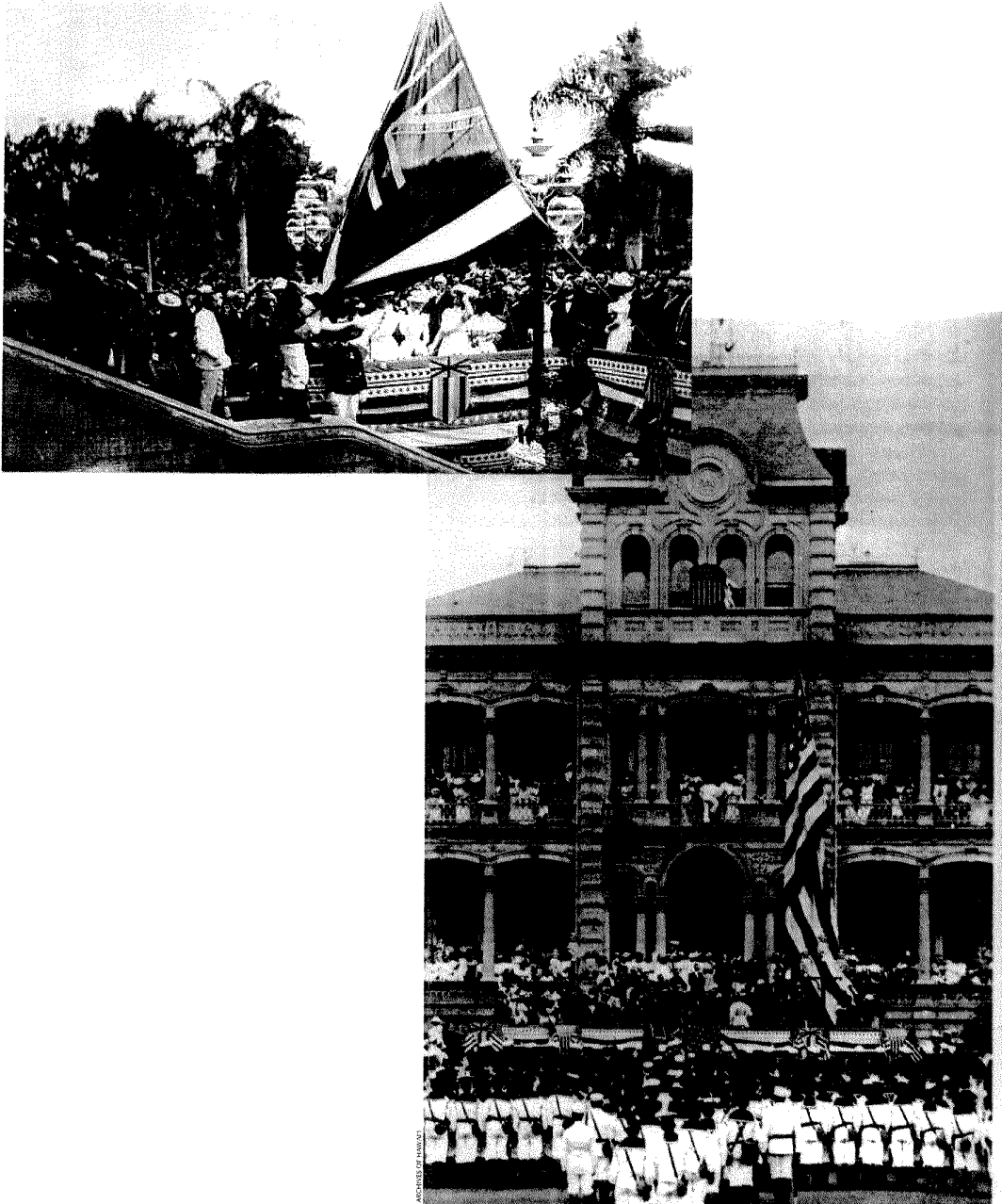


## Annexation Day, August 12, 1898

On the morning of August 12, 1898, troops from the warship U.S.S. Philadelphia marched ashore for the ceremony at 'Iolani Palace formally recognizing the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands by the United States. Queen Lili'uokalani remained at her home at Washington Place with family and supporters.

While the band played *Hawai'i Pono'i*, the national anthem for the Kingdom of Hawai'i that later became the anthem for the State of Hawai'i, the Hawaiian flag was lowered. While the band played The Star-Spangled Banner, the flag of the United States was raised over the palace.

It was said that as night fell across the islands, a wail of sorrow from native Hawaiians could be heard throughout Honolulu.



*On the day of the annexation ceremony, the palace was ringed with American troops.*