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Policemen may get out of service next week

U.S. Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga had some good news yesterday for 37 Honolulu police officers who were called into active military service.

He said the men, who were ordered to active duty with the 29th Infantry Brigade in May 1968, may be released as early as Aug. 20 if they meet certain Army qualifications.

Five Honolulu policemen already have been returned to the department.

Matsunaga said Aug. 20 was the date set by the Department of Defense as an early release date to allow certain students and seasonal workers to return to their former occupations.

"Policemen who are now

assigned overseas will be eligible for separation when they return to the States," he said. "But they may still apply for an early discharge using the individual's or the unit's estimated date of rotation from overseas.

"In some cases this date may be even earlier than Aug. 20."