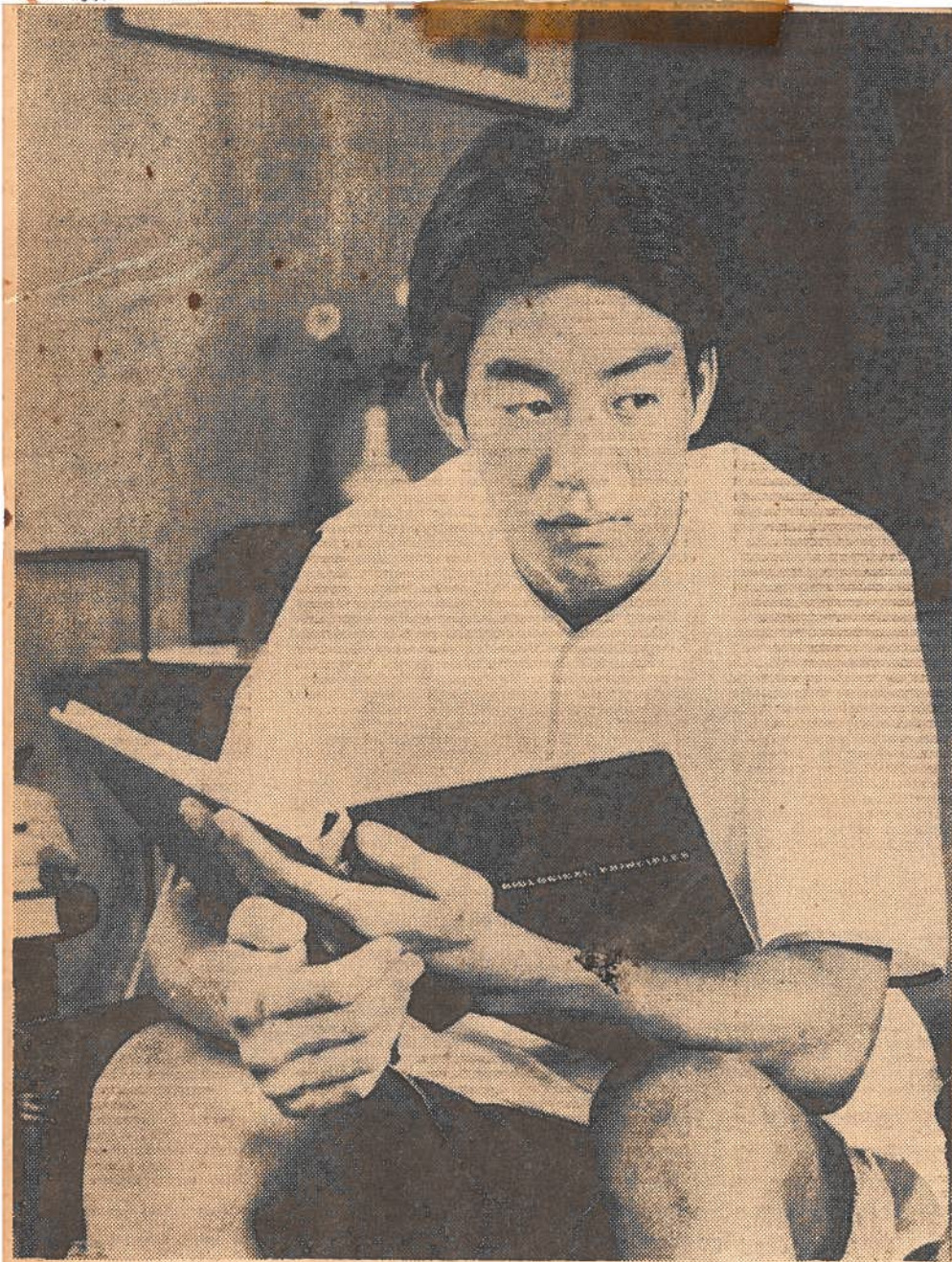


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NOT SURPRISED—Lance Tokushima, 18, was half asleep when he heard that his unit was being called to active duty. He said the call-up didn't surprise him.—Photo by Terry Luke.

Isle men from varied walks of life called up

The call-up of National Guard and Army Reserve units cut a swath through Hawaii today as men from all walks of life heard the news calling them to active duty.

The top-ranking man called up was Brig. Gen. Francis S. Takemoto, principal of Manoa School.

The federal order reached into the ranks of students, newspaper employees, policemen, City Hall workers, bank employees and business people.

News of the call-up caught most guardsmen by surprise.

The reason is that the

word was passed from the Defense Department to Sen. Daniel K. Inouye's office in Washington.

Inouye is a member of the Senate Armed Forces Committee and all big news items of a military nature are normally routed through congressional offices before it is made public.

