

#### FOREWARD

This foreward, I have written, covers the period of action during which I was the Commanding Officer of the 27th Infantry Wolfhounds in their struggle to defeat that most formidable foe defending Central Luzon, in the Philippines. The 27th Regiment with a platoon of the 775th Medium Tank Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Battalion, and 1/C/98th Chemical Battalion (attchd. War Dog elements) faced a provisional force of the 10th Japanese Army Division (10,11,63 Infantry Regiments, 10th Engineer Regiment, 10th Transportation Regiment, 8th RR Regiment and the 10th Division Artillery backed up with independent artillery and heavy mortar units).

The men of the 27th Infanrty Regiment fought their way from the San Jose School astride Highway 5 to the Balete Pass rest house. In order to accomplish this mission these brave men had to overcome not only stiff Japanese resistance but the hardships of the jungle and rain forest. The terrain was rugged and at times caused very close encounters with the enemy. Our men fought with courage and determination and, in the end, George Company made a spectacular maneuver across a valley and stormed objective Myoko Mountain. They clawed their way to the top, some 2700 feet high, caught the enemy by surprise and took the objective. This, in my opinion, broke the back of the Japanese resistance leading to the capture Balete Pass. The Division Commander, after visiting the objective, remarked, "I don't see how they did it." From this objective the Regiment continued abrest Highway 5 to report no enemy at Balete Pass.

It was my privilege and honor to have commanded such fighting men.

Philip Lindeman, Mjr. Gen. (Ret.)  
then Colonel, commanding  
27 Infantry Regiment  
Wolfhounds

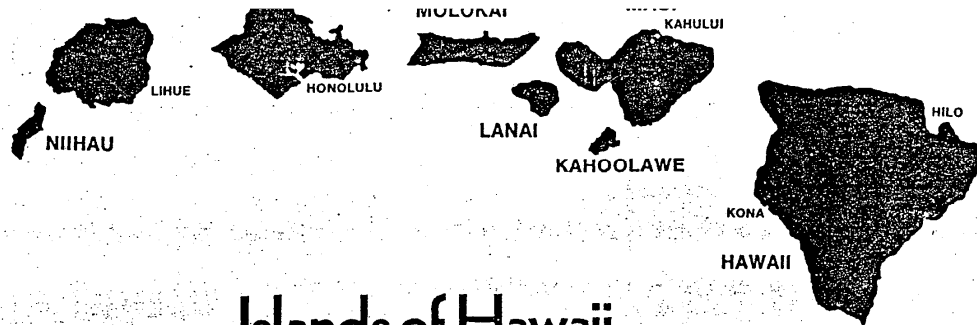
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These Wolfhounds contributed

Alling, Russell	Ferriter, Dick	Lucas, Ernie
Banovich, George	Franco, Gus	Maddux, Guy
<i>Beasley, Jim</i> Bogard, Don	File, Phil	Marshall, Frank
Bongiorno, Seven	Garcia, Herb	Oliva, John "Cisco"
Brushwein, Harold	Glessner, Paul	Onorato, Bob "Doc"
Burghart, Ray	Irwin, Clarence	Sabold, Bob
Cook, Harold	Johnson, Les	Scannell, John
Curran, Bill "Chubby"	<i>Kenes, Joe</i> Koontz, Joe	Stewart, Bob
Davis, Charles	Koontz, Mary (Mickey)	Thomas, Les
Doyle, Kellin*	Lefevere, Leo	Wallace, Leo
Edinger, Fred	Leiby, Earl	Weidle, Bill
	Lindeman, Phil	Zoller, Bob

\*This character is a "foil". See Glossary.



## Islands of Hawaii

### Chapter 6

#### Wolfhounds Find a Home

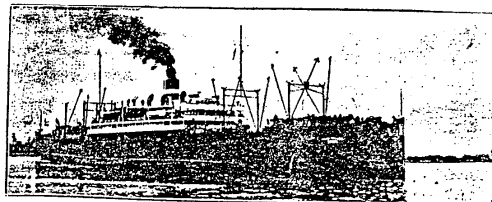
In 1920, two regiments, the 34th and 44th, arrived in Hawaii and the 27th came in from Manila in 1921, closely followed by the 8th, 11th, and 13th FA Regiments from the ZI. A Btn. of the 34th Engrs. arrived from Manila completing the Div.

The Hawaiian Div. was organized 2400, 28 Feb. 1921, and the colors and records of the 21 Rgt. arrived to replace the 44th. Soon afterward, that year, the organizations began to keep permanent athletic records which show that the 35th and the 27th were co-champs in basketball while the 21st and 11th FA split the honors in football.

This would begin a long and happy tour for the Wolfhounds who would be totally satisfied to call Hawaii home base. During the twenties and thirties their time would be spent in permanent garrison duties, intensive training, and setting the athletic standard for the Hawaiian Div. The Regiment moved around the Island of Oahu to several different posts (Ft. Ruger, Ft. Armstrong, etc.) primarily during training and summer camping, but permanent posting would be at Schofield Barracks.

