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Viet Duty For 400 From 29th

Hawaii's 29th Infantry Brigade will send about 400 soldiers to Vietnam during the next two months, the Army said yesterday.

The former National Guard unit, now based at Schofield Barracks, received orders Friday directing the soldiers to report to Vietnam during February and March.

About 130 of the men are from the Mainland. They will report to Ft. Lewis, Wash., on Jan. 26 for a 'short period of overseas preparation and home leave prior to departing for combat.'

The remainder of the group, including 14 Hawaii men who volunteered for duty in Vietnam, will receive port calls next month.

Unofficial sources claimed that about 1,400 of the Brigade's 4,500 men have been levied or have orders for Vietnam.

The Army said yesterday that under terms of the recently announced early release of National Guardsmen and Army Reservists, those involved in the current levy will be released from active duty no later than mid-December.