommendations made by the Executive Council of the National Guard Association of the United States, which met on January 27 and proposed the following program:

1. That all men age 18½ to 25 years who have enlisted (as members before 1 April 1957) be permitted to take six months' active duty for training on a voluntary basis, provided they have not already had active duty for training.

2. All men age 18½ to 25 years who are enlisted on or after 1 April 1957 be required to take six months' active duty for training as a mandatory condition to their enlistment.

3. All men age 17 to 18½ years who are enlisted on or after 1 April 1957 be required to take 11 weeks of active duty for training as a mandatory condition to their enlistment. These men may volunteer for six months' active duty training.

4. All men age 17 to 18½ years who have enlisted (as members before 1 April 1957) be permitted to choose either 11 weeks' active duty training or six months' active duty training, on a voluntary basis.

5. That there would be no ratio imposed upon the component to the number of men to participate in either the 11-week program or the six-month program.





PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Major Vernon Flake

Legislation now before the 1957 Hawaiian Legislature is vitally important to the Hawaii National Guard. I hope that all members of the Hawaii National Guard Association will carefully watch the progress of these bills as they progress through the various stages of legislative action.

Our Council has given full support to the Military Department's program. In addition, the Hawaii National Guard Association is sponsoring three bills which will be submitted to the Legislature for consideration.

The first of these would, if enacted, provide an annual appropriation from the Territory into the unit fund of each organization of the Hawaii National Guard (Army and Air) in the amount of one dollar for each enlisted member in the particular organization. Payment would be based on the actual enlisted strength on January 2nd of each year. The funds would be paid to the Adjutant-General for prompt distribution to each of the organizations. The effect that the passage of this measure would have on the morale and enthusiasm of our people would be immediate.

The second act sponsored by the Association would

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authorize Enlisted Grades additional pay from the Terri. tory during the annual field training as follows: Grades. E-4 to E-7 would receive \$1.10 per day; Grade E-3 would receive \$1.00 per day, and Grades E-1 and E-2 would cach receive \$.90 for each day of summer camp.

In the performance of their Territorial mission, various units of the Hawaii National Guard have been ordered to active duty by the Governor several times during recent years. The Kauai floods and the Puna volcano eruption are recent striking examples of disasters where it was necessary for individual Hawaii National Guards. men to devote their services to the "Protection of life and property and preservation of the peace, order and public safety".

The third act sponsored by the Hawaii National Guard Association recognizes and asks for some equalization in the pay differential existing between the civilian job the Hawaii Guardsman may be ordered away from, and the generally lower active-duty pay. This area of inequity is further compounded by two facts: the Guardsman must continue to meet his civilian commitments, and further, the very presence of the emergency requiring the mobilization will, in most cases, make the duty of an extremely hazardous nature. We are therefore asking that the pay of all Hawaii Guardsmen ordered to Territorial active-duty during periods of emergencies or disasters be increased by an additional sum of eight dollars per day.

From time to time, we all hear discussion that the Territory should provide Guardsmen with distinctive license plates, and we admit that there is considerable merit to the idea. However, because of the many prob-(Continued on page 32)

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News of the Quarter

FROM OUR UNITS

HQ & HQ DET

Finally, the rain stopped!

But not before soaking both floors of the Detachment. It was a common sight for two or three days to see barefoot M/Sgt "Masa" Abe and Sgt Harold Shinsato dumping water over the second story railing. Most of the equipment was saved when the "boys" covered the property with canvas.

However, there are better days ahead. The leaks have since been patched. As a matter of fact, they have a

brand-new roof.

Congratulations to Sfc Arthur B. Whittington on becoming a papa for the second time. This time it was a boy, born on January 23. Congratulations also to our Asst. G-4, Major (oops, sorry sir!) Lt Col Forest Hatfield for his promotion and recognition from NGB.

Two Headquarters Detachment personnel are attending service school in Indiana. Capt Henry S. Kuniyuki is attending AG school to keep up to date with changes in Army regulations and procedures.

Sfc Nelson N. Kato is attending finance school. His newly attained knowledge will be applied at the pay table this coming summer camp. He left last February 3rd.

In the "So Sorry" department, the first sergeant is having a run of bad luck. M/Sgt Roland Yee signed up for the marksmanship course, but at the last minute, was turned down. Then he signed for the QM school, which is supposed to start on the 21st of February, but as of this writing, no answer from NGB. "You know the old saying Sarge, If at first you don't succeed . . .!"

Everybody these days is "recruiting happy" and members of the detachment are no exception. Yellow recruiting bumper stickers are a common sight on rear bumpers in the detachment area. However, the unit doesn't have much of a recruiting problem. They only need three more men.

120TH MP CO

May we digress for a moment to quote from a letter written by Colonel Henry G. Thomas, Provost Marshal USARPAC, on the occasion of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Military Police Corps: "Military Organizations do not stand still in ability. "They either get better or fall off in efficiency." To many, here was a timely reminder of the importance of sound leadership, of Esprit 'de Corp, of high morale, without which no unit could hope to function efficiently. Lets give it some serious thought.

Very noticeable at present in the company are the sudden appearance of shiny, brand new chevrons. Reason: Primitivo Manandic appointed Sfc; double treat for Samuel Prestidge who no sooner had he sewn on Corporal stripes, when he was appointed Sergeant; William Blankenfeld, Clarence Hohu, Donald Iaea, Robert Larrison, Richard Mori, and Paul Won, all appointed Specialist 3rd Class; Followed hard at rear by George Nolan,

Richard Hirabayashi, David Takegami, and Lloyd Wilson, all appointed Private, First Class. Appointment of Samuel Prestidge climaxed the many hours spent on studying, taking a written test, and appearing before a special board. Sgt Prestidge was chosen from a group of five finalists. Congratulations and good luck, Sam.

Hearty welcome to the following new unit members: Sp3's Martin Sampaga and Dennis Pang, Pfc John Ferreira, Pvt-2 Crispino Sampaga, and Pvts Terrence Derby and Maitland Silva. May your kind increase that we may meet our recruiting quota. What say, recruiting sergeants, any more?

Sportswise, our basketball team made headlines, company level that is. Our "Fearless Five", led by "Al" Kamae trounced - er - was trounced, twice in the Hilo Police Law Enforcement Basketball League. Their Sportsmanship and enthusiasm however, gave cause for a "Goodwill Trophy" award, and prompted a letter of Greetings and Salutations to this unit from the Board of Supervisors, County of Hawaii. We are indeed honored. In bowling, our teams are making good headway. How about a trophy, bowlers.

613TH ORDNANCE CO DIRECT SUPPORT

This year the 613th Ord Co (DS) Small Bore Rifle Team emerged as champions during the recent state championship tournament held at Fort Ruger. This match was one of the most competitive matches held in the history of small bore shooting, outshooting their adversary (the former mighty Service Company 298th Inf HNG) now Hq & Svc Co 227th Engr Bn HNG, that dominated the AG's trophy for the past six years. A score of 1368 was posted which was record smashing, shattering the former record of 1341 held by Service Company 298th Inf HNG in 1951 by 27 points. Our first five were: SFC Conti 279, SGT Yim 276, SP2 Yamada 273, SP3 Viveiros 271, and SP2 Nakoa 269. Congratulations! Keep up the good shooting boys, and let's keep the AG's trophy in our show

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613 Ord Co (Continued)

The Activation of the 628th Ordnance Detachment (CC) has stirred quite a number of men with electrical experience in the Hawaii National Guard. You men with electrical background had better hurry and join cause there's only room for one more. For further information, get in touch with WO W-I AKANA newly appointed commanding officer for this detachment by dialing Honolulu 7-6862.

Recently, 613th Ordnance Company (DS), Hawaii National Guard, celebrated their 10th Anniversary at Lau Yee Chai's. Led by Captain Nicholas M. Beloberk, all those that attended commented that an enjoyable evening was had by all.

St. Nick (Willingham) was the guest of honor at the Annual Christmas Party for the members and families of the 613th Ordnance Company held at the company's machine shop. The kiddies certainly enjoyed the program and St. Nick's visit. Looking back to the party, I noticed that facilities here are getting a little too small to accommodate the ever growing 613th clan. Just imagine! Mr. Stork worked overtime for the proud PAPAS of this unit by delivering approximately 20 bundles of bambinos during the past year.

Casey Beloberk did it again at the annual IG inspection coming through with another superior rating making it four-in-a-row and five-in-a-row for the ratings at summer camp.

Recruiting is now a big problem in the company with the strength slowly dwindling. The Guard's slogan of "Every man get a man' and "Keep your guard up", is being put to a test on 19 February 1957 when this company will hold their "OPEN HOUSE" to the public. Can we, (The 613th Ordance Company) keep our guard up? Bet your bottom dollar, cause our slogan is: "ATTEND CAMP WITH FULL STRENGTH"



Col. Robert L. Stevenson, HNG Chief of Staff, congratulates McKinley ROTC sponsors upon award of the ROTC Sponsors Medal, during a review at McKinley High School honoring Col. Stevenson.

227TH ENGINEER BATTALION

With the changeover of the 298th RCT into AAA and Engineer Battalion are the new public information officers for this battalion. Second Lieutenant Whang is the new battalion PIO and is assisted by the capable PIO representatives from the various companies. These PIO coordinators are:

Med Det — Sfc Alcina
Hq, Hq & Serv. Co — Sfc Lawrence Kelley
Alfa Co. — Pvt Lee
Bravo Co. — Sp3 King
Charlie Co. — Pvt. Owen Saiki

These men will be looking for any and every news event that concerns this battalion and you can be expecting them to be asking you for news articles in the future.

Along with the newly appointed PIO Board, we also have a Battalion Athletic Board, who's job is to work in close coordination with the Adjutant of the Bn and the Athletic Committee of the HNG Special Services Board, and also to schedule all athletic events for the battalion. The members of the Board are as follows:

2d Lt Samuel L. Keala, Jr., — Chairman 2d Lt Wah Lee Ching — Asst. Chairman M/Sgt George K. Kahapea, Jr. — Hq, Hq & Svc. Co Sp3 Thomas K. Nakatani — Company A Sfc Christopher K. Koanui — Company B Sfc Alfred M. Chan — Company C

Whata you say Engineer's, lets back these fellows up and give them all the help and cooperation necessary so we can have a well rounded athletic program.

