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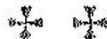
TERRITORY OF HAWAII

BY THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

FOR THE

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MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

AVIATION:

The activities and duties of the Aeronautical Commission were transferred to the Superintendent of Public Works by Act 17 of the Second Special Session Laws of 1932.

With the development of air travel, it is believed that the development of suitable public airports will be of increasing necessity. The Department hopes that additional federal grants may be obtained for this purpose to improve and enlarge the existing plan, and to develop new fields wherever practicable. As improved highways are changing the ports for ocean traffic, undoubtedly the increasing use of air travel will accelerate the development of the back districts as well as the scenic areas of the Territory.

Funds during the past year, have not been available to maintain the fields as well as might be, but with prison labor and FERA assistance, considerable improvement has been made.

TERRITORIAL AIR FIELDS:

There are eight air fields owned and controlled by the Territory—two on Hawaii; two on Maui; one on Molokai; one on Oahu, and two on Kauai. The accompanying maps show these fields.

The Inter-Island Airways, Limited, uses all of the Territorial fields and five of them on regular daily schedule with passengers and mail. A rental charge is to commence in 1935 for building areas occupied by them. Two hangars at John Rodgers Airport are occupied by private planes and aviation schools.

The Hilo airport is composed of a grassy coral and a filled area with two runways along the lines of the prevailing winds. There is a prison camp located on the field and maintenance as well as development of additional areas is carried out with this labor. The principal need at this field is a greater improved area and paved runways. Three thousand dollars of the moneys appropriated by the 1935 Legislature has been allotted for drilling and blasting, which cannot be done by prison labor, to increase the usable area. The Inter-Island Airways, Limited, maintains an office and one hangar at the field.

The Upolu field has been maintained by FERA labor. This field is grass on a sandy soil, and partially graded. The Army maintains a barracks and radio station at the field, on Federal property.

Maalaea field on Maui is a level soil-covered area adjoining the sea. Paved runways are essential as the field in wet weather is not usable. The present runways are narrow and should be widened, as well as the area nearest the sea, filled and improved. Maintenance and improvements have been carried on the past year by the FERA. The Inter-Island Airways, Limited, maintains an office at the field.

The Hana airport has been developed by the FERA over the past year. This field is a narrow strip suitable only for two wind direction but serves commercial travel for that section of the island of Maui, which otherwise is rather inaccessible. The principal needs for future development are perhaps extensive grading and runways, if such should become desirable.

On Molokai, the territorial field is on grassy red soil adjacent to the Hawaiian Homes Commission lands. The Army maintains a radio station at the field and the Inter-Island Airways, Limited, a station house. The principal needs are grading and paved runways.

John Rodgers Airport on Oahu is a coral-filled area with a paved runway for the prevailing wind. This field houses the main shops of the Inter-Island Airways, Limited, and is patronized extensively by amateur fliers. The Territorial airport custodian is housed at this field, and two hangars house the planes used by private fliers and two aviation schools. A concession is rented by the Territory for lunches and soft drinks.

The principal needs at this field are clearing and grading and additional paving. Prisoners have maintained the field during the past year. A rearrangement of the buildings on the eastern side is desirable in order that future hangars may be built along the field and a roadway developed in the rear.

Wailua field on Kauai is a grass-covered sandy field which has been improved and maintained the past year by the County of Kauai and the FERA. The Inter-Island maintains a station house at the field. The principal needs are the removal of trees, grading and paving of suitable runways.

The airfield at Port Allen is on sparsely-grassed rocky soil. The Army maintains a barracks at the field as shown on the map. This field is used every other day by the Inter-Island Airways. The principal needs are grading, paving and some clearing.

BOARD OF DISPOSAL:

Chapter 16, Sections 610 to 615, inclusive, governs the disposal of Territorial personal property no longer required or of no further use to the Territory. The Superintendent of Public Works, as a member, also acts as Secretary and all the clerical work is handled in his office.