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Army Explains 29th Callup

The Army has told Sen. Hiram Fong that the 29th Infantry Brigade was called to active duty in Vietnam because "it is one of the finest Army National Guard units in our structure."

Fong several times has requested deactivation of the brigade.

In a letter, the Army said that the callup of the brigade for active duty in Vietnam also was "because of the fact that minimum movement was required."

The letter gave no indication of when the 4,070 Hawaii men in the brigade would be returned to the Islands, except that it would be "early December at the latest."

The letter also said, "Although it is recognized that the impact (of the 29th callup) on the State of Hawaii was far greater than on most other states, the requirements for a ready brigade was the paramount consideration."