Over at the Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company, over twenty transfers from the old Service and Medical Companies have come to fill up the newly created positions. These men along with "old timers" will be spearhead of this engineer company.

Congratulations are in order for the promotion of 1st Lt Joseph Holck to the rank of Captain.

Congratulations are also in order to the two men whose wives recently presented them with offsprings.

We will be looking forward to having Sp3 and Mrs. Roy Okami's son joining the Hawaii National Guard in 1974. To Pfc and Mrs. Manuel Ferreira, congratulations on the birth of your daughter. We hope that Manuel's wife will be presenting him with a guardsman in the near future.

Along with the transfers to this company are three new enlistees — George Murakami, Ken Oshiro and Flint Wood. We welcome these men and wish them a happy future in the National Guard.

Going to the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Va., is WO W-1 Sampson K. Bright. W. O. Bright left on 30 Jan 1957 to enroll in the Engineering Equipment Maintenance Officers Course and will return to Hawaii with more engineering knowledge and also with a free trip to the mainland. This should be an incentive for more of you guardsmen to apply for the various technical courses offered.

Last but not the least news from Headquarters Co. is the honorable discharge of Sgt Ed Castillo on 29 Jan 1957 after 9 years of HNG service. Sgt Castillo will be remembered for his excellent service as 1st Bn motor pool sergeant. Headquarters Co wishes "civilian" Ed Castillo the best of luck in his move to the States. News from Alfa Co centers around their Christmas Party held on Sunday, 23 Dec. 1956 at the Waikiki Sands "Continental Room". Music was provided by guardsmen John Bajet, Sam Ke and K. Igarta and door prizes were awarded to the following:

Ham — Mrs. Julian Rosa Turkey — Mrs. Sam Ke Silverware — Sgt Santos Silverware — Pfc Kusunoki

A grand time was had by those attending the party planned by M/Sgt T. Chun.

One of our members took part in the Hawaiian AAU 10-mile road race held on Sunday, 13 Jan 1957. Sp3 Elmer Graham ran a good race and came in 5th place. We hope to see Sp3 Graham breaking the tape in the next

The latest addition to Alfa Co is 2nd Lt Lawrence H. Y. Whang who transferred over from Charlie Co.

Bravo Co welcomed two new enlistees on 13 Jan 1957. We hope that James Benton and Eugene Espinda will enjoy their stay with Bravo Co. Transferees to Bravo Co are 2nd Lt Samuel Keala from Alfa Co and Sfc Akana, Sp2 Hashimoto, Kawamoto and Yoshina from the old Medical Co. Each one of you is welcomed by the Company.

Leaving Bravo Co for the U. S. Air Force is Sgt Ogata. We wish him luck in his new adventure and will be glad to have him back when his tour of duty is over. Another guardsman leaving the company is Pvt E-1 Robert Pedro who will report to the 25th Div for 6 months active duty on 11 Feb 1957. Pvt Pedro's tour of duty will be invaluable to him on his return to this company.

Along with all this shuffling of men is the promotion of W. O. Hisashi Kawai to Chief Warrant Officer. Congratulations CWO Kawai. Promoted in the ranks are Pvt E-2 Anderson, Arakawa, Yoshioka, Kinilau and Keolonui to Pfc. Bravo Co hopes to "run away" with the 227th Engr Bn basketball title with a team coached by the capable Sfc Christopher Koanui. Members of the team are: Kinilau, J. Castro, J. Keanui, C. Keanui, W. Morihara, A. Alana, W. Kanamu, J. Kahu, R. Wong, D. Oyama, H. Akana and D. Kaahaaina.

Let's have a good turnout by the other companies to see which company has the better basketball team.

Promotions, appointments and new guardsmen make up the news over at Charlie Co.

Second Lt Whang, who has recently received his commission is spearheading a rash of commissions in Charlie

Sfc Alfred Chan has been appointed to the position of Athletic Director and is trying to round up a basketball team to compete in the battalion. Sfc Chan had better put up a good team to beat the optimistic guys over at Bravo Co.

With the new recruit drive in force, Charlie Co has enlisted Pvt Solomon Ellis, Pvt Herbert Hanawahine Jr., Pfc Samuel Moku. Jr and Sfc Herbert Isa, who has just finished 2 years of duty with the Army. Sgt Herman Fong has also transferred over from Bravo Battery of the AAA. Congratulations to these men.

As a final thought, let's build up the 227th Engr Bn so it will be the best battalion in the HNG. Bring in your share of new guardsmen.

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298th AAA GROUP

158TH AAA BN

The 158th saw a turnover of officers in January which resulted from the conversion of the infantry to artillery. We lost several officers, including Battalion Commander Lt Col John M. Becker, to the newly formed 298th AAA Bn, one to the 227th Engr Bn, one to the 368th AAA Det (Operations) and one to the 122d Signal Det. In their places we got Major Masato Sugihara, as Battalion Commander; Capt Edward K. N. Kim, S3; Capt Adolph X. Lino, S-4; and Lts Reginald S. E. Lee, Robert H. C. Hee, Richard S. Oguro, Rudolph C. Thomas, Basil W. Hansen, and George M. Miyachi, all of whom went to the firing batteries.

Batteries B & C started out the recruiting drive on 1 Feb with a demonstration at Farrington High School, coordinated with the efforts of Major Sugihara, who is an instructor at the school. One of each of the major items of equipment was taken to the school and demonstrated to the student body, together with a talk to the eligible young men on joining the Guard.

Batteries A & B have just completed a series of Monday night "county fair" type classes for members of the 298th AAA Bn. The Fort Ruger units attended the two hour sessions at the Alfo and Delta Battery gun and equipment parks on 18th Avenue. Interest among the pupils ran high even on those nights when the skies were wet. Capt Keys, Lt Ing and WO Wong and some of their full time employees were the instructors. Btry A also jacked up their equipment and ran it over to Btry C. 298th AAA Bn in Kaneohe for the class on Monday night 4 February 1957.

297TH AAA BN, HNG

Several changes have taken place since the last issue of the *Hawaii Guardsmen* and many more will probably come about before this article is read. Looking into the activities of Battery B, we could see the rise and drop of the battery strength by two and four. From the Big Island (Laupahoehoe) we had Antonio Baldogo fly over to land in Battery B as a transfer. Our newest enlistee who is probably the youngest in battery B is Hidefumi Akahoshi.

We're glad to hear that Samuel Choo, Richard Kuga, Shiro Nagai, Donald Kuroda Jr., and Allen Wakabayashi are going to be with us for another three years. We also have four happy men who have recently been promoted in rank, they are as fellows: Roland Kanemaru, 2d to 1st Lt, John Miyahara, Roy Kuba, and James Tanaka, Pvt E-1 to Pvt E-2.

Hailing from the far corner of Oahu, is Lawrence P. Yurong of Btry C, who was recently promoted to the rank of CWO-W2—Boy we can see his face crack with smiles when called "Big Chief Petronilo of Waialua County". "Big Chief" is also contemplating attendance of MSS FCS Maintenance Course held at Fort Bliss, Texas where he can visit his ancestors.

Presently attending the AAA Officer Basic Course at Fort Bliss, Texas is 2d Lt John L. Naone of Battery C, who departed on 27 January 1957. Also waiting with eager anticipation is 1st Lt Rosario Daguio of Battery C who has submitted application for the Associate AAA Battery Officer's Course.

For a unit that was recently converted into a AAA unit, Delta Battery is 100% so far as Officer and Enlisted strength goes. Reduced strength for Officers is 4, Delta has 4; reduced strength for Enlisted Men is 105, Delta has 105. The only position opened in this unit is one Warrant Officer.

New enlistments in this unit include Pfc Victor H. Humalon, a former Gyrene, Pvt E-2 Clarence Hoes, an old timer, and Pvt E-1s Andrew Kaawa III, and Francis E. Jones. Additional members include Pfc Leroy P. Acain from Co C 299th Inf on Maui, and Pvt E-2 Vincente D. Tiqui from Svc Co 298th Inf at Ft Ruger.

Members of the Delta unit living in the Nanakuli, Maile, Waianae, and Makaha areas are anxiously awaiting the activation of the new battery in Waianae. Twenty some odd men from "Delta" are slated for transfer to the new unit.

The perfect attendance badge for nine consecutive years has been awarded to Feliciano H. Samson. Three year badges were awarded SP3 Cornwal S. Matsusaka and SP3 Hisanri Watanabe. The Armed Forces Reserve Medal award went to M/Sgt Ricardo C. Herodies, M/Sgt Isayas D. Santa Ana and Sfc William M. Mahi. Sfc Mahi also received the HNG Service Medal.

Pvt E-2s Richard K. Yo Ching and Stephenson M. Eli will depart for 6 months active duty training on 11 February 1957. Both enlisted men will be sent to Fort Bliss after their basic in Schofield Barracks. Now in Texas are Pvt E-2s Delphine Gonsalves and Donald Ilaban.

298th AAA BN

Hq & Hq Battery congratulates the appointment of Lt Manuel R. Sylvester as its new CO of the new outfit. Lt Sylvester succeeds Capt Francis N. Booth of the old Mortar Company, who has since moved to Lanai to take charge of the Bishop National Bank's branch office on the Pineapple Island. Let's give the new CO the fullest cooperation and another SUPERIOR rating will be ours.

The new Battery under the command of Lt Manuel Sylvester, boasts of a record, second to none, during the previous summer encampment of having been honored with a Superior rating for the entire two week period. This is a record which this unit can well be proud of and should further induce this new Unit to do as well as its predecesser.

B. 2d Lt Harold Higo, now attending the AAA & GM school, promoted to 1st Lt. Great big long cigars from the state of TEXAS are expected upon his return to Paradise.

New faces in the battery: Edward Chi, Walter Mahony, Kwok Sang Young, Norman Lum, Anthony Robello, George Tanaka, John Sueda, Harold Prados, Robert Lee, Kazuo Goya, Clarence Lum, Robert Nakama, Gilbert Aragaki, Edward Omori, Alfredo Tarco and Kenneth Kaneshiro.

