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members of the 29th — thinking in civilian terms

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went on active duty May 13, 1968.

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For many members of Hawaii's 29th Infantry Brigade, all doors from here on in lead out.

The last of about 750 men who returned from Vietnam last week are being processed at Schofield Barracks for release from the Army, and control of the brigade will be returned to the Hawaii National Guard following deactivation Dec. 12.

Demobilization ceremonies are planned at Schofield Saturday at 8 a.m. About 1,500 men from the State went to Vietnam when the brigade

MOST OF the men now being processed will retain National Guard status, although duty commitments vary. But for all practical purposes they'll be civilians again and already they're thinking in such terms.

One, S./Sgt. Paul Fung, 32, of 2440 Date St., is delaying a decision on his civilian future but feels his options are good.

Fung, chief of section of a Howitzer Battalion, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Reserve, in Viet-

nam, taught social studies at Kalani High School before being called to active duty.

"BUT I may go back to school myself, probably to the University of Hawaii," he said. Fung and his wife, Carle Ann, have two children, Lauzanne, 6, and Tristan Jordan, 4.

Said Fung of the war in Vietnam, "It's been a very eye-opening experience, one that won't be easy to forget."

"I think we should be there," he said, "but I don't fully agree with the way the war is being conducted."

HIS SENTIMENT concerning conduct of the war was echoed by Col. Lyle Ho, 22, of 1345 Ala Amoano St., who said, "In a way we should be there. But in a way we should have won a long time ago."

Ho, who served near the Cambodian border with B Battery, 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery, compared the United States and Vietnam by saying "It's two different worlds."

"We can help them in Vietnam," he said, "but there are some there who don't care who wins the war."

HO, WHO resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ho, was employed as a welder by a Honolulu firm before going on active duty. He said he plans to return to the same work.

Another returning veteran of the 29th Brigade is Sgt. Solomon Kailiwa, 23, of Maui, who was welcomed home last week with an introduction to his daughter, 3½-month-old Ellen Mae who

was born to his wife, Audreen, while he was in Asia. Kailiwa, who served as a team chief with A Company, 13th Signal Battalion, 1st Cavalry, plans to go back to school for additional training in electronics.

HE SUMMED up the feelings of a number of his comrades when he said, "I'm really happy to be back. Anybody who goes to Vietnam will enjoy and appreciate our country much more. He'll really appreciate the free American way of life."

Command of the 29th Brigade, now headed by Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, will be assumed by Col. Edward M. Yoshimasu when the unit returns to National Guard control.

Yoshimasu has been acting commander of the Hawaii National Guard.

SINCE SOME of the 29th's men have completed service obligations or elected to remain on active duty, the unit is expected to be well below its authorized strength of about 3,000 men, a brigade sapsakesman said.

Yoshimasu said the National Guard offers numerous career opportunities to men with or without prior service, and said his unit will press an enlistment campaign to bring the 29th up to strength.