From 1926-1928, Col. Laurence Halstead was the C.O. and on 2 Oct. 1928, Col. William E. Hunt took command of the Regiment.

In 1929, elaborate ceremonies marked the adoption of a pedigreed Russian Wolfhound, "Kolchak", as mascot of the 27th Infantry. Sgt. John Martin, who had served with the Regiment both during the Philippine Insurrection and the Siberian Campaign, took charge of the new masc-



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ot of the Rgt. and promised that he would attend all appropriate gatherings of the Rgt. For victorious athletes and coaches, of the Regimental teams which competed against other regimental teams, the Regiment would establish eligibility to become members of the "Order of the Wolfhounds". For a young trooper who kept his nose clean and applied himself, duty in Hawaii, with the Wolfhounds, in such bad economic times could probably seem like paradise - especially starting at \$21 a day.

During July 1925, the entire Regiment was stationed at Waimanalo



**BAMA DILLARD DAY**—Sgt. Hubert (Bama) Dillard, 14-year veteran third baseman of the 27th Infantry, was honored by a Dillard Day at the end of the season. Bama is holding the watch presented to him by his regimental commander, Col. Edwin Harding.  
(Photo by Signal Corps, Haw. Div.)

**Best Squad of the Twenty-seventh Infantry**



(Photo by Signal Corps, Haw. Div.)  
Chief of Infantry Combat Squad from Company I, Twenty-seventh Infantry which won the regimental competition. Left to right, lower row, Cpl. L. L. Ruley, Pfc. Rhymer, Pfc. Barron, Pvt. Banaitis. Top row, left to right, Pfc. McCloskey, Pfc. Russell, Pfc. Cavanaugh, Pfc. Newman.

## The Wolfhounds

(Opposite Page)

### NO. 1—REGIMENTAL STAFF

Capt. S. W. Ramsey, Jr., Adjutant, Maj. E. N. Slappey, Ex. Off. Col. Harding, C. O., Maj. C. H. Plank, S-4, Capt. L. J. Storck, S-3, 1st Lieut. J. W. Coutts, S-2, Ath. Off., Capt. A. E. O'Flaherty Jr., P. and P. Off., 1st Lieut. J. H. Caughey, Asst. Adj., 2nd Lieut. D. M. Oden, Asst. Adj. (Colonel E. F. Harding commands the 27th.)

### NO. 2—CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONS, COMPANY A

Front Row: Mansperger (coach), Wood, Jenkins. Back Row: Burright, Henry, Nelson E., Sprinkle.

### NO. 3—BOWLING CHAMPIONS, COMPANY A

Front Row: Riley, Wendson. Winkle. Back Row: Cavin, Jenkins.

### NO. 4—RIFLE TEAM

Sitting: "Johnnie" Storck, Mascot. Front Row: Southard, Haines, Capt. C. K. Gailey (coach), Col. Harding, Campbell, Buckrod. Second Row: Hogan, Stone, Allegree, Hoar, Bonin. Standing: Lontz. This is the outstanding aggregation of crack shots in Hawaii.

### NO. 5—BOXING CHAMPIONS, COMPANY A

Front Row (L. to R.): Batey, Phillips, Brown, Taylor, coach, Tittle, Banco, Thomas. Back Row: Bivens, Henry, Myers, Knutson, Altman, Nelson E.