HNG Baseball team members from Bravo battery: Capt Sol Red Sox Kaulukukui, Sfc William "Bucky" Aarona, Sgt Larry co-capt Fuller and Pvt-2 Walter "Big Head" Omori.

Sidelines. Cpl George "RABBIT" Deramos and the missus expecting tax exemption number six in the very near future.

M/Sgt Harry Lee is attending school in Texas.

C. Battery "C" celebrated its conversion to Antiair-craft Artillery with a grand luau on Dec. 15th. Among the distinguished guests present were Lt Col and Mrs. Edward Yoshimasu, Executive Officer, 298th AAA Group, Lt Col and Mrs. John Becker, Battalion Commander, 298th AAA Bn, Major and Mrs. Walter Krakauskas, Unit Advisor, 298th Bn, Captain Conrad Tsukayama, S3, 297th AAA Bn.

Capt Tsukayama former Company Commander of this unit delivered the keynote speech. He brought forth the history and progress of Battery "C", formerly Company "G" to the large gathering. "Cap" as we called him, was an inspiration and a credit to us. We lost both a great commander as well as a true friend.

The luau headed by M/Sgt Edgar Alexander and ably assisted by M/Sgt Daniel Akui, Sfc Gene Naipo and Sfc John Farley, was a grand success. The entire expenses for the luau were paid off by the profits of the unit's sweethread sale held in October. The highlight of the entire program was the presentation of the Outstanding NCO Award to Sfc John Farley and the Best Soldier Award to Sp3 Merrill Naipo. Lt Merlin Ferreira, "Santa Claus" to the many children present, camouflaged himself so realistic that even his children were baffled. One little youngster asked Santa: "Why is your beard so white and the hairs on your arms back?" Well, Lt Ferreira!!!

Private Antone Machado will be the first enlisted man from this organization to volunteer for the "Take Six" Program. He reports to Schofield Barracks on February 11th for eight weeks of basic training and completes the remainder of his six months tour of active duty at Fort Bliss, Texas. Also reporting for active duty, will be M/Sgt Benjamin Au. He will attend the Medium and Heavy Weapons Course at Fort Bliss, Texas beginning 21 March. We wish them the best of luck!

"Charlie" Battery gained four new enlistees in January. They are Pvts: Arthur Chang, Joseph Freitas, Mathew Ryan and Chomei Tsukayama. Pvts: Freitas and Ryan have both volunteered for the six months training program.

The Mess Section suffered a loss during January when Pvt Roy Ogata enlisted in the Regular Army. Roy performed his duties as a Cook's Helper with us outstandingly, and will certainly be a great asset to the Regulars.

D. Converting to Btry D, 298th AAA Bn and at the same time moving into our new quarters have really kept the men of the former Co L 298th Inf busy. The area we now occupy was formerly the home of the227th Engineers. Moving into such a big area was a terrific job but led by Capt Kimura, M/Sgt "Sub" Taba, Sfc on Yoshimoto and Sfc Sam Setogawa and with the cooperation of all individuals present, the task was done in an orderly manner. After occupying our new quarters, the company

began to "hum" like a huge machine to get ready for the Federal Recognition Inspection which was conducted on 7 Jan 57. Now we are officially recognized as AAA men.

One of the highlights for the year 1956 was our annual Christmas Party held at Kanraku Tea House on 8 Dec 56. By the looks of things, everyone seems to have enjoyed the party so much that it seems like tea house parties will be an SOP for all Christmas parties from now on. Door prizes were donated by the officers and special gifts were given to Sgt Okuhara and Sgt Saito for being the top sweetbread sellers in our recent fund raising program for the Christmas party.

Taking 6 months active duty training at Schofield Barracks is Pvt Kenneth F. Phillips. Pvt Phillips enrolled in the August 1956 class so he'll be back shortly. Attending the Associated AAA Btry Officers Course at Fort Bliss, Texas is 1st Lt Charles C. R. Park. Lt Park was formerly with Co B 298th Inf. Our best wishes goes to Lt Deai who was transferred to Btry B 298th AAA Bn. Lots of luck to you, Deai!

We welcome the following EM: Sgt Hall, Sgt Moniz, SP2 Higa, SP2 Toyama and SP3 Kaeo all from Svc Co 298th Inf; SP3 Okimoto from Co A, 299th Inf; and Pfc Hanamoto from Co C 227th Engineers.

Hats off to Sfc Seichi Shigetani who has completed 10 years of continuous service in the HNG on 17 Nov 56. Right now he is the only one in the unit with ten or more years service. A few more will reach this goal this year.

Med Det. As the 1957 baby ushered in the New Year, so has various components of the HNG. With the formation of the 298th AAA Bn, on 7 Jan '57, the remaining elements of the former Medical Company, 298th Infantry were reogranized. This reorganization consisted of the placement of 28 EM and Officers. From this group 10 EM and 1 Officer were transferred to support the 298th AAA Bn. The positions and names of these men are: Det. Cmdr. 1st Lt Bernard Loo; Det Sgt Fujio Shito; Sr Med Aidman Sp2 Emmett Young; Driver Sp3 Anthony Fairia; Btry Aidmen, Sp3's Samuel Bongo, Leroy Camara, Harry Ginoza, and George Kamau; Med Aidman Pfc Melvin Furtardo; Stat Attendant E-2 Kenneth Kamae and Det Clerk E-2 Raymond Quon.

From the remainder of the men, which are presently being carried as excess, an additional 10 EM and 1 Officer will form another Medical Detachment to support the AAA Bn to be formed in 1958. Tentative assignments to this Detachment are as follows: Det Cmdr 2nd Lt Herbert Mau; Det Sgt William Minetoya; Sp-2's Herbert Hamai, Yukio Oshiro; Pfc George Meheula; E-2's Solomon Kong, Rudolf Modomo, Carl Sekimura, and Roland Nacural

With the formation of one Medical Detachment and another tentative Detanchment to be formed in 1958, the following EM remain to be assigned: M/Sgt's Joseph Flores, John Kapua Jr., and Louis Staunton; Sp-2's Richard McDonald, and Roy Suganuma; Sp-3's Stanley Yonamine and Gilbert Schmidt; and Pvt E-2's Harry Kim and Stanley Sakamoto.

Two Officers recently traded in their old ranks for new ones, they are; Major Alvin Majoska to Lt Col and Specialist 2nd Class Herbert Mau to Second Lt. From the men in the 298th Medical Detachment, our heartiest and sincerest congratulations, SIRS!!!

HANG HICKAM UNITS

After a long dry spell, Aircraft Maintenance is again putting out better than 80% in-commission and combat ready Sabre-jets. The recently arrived F-86s are now on the flight line newly painted with the Squadron colors and insignia. So far eight other F-86s have been thru IRAN at Honolulu Airport. The birds are there, and in good shape — let's get 'em into the blue!

Eleven aerial gunnery exercises were held last quarter. Scores? Well, here are some of the HANG's best who made Expert: Tigers, Heilbron, Kumeilike, Maguire, Hummel, Johnson, and last but not least, Smith.

By the way, our tactical pilots have doubled the number of jet flying hours flown this year over last year. What with additional flying training periods, strip alert, etc., they should average 150 jet hours this year. That's keeping combat ready!

Excerpts from a letter from Lt John Carroll, who is at flying school in Bainbridge, Georgia. "I have been here for about four months, and we are going fine in all phases of training. Marlin (Little) and I are in different sections of the same class, so he flies mornings when I fly afternoons, and vice versa. At present we have taken our mid phase checks, and passed them with no particular sweat. We are now flying instruments which are rather challenging. Our academics have been interesting and I think we have gotten a lot out of them. In about two weeks we start night flying, and then we will go on night cross country flights which are very exciting. One guy in the class ahead of us ended up 300 miles southeast of the field. I'll laugh after I finish mine successfully".

New pilot and Second Lieutenant Larry Mosher finished his flying training in the top ten percent of his class.

Those newly qualified to go to flying school include. Ritchie K. Kunichika, Gilbert Lee, and Franklin H. Fukui.

WOJG Harold Mattos returned from his tour as a member of the National Guard Bureau Manpower Team which made surveys of various air technician manning in the state of New York. Since being back here Matt has kept right on going and has come up with his own survey of our manning. Arthur Lee is now the chart

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Lt Col Ashford, Squadron Commander, recently returned from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. After saying much in praise of the Air University, Col Ashford ends by saying "Sure glad to get back—theory is fine, but this 86 outfit is for me. There were several other guardsmen in the class and we did our share indoctrinating the USAF".

The 199th is "whopping" the 8199th on drill attendance—December 94.5% vs 87%. 8199th, better getta going; you want to end with your outfit on top. (The 8199th is scheduled to be merged with the 199th before July.)

The NGB asked us to query how many would be interested in attending a proposed USAF NCO Academy in the ZI—so far some 60 NCOs and prospective NCOs indicated they wanted in.

Needless to say we are glad MSG "Little John" Beaumont is back for two reasons. First, he had the distinction of being on the Olympic Team and did real well; second, in his absence the Armament Section was getting out of line and needed his wee hand at the helm!

AC&W UNITS

109th. At this writing, M/Sgt John Sierra, our able and competent unit news hawk, is recuperating after a recent operation. A speedy recovery John!

New memberships to the ever-growing ranks of the "Ball & Chainers" were S/Sgts Robert Goto and Walter Nishihara, A/1C Edwin Ishimoto and A/3C Ronald Hashimoto.

To S/Sgts Norman Chu and George Ferreira, our congratulations and best wishes. Both were presented with baby daughters; Debra and Heidi, respectively.

Promotions noted recently were to M/Sgt Meliton Adversalo, T/Sgt Harry Teramoto, A/1Cs Donald Hee and Edwin Ishimoto, A/2Cs Ronald Chun, Paul Fujimoto, Roy Furumizo, William Lee, Norman Lum, James Murata and Roy Oshiro. Congratulations fellahs.

