

## Obituaries

# Former member of 29th Brigade killed in action

The first former 29th Brigade soldier has been killed in Vietnam.

An Army Reservist from the Mainland whose name has not been revealed, he was sent to Schofield Barracks after the May 13 activation to fill out the ranks of the former Hawaii National Guard infantry force.

He had been transferred to another Army unit in Vietnam at the time of his death, the Army said.

THE ARMY did not identify him since next of kin notification ~~is not~~ a family on the Mainland.

Army officials pointed out that the 29th, in such a case, never would be notified that the man had been killed since he was no longer with the 29th.

News of the death was learned from a letter written from Vietnam to someone in the brigade at Schofield, a spokesman said.

THE SPOKESMAN did not know what outfit the Mainland soldier was with when killed.

According to the letter the soldier died only five days after he reached Vietnam.

Another former 29th soldier has been wounded, the spokesman said. He was not identified either.

About 1,400 men from the 29th have been levied for duty in Vietnam but many of these have not reached Vietnam yet.

Some are on leave either here or on the Mainland before reporting to their new assignments.

MANY OTHERS have been tapped for Vietnam duty at a later date but are still serving at Schofield with the 29th.

The first Vietnam levies were made last August. The first 29th soldier to reach Vietnam got there in October.

Levies have been running below anticipated levels, officials say.

Less than 400 were tabbed for Vietnam duty in both January and February.

Some are asking for duty with the 25th Division.

RECENTLY eight Island troops, formerly with the 29th, met at Cu Chi, Vietnam, the base camp for the 25th Division, to have their picture taken.

Replacements for those men levied for Vietnam are arriving at Schofield all the time, officials say.

Last week 180 replacements arrived here, mostly green troops fresh from basic training.

The new commander of the 29th, Brig. Gen. James K. Terry, will arrive here Friday, the Army said, and take command next Monday.

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