Inouye's office advised the news media as soon as the Senator was advised.

Only a few days ago Col. William Meyer of the Hawaii Guard passed the word to the ranks that they would be informed of any call up before newspapers and radio stations knew of it.

It didn't work that way.

Most of the local citizen-soldiers heard the news on the radio.

Here is how some of them reacted when they learned they would soon be fulltime soldiers.

"I can't believe it," Robert J. Phillips, 19, said this morning.

Phillips had just been told he will exchange his white shirt for Army green.

Phillips is a scout observer with the 29th Brigade's Support Battalion.

The outfit was called up today by the Defense Department.

Phillips is a mail clerk for the Hawaii Newspaper Agency.

He was delivering mail to the Star-Bulletin this morning when he got the word of the call-up.

Phillips had been sweating it out for many days.

"I didn't think it would be this soon," he said.

Phillips has been in the 29th about a year. He is a private first class.

He was graduated from Kailua High School in 1966. He lives at 1065 Keolu Drive in Kailua.

Rodney Ikemoto, a copyboy for the Honolulu Advertiser, was just as stunned.

Ikemoto, 23, is a private

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Hawaii Guard unit activated in call-up

More than 4,000 Hawaii National Guard infantrymen and Army reservists today were ordered to report for active duty.

The Guardsmen, members of the 29th Brigade, will report to Schofield Barracks May 13. Their ultimate destination is unknown.

The Army Reserve unit to be activated is the 100th Battalion of the 442nd Infantry. Their destination also is unknown.

All have been given a minimum of 30 days before they report for active duty.

The total callup of Hawaii citizen-soldiers amounted to more than 17 per cent of a nationwide callup announced by the Department of Defense today.

The heavy demands on Hawaii brought an immediate protest from Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga in Washington. Matsunaga appealed to President Johnson to reconsider the extent of the Pentagon's order.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye's office asked the Department of Defense for an explanation of the numbers involved.

In reply, a Pentagon spokesman said that there was a requirement for two National Guard brigades and "brigades can't be taken in bits and pieces."

Besides, he added, Hawaii's 29th Infantry is "a mighty fine outfit."

The other brigade called up today is the 68th Infantry Brigade in Kansas.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, State adjutant general, said today he has not received any word on where they might go.

"That depends upon the world situation and what happens," he said.

While there are several units of the 29th in California that were due to be detached from the Hawaii units soon, those men were not called, Guard officials here pointed out.

4,100 men

The guardsmen number less than 3,300 although the authorized strength is higher. The reservists number 841.

Once the guardsmen go to Schofield Barracks, they will become a strategic reserve force awaiting developments in current Washington-Hanoi peace feelers.

Observers feel there is little chance the men will go to Vietnam and even less

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chance they would be used in riot control work on the Mainland.

The call-up is for two years.

The 29th is commanded by Brig. Gen. Francis S. Takemoto, principal of Manoa School.

Gen. Webster will remain at his Ft. Rucker headquarters because he also heads the state's Air National Guard, the Nike-Hercules missile-

firing units of the Army Guard plus the State's Civil Defense apparatus.

Most of the early muster work for the 29th will be done by the men now on active duty at Ft. Rucker.

Commanders of various companies probably will go on active duty before their units report May 13.

The 29th has been anticipating a call-up for several weeks.

It has been on select force category for more than two years and would have gone off that status the first of May.

The men could serve less than two years, if world conditions warrant or they could be extended by the President.

The Army Reserve unit is headed by Lt. Col. Bert Tokairin.

24,500 men affected in U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford announced today the immediate call-up of about 24,500 Army, Navy and Air Force reservists. Some 10,000 of them will be sent to South Vietnam.

Clifford made the announcement at his first formal news conference since becoming Pentagon chief on March 1.

He said the Army is calling about 20,000 men in 76 National Guard and Army Reserve units. The Navy is calling up approximately 1,000 men in two reserve units. These men will be available for rotation between Southeast Asia and the United States.

The Air Force is calling about 3,500 men in 10 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units. About a third of these will be sent to Southeast Asia under current plans.

Clifford said the length of service for all of these men will not exceed 24 months.

He said notifications were already being sent to all units involved. Each man will have a minimum of 30 days' notice before reporting.

Both Clifford and Rich stressed that those reservists not sent to Vietnam would be used to strengthen active military forces in the United States, which are available for such contingencies as riot control.

The officials would not say which units would be sent to Vietnam. Rich said individual reservists would not learn where they are destined to go until "some time" after they report for duty.

The additional men being sent to Vietnam, Clifford said, will bring the total of American troops serving there to 549,500.