169th. Every unit, especially a new one, has its precious beliefs of what a good unit is and what it takes to make a good unit. The officers and airmen of the 169th ACWRON, at time of inception, realized the tremendous obstacles and the many vexing organizational problems that had to be solved before it could reach maturity and rightfully take its place, side by side, with the other highly efficient and much respected units of the Hawaii Air National Guard. Though time has been a niggardly participant, we "young uns" have cracked the first test of organization with relative dignity and composure. Under the capable leadership and direction of our Commander, Major Kiyoshi P. Goya and his dedicated staff, we have seen in a relatively short span of a few drills, a masss of men and a blueprint evolve into a living unit possessed, we believe, with the basic essentials of a promising unit: - a unit with a solid core, cohesive, with a sense of unit belongingness, and a concerted determination to attain quickly our assigned objectives. A great deal of our initial success goes to

Major Robert G. O'Hara, Commander of the 109th ACWRON (our parent unit) for the generous contributions of men and material and to our Air Force Advisor, Major Frank Easley, for his wise councel and the many hours spent coordinating and integrating our varied ANG functions into the overall Air Force "Big Picture".

169th ACWRON Spotlite. One of the men comprising the nucleus of our squadron is T/Sgt Cyril Wong, Chief of our Construction and Utilities section. Sgt Wong has been a valuable contributing factor during our development with his wide experience in the construction trade and his solid military background. A graduate of McKinley High, he joined the Air Guard (109th ACWRON) in Feb 25 after 4 years of active duty during World War II and another 4 years with the ERC during the postwar period. Married in 1947, Sgt Wong resides with his charming wife, Laura, at 548 Mapu Lane.

Internal Growth. Vivid examples of the internal growth being experienced are the following recent unit personnel actions. Promoted to new grades are: to T/Sgt, Robert Nashiro (Radio Maint.); to S/Sgt, Allen Chun (Radar Ops), Clarence Kuwahara (Comm Ops), Frederick Tao (Radar Maint); to A/1C, Frank Fujishige (Radar Ops), Stanley Kodama (Pers), Clarence Mokepuha (Comm Ops); to A/2C, Gordon Au, Clarence Furuya, Albert Chow, Deogracias Agbayani, Donald Nagamine and Gordon Wong, all of the Radar Operations section.

New Members. New officers include Capt Douglas Bronson (AFRes), 1st Lt Raymond Moriguchi (AFRes) and 2nd Lt Lincoln Chang (commissioned fr T/Sgt). Recruits include: Richard Blakenfeld (St. Louis), Stephen Landau (Punahou), Jose Estrera Jr (St. Louis) Ronald Smith (Kaimuki), Gen Nishimura (Maryknoll), Thomas Yano (aKimuki), Wayne Kuramoto (Kaimuki), Donald Fujii (UH) and George Nakamura (Kaimuki). Two transferees from the Illinois ANG include A/IC Thomas Tanabe and A/3C Amador Casupang.

S/Sgt George Teramoto is presently undergoing training at the Medical Tech school at Gunter AFB, Ala. 1st Lt Raymond Moriguchi is enrolled in the Intercept Controller course at Tyndall AFB, Fla.



Asst. Air Force Secretary David Smith (left) and Maj. Gen. Hunter Harris, (third from right) Deputy for Opns, FEAF, discussed "scramble" duties with pilots and crew chiefs of the 199th FIS.

299th RCT HAWAII NEWS

PROV BN

Hq & Hq Company. Here we go to press again. We boast a strength of 115 EM as of the last day of January, and indications are that we'll add more during the drive. We welcomed Harley K. Ishii, James I. Kaku, Paul M. Kaneshiro and Kiyoshi Gurtza into the unit during January and lost Sfc Roy Kimura to the Artillery. By the time the "Guardsman" is out, SP3 Morris S. Kanekuni, dimunitive Ex-ASMT should be in Chicago, enjoying the freezing climate of the Windy City. Best of luck to you man. Lt Col Francis S. Takemoto is also with us, attached from Hq & Hq Det. MSgt Lionel Arruda, jovial 1st Sgt, returned from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland after a nice "vacation" and reports are that he enjoyed the experience tremendously especially the extra-curricular activities. "Bathroom tenor" Sfc Masaji Ozeki was the proud receipient of the HNG Service Medal for 10 continuous years of honorable service. Also on the receiving end were MSgt Lionel Arruda, MSgt Mitsuo Hasegawa, MSgt Kenneth K. Koizumi, Sfc Shozo Taketa, Sfc Masaji Ozeki (What, again?), Sgt Takashi Izumo, Sgt Edward K. Shindo, Sgt Takeshi Nakashima, SP3 Morris S. Kanekuni and SP3 Robert Raneses, for the HNG Attendance Badges. The unit's rifle team also received medals for winning the league championship, and showed up commendably in the Territorial Championship Match. Pau

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Individuals completing 6 months AD-Tng recently were Pvt's Norman Aquinaldo, Frank Amar, Lawrence J. Balberde, Paul Moses and George L. Poscua. Upon returning to this unit, all personnel were promoted to Pfc. Promotions also were for Pfc Alfred Antonio, Pfc John Moses, Pfc Thomas Malendres and Pfc Thomas T. Tatsutani.

Reenlisting recently was Sfc Isidro D. Ibarra. New enlistments were Pvt's James I. Potao and Royden M.

Pvt-2 Harold Santiago has completed his 16 weeks of Basic and is now assigned to a unit in the 25th Division for company duties, and will be returning in the near future

Service Company. Our CO was just promoted from 1st Lt and is now Captain Paul Nakamura. Capt Nakamura received his commission from the Inf OCS at Benning in 1952, served his stint on AD at Ft Ord, California, and was separated at Schofield as a 1st Lt. He joined the Guard during the summer of 1954. As a civilian, the Capt is coach of the championship Hilo Intermediate Spartan basketball team and was just appointed to be Hilo High School track coach. Congratulations on all three counts, sir.

1st Lt. George W. Makaea, also from the Infantry School OCS of 1952, and who served on AD at Ft Lewis Washington, returned to Ft Benning for the Advanced Course. He'll return to UH in the fall, this time in Honolulu, where he will be a junior in Teachers' College.

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We pay tribute to our fellow guardsman, Sgt Howard J. Kelly, who died on 18 December 1956.

Tank Company. We were really eager this Christmas and held our Christmas party on December 8. There was much food, and the "fumes" created a fog later on in the night, so that many had a hard time finding their way home.

Our 2d Lt Tsutomu Ueno left on 27 Jan to attend the Armor Officer Basic Course at Ft Knox. And to a much rougher school this month went Sp3 Henry L Texeira and Pfc Samuel Alameda, down the aisle to the school of wedded bliss.

When all the small arms men (anything up to 30 calibre) go in February to fire their qualifications, we go to Pohakuloa to fire the man-sized weapon, our own 90. mms. Every tanker is waiting for this day since we don't get to fire this gun often.

Three of our EM "transferred out" to the US Air Force recently. They were Pvt Rudy Ai, Pvt Don H. Ferreira and Pvt Raymond Shimabukuro.

End of our story. See you next issue.

Medical Company. Lieutenants Hideo Nakashima and Makoto Katada were flashed the green light to attend the Medical Service Corps Officers' Orientation Course at Ft Sam Houston on 6 March 57. They know all about San Antonio and can hardly wait to cross the border into Mexico, it was reported by our eavesdroppers.

From the USMC comes Pfc Ainar K. Johansen who enlisted in our Company on 27 Jan. He was discharged from AD in June 56.

Numerous 3-year badges were presented the following by CO Lt Robert J. Santos. They were: Sgt Tsugio Sakuma, Sp2's Clement G. Carvalho, Alexander L. Barboza, Richard E. Furukawa, Masaru Matsumura, Fumio Oshiro, Takashi Sasaki, Robert Yoshino, Roy A. Yoshino and Sp3 August T. Kubo.

Pau for now, see you in camp.

230th Engineer Company. Having attained the required consecutive years of perfect attendance credit at all scheduled training, the following men were honored: 2d Lt David K. Marciel, MSgts Samuel K. Bishaw and Harry P. Riedel, Sfcs Raymond S. Benevides, Stanley K. Ferreira and Chikara Kaya, Sgts Stanley A. Kinoshita, Frank Feliciano, Sp2 Shoji Shiraki and Sp3 Stanley H. Araujo..

New enlistments are: SP-3 Hideo Sawada and SP-3 Richard K. Akiona, both with active service with the Army, and Pvt Henry S. Ma-e, a student at Hilo High.

This quarter was rich in promotions for: now Pvt-2s Robert M. Ah Nee, Wallace M. Arizumi, Lawrence Costa, David C. Hopfe, Aubrey C. Kaloi, Richard H. Kualii III, Ronald H. Maesaka, Ernest A. Nakamura, Herbert Namohala Jr., and Stanley H. Tsuji. And it's now Pfc Bertram T. Kinoshita.

Looking forward to the Engineer Off Basic at Ft Belvoir is Lt Arthur F. Kepoo who plans to leave for school just after summer camp. Sgt Frank Feliciano will attend the Advanced NCO Course there late this year.

110th Army Band. With the New Year having come along and the circulation of "those nice artistic calendars" being in full swing, it is expected that the Bandsmen have increased their array of pulchritude hidden in WO Bacilg's cupboards.

Sgt Bernardo Bolos and SP-3 Benjamin Rosete were awarded the three year perfect attendance badge. SP-3 Bonifacio Defiesta, formerly of this unit and now a member of the California Guard has also been presented the badge which he qualified for while still a member of the Band.

We are expecting a 100% qualification in arms prior to departure for the annual Field Training Exercise when Range Firing ceases the end of February.



Putting the finishing touches to the new Olaa Armory which will house troops of Co. K, 299th RCT.

3D BATTALION

The third battalion is closing out the new year and looking forward to another year of progress and development. At the moment all of the companies are engaged in a spirited recruiting drive and the competition is keen.

The good news from K Cmpany is that the new armory is being rushed toward completion and the next few months should find the company settled in efficient and brand new surroundings. The third rifle platoon, fifty miles away in Pahala recently gained Pfc Ralph J. Kaapana and fc Floyd T. Shibuya who returned 18 Dec 56 from 6 months ADT. These men found the training very interesting and the platoon has gained a pair of sharp, rugged infantrymen.