### NO. 6—BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS, COMPANY A

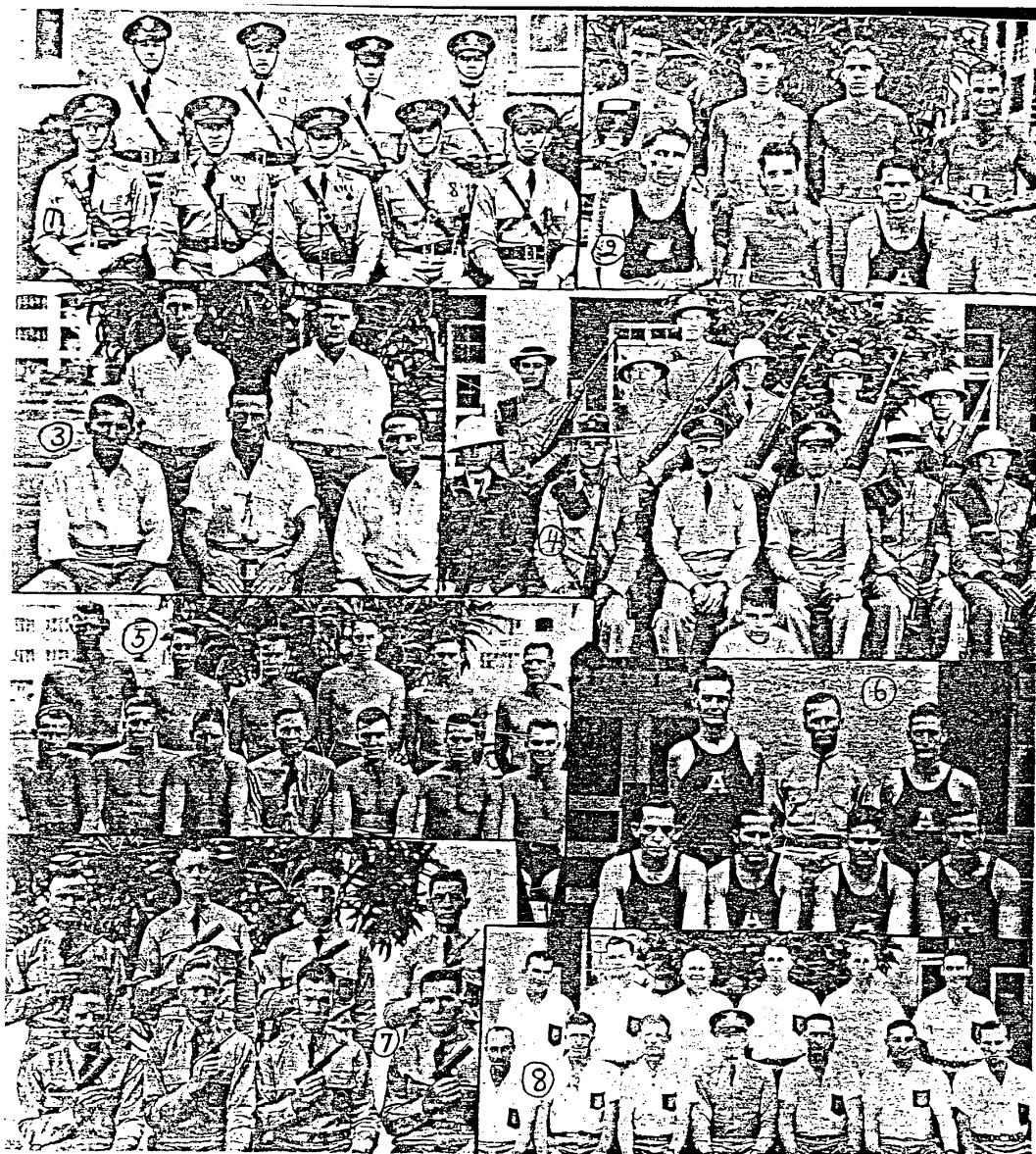
Front Row: Pickard, Riley, Clements, Wenderson C. Back Row: Agnew, Sgt. Winstead, (coach), Cavin.

### NO. 7—PISTOL TEAM

Front Row (L. to R.): Townson, Lieut. J. L. Thomas, Lieut. M. C. Taylor (coach), 1st Sgt. Peterson. Back Row (L. to R.): Ady, Knight, Keller, Stanton. Champions Associated Gun Clubs of Oahu. Lieut. Taylor copped 4th place in the department match.

### NO. 8—BOWLING TEAM

Front Row: Rickey (Sr.), Hall-dorson (Sr.), Howell, (Sr.) Coach, Col. Harding, Wendson (Sr.), Kalmier (Sr.), Riley (Sr.). Back Row: Piven (Sr.), Bunch (Sr.), Bondar (Sr.), Peterson (Sr.), Alligree (Sr.), Cavin (Sr.).



● Known throughout the Army as "The Wolfhounds," the 27th Infantry of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, is one of the most active of all Regiments in the Army. In every branch of athletics and other form of competition the Twenty-Seventh more than holds its own, and while it lays no claim to all the championships, it does claim that it is fully recognized around Schofield that Wolfhound teams are the hard teams to beat—and that "Get a Wolfhound" is the toughest requirement that any rival coach at Schofield has to meet. Athletic Officer of the Twenty-Seventh is First Lieutenant James W. Coutts. Lieutenant Coutts succeeded Captain Harry G. Rennagel who served the Wolfhounds in charge of athletics from April 1938 to March 1939. Key to Wolfhound Team pictures above will be found on the opposite page.

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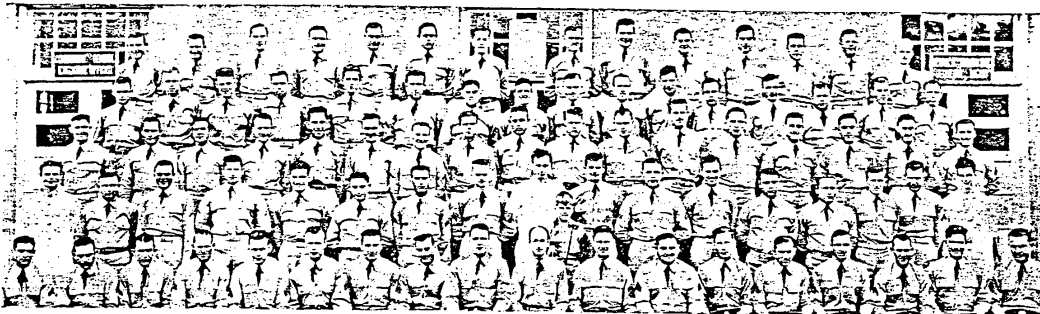
# Company "D" 27th Infantry

Schofield Barracks, T. H.

