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General Schaefer To Vietnam Duty

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Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, commander of Hawaii's 29th Infantry Brigade, has received orders for Vietnam duty.

Schaefer said last night he has been asked to report to U.S. Army Vietnam Jan. 6.

He said the orders which arrived last week do not specify where or for how long he will be serving in the war zone.

"I've known about it for quite a while," he said. "I got the word when I was in Washington about two months ago."

Schaefer was in Washington in late October to talk with Army officials about the status of the brigade—made up of former Hawaii Army Reservists and National Guardsmen.

He said he doesn't know who will be named to take over command of the 29th. If



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a successor is not named by the time he leaves, Col. Clyde W. Woods Jr., Schaefer's deputy, will take command of the unit.

Schaefer is among an esti-

mated 650 men from the 29th who since August have been ordered to Vietnam as individual replacements in the battle zone.

A petition is currently circulating among the brigade soldiers at Schofield protesting the way they have been turned into a replacement pool for the war. It has been signed by an estimated 1,500 men.

Schaefer volunteered to take command of the 29th when it was called to active duty May 13. Brig. Gen. Francis S. Takemoto, who commanded the Island unit when it was activated, retired before men reported for duty at Schofield Barracks.

In civilian life, Schaefer was vice president, director and part owner of Ainamalu Corp., a moving and storage company.

The 47-year-old general is

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a fourth generation kamaaina. Graduated from Punahou. Schaefer was a student at Cornell when the U.S. entered World War II. He went directly into the Army from college.

He received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for valor on Guadalcanal in 1943.

After he recovered from two wounds received during the Pacific campaign, he was assigned to the 66th Division in Europe, where he served until 1945.

The next year, he joined Theo. H. Davis & Co., where he remained for 17 years as manager of its plantation department. In 1962, he joined Ainamalu Corp. He has been with the Hawaii National Guard since 1947.