Way up North in the district of Kohala Egt Alfredo Orita has been passing out Enor Fuells cigars for he is now the father of a bouncing baby girl. George Pule Company L has just enlisted six new men, Gorcey Kupukaa, Herbert Maunu, and Walter Joseph Kumukoa, and has a new transfer from Battery C 298 AAA Pvt-2 Kamaka Ching Yamamoto.

Down the Hamakua Coast at Co M in Laupahoehoe promotions to Pfc went to John Iswan, Joseph M. Loyola, Hisao Momohara, Larry Nases, Charles N. Oba, Isao Sato, and Raymond Valencia. New men who have come into the Company are John Cardoza, Mario Cordeiro, William K. Kahikina, Richard M. Nakata, Patrick F. Palmer and Michael A. Souza, Jr.

At Honokaa, Hq Co has been conducting a drive which has pushed the Company strength up close to the top and has brought in the following men: Pvts Leroy Alip, William Botelho, Earl Bell, Atimio Garciano, Mario Fernandez, Ronald Hanamoto, Raymond Kawabata,

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Although the bulk of the credit naturally must go to the men in the companies whose tireless efforts have brought many of the men into the companies, much of the credit must go to the tireless recruiting team of the third battalion, headed by Major Herbert Y. Miyasaki. He has done much to put the communities, in which units of the third battalion are located, 100% behind the Hawaii National Guard.

The third battalion was proud to welcome to their ranks two graduates of OCS who were recently boarded. They are 2d Lt Abraham K. Mahuna and 2d Lt Fumio Yoshioka of I Co and K Co respectively.

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Hq & Hq Btry: A belated New Years' party was held immediately after drill on 27 January 1957. Roast Pork, supplied by Battalion Commander Replogle, topped the menu along with such other delicacies as sushi, of both varietics, potato-macaroni salad, sashimi with a variety of sauces for dipping, and refreshing beverages of choice. Mrs. Supe, top kick at home for our amiable top kick Gus Supe, prepared the very delicious foods. During the festivities, M/Sgt Clifford B. Martin and his bride of twenty-four hours dropped in for a visit and to meet the gang. Retired Sgt Major Bobby Cann paid a courtesy call and enjoyed his share of food.

Sporting glittering Captain's tracks was former Lt Stanley A. Nakamae, the Battalion Comm O. Lt Tom Kawano, formerly of the 3rd Bn 299th RCT, now converted to Artillery, sported some mighty rosy cheeks after indulging in a single can of refreshing brew. Said Tom, "One's my limit."

Another doughboy, SFC Roy T. V. D. Kimura, relinquished the wearing of crossed rifles upon his reenlistment with this unit. A radio repairman by trade, he is a welcomed addition to the battalion.

Battery A: PVT-2 Earnest H. Sasaki, who won all the prize money in the rifle shoot, received a beautiful trophy donated by TPA Aloha Airlines for being selected as the outstanding soldier of 1956 in this unit. SP-3 Fusao Sugai relinquished his bachelor role in life by exchanging marriage vows with the one who will be, from here on out, his better half.

New faces include Pfc Myles Ota of Oahu, Pfc Richard C. Largo of Laupahoehoe, and Pvt·2 Suetaka Fukunaga of Pahala. Welcome my boys.

Battery B: Sgt Paul Nakamura. Recon Sergeant, enjoys the distinction of being a member of the National Guard from two different states in a period of less than one month. Enlisted by the 629th FA Bn of the Cal NG on 8 Nov 56, he was honorably discharged on 1 Dec 56 to reenlist in his former unit. Btry Bravo.

Btry Commander Fujimoto. Lt Muggs Kataoka, and ASMT Villaverde. by mere coincidence (and the fact that they had the dough to spare) bumped into each other high up in Section 7 of the Honolulu Stadium minutes after the final whistle ended the greatest of Hula Bowl games.

Congratulations are in order for ASMT Villaverde for finally hitting the jackpot. Mrs. V. presented proud Benny with a junior who tipped the scales at 9 pounds 4 and one-half ounces. Junior-sized Robert Burns were in circulation throughout that day. Joining ASMT V in rejoicing was SFC Teruo Higuchi, Chief of Detail, since he also welcomed an addition to the family. A daughter!

Local reports, though sketchy at times, have it that SP-3 Jimmy Aguiar and Pfc Nappy Napalapalai are planning, separately, of course, to enter the ranks of tieddowns. Matrimony come June is the word.

Five Bravoites returned from 6 months (RFA-55). They are Pvts Donald Matsumura, Wayne Oba, and Wallace Uchida. These three previously completed the 8 week course and now the 4-month course. Pvts George Kawamoto and James Macayan went through the 6 month deal in one hitch and came through unscathed.

Pvt Gary Ichinose, Btry Clerk, is co-captain of the high-flying Hilo High Viking basketball team that copped the Punahou Invitational tournament in Honolulu

Battery C: Sgt Teruto Kawabata, after spending two years of active duty in the Army, returned to the unit to take over where he left off. Glad to have you back. Pfc Anacleto Heloca, chosen Soldier of the Year 1956 for this unit, received a beautiful trophy donated by TPA Aloha Airlines.

Welcomed home from 6 mos AD for training was Pvt George K. Kamaka. Says it did him much good. He'll do his best to encourage others to attend.

Service Battery: Recent gain from the Med Det was Pfc Augustine Chavaries Jr. Said he, "I'm not quite cut out to be a Medic." Prefers chores of ammunition handling and distribution.

Pvt Wallace M. Matsuda is still sweating out at Schofield undergoing 6 months active duty of training. Wally should be coming back around the middle of March.

A loss to the unit was Pfc Ernest Palacol. Attending 6 mos AD he decided to enlist in the 69th FA Bn. Suppose he wants to make the Army his career.

M/Sgt Randolph K. Ahuna, top kick, recently completed a two-week refresher course in Heavy Equipment at Allis-Chalmers Factory in Springfield, Illinois. This was made possible by his employer, Hilo Iron Works, Ltd.

Hats off to SFC John Ho-a for ten years of continuous and faithful service in the HNG. He was recently awarded the HNG Service Medal.

Medical Detachment: Lt Yukio Takeya, CO of the unit, was selected as Recruiting Officer for the 487th FA Bn since his detachment is full strength.

MAUI NEWS

The New Company "B". The end of 1956 was a rather hectic one for many units of the Hawaii National Guard with the change over and conversion of units from one branch to another.

On Maui, Heavy Mortar Company was affected by this change, for on 1 November 1956, it was redesignated to Company "B" 299th Infantry. The work load involved by packing and crating the 4.2 inch Mortars plus all other property that was no longer required by this "brand new" rifle company was tremendous as not only was there an awful amount of work. but a deadline to meet. This and the fact that the men of this new unit had to be reassigned (and in this case, a lot of the men was not too pleased as they had become quite proficient with their old assignment and had acquired a very high opinion and liking for the 4.2 inch Mortar) left the individuals concerned rather haggard. Yea, it was a rather hectic ending of the year 1946 for Company "B", but with the high Esprit de Corps that this unit has constantly maintained in the past, there is little doubt that they will meet this new challenge with the old "vim and vigor" that will benefit every man of this, "THE NEW COMPANY "B".

Attendance at Service Schools. On 26 January 1957, Lt Louis Ferreira of Company B left Maui to attend the Basic Infantry Officer's Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. Lt Ferreira during this trip plans to tour the US

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with his wife Irene, who will be making her first trip to theUS. Also to attend the BIOC is Lt Wilfred Phillips of Company A. This will be Lt Phillips 2nd trip to Georgia, as he attended the Adv NCO course at Ft Benning during the summer of 1954. Both officers will be attending the class commencing 11 Feb. 1957. Other's to attend course at Ft Benning are: Sfc Robert Correa, Sfc Joseph Kuulau, Sgt Richard Souza and Sp-3 Peter Hidani. All are from Company C and will be attending the Advance NCO course.

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Took Six. Pvt Alfred G. Santos Jr, Co B and Pvt Raymond Kepani, Co C, the first two individuals of the 1st Bn 299th Inf to undergo the 6 mos Active Duty for Training at Schofield Barracks returned home (in time for Christmas) as hardened veterans of 6 months of basic combat training with the 25th Infantry Division. Comments made by the individuals indicates the course to be highly successful, and the knowledge gained will not only aid the individual in his future as a guardsman, but with all those associated with him. At present, these two "soldiers" are assigned to rifle platoons in their respective company's and we all know that they will go far in what ever assignment they may later undertake.

Others who have recently took advantage of this 6 months training are: Donald L. Kaya, Oliver Hoewaa and Peter Kaha of Company B; James Kano and Daniel Poepoe of Comapny C; and Venroy Akina of Company D. Good luck to them all.

Enlistments:

Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf.

Company "B" 299th Infantry. The work load involved (and in this case, a lot of the men were not too pleased

SP2 Toshimi G. Higa; PFC John H. Pahuwai; Pvt-2 John R. Fernandez; Pvt-1s Robert S. August, Richard S. Ishii, Kenji Matsuura, Walter Naopuu.

Co A 299th Inf.

SP2 Roy K. Ajifu; SP3s Lawrence K. Castro, Kenneth T. Ogata; Pvt-1s George R. Reyes, Richard Siangco, Harry K. Takahashi, Reimann M. Wahinehookai, John Billianor.

Co B 299th Inf.

Cpl Fred K. Waiwaiole; PFC Herman Cambra; Pvt-2 Stanley Chock; Pvt-1s Herbert F. Santos, Fernando Lamaoang, James Y. Nagamine, Lawrence M. Nagamine, Daniel S. Owan, Roy T. Sakamoto, Duke A. Igarta, John Kainoa, Jr.

Co C 299th Inf.

PFC Toshio Shiroma, Pvt-2s Abel J. Ferreira, Francisco Lacio; Pvt-1s Charles A. Honokaupu, James W. S. Kanoho, Daneil P. Poepoe, Manuel B. Silva, Jr., Samuel H. Solomon, Simeon Uu, Jr., Martin J. Kalani, Wilbert W. Moniz.

Co D 299th Inf.