COMMANDING OFFICER  
CAPT. C. R. SMITH

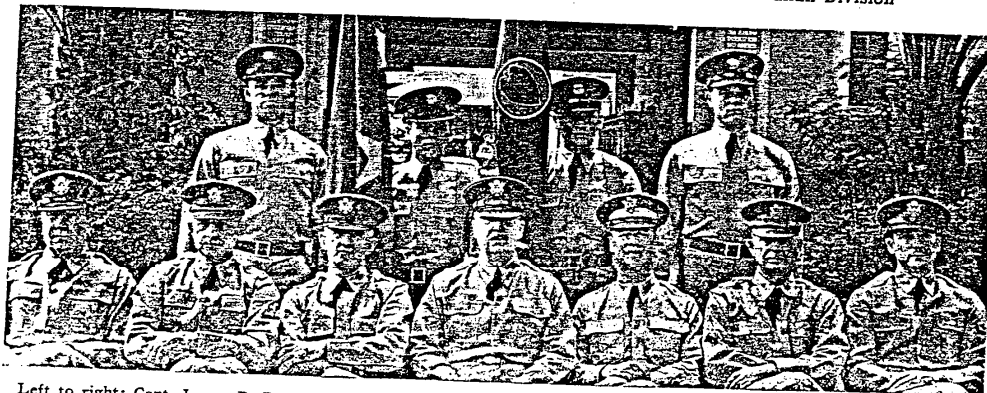
COMPANY OFFICER  
2nd LT. J. E. JARMIN

FIRST SERGEANT  
JOHN A. LIDDY

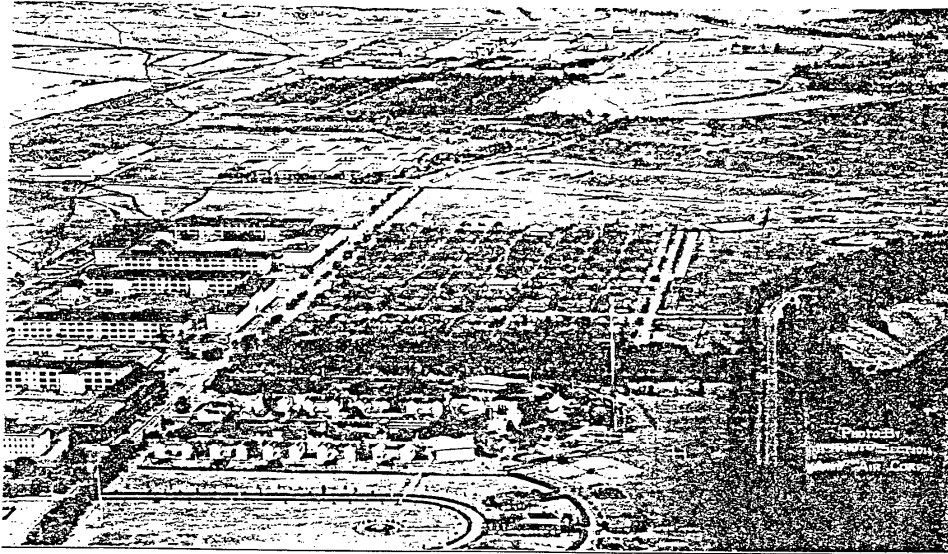


SERGEANTS					
A. E. L. Bunce	G. F. Murdock	T. W. Carragher	R. M. Vanderport	F. W. Conrad	J. C. Riley
H. Cohn	F. A. O'Daniel	P. M. Cinamella	W. D. Walden	L. Cutrell	W. E. Roach
T. Guinn	A. M. Piven	H. W. Daniel	M. B. Weighall	J. T. Dewberry	W. H. Rost, Jr.
R. E. Henry	R. C. Register	L. L. Jordan	B. W. Wimmer	I. E. Dodds	J. T. Rutherford
P. J. Hogan	W. T. Shaw	W. E. Judson		A. L. Elliott	A. S. Scatterfield
G. E. Kelmar	O. T. Shepherd	C. J. Meadows		E. T. Feller	A. S. Scatterfield
D. F. Peacock	J. W. Talley	W. Murphy		W. T. Fletcher	J. E. Shelton
N. M. Ray	W. L. Upton	M. H. Olson		R. Foster	M. N. Shirk
R. J. Riley	J. E. White	J. P. Richard		A. Gala	H. M. Shropshire
F. A. Slagle	H. F. Worley	B. L. Sanford		V. V. Hall	O. L. Stephens
F. A. Turner		S. Simon		A. W. Heatherly, Jr.	C. E. Thomas
H. M. Vance		G. A. Smith, Jr.		E. Hudspeth	J. E. Utley
PRIVATES					
		D. P. Stinson		J. Lucas	A. J. Virag
		C. A. Sullivan		J. J. Manion	M. L. Ward
		J. E. Thompson		G. W. Mason	N. J. Wayte
		C. A. Trexler		E. E. Osborn	H. Weibel
				J. Osborne, Jr.	T. R. White

