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# Guardsmen Called Up

Hawaii's Army National Guard was called up today for the first time since 1940.

After a parade this morning at Kuroda Field in Fort De-Russy, the 19th Brigade, dressed in their green fatigue uniforms, headed for their new home at Schofield Barracks.

The call-up here involves more than 4,000 men, many of whom will arrive here tomorrow or later from the Neighbor Islands, Arizona and California.

Most of Hawaii's political leaders, headed by Gov. John A. Burns, appeared at Kuroda Field for the parade.

And among the wives and children sitting in the bleachers, there were tears when the band struck up "Aloha Oe," at the end of the ceremony.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 20,000 Army, Air Force and Navy Reservists and National Guardsmen — about half of them Vietnam-bound — answer President Johnson's call to active duty today.

How long they stay in uniform will depend at least partly on the course of U.S.-North Vietnamese talks beginning today in Paris.

They could be held on active duty for up to two years.

The course of the peace talks may also determine whether any more citizen soldiers and sailors will be called up.

Pentagon officials said no decision has been reached on any further muster of Reservists.

Acting on Johnson's orders, Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford announced April 11 that about 24,500 reservists were being ordered to active duty. They were given 30 days to arrange their affairs before putting on their uniforms.

Clifford said about 10,000 of the Reservists and Guardsmen would be sent to Vietnam to provide needed support troops and the rest would help fill out the badly depleted central force of fighting men kept in the United States for possible use worldwide.

Last week, about 1,250 Air Force and Air Guard troops were excused from active service because it was found regular Air Force units could provide the support functions the Reservists had been designated to fill.

This reduced the over-all call-up total to about 23,300. Nearly

20,000 report today. They form some 87 units in 34 states.

Another 3,600 individual Reservists from the Army ready reserve manpower pool will show up for active duty starting June 15, the Pentagon said. (H)

These men will fill out the ranks of understrength units called to active duty.

The new callup brings to more than 38,000 the number of Reservists and Guardsmen ordered to active duty since January.