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FIRST WINTER CAMP ENDS

The first "winter camp" in Guard history ends today and tomorrow, as more than 1,500 men end the first week of YRFT.

Inclement weather made it one of the toughest camps on record, but provided excellent situation problems for HANG's F-102s as 199th FIS pilots flew 134 sorties coordinated by the 150th and 169th AC&W Squadrons.

A scheduled firing of live radar-guided missiles, however, figured to be a highlight of the camp, had to be postponed when the range 100 miles north of Oahu became heavily socked in by bad weather.

The fliers had been looking forward to the exercise in which they were to fire for the first time at a Delmar target, a black bomb-like device fabricated from papier mache and towed 5,000 feet behind another F-102.

Eight F-102s were based at Dillingham and six at Bonham.

Although plenty of advance notice had been circulated on the closing of Dillingham to private aircraft, Maj. Ross England's boys were frequently harassed by civilian pilots who approached the strip figuring to land.

On one hair-raising occasion, a wahine flier in a bright yellow and white Cessna 150 actually came in and made a touch-and-go, just one

and one-half minutes ahead of an F-102 making a pass from the opposite direction.

Parties are the order of the day as camp adjourns until the next session, slated for June 8-13.

KUDOS FOR TOSHI

Kudos are in order for TSgt Toshiyuki Watabayashi of the 154th Dispensary.

Toshi will spend two weeks on active duty in Washington, D.C. beginning March 23 at the Pentagon at the special invitation of Col. Henry Graham, Surgeon General of the Air National Guard.

Col. Graham, highly impressed with the efficient operation of the 154th Dispensary, personally invited him while here in December as a member of a National Guard Bureau visitation team. Toshi is the only man of enlisted rank to be invited to the session.

Sgt Watabayashi has served as a medical technician with the Hawaii Air Guard for the past 10 years. The McKinley High graduate spent two years at Ventura J.C. followed by a stint at a Los Angeles Technical school before being drafted.

He served two years at Brooke Army Medical Center, then worked for 10 years at various hospitals in Hawaii and on the Mainland before joining the Air Guard.

NO CHECKS

As you know, our paychecks now come to us from the new Air Force finance center in Denver. As you also know by now, we aren't going to be paid by the end of this camp because the checks aren't ready.

Apparently computerized payroll management takes longer than the old method, under which the checks at least arrived on time.

Your checks will be mailed to your home sometime soon, we think.

WAREHOUSE LUAU

Supply Squadron celebrated the end of camp last night with a luau held in the supply warehouse. The menu included Primo, Kalua pig, Primo, sashimi, Primo, lots of poi and lots of Primo.

The program featured honors to the outgoing First Sergeant, SMSgt John Sierra, who has been transferred to Headquarters, HANG, and to the new First Sergeant, MSgt Alfred Young. And the Supply Squadron's property accounting volleyball team received the Squadron volleyball trophy.

BEST ATTENDANCE RECORD

Supply Squadron has been chosen to receive the HANG attendance trophy for the third time within the last two years. The squadron registered 96 per cent attendance of its 95 members for the second quarter of fiscal year '68. The Commander of HANG or his representative will make the trophy presentation at the close of the February drill.

We would be amiss were we not to mention that Headquarters, HANG, which is not eligible for the trophy, had a 97 per cent attendance record during the same period.

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPST

Here are the results of this week's hard-fought volleyball tournament:

CHAMPIONS...CAMRON!!!

2nd place...Supply

3rd place...Headquarters

4th place...Combat Support

CAMRON defeated Supply in two games out of three for the championship. Congratulations!

AWARDS

Congratulations to MSgt Lewis K. Kono and TSgt Lawrence S. Partika, both of the 154th CAM Sq., who will be awarded HANG 20-year service bars at today's closing formation.

BASE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES

It seems a shame to have to bring this up each camp, but there continue to be HANG members who think they can abuse the privilege of shopping at military facilities during Active Duty for Training periods. Chiefly, this consists of buying things for friends. May we again emphasize that you have a privilege of using the BX and Commissary, but it is not a right. Unless we take care not to abuse this privilege, it will be taken away, not just from the offending individual, but from every Guardsman.

NO FATIGUES!

As outlined in paragraph 198 AFM 211-2, fatigue clothing is not acceptable for passport photographs. It is recommended that all military personnel applying for passports wear appropriate civilian clothing or remove blue service coat to give appearance of civilian clothing.