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Our good wishes and aloha also go to the families, to the wives and children the men are leaving behind. They too have a battle to fight in the coming months as they readjust to a household which will be without its normal head for some time to come. They deserve the best help and support the community can give to them.

And so today, with the rest of Maui, we raise our hand in salute to the men of the Maui units of the National Guard, men who are carrying on in the proud tradition of a guard which was organized in 1893, which first saw service in that year and which had answered the call to duty many times since. A guard which did heroic work in World War I, which formed the nucleus of the famed 100th battalion in World War II and which itself saw service in the South Pacific during the long dark days of that war.

As our men leave, they carry with them a proud tradition, a history of work well done, a banner that floats high in the soft tradewinds of our Islands. And as they leave they carry also with them the warm wishes of all of Maui.

Good luck to you . . . and hurry home!

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By Josephine K. Medeiros
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The Hana men, who will depart here Sunday and then gather at the Kahului Airport for a flight to their training base on Oahu, are: Sergeant Stanley Akoi, and Specialists 4 Dennis Kahula and John Kahalehoe.

Sergeant Akoi is the son of Mrs. Hannah Akoi and the late Samuel Akoi, Jr., and is on the staff at Hotel Hana-Maui. He has been with the Maui unit of the Guard for more than five years. He is married to the former Julie Fernandez, of Makawao, and is the father of four children, the oldest being seven.

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Specialist Kahalehoe, the grandson of Maria Marciel, was on the staff of Hotel Hana-Maui until less than three weeks ago, when he went on the payroll of the County's Hana Road Department. He has one son and is married to the former Bernardine Koko of Hana.