

1,000 Big Island Men Called Up

4 Guard Units, Reserve Company Go Active May 13

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Nearly 1,000 Big Islanders in the Hawaii Army National Guard and the Army Reserve, in the wake of wide-spread racial riots on the Mainland and the continued U. S. military commitment in Vietnam, will be called up under a Defense Department mobilization order announced today in Washington, the Hawaii Tribune-Herald learned this morning.

Lt. Col. Fred Koehnen, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry of the National Guard on the Big Island, said a total of 800 men in his four companies will

24,500 Called Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford today announced he is calling to active duty about 24,500 Army, Navy and Air Force reservists. About 10,000 will go to South Vietnam.

be affected by the Defense Department order which called up Hawaii's entire 29th Infantry Brigade.

A total of 3,600 men in the brigade will report to Schofield Barracks May 13.

Also being called up is the 850-man 100th Battalion of the 442nd Infantry of the Army Reserve at Fort DeRussy on Oahu.

Joseph Sullivan, adviser to Company B of the Army Reserve on the Big Island, said 159 reservists in Hawaii County who are members of the 100th will be affected by the Washington order. Capt. Millard Owen-Sheets, commanding officer of the company, was unavailable for comment.

Both reservists and guardsmen reportedly will be called up for a 24-month maximum tour of duty.

The four companies of the 2nd Battalion are stationed in the following areas on the Big Island:

Company A in the Puna-Kau area;

Company B in the Hilo area;

Company C in the Hamahua-Kohala Area and Headquarters Company in Hilo and Kona.

A reconnaissance platoon, under the Hilo Headquarters Company, on Molokai also will be affected by the Washington order, Koehnen said.

Koehnen said this morning he had not received any official communication from Brigade headquarters in Honolulu.

Other units of the National Guard affected by the order will be the First Battalion, a logistics battalion, an aviation company, a cavalry troop, an artillery battalion and the Headquarters Company of the 29th Brigade, all on Oahu, Maui and Kauai.