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## No Active Duty For Some Local Guard Officers

HONOLULU—Some officers of the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade will not be ordered to active duty May 13.

Information received from Department of Army late last week instructs local National Guard officials that Brigade officers who have attained the maximum time permitted in grade or who have attained the maximum age permitted in their present rank will be exempt from the May 13 call-up.

The exact number of officers affected by the exemption is not known at this time. Among those who will be affected, however, is Brigadier General Francis S. Takemoto, commanding general of the 29th Infantry Brigade.

General Takemoto will complete his maximum years of service in November and had planned to retire at that time as required by Department of the Army regulations. The new information means that he cannot go on active duty with his Brigade on May 13. His replacement has not yet been selected.

Other persons exempt from the call-up are enlisted personnel whose statutory reserve obligation or enlistment expire on or before December 12, 1968. A spokesman for the Public Affairs Office added, however, that "such persons will be given the opportunity to voluntarily extend or re-enlist for at least 12 months from the completion of their statutory reserve obligation or enlistment."

Individuals who are in the following categories may also be exempt from active duty: persons holding public office who are elected by the voters of the entire state, members of the state legislature, and those enlisted personnel in a pay grade of E-4 or below with four or more dependents.