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Liu Hopes To Get Police Deferred

About 40 Honolulu policemen are affected by the call-up of the 29th Brigade of the Hawaii National Guard and the 100th Battalion of the Army Reserve's 442nd Infantry.

"We can ill afford to lose these experienced officers at this time," said Police Chief

Dan Liu yesterday.

"I plan to talk it over with the State Adjutant General and see if something can be worked out for us to keep these men.

"If we can't get deferments, we can't," he said. "But it will be a tremendous blow to the department, and a serious handicap to our programs if we can't."

Liu said 37 policemen are members of the 29th Brigade and three are in the 100th Battalion.

"We have had no official word on this yet and we won't know exactly how many men are involved until they each get orders and notify us.

"Some may have defer-

ments for other reasons and so won't be involved in the call-up, I don't know.

"And we don't know how many of the officers who are Army Reservists are members of the 100th Battalion. We hope to find out shortly.

"I haven't made any firm plans about what to do about this. I've got to investigate before I can say what steps the Department can take to keep these officers . . ."

"We have a lot of new, inexperienced men on the force and this would affect mostly the experienced officers."