Cpl James M. Nagoshi; Pvt-1s Arnubi E. Akina, Manuel P. Lopes, Louis Camba, Jr., James K. Kanno, Marco M. Meyer, Jr., Thomas M. Perry, Peter J. Awai, Vernon J. K. Bal, Lionel Carvalho, Yutaka Matsuura, Manuel H. Pacheco, Gary T. Pinto, Edward K. Poepoe, Walter J. Quinones.

1st Bn Med Plat Med Co 299th Inf.

Pvt-1s Melvin N. Cockett, Leonard Rodrigues.

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Promotions: Hq & Hq Co 1st Bn 299th Inf.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS:

Pvt-2 Lawrence L. Chang, Abel Fernandez, Jr., Richard Gouveia, Federico Pagdilao, Zoilo M. Peranada, Edward B. Perreira, James S. Yamamoto.

TO PRIVATE E-2:

Pvt-1 William Hew, John K. Malaqui, George T. Tomooka, Roy T. Sugai.

Co A 299th Inf.

TO SP3 E-4:

PFC Joseph K. Amaral, Jr., Joseph C. Bailey, Maxie Secretario.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS:

Pvt-2 Mariano Salcedo, Rodolpo R. Tabbal.

TO PRIVATE E-2: Pvt-1 Paul S. Ishii.

Co B 299th Inf.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS:

Pvt-2 Lawrence H. Nishida, Roland J. Cordeiro, Alfred G. Santos, Jr.

TO PRIVATE E-2:

Pvt-1 Susumu Emoto, Thomas C. Gamurot, Gabriel K. Kaha, Jr., Clarence Kaililaau, Seiji Kamimura, Eugene Perry.

Co C 299th Inf.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS:

Pvt-2 David Herrera.

TO PRIVATE E-2:

Pvt-1 Jacob R. Maui, Jr., Thomas Valoroso.

Co D 299th Inf.

TO MASTER SERGEANT:

SFC George E. Yanagi.

TO SFC:

Sgt Benjamin Torres.

TO SERGEANT:

SP3 James P. Martins, Cilfford A. Pimental.

TO SP3:

Pfc Benson P. Akina, Daniel K. Correa, Wallace S. Feliciano, Michael Jarnesky, Wenceslaus E. Jarnesky, Thomas Y. Morioka, Joseph S. Santos.

TO PFC:

Pvt-2Stanley Emmsley, John W. Fernandez, Caesar C. Rezentes, Jr.

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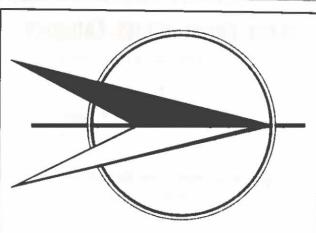
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KAUAI NEWS

Hq Co's annual Christmas party was held December 22, 1956 at the Lihue Armory. Approximately 200 people attended this gala affair. It was efficiently emceed by Sfc Emilio Olivas who kept the party going smoothly. The music was provided by SP-3 Paul Baran and his boys. This year's Santa looking rather undernourished, passed out candies to the children. The success of the affair was largely due to the hard work done by the chairmen of various committees as follows: General Chairman, Sfc Emilio Olivas; Decoration, Sfc Agapito Saulibio; Food, Sfc Alfred Victorino, SP-2 Robert Rego; Finance, M/Sgt Manuel B. Rosa; Entertainment, SP-3 Paul Baran; Refreshment, Sgt Frank Bonilla; Gifts, M/Sgt Teddy Lucaylucay; Cleanup, Sfc Larry Sugihara.

Firing squad composed of members of this unit participated in the funeral services of SP-3 Benito S. Alimboyogen who was a member of the 40th Armored Division, California National Guard which was held on January 26, 1957. SP-3 Aliboyogen was formerly a resident of Hanamaulu. Following personnel of this unit composed the firing squad: M/Sgt L. Lucaylucay, Sfc A. Saulibio, SP-3 O. Gandia, SP-3 A. Espiritu, SP-3 B. Espiritu, Pfc. J. Anchita, Pfc J. Amorin, Pvt W. Sasan, and Pvt D. Trayaso.

Promotions — Sgt Emilio Olivas of P & A Platoon was promoted to Sfc last month and became a squad leader of 2d Sqd P & A Platoon.

New enlistees are: Gene B. Layosa, John S. Rosa, Jerry Silva, Charles Rivera, Edwin Kashima and Edwin Camara.

Losses: Pvt Stephen Louis joining the Air Force, Pfc Ernest Mindoro removal of residence to Midway Island and Pvt Alfred Lardizabal being transferred to 120th Sig Co in Honolulu.

The stork was very busy recently as far as this unit is concerned. SP-3 William Ng hit the jackpot when twins arrived, a son and a daughter. SP-3 Kan Yin Chang became the proud father of a son, his first. SP-3 Alfred Espiritu fathered a bouncing daughter, his first. Pfc Alexander Kelekoha was presented a first child, son, and M/Sgt Harold Carvalho can now be called a father. He had a girl.

Medical Platoon. After 14 years of service in the Hawaii National Guard, M/Sgt Angel R. Valera is leaving the service. He originally enlisted with Company H at Olaa, Hawaii. In 1946, upon his arrival on Kauai, he enlisted with Hq & Hq Co 3d Bn 298th Inf in Lihue. Later, transferred to Company K at Kapaa, he attended the NCO Infantry Course at Ft Benning. He again returned to Hq Co and took over the position of first sergeant, which position he held until Medical Platoon was activated in March of 1946.

A farewell dinner in his honor was held by the members of this unit at the Green Garden Cafe on January 26th. Members of this unit will surely miss him.

Congratulations are in order for Major Peter Kim, having been promoted to Major from Captain.

New enlistees are Pfc Muneo Yamamoto and SP-3 Placido Espino Jr.

Company E. CWO Edward Miyake reports that with the start of the New Year the men of Co E formed an NCO Club with M/Sgt John Soto at the helm. The club contemplates working with the surrounding communities in various projects.

Promotions in the Unit brought up the following to Sgts: Evillo Abreu, Ulderico Abreu, Herbert Cambra, Elpidio Garma, Epifanio Oroc, Cristobal Otlang, and Serverino Oyamot.

Pvt Gordon Akuna received 1st prize for rifle marksmanship qualifications for the year 1956. Pvt William Rivera came in second. The awards are made yearly to the persons with the highest scores and such awards are made at the unit's annual Christmas Party.

Speaking of the Christmas Party - the 9th annual one - it turned out to be the best had. With M/Sgt Soto as chairman the Unit members and their families enjoyed Kalua pig, poi, lomi salmon, chicken luau, opihi, potatoes, kulolo, haupia, and lots of Christmas "cheer". In fact, 35 cases went down. The entertainment for the evening, which incidently took over 21/2 hours, consisted of Hawaiian music and dancing by Lt Punua and beautiful wife, Puerto Rican music and dancing by Pvt Albert Lorenzo and his Samba Kings, Western music and singing by Pvt Anton "Elvis" Costa, Rock'n Roll by Pfc Sylvester Domingo, Jazz music by Sgt Cristobal Otlang and his "Cats", singing by the girls of Hanapepe Y-teens and the many skits put on by the boys. Sfc Zoilo Mira and company outdid themselves. Congratulations to all for a splendid performance.

In the Units' Fund raising campaign, SP-3 Kenneth Vidinha walked away with the 1st prize for selling 162 cans of cookies. The campaign was a tremendous success for over 1900 cans were sold.

With the recruiting program under way the unit with a strength of 116 men brought in two veterans, Sgt John Santos and SP-3 Daniel Akuna and two recruits, Pvts Frank Perreira and Thomas Vidinha. By 1 April 1957, the unit hopes to attain its 80% goal of 132 men. WO Edward Miyake, unit Administrator, is devoting much of his time in a house to house campaign. The theme of "Every man get a man" is being employed also, with prizes to be awarded to the person "enlisting" the most.

Company F. This unit got off to a very good start for the New Year by ending 1956 with a Christmas Party for members of the unit and their families. It was a gala affair and everyone enjoyed it since there was plenty of food (half Hawaiian and half Haole) to eat and the program was the best yet ever put up by the Company. An impromptu show by members in a variety of skits and dance music provided by Johnny and his Boys (Dance Band) made up for part of the entertainment. The highlight of the evening came with the arrival of a very well nourished Saint Nick, who, incidently carried his surfboard along, barefoot and all, and doing a jig step to the tune of "Jingle Bells". Candies and toys were passed out to the kids, big and small, after which, being a very happy occasion for Saint Nick, he rendered versions of the "Hula Lolo" and "Tutu 'E" to the delight of all the children as well as parents. Not to be outdone, Lt Herbert Watanabe did a creditable job of emceeing during

With the New Year well underway, it means a new leaf. So, in keeping with the times, our guys are having

new additions or getting married. We do not have a complete list at this writing, however, we do know that M/Sgt Raymond Fernandes and wife are proud parents of a baby daughter, totaling 3 and 3. Comes the time in every man's life when he must make an important decisions—we know how you must feel, Willia (Pfc Carrillo), but the society of married men is a good organization. Ask the C. O. There is a ditty floating in the area during the past four armory drills which we have not yet had the opportunity to listen to, but our grapevine informs us that it's similar to the "No Huhu".



A welcome addition to the Kauai scene is the new Kapaa Armory, built for Co F, 299th RCT.

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Our planning department met during the last drill—the project of enlisting new members in the company as its main objective is headed by the Company Commander and assisted by officers and Platoons Sergeant. The problem of attacking is pretty well firmed, however, putting it into effect will be the test. Joining the outfit during the month of January are SP-3 Benorio Daki who has seen service in the Regular Army. A former member of the Hawaii National Guard on the Island of Hawaii, SP-3 Dakai is pretty much familiar with the type of training at each armory drill, so he becomes quite an asset to the unit. Other joinees are Richard Ham Young and David Haumea of Wainiha, Stanley Akau and James Kaauwai of Kapaa. We're glad to have these men and the six more that are being processed for enlistment.