Clifford said he did not believe that the new call-up would adversely affect current peace feelers or give Hanoi the impression that the United States was escalating the war.

Clifford said it is President Johnson's "intention at this time" not to increase U.S. forces in Vietnam beyond 549,500. That was the new level announced recently.

Clifford also made clear to reporters that if the United States should halt all bombing of North Vietnam in the course of peace maneuvers it would expect the North Vietnamese not to "take advantage" of the situation.

Governor expects no Mainland duty

Gov. John A. Burns learned of the impending call-up of Hawaii National Guard units early this morning.

The Governor said he does not anticipate that the troops will be sent to the Mainland for duty.

He said he believes they will either remain in Hawaii or be sent to Vietnam.

Burns added: "But it will be a long time before they go anywhere. There might be peace out there (Vietnam) before they are sent."

The Governor said he ex-

pects that some months will have to elapse before the troops leave Schofield Barracks.

Burns restated his determination, voiced Tuesday, that the Hawaii Guard troops will not go to the Mainland.

Today he put it this way: "They're not going to the Mainland."

On Tuesday the Governor told a group of about 200 University of Hawaii students that he would resist any move to send Hawaii Guardsmen to the Mainland to suppress riots in Negro communities.

How Islanders reacted to call-up

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first class. He is a truck driver for C Company and has been in the Guard since leaving the University of Hawaii.

He is unmarried and lives at 2503 Klebahn Place.

Lance Tokushima, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Tokushima, of 6007 Kaupalena St., was listening to the radio when he heard the news this morning.

Both he and his mother said they had half expected the call-up since he was in ready reserve since January.

Tokushima, a private first class is a member of the 487th artillery brigade, Battery A. He is a freshman student at Chaminade College.

The call-up also affects his cousin Pfc. Alton Takahashi, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Takahashi, of 530 Huanui Place, who is now on the Mainland undergoing guard training.

"I guess this what you expect since our country is at war, no matter what they say," Mrs. Tokushima said.

Both boys are 1967 Kalani High School graduates.

With Richard M. Tanimura, 25, University of Hawaii senior in electrical engineering, the news of the call-up was related to him during an engineering course at the Manoa campus.

Tanimura, of 3495 E. Manoa Road, was one of the initiators of the petition given to Gov. John A. Burns Tuesday requesting that the National Guard not be sent to the Mainland for riot control.

Today's call-up didn't surprise him at all since he'd been anticipating something like this for some time.

"Personally, I'm opposed to either being sent to Vietnam or to the Mainland for the purpose of quelling the racial riots," he said.

But Tanimura didn't know what immediate action he would take to the call-up, although he said he will oppose it in some way.

He is a member of the HHC 29th Brigade, National Guard.

"There's a SDS meeting today at noon and after that I'll have a better idea of what I am going to do," he said.

Pvt. Garrett Tonaki, 18, of the 487th Artillery, was summoned from an admissions test at Honolulu Community College and told by a reporter he had been called up.

Tonaki had not heard but was not surprised.

He wanted to study aerotechnology at the college. "If I'm sent to Vietnam, I can't do anything about it, so I'll have to go. If it's riot duty on the Mainland, that's better than going to Vietnam."

Tonaki commented though that he never seen a riot.

The youth's father, George M. Tonaki, is a veteran of service with the 442nd Regiment during the Second World War.

Tonaki is not married and lives with his parents at 1435

Ainakoa Ave. He is an auto parts pickup man for Carter Co., Inc.

Albert R. Ayers, 31, an investigator for the City Public Works Department, said he first heard the news on the radio while driving to work.

A second lieutenant in the National Guard 227 Engineer company of the 29th Infantry brigade, Ayers is the father of five children ages 1 to 8.

Ayers said his first reac-

tion when he got to work was to call his wife.

"I have kidded her before about being called up. I have called her at home and told her to get my duffle bag ready," Ayers said.

"This time when I called her she thought it was a joke at first. She had to turn on the radio to hear the news. She really didn't believe me."

Next Ayers said he notified

his boss that his unit had been called up.

"I guess we sort of realized this might happen some day," he said. "But still it's a shock."

Ayers is a platoon leader in the engineering company. He said his group is trained to do a variety of supporting engineering tasks such as setting up mine fields, building bridges and road barricades.

Activated units of Isle Guard

The call-up of National Guard and reserve forces today includes these units and their commanders in Hawaii:

—Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 29th Infantry Brigade, Honolulu. Capt. Ernest T. K. Lau.

—227th Engineer Co., Honolulu. Capt. Edward C. Matsuoka.

—29th Support Battalion, Honolulu. Lt. Col. John E. Aiona Jr.

—29th Aviation Co. (general support platoon), Honolulu, Capt. James E. Doole Jr.

