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## Message From The Commander

The sudden call-up of Reservists to Active Federal Service has given the community a realization of how close to home the world situation has reached.

The transition from private citizen to full time soldiering will be difficult to adjust, however, with the fine caliber of men in the First Battalion, 299th Infantry, I am sure this period will be very short.

The National Guard has a twofold mission. First to serve the governor of the state as State Militia and secondly to serve the President of the United States as federal troops.

I am honored to be a member of the First Battalion and know that its members will serve well in any given assignment.

My short tour of 5½ months on this island has given me the opportunity to know how friendly and hospitable its people are. I have enjoyed this tour immensely.

To the dependents of those men affected in the call-up, I ask you for patience, faith and prayer.

In closing, I bid you all ALOHA AND MAHALO for your kindness bestowed upon me during my short stay.

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