SP-2 Joseph Victorino re-enlisted for 3 years so we'll be sure to eat heartily again this summer encampment. SP-2 Victorino first enlisted in this unit when it was Co "K" of the 298th RCT, in May of 1948 and was honorably discharged upon establishing residence in the state of California in May of 1952. Returning to the islands in 1954 (January), he again enlisted and remained with us since. His primary assignment in this unit has always been as a first cook, which, incidently runs along the same line as his civilian occupation, a cook at the Mahelona Hospital. A proud father of two daughters, he intends to have two more of the opposite.

Advanced to the grade of Privates E-2 are Herbert Garcia, David Victorino and Henry Kapali. More advancements are forthcoming, so check with the bulletin board.

Members of this outfit are looking forward to moving into their new home, which should be quite soon. Construction started sometime last year and it is expected to be compleed by March 1957. We're talking about the new Kapaa Armory, and plans for the set up within the building is being constantly pursued by Sfc Christiansen, ASMT of the unit. We sometimes wonder if he's bragging or complaining.

Company H. About a dozen members of Company H, of Kekaha interested in shooting have organized the Company H Gun Club. Officers elected at the organizational meeting in January are: President, George Susterich; Secretary, Conrado Edayan; Treasurer, Manuel Martin; Advisor, Minoru Ikehara. Business meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month, and practice shooting on the second Sunday of the March. The Kekaha Pistol Range will be used by the members for practice. Competition matches are being planned against the Kekaha Gun Club and the Kauai Police Pistol Club. Some of the members have aspirations of qualifying for the Olympic Games in 1960 as Sgt John Beaumont did for the 1956 Olympics.

Company H members also formed a social club known as the WAIKEMANA CLUB. Officers elected for the year are President, Haruyoshi Watanabe; Vice President, Frank DeCosta; Secretary, Tatsuo Kato; Treasurer, George Tamaribuchi; and Auditor, Daniel DelaTorre. The biggest social event of the year was the Christmas Party held on December 28, when approximately 350 attended. The wives and children and guests of Company H members enjoyed an extra Christmas when Santa Claus passed out goodies. Santa Claus was Vincente Delanoza.

Bill of fare for the evening was kalua pig with all the trimmings. The pig was prepared by Joaquin Arruda. Members who made the event a successful one were Jose Alvarez who headed the Decoration Committee and Frank DeCosta who handled the program. Music was furnished by Josephine's Troupe. Honored Guests who were called upon to say a few words were 2d Bn Commander, Lt Col Hartwell Blake and Senator Noboru Miyake.

MOLOKAI NEWS

The new year finds G Company of the Friendly Isle with many events taking place. Congratulations are in order to the following EM on their recent promotion to their present ranks: Sgt Rehino S. Lapinid, Sp2 William H. K. Mahiai, SP3's John N. Akina, Walter M. Ishii, and Solomon M. Naeole; and Pfc Michael D. Tancayo Jr.

New men who recently joined the company are Sp3 Pablo J. Mondoy, and Pvt-I Wililam P. Sullivan. Sp3 Mondoy, fresh from the 25th Division, is a cook and will be a valuable asset to the ever-hungry chowhounds of the company. Pvt Sullivan is a junior at Molokai High School.

The company lost Pvt-2 Thomas Bacos to C Company of Paia, Maui.

On TDY to Ft Benning is Sfc Arthur Naehu. Sfc Naehu is attending the Advanced NCO course at the Infantry School. His services will be sorely missed, but undoubtedly he will be a more valuable asset to the company during the summer field training when he returns to the company in early June of this year.

Returning from the 25th Division is Pvt-2 Willy K. Naki. Pvt Naki was the first EM from the company to "TAKE SIX".

The recruiting drive for G Company (quota of nine) has been given a boost by means of a \$15 round trip ticket award to Honolulu to the man who brings in the first five men.

Renovation of the armory is nearing completion. Already the men are commenting on the "New Look" of the armory and how sharp they must look to keep up with the surroundings.

Lt. Masanobu Inouye, CO of G Company left Molokai to attend Libby's school for supervisory personnel in Honolulu. He came home sporting a brand new 1957 Ford. (This writer thinks the "old man" is keeping up with the appearance of the new look of the armory.)

A future guardsman was born to Lt and Mrs. Thomas Hatakeyama. Proud papa was seen passing the traditional Havanas around to well-wishers.

Capt John English, adjutant, 2d Bn, 299th RCT, visited the company during the month of January. His visit was to give the company timely advice and to get first hand knowledge of the company since the reorganization of the 299th RCT in November of last year.

In 1956, the United States Army made the following ratings as regards performance of the 5,281 Army National Guard units it checked during summer field training: 10% "superior," 30% "excellent," 31% "very satisfactory," 22% "satisfactory," 7% "unsatisfactory."



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SP2 EDDIE ANDERSON

Its never been done before!

And it all started with a bunch of Guardsmen who like to hike, hunt and fish.

Unofficially, they call themselves the Hawaii National Guard Land Rescue Team and at this moment, there is a shuffling of paper that may make the team an official part of the HNG.

The members, most of them full-time personnel of the 158th AAA Bn., have been going through a rugged training and conditioning program by assisting the Coast Guard, Air Rescue Hickam and the Hawaiian Sea Frontier Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, by marking old aircraft wreckage on Oahu. The team paints remaining wreckage with international orange crosses which eliminates repetition in aircraft crash reports.

Did you hear about the "big one that got away?"

Well, its very likely that you might some day from members of the HNG Fishing club which was organized in the Spring of 1955.

Members of the club get together monthly or when ever there is a "run" of what ever is running (fish, that is!)

The biggest catch honors recorded by the club went to Sfc Wataru Hamamoto of Company "C", 227th Eng Bn, when he landed an Ulua that tipped the scales at 39 pounds last November. Wataru was casting from Momomi Beach, Molokai.

Fortified with KauKau, bait and the rod and reel, club members fish from outside island shores at least twice a year. The Club, which has been having more than its normal share of luck, are interested in recruiting new members from the ranks.

New members, however, will have to "take 6" like everybody else. (Six cans of cold beer that is!)

If you're interested, contact any of the following members: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and dishwasher M/Sgt Charles Hasegawa, "A" Co, 227th Eng Bn; Wataru, previously mentioned; Sfc Harry Iha, 368th AAA et; Sfc Donald Leong, Battery "D" 158th AAA Bn; Lt Col Edward Yoshimasu, XO, 298th AAA Group; Sfc "Bill" Yuen, 111th Band or M/Sgt Wallace Inouye, "C" Co, 227th Eng Bn.

"Good Fishing!"

If you don't like digging foxholes during summer camp, "dig" this piece of news!

Engineers at the Research and Development Laboratory, Ft. Belvoir, Va., are testing a swift moving mobile

ditching machine that is capable of turning out a complete foxhole in 30 seconds flat.

The unit burrows into the ground at 24 feet a minute.

Mounted on rubber tires, the digger is powered by a 154 horsepower diesel engine. It can also dig a trench, with special attachments, at the rate of 28 feet a minute.

This writer is presently suggesting they call it the "Gopher."

Washington (AFPS)—The Army will adopt a new lightweight weapon to replace the three .30 caliber machine guns familiar to American fighting men since World War I.

The new machine gun, which uses the 7.62mm NATO approved cartridge, may be fired either from a light bipod or a tripod mount or from the hip or shoulder. It will be issued in 1959.

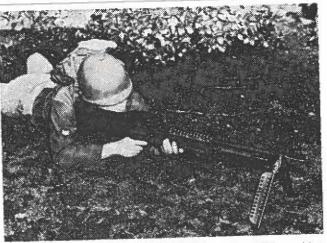
To be known as the M60, the weapon will take the place of the Army's present two air cooled and the water cooled .30 caliber machine guns.

Also being tested in Marine Corps amphibious operations, the M60 weighs 23 pounds with bipod as compared to the 32 to 42-pound guns used in both World Wars and the Korean conflict.

The Army said the new machine gun is as effective as the heavier water-cooled weapon and has a barrel and gas system that can be changed in a matter of seconds.

In addition, the M60 has a chrome plated, stellitelined barrel that greatly increases its life. Stellite is an alloy used in surgical instruments.

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NEW MACHINE GUN — A soldier mans the M60 machine gun, a lightweight general purpose weapon adopted to replace all three present Army .30 cal. machine guns. The weapon can be fired from the shoulder, from the hip, from a bipod or from a newly developed aluminumtripod mount. It is chambered with the standard 7.62mm NATO cartridge.

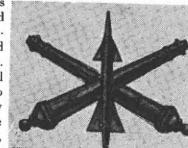
"With the van of our forces at Bataan, Anzio, Normandy, the National Guard has enriched its heritage of service to the Republic. Its service is of mounting importance to our security and to national leadership toward a stable, peaceful world." General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower (1951)

Washington (AFPS)—Artillerymen will wear a modernized version of their present insignia starting in 1958, according to the Army.

The new insignia, symbolizing the advances in artil-

lery weapons, carries the familiar crossed cannons with a composite missile placed vertically in the center.

Current plans call for the new design to be worn by all artillery officers as soon as the insignia is available, the army said.



Enlisted insignia will be issued initially to personnel assigned to missile units and later to those of all other organizations.

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1956 OLYMPIC GAMES

by M/SGT. JOHN H. BEAUMONT, JR.

Guest Editor

To win a berth on the U. S. Olympic Shooting team is probably the greatest honor a shooter can receive in his life time. As in any sport luck plays a large part in the outcome, and luck seemed to be on my side.

The tryouts for the teams were held last September during the National Matches at Camp Perry. Three climination matches were held to cut the 285 entrants down to 2. I was number 2.

Many weeks of practice and preparation followed. The team assembled Nov. 8 in Los Angeles where the uriforms and final instructions were issued. All our clothing and accessories were provided by the Olympic Committee. The team boarded a chartered PAA plane for the trip to Honolulu where they were met and entertained by the local shooters during a 36 hour rest stop. I joined the team here in Honolulu. We left for Australia via Canton Island and Fiji on Nov. 10th.

Arrival at Melbourne gave us our first taste of Australian hospitality. We were met by thousands of autograph hunters and spectators.

The Olympic Village where the 6,000 competitors and teams officials lived was constructed especially for the games with the intent of utilizing it for government housing at the completion of the games. We moved into a 3-bedroom house. I shared the kitchen with Joe Eenner. Our house was a typical Australian home with only a fire place for heating and the toilet "out back".

