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military help clean up Kauai



KAUAI, Sept. 17 — Eight-year-old Bradley Wakuta of Kilauea tries on the Kevlar helmet of Spec. Christopher Winfrey. Winfrey is from Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry out of Hilo. (Hawaii Army National Guard photo by 1st Class Wayne T. Iha.

LIHUE (AP) — More than 2,400 military personnel have joined the residents of Kauai to undertake a week-long, island-wide cleanup of debris left by Hurricane Iniki.

"Operation Garden Sweep" that began Monday involves crews of military and civilian workers scouring neighborhoods to remove garbage, downed trees, metal scraps, building materials and rubble.

Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Eugene Imai said the debris is being dumped temporarily at five sites approved by the state Department of Health to be disposed of later.

He said green waste will be shredded and the metal scraps will be compacted.

Being used in the cleanup operation are more than 100

pieces of military equipment, including five-ton cargo trucks, troop carriers, fork lifts and bucket loaders.

Meanwhile, some street lights were back on in Lihue Tuesday night for the first time since Hurricane Iniki put them out Sept. 11.

A spokesman for Kauai Electric Co. said the company's Lihue substation was re-energized Tuesday, bringing power to the area from the Port Allen generating plant.

Street lights along Kuhio Highway between the substation and Wilcox Hospital were back in service Tuesday night.

Power has also been restored to the McDonald's Restaurant and *The Garden Island* newspaper, the spokesman said.