

## Medal for General

# Francis Takemoto Retires

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Brig. Gen. Francis S. Takemoto yesterday was presented the Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit at his retirement and change of command ceremonies at Ft. Ruger.

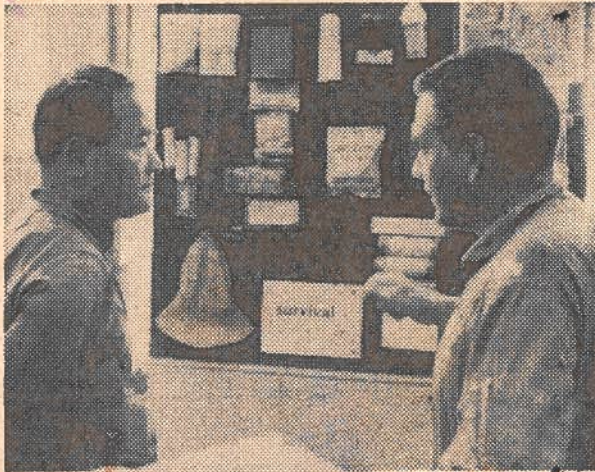
Takemoto turned over command of the 29th Infantry Brigade to Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, former commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, who volunteered to take command of the brigade.

Takemoto's retirement, due to his length of service and time in rank, made it impossible for him to continue his command when the brigade goes on active duty May 13.

He was cited for "exemplary achievements" in molding the brigade into a cohesive combat unit and producing it in a minimum amount of time. Takemoto, 55, took over the command Oct. 4, 1963.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, State Adjutant General, made the award to Takemoto.

On the Military Beat



Hawaii National Guard Photo

### Beppu checks over survival gear with Johnson.

House Speaker Tadao Beppu last week became the first legislator to fly in one of the Hawaii Air National Guard's F-102 Delta Dagger jet interceptors.

Maj. Kurt E. Johnson, 154th Fighter Group operations officer, flew Beppu in a practice "scramble" that was normal training for the day. Johnson flew attack and defense tactics and then in close formation during the flight with the Speaker.

Johnson reported that Beppu "didn't seem the least affected" by the violent maneuvers the jet went through.