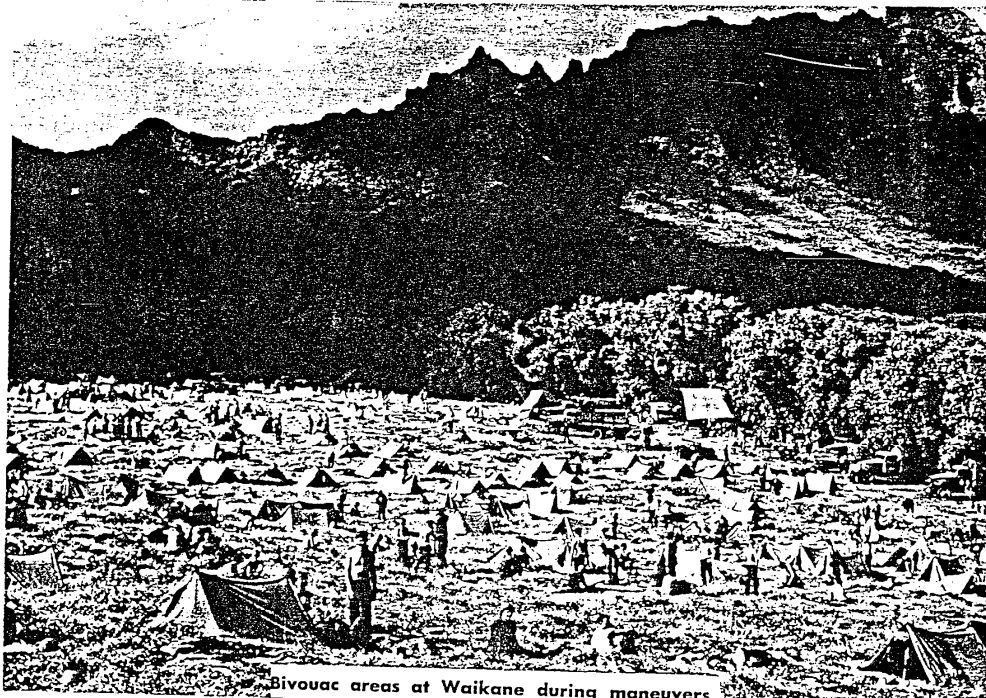
## The General Staff of Headquarters Schofield Barracks and the Hawaiian Division



Left to right: Capt. James B. Patterson, Cav., Senior Aide-de-Camp; Lt. Col. William R. Gruber, GSC, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4; Col. Eugene Santschi, Jr., GSC, Chief of Staff; Maj. Gen. William H. Wilson, USA, Commanding General; Col. Conrad H. Lanza, FA, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1; Lt. Col. Robert L. Spragins, GSC, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3; 1st Lieut. Frederick O. Hartel, Inf., Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and Junior Aide-de-Camp. The Color Guard, from the Thirty-fifth Infantry, left to right: Private First Class Christopher C. Neel, Company K; Sergeant Edmond Stewart, Service Company; Sergeant Cecil R. Meadows, Service Company; Private First Class Malcolm D. Williamson, Company G. (Photo by 18th Air Base Photo Laboratory, A.C., Wheeler Field, T.H.).



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS  
Showing Twenty-Seventh Infantry Area



Bivouac areas at Waikane during maneuvers.



for three weeks in summer camp before returning to Skokie. During Jan. 1926, elements were engaged in the construction of Fire Break Trail and, on 23 July 1926, the first issue of the Rgtl. paper, "The Bark", made it's appearance with Chaplain Edwin Burling as it's first editor. As of 31 Dec. 1926, the strength of the Rgt. was 57 officers and 1026 enlisted men.

(Arthur S. Macedo) "My service in the Wolfhound Rgt. was from 19 June 1937, less one year in the 3 Combat Engrs., thru 14 Aug. 1939. I was initially assigned to D Co., 27 Inf., for recruit training in June 1937. On 2 Jan. 1939, I entered Love Co., 27 Rgt. and served with them until 14 Aug. 1939. My data in the 27 Rgt. was: Pvt. Art Soares, 614 3093."

