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# Reserve call up termed excessive

A responsible Pentagon official has admitted that the men ordered to active duty in last year's Army Reserve callup were "in excess of combat requirements."

Included in the activation were nearly 4,000 men from Hawaii in the Hawaii National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade and the Army Reserve's 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry.

Roger T. Kelley, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, admitted the Army called far more men than it needed in activating 24,550 soldiers in May 1968.

OF THE 24,550 called to active duty, more than 10,000 are now serving in Vietnam, including at least 1,500 from the 29th Brigade.

Kelley said it looked as if the Johnson administration "overdid it" when it called the reserve to duty.

The testimony before the Senate committee also indicated that Sen. Daniel K. Inouye has shifted his position and would like to see the 29th Brigade deactivated as soon as possible.

INOUE, a member of the Armed Services Committee, has been the only member of Hawaii's congressional delegation who has not publicly protested the activation of the 29th.

But Inouye joined several other senators in sharp questioning of Kelley when he appeared before the committee.

According to a report in the Washington Post, Inouye

wanted to know why the State of Hawaii, with only one per cent of the nation's population, had to provide 17 per cent of the activated reserves and guardsmen.

IN THE PAST, Inouye has defended the reserve activation in his public statements.

In a speech Nov. 25 before the Hawaii chapter of the Defense Supply Association at Ft. Shafter, Inouye strongly criticized a petition asking for deactivation signed by approximately 1,400 men in the 29th Brigade.

He cited manpower needs in Vietnam as an apparent reason why so many Hawaii men were called. He also pointed out that Hawaii reservists and guardsmen were not activated in the Berlin crisis or during the Korean war.

OTHER senators were also critical of the way the callup was managed in the hearings.

Sen. Peter H. Dominick, R-Col., said a reserve unit of clerks claimed their records were altered to show them qualified as truck drivers after they had reported to active duty at Ft. Carson, Colorado.

When the men involved complained about this, they were ordered to Vietnam, not Korea as originally scheduled, Sen. Dominick said.

Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., requested Kelley to make an "in-depth investigation" of the callup and asked him if he had "some question" about the wisdom of it.

From the limits of my knowledge," Kelley answered. "Yes, sir."