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It's No Shock To Lt. Ozeki

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Patricia Shigeko Tani considers the callup of the Hawaii National Guard as an unwanted "wedding gift."

Patricia will marry Lt. Melvin Ozeki tomorrow afternoon at Hilo Meisho Joto Mission.

Her fiance heard about the callup of his unit on the radio yesterday at his parents' home in Hilo, where he has spent the past few days prior to the wedding.

He is with Bravo Battery, 487th Artillery, 29th Brigade.

"I expected it," Ozeki said. "I'm looking forward to it. I'd like to do my part and I think we can make a good showing, if they give us enough time to train."

Twenty-three year old Ozeki is a geography major at the University of Hawaii and an editorial department employe of The Honolulu Advertiser.

He met his bride-to-be at Hilo High School six years ago and they have been going together ever since.

"I've kept her aware of the possibility of a callup," he said. "I told her there was nothing I could do about it. As the fiancee of a Guardsman, she was prepared."

Bucky Kaopuiki, a printer's apprentice, said that he thought it was an April Fool's joke when his girl friend



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Ozeki and bride-to-be: He wasn't surprised.

woke him up this morning with her telephone call to give him the news.

Kaopuiki is a sergeant with Headquarters Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry.

"I'm very surprised and kind of mad," he said. "It jams up my plans to finish my apprenticeship and get married."

Rodney Ikemoto, 23, another Honolulu Advertiser employe, heard about the callup on the radio while he was driving to work.

"I expected it," he said. "It can't be helped. When you have to go, you have to go."

He is a private with Charlie Company, 29th Support Battalion.

Bryan Anzai, 23, who has worked in the accounting department of Honolulu Savings and Loan for six months, is worried.

"I don't know if they will hold my job for me or not," he said. "The main problem is that we could be activated for two years."

Anzai is a Specialist 4 with Delta Company, 29th Support Battalion. He didn't find out about the callup until he got to work yesterday. "It seems like a waste of time, but I guess somebody has to do the job," he said.