—1st Battalion, 487th Artillery (105mm towed), including Headquarters and Headquarters Co. and service battery. Lt. Col. Francis A. I. Bowers Jr.

—Battery A, Battery B, Honolulu; Battery C, Kaneohe.

—Troop E, 19th Cavalry, Wahiawa.

—1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, including Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Wailuku (partial). Lt. Col. John R. D'Araujo (battal-

ion). 1st Lt. Patrick Ulep (HQ).

—Company A, Honolulu. 1st Lt. James B. Respicio.

—Company B, Kapaa (partial). Capt. Fred C. DeBussa.

—Company B, Hanapape (partial).

—Company B, Kekaha (partial).

—Company C, Kahului, Maui (partial) 2nd Lt. Robert F. Schultz.

—Company C, Lahaina, Maui (partial).

—2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Hilo; and part of same unit from Kealakekua, Kaunakakai, Molokai. Lt. Col. Fred J. Koehnen (2nd) Capt. Delbert Y. K. Ching (Hq).

—Company A, Oloa and part from Pahala. 1st Lt. Robert H. Yokomizo.

—Company B of Hilo. Capt. Toshio Nishida.

—Company C, Honokaa and part from Kohala. Capt. Tsutomu Ueno.

—100th Battalion, 442nd In-

fantry, including Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Ft. DeRussy. Lt. Col. Bert S. Tokairin (100th).

—1st Lt. David Ferguson. (HQ).

—Company A, Waianae. Capt. Gabriel Akiona.

—Company B, Hilo. Capt. Millard O. Sheets.

—Company C, Ft. DeRussy. Capt. Thomas S. Hyun.

—Troop E 19th Cavalry. Capt. Kazumasa Ota.

—1st Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery. Capt. Sadami Deai.

—Battery A. Capt. Franklin D. Paccarro.

—Battery B. 1st Lt. Louis N. H. M. Miranda Jr.

—Battery Capt. Louis Perry Jr.

—29th Support battalion Company A (administration) Capt. David A. Marciel.

—Company B (medical). Capt. Shigemi Sugiki.

—Company C. Capt. Ralph E. Fautata.

—Company D. Capt. Frederick T. Takamoto.

NATIONAL GUARD UNITS



STATE ADJUTANT—Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, State adjutant general. In the background, at his Fort Ruger headquarters, are insignia of Guard units.

Activation call came early today

At a hastily called press conference, Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, State adjutant general, said he learned of the call-up early this morning.

"I was called early this morning by the National Guard Bureau and informed that the 29th Infantry Brigade and all those units to be mobilized in the brigade would be called up May 13 with their duty station at Schofield Barracks.

Webster said he immediately called Gov. Burns.

Webster said not all units

of the Hawaii Army National Guard are activated by this order.

The State Guard headquarters, band, a small public information detachment, and the "large unit, the 298th Artillery group which mans the Nike units" have not been called up, Webster said.

In response to newsmen's questions, Webster said all federalized guardsmen will have re-employment rights and other guarantees members of the regular army now have at the time of their return to civilian life from active duty.

Guardsmen's wives shocked at call-up

The wives of Island National Guardsmen were shocked and frustrated today by news of the call-up of Hawaii units.

Mrs. Albert R. Ayers, mother of five children, and young Mrs. Louis N. Miranda Jr., symbolized the anxiety of mothers, wives and friends upon learning the news:

"When my husband called me this morning to tell me about it, I just couldn't believe him," Mrs. Ayers said. "Then I turned on the radio and there it was."

"I can't express my feelings — I have five children — it will be rough," she said. The Ayers children range in age from 8 to 1.

"My husband being an officer — he just made first lieutenant — I guess I was sort of expecting it. Still, when it came, it was a shock."

"All morning I've been trying to work so I won't think."

"If he's going to the Mainland instead of Vietnam I'll be happy. The Mainland is so much closer."

"But I can't just tell the President I have five children so please don't send my

husband to Vietnam. He has his duty to do to, and so has my husband."

Mrs. Miranda, an entertainer at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, said she was frustrated about where her husband would be sent:

"I wouldn't know which would be more dangerous — to have my husband help in the Mainland riots or go to Vietnam. I wouldn't like to make a choice for him."

She is the wife of a first lieutenant in the Guard's Battery B.

The Mirandas have one son, Michael, 8.

"It was a surprise," she said on learning of the call-up, "and I know just as much about it as anyone else."

"Don't quote me as saying that we wives are not afraid. We care for our husbands. We worry about them."

"When Governor Burns made the speech that the National Guard in Hawaii would not be sent to help in Mainland riots unless federalized, it was a relief. We had been under such pressure."

"If he's called to Vietnam, he'll have to serve his country well."