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Isle National Guard

unit activated

4,100 men will report on May 13

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Hawaii's infantry arm of the National Guard, the 29th Brigade, was called to active duty today by the Department of Defense.

The infantrymen will muster at Schofield Barracks May 13.

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Webster said a month ago he doubted that the 29th would go to Vietnam.

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Units listed.

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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.

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30 days to report

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.

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

Burns learned of call-up early today

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."

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Clifford also said:

Activated units of Isle Guard

The call-up of National Guard and reserve forces today include 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 (battalion). 1st Lt. Patrick Ulep (HQ).

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

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

—Company B, Hanapepe (partial).

—Company B, Kekaha (partial).

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

—Company C, Lahaina, Maui (partial).

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

—Company A, Olaa 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 Infantry, including Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Ft. DeRussy. Lt. Col. Bert S. Tokairin (100th).

—Company A, Waianae.

—Company B, Hilo.

—Company C, Ft. DeRussy.

—227th Engineers Company. Capt. Edward C. Masuoka.

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

—1st Battalion, headquarters and headquarters ser-

vice battery. Capt. Sadami Deal.

—Battery A. Capt. Franklin D. Paccaro.

—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.

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Clifford also said:

—The United States has "ample forces" in its military establishment to cope with "any foreseen civil disturbances" in the country.

—Some time before Johnson's March 31 speech, North Vietnam stepped up "rather substantially" its infiltration into South Vietnam. He said that since then no change in the stepped-up rate had been detected.

—The administration intends to send to Congress shortly a message concerning supplemental defense appropriations. It had been widely expected more defense funds would be asked in this year's budget.

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