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Top Two In Dark on Destination

The two top Hawaii Guardsmen said yesterday they have no hint where the 29th Infantry Brigade is going.

Major Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, State Adjutant General, and Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, the 29th's new commanding officer, were commenting on Sen. Hiram L. Fong's assertion that the 29th is going to Vietnam.

"I tell you in all honesty, we may stay at Schofield two months or two years — we don't know anything," Schaefer said. "We're as ready as any unit can be to go anywhere and if we're needed, we'll go."

"We know nothing more than we knew at the time of the callup as far as the possible destination of the brigade is concerned," Webster said.

"When you look at it strictly in numbers, our percentage is high.

"But it is understandable that we would be high on the basis of the 29th's status as a Selected Reserve Force and the general good shape the brigade is in."