One of the most interesting things in Australia, from an American's point of view, was the traffic. There were no boulevard stops at intersections. The car coming on the right had the right of way, therefore you need not look to the left at intersections, you just go. "U" turns were executed anytime and at any point. When changing lanes you just went ahead, the driver behind must look. out. All this is further complicated by driving on the left hand side of the road.

Shooting events in the Olympics are not considered a major sport. In Australia, pistol shooting had not been taken up as a sport because of the unfavorable gun laws, however a few shooters had started just because of the Olympics. Consequently the ranges were completed just before the games and were in good condition. All the ranges were situated near the ocean and had a "brisk" 20 to 30 knot sea breeze all the time.

We arrived early enough to be able to practice 3 weeks before the competitions began. During this time we became good friends with the shooters of the world. Most of them could speak English so we were able to swap ideas and information.

Most of the weapons used in the Rapid fire pistol event were Hammerliis and Berrettas. Very few American guns were used. As usual most were modified to suit the individual. The sights were painted different colors to suit the varying light conditions, some even used luminous plastic front sight blades. Black sights became the most popular after my carbide lamp started getting around. I finally sold it to an Argentine shooter. Our "yellow" shooting glasses caused much attraction.

The Slow Fire Free Pistol match was the first match fired. Joe Benner and Offet Pinion were the U. S. entries. Pinion placed 3rd for our only medal in shooting and Benner came in 13th. They fired on a very windy day and it was the first time I ever saw a coach "doping" wind for a pistol shooter.

The second event was the 300 meter Free Rifle event. The U. S. entries were Herb Volker, U.S.A. and Jim Smith U.S.M.C.R. They practiced 8 hours a day and placed 8th and 10th respectively in the match.

Both Smith and Volker felt that their guns and ammunition were not as good as some of the other competitors. The Russian shooters were outstanding. They placed 1st and 2nd. Their standing scores were 20 points better than the American boys.

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The third event was the 50 meter free rifle match. Art Jackson and Verle Wright fired for the U.S. and placed 22nd and 24th. The canadians were outstanding in that both shooters used the same rifle in the time allowed for one shooter. They placed 1st and 3rd; the winner scored a possible 600.

The last event was the Rapid fire Silhouette match in which John Forman and I represented the USA. I placed 7th and Forman placed 13th. The only unusual pistol used in the rapid fire was used by the Russians. It resembled a hacksaw frame in shape with the sights on the top frame and the barrel 3 inches below the sights where the blade would be. The slide was upside down and ejection was down. The magazine clip was inserted in the top. The advantage of this design was that recoil was straight back instead of back and up.

As competitors we had a special section in the main cricket ground where the track and field events were held. We saw all the events and were quite excited when the U.S. won an event. The winner takes his place on the top step and the National Anthem of his country was played and the flag raised.

The Russian competitors seemed eager to be friendly and willing to talk. Theye were not allowed much freedom and were seldom seen in Melbourne or even around the Village. On the range they were eager to mingle with the other shooters but noticeably "clammed up" when their team officials were around.

The 1956 Olympic Games were the best in history. The management of the games and the whole-hearted support and friendliness of the Australian people made the games something to remember forever.



Master Sergeant John Beaumont, 199th FIS, poses with a testimonial plaque he received at a dinner honoring him in Nov. 1956, prior to his departure to the Olympic Games.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Announcement was made last month of the award of the Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific Trophy, awarded annually to the outstanding company or battery size unit of the Hawaii National Guard as determined by the CG, USARPAC, during the Annual General Inspection.

This year's award, for Fiscal Year 1957, went to the 230th Engineer Company, 299th Regimental Combat

The company, located at Hilo, Hawaii, is commanded by Capt. Daniel Wela, and provides engineer support for infantry elements of the Combat Team.

In order to qualify for the award, the company must receive the highest rating during the IG inspections. Points covered in the inspection include status of administration, records and condition of equipment, troops, training and facilities.

The coveted trophy will be presented to Capt. Wela and his engineers sometime in late March.

Led by Sfc Anthony Conti's high score of 279, the 613th Ordnance company won the HNG Territorial NRA Indoor Rifle Tournament on January 19, and broke the existing record by 29 points which was set by Svc Co, 298th Inf, in 1951.

Members of the winning team were: Sfc Conti, Sgt. Eckley Yim, SP2 Henry Yamada, SP3 Joseph Viveiros, SP2 Joseph Nakea, SP2 Clarence Park, SP3 Manuel Mendonca, Sfc Edward Auwae, Sfc Robert C. Fukuhara and WO Kainoa Akana.

Second place went to Hq, Hq & Svc Co, 227th Engr Bn and third place went to Co B, 299th Inf.

Ten competitors were also designated members of the HNG Smallbore Team for 1957 and were awarded the HNG Small Arms atch. They are shown in the picture below.



HNG Smallbore Team for 1957. Back row, left: Sfc Anthony Conti, 613th Ord Co, Sgt. Tom Oda, Co B, 299th, Pvt-2 Melvin Cummings, Hq 1/299th, Sgt. Eckley Yim, 613th Ord Co, CWO Ralph Apo, 277th Engr Bn; front row, left: Sfc Manuel Sylva, 227th Engr Bn, Sp2 Henry Yamada, 613th Ord Co, MSgt. Gabriel Moniz, Co B, 299th and Sp3 Joseph Viveiros, 613th Ord Co.

QUES.—Is a National Guardsman entitled to a military funeral if he is not a veteran?

ANS .- Yes, provided death occurred in line of duty as a result of injuries or disease incurred during an authorized training period for which Federal pay is received. However, burial in a national cemetery is authorized only if the Guardsman is a veteran of active federal service.

QUES.—Is a National Guardsman entitled to leave with pay? If so, how many days per annum?

ANS.—The only time a National Guardsman accrues leave is when he is on active duty for training, such as at service schools or "taking 6". The amount of leave accrued is figured at the rate of 21/2 days per month.

QUES.—I am a National Guardsman leaving the Islands to attend school on the Mainland. I am 20 years old and would like to continue as a member of the National Guard. What must I do to accomplish this?

ANS.-You should (1) notify your unit commander that you are leaving and that you intend to enlist in a National Guard unit on the mainland, (2) notify your Draft Board of your intentions, (3) get a letter from your unit commander verifying the fact that you are a member of the Hawaii National Guard, (4) locate the nearest Guord unit as soon as possible after you arrive on the mainland and arrange to enlist in that unit, (5) ask your new unit commander to notify you rold HNG unit and your local board of the date of your enlistment on the mainland. You will then be discharged from the HNG effective the day before you enlisted in your new unit. Provided your Local Board has been kept advised of your status, they will keep you in a 1-D classification.

QUES .-- For some reason, I did not receive my last quarter pay check until Jan. 30, 1957 instead of Nov. 30, 1956. Is the money I received included on my Withholding Statement for 1956?

ANS.-No. Only money you received in 1956 is included. The money you received on Jan. 30, 1957, regardless of pay quarter, will be included on your 1957 Withholding

QUES.—I joined the National Guard when I was seventeen years old. I will be eighteen very shortly. Do I have to register with the Draft Board or will my Guard unit take care of this for me?

ANS .- You must register yourself. It is your responsibility and your National Guard unit cannot do it for you.

QUES.—A friend of mine who is 19 years old and has no prior service, would like to enlist in the Army

Guard. If he enlists, will the Draft Board change his draft classification from 1-A to 1-D?

ANS.-No, they will not. However, if he enlists in the Guard now and takes Six Months of Active Duty for Training, that information will be forwarded to his Draft Board, and his date of induction will be delayed so long as he participates satisfactorily in the Guard. After returning from the Six Months Training he must serve 51/2 years in the Guard.

QUES.—How many veterans are members of the Hawaii National Guard and how many National Guardsmen served on active duty during Korea?

ANS.—There are over 1200 veterans in the HNG. Over 183,000 Guardsmen throughout the Nation were called out during Korea, with 2 National Guard divisions and numerous support units sent to fight in Korea.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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lems in the administration of such a program, it was decided by the Council not to sponsor the measure.

I believe that the most important provision of the Military Department's legislative program is one which will reorganize the Adjutant-General's office during drill status. The proposed structure would be somewhat similar to that of the National Guard Bureau. The heavy responsibilities that rest on both the senior Army and senior Air officers of the Hawaii National Guard would be recognized by creating a department for the Army. and a department for the Air within the Hawaii National Guard. Each department would be headed by an Assistant Adjutant-General with the rank of Brigadier-General.

It is important that each member of the Association stand ready, if called upon to do so, to lend his support to this measure by communicating with the members of the Territorial Legislature indicating his desire for the enactment of this bill.

Without enough paid subscriptions to the Hawaii Guardsman Magazine, the Association would not have a voice. It is imperative that all members, and the unit commanders in particular, go all out in selling this magazine. If we are to have the type of issues that we all want, we must maintain the paid circulation at a high level.

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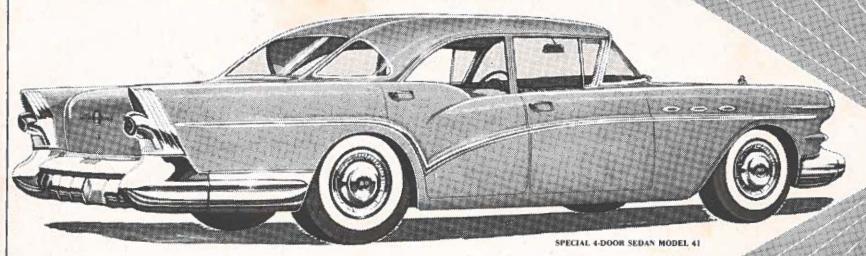
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VIVIAN SAU YEN CHOY

The winner of the 8th Annual Narcissus Festival held under the auspices of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. This vivacious beauty is 19 years old, and is $5 \text{ ft. } 6\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall. She is employed as a policy writer and likes water sports, bowling, singing and dancing. Vivian graduated from Farrington High School in 1954. In addition to the many beautiful prizes, she also won a round trip to New York, Canada and Mexico, plus travel expenses. She was sponsored by Yick Lung Co., Honolulu.

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