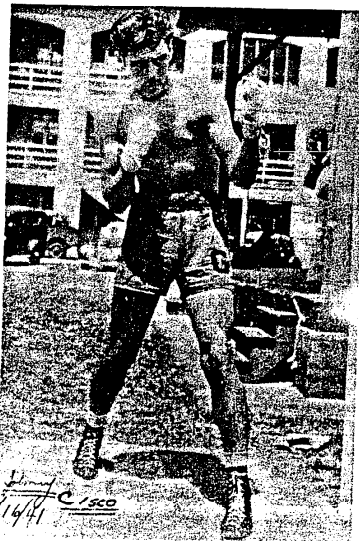
(Harold Cook, H/Hq., AT Co.) "I joined the Wolfhounds in the early part of 1940 and was sentenced to the Boxing Team simply because I was a south paw. Never was much good and so I tried out for the Baseball Team and became first baseman. Training in the 27th was never easy and we lived in tents pitched in the Rgtl. quadrangle, and the hours were long and the drill sgts. (old timers - some of them had even been "Polar Bears" in Siberia) were as tough as bears. But these men made soldiers of us and we were



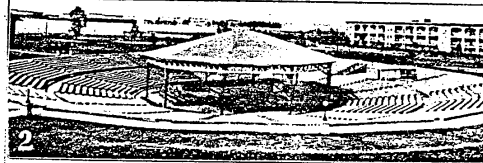
"KOLCHAK"  
Regimental Mascot  
Adopted 1929

Elaborate ceremonies marked the adoption of "Kolchak," the pedigreed Russian wolfhound, as mascot of the Twenty-Seventh Infantry. The organization was formed on the regimental drill field, and after a brief address by Colonel William E. Hunt, announcing the acquisition of the dog, Chaplain Oscar W. Reynolds made a short talk on the significance of mascots.

Sergeant John Martin, who served under Baldwin in the Philippine Insurrection, and in the Siberian campaign with the Twenty-Seventh, took charge of "Kolchak" and promised to see that he attended all appropriate gatherings of the regiment.—Recruiting News, Sept. 15, 1929.



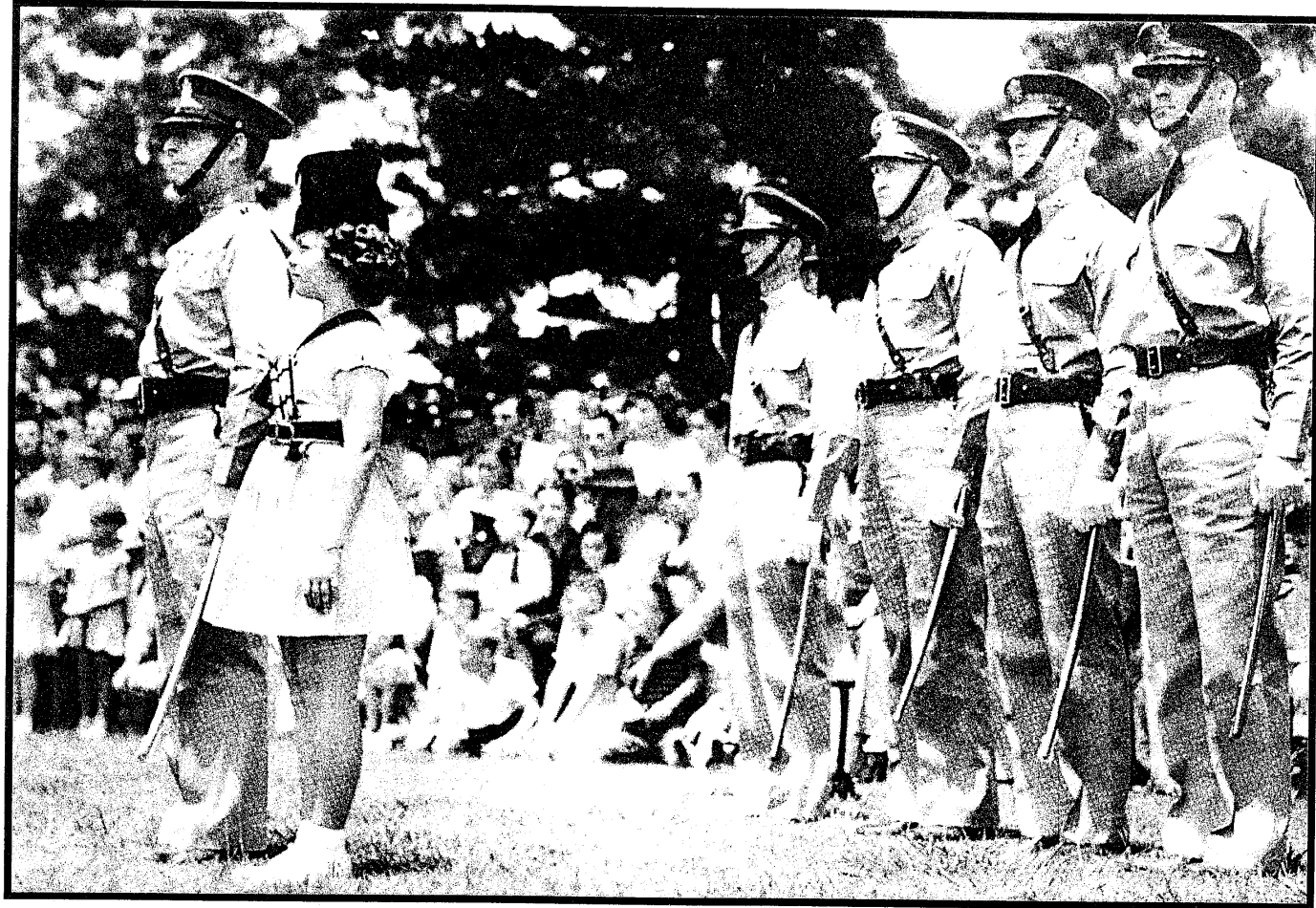
On the eve of WWII, John "Cisco" Olivus represented G-27th Inf at the Schofield Smokers



