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ON THE WAY—National Guardsmen, answering the call-up to active duty in the Army, speed past anti-war pickets on the way to Fort DeRussy today.—Photo by Warren Roll.

Peace pickets in silent protest

Guardsmen at Schofield

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Hawaii's Army National Guard today was called up for the first time since 1940 and its trucks passed through rows of silent pickets on both sides of Monsarret Avenue at the zoo.

After a parade at Kuroda Field, Ft. De Russy, the 29th Brigade, dressed in their green fatigue uniforms, boarded trucks and headed for their new home at Schofield Barracks.

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

Arizona.

The brigade mustered this morning only a short distance from the Rest and Recreation Center at DeRussy where battle-hardened Vietnam veterans check in.

Guardsmen from Oahu put on their uniforms and piled into trucks at Ft. Ruger early this morning. On arriving in Waikiki the trucks raced past the small group of anti-war pickets.

The men who are now members of the U.S. Army were moving too fast to get more than a glimpse of the signs.

The pickets, mostly from the University of Hawaii,

carried such signs as "Would Jesus Go?" and "Why?" and "There Is Still Time."

One guardsman let out a "Yeow," a sort of war whoop, when his truck went past the pickets.

Another guardsman, seated in a truck, had his rifle between his knees and was wearing three carnation leis.

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.

This farewell song was met by the roar of four F-102 Air National Guard planes which darted over Waikiki.

Leis were hooked to the colors of each