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170 Kauai Guardsmen Alerted For Army Duty Call-up May 13

Men of Kauai's Army National Guard rifle company have been alerted for mobilization into the regular army on May 13. Approximately 170 officers and enlisted men of Co. B 1st Battalion of the 299th Infantry are included in the callup which affects more than 3,000 men of the 29th Infantry Brigade.

Commander of Co. B is Capt. Fred C. Debusca, who is mill shop supervisor for Lihue Planta-

tion. Staff officers are Capt. Manuel Rasay of Hanamaulu, who is a field supervisor for L.P.; Lieut. Melvin Cummings of Lihue and Lt. Wallace Kawane, Elelee teacher. Lieut. Cummings said that names of the men being called will be made public as soon as orders have been received.

Full time staff non-commissioned officers of Co. B include 1st Sgt. Luther K. Wong, Sgt. 1/c Henry Christiansen, Sp/5 Herbert Saito and Sp/4 Melvin Robley.

Several plantations and business institutions have been hit for six or more key men. Lihue Planta-

tion, for example, is losing half a dozen men including Capt. Debusca and Capt. Rasay. Employers of those being called are being alerted to make preparations for replacing 170 men.

Warrant Officer Richard Cameron, who is attached as a pilot to 29th Brigade headquarters, is irrigation superintendent for Olokele Sugar Co. He had not received formal notification yet up to Monday forenoon.

Some members of the unit will not be called, in those cases where their terminal discharge date falls before Dec. 12. Capt.

Debusca said that "We are processing the records of service to determine who will or will not be called," he said.

New enlistments are being taken to bring the unit up to full strength, provided they have a record of prior service. Men without prior service are not eligible.

Capt. Debusca said that he was not surprised at the callup. "It has been in the air for some time," he said, "and there has been a feeling of uneasiness."

He said that many of the members of the unit have families, including himself.