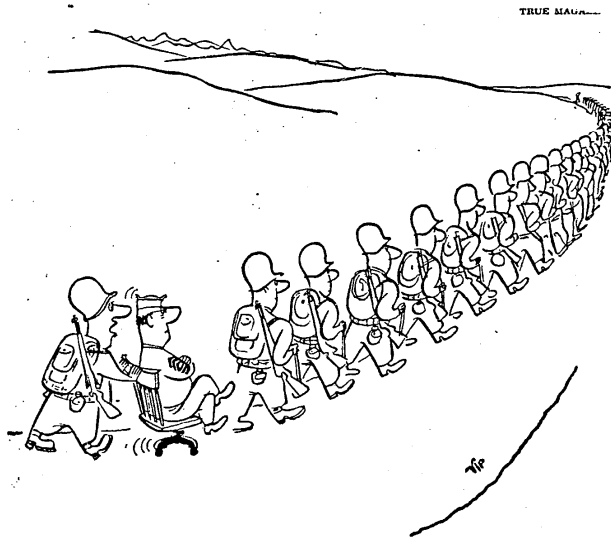
Skokie's Boxing Bowl

all assigned to units. I was assigned to the AT pltn., of H/Hqs. Co. We never did get to know all our fellow pltn. members since one squad was assigned to each Btn., and one Btn. was normally in the field, one in garrison, and one on the range most of the time. Occasionally we would go on forced marches, or man our field positions in the Honolulu Sector of Oahu. The jocks would be sent to Red Hill to haul ammo for the rest of the Rgt. Life in Hawaii couldn't be the dream compared to today; we had thirty miles to go before we got to Honolulu with

25th Infantry Division Association



Shirley Temple, upon her appointment as Honorary Colonel of the 27th Infantry Regiment, reviews a Wolfhound parade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, on the eve of World War II.



"We hardly ever see you master sergeants out on our little hikes."



Harold Cook  
Cpl.

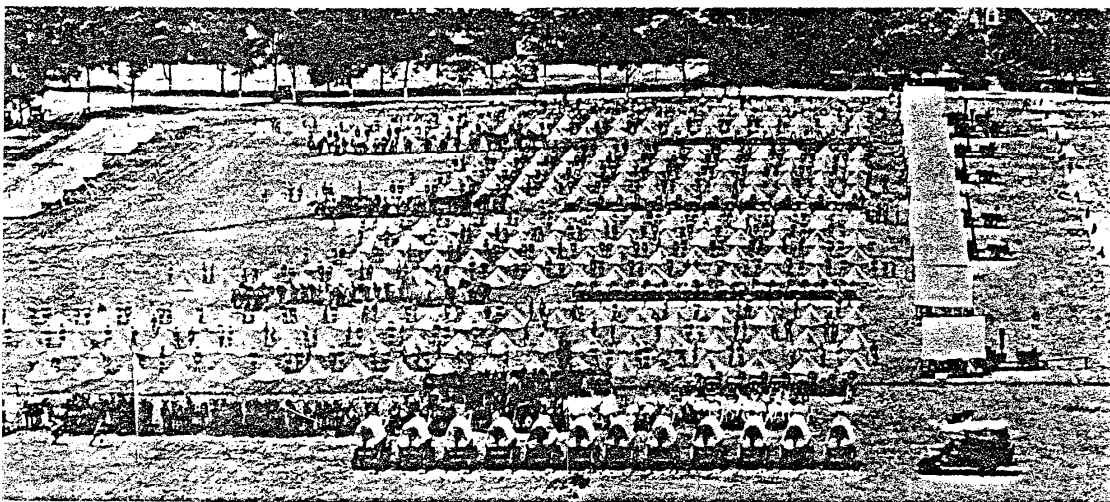
such an outing not more than once a month. Several months before 7 Dec. 1941, I was sent to Kailua for ant-sabotage work. We set up guns in the town and went around looking for radios and weap-



Shirley Temple, 1938  
Honorary Col.



