

200 Soldiers From 29th Arrive Here

A planeload of 200 former 29th Brigade soldiers, dressed in fatigue uniforms, arrived from Vietnam yesterday.

They were the first of about 700 men who will return home from the combat zone for mustering out Dec. 12.

They were in the National Guard and Army Reserve when called to active duty 19 months ago. From Schofield Barracks they went to various Army units in Vietnam as individual replacements.

SOME ARE from the Mainland.

Former members of an aviation company from California and an intelligence company from Arizona will leave for home Dec. 6 or 7.

Yesterday's arrivals from Bien Hoa via a T1A military charter jet enjoyed a one-hour stopover at Yokota, Japan, where they bought gifts for their families.

ABOUT 300 wives, parents and friends were at Honolulu Airport to greet the troops.

Island soldiers in the group will be able to spend Thanksgiving weekend with their families. The Army said it will be liberal with passes.

Those who still have duty time remaining with the Na-

tional Guard will report to Ft. Rucker after Dec. 12. Former members of the 442nd Infantry will report to Ft. DeRussy.

Yoshimasu to Command 29th Brigade

Col. Edward M. Yoshimasu, acting commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, will become commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade on Dec. 13.

The appointment becomes effective after deactivation, when the brigade returns to National Guard control, Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, adjutant general of the State, announced today.

Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, who is now brigade commander, will resume the post he held before mobilization of the brigade in May — commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard.

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