Harold Cook  
"Top"



Hawaiian Division in camp on Oahu before 25th Infantry Division was formerly organized.

(Irwin) "On 2 Jan. 1942, I was assigned to G Co., 27 Rgt., which was defending the beach at Waikiki from Honolulu to Diamond Head."

#### Chapter 7 Assault on Paradise

(Robert L. Stewart) "I was in Fox Co., 27 Rgt., and James Jones\* was our asst. Co. clerk in 1939-1941. He wrote "From Here to Eternity" and some of the characters, in the book, were in F Co. "Big Train" was mentioned as well as many others. It was part fact and part fiction and I suppose I should tell you that he used R. L. Stewart as model for his model for his leading character (Pruitt). Oh yes, I was a highly successful gambler, also, and managed to save most of my winnings."



James Jones in Paris

\*James Jones was from Robinson, Ill. and, after graduating from high school, was encouraged to enter the Air Corps by his parents. During his service at Hickham Field, Oahu, he transferred to the Wolfhounds. Assigned to Fighting Fox, he was asst. clerk. He had been a bored student in school, but had read every book in his local library. He played trombone in the high school band. He had started writing in service; but, when he applied for

and the aid of seven gasoline-driven jackhammers - that would not shut off like pneumatic drills when you moved them, dug five pillboxes in the virgin rock of Makapuu Point, and floored them and walled them and roofed them, and apertured them with concrete.. Only one of them was visible from the road, and to see that one you had to know where it was. On 7 Dec. we had been moved down here in trucks and occupied them with nothing but the machineguns and our rifles. And one canteen of water per man."

(Otha Hodge, dscd.) "I was a Pvt. in Item Co., 27 Rgt., on 7 Dec. 1941, at Schofield Barracks, and seeing Jap planes, rushed to the ammo storage room, tore down the door, started issuing ammo to the men telling them to return fire. This earned me a courts martial threat, but I was rescued by L/Gen. Short and Adm. Kimmel. Barracks at Skokie were blown up, along with 2000 milk bottles;



Otha H. Hodge

which a Jap milkman had supposed to have picked up that day. The milkman was later arrested as a spy. I was assigned to burn all Island money to keep it from the Japs in case they invaded." (Frank E. Killian) "I joined the Army 3 Aug. 1939, and was assigned to F Co., 27 Inf. Rgt. and was at Schofield Barracks on 7 Dec. 1941 during the surprise attack on that Sunday morning. When the Island was secured, I saw service on Guadalcanal, where I was wounded - and then bombed while in the hospital. I received further hospitalization on New Caledonia and was then sent back to the Canal, Espiritu Santo, Auckland, N.Z., and finally to Harmon Gen. Hospital, in Texas. I served at Ft. Bragg, Camp Butner, and was finally discharged at Ft. McPherson, Ga. with a disability. Servicemen in Hawaii spent their "Hitch in Hell" on 7 Dec. 1941."

(Rolla A. Yerkey) "I entered the Army 16 Aug 1941, at Ft. Hayes, Ohio. I was a Pvt. on 7 Dec. 1941, on duty where Honolulu kept their city buses. I was with a ten man riot squad and we stayed where we were, on telephone until some days later. My most vivid recollections were of enemy planes overhead, smoke over Pearl Harbor, the confusion and anxiety of the people, and the destruction afterwards. I served with C/27 in the Pacific."

(Joe Klues) "I was with the Tropic Lightning Div., 27 Rgt., and was with the Div. at the time of it's birth. I

\*Jones: OCS his CO, Capt. Blatt, rendered a negative recommendation on his application.



"Oh, 21 Years. Dears, Is A Mighty Long Time" but Sgt. Red Ellison of the 27th Infantry just completed his twenty-second year as an Army baseball pitcher. This season Red won seven, lost three, and had a 1.11 earned run average. Red's biggest memory besides nine one-hit games is a victory over Dizzy Dean when they both pitched in Army leagues in Texas.

(Photo by Signal Corps, Haw. Div.)



Brothers Tom & Frank Killian

also missed the last boat to the Philippines on Dec. 7, 1941, 361 carrier based planes, of the Japs, and six midget



Rolla A. Yerkey

subs attacked the U.S. Naval and Military bases in Oahu without warning, while Jap envoys were in our Nation's Capitol for negotiations. The great battleship Arizona was destroyed and the Oklahoma, California, Nevada, and West Virginia were severely damaged. A total of 2335 Americans died from this attack.



Joe Klues

"I was a member of the Wolfhounds stationed at Schofield Barracks. I and other members of the company were standing by the barracks looking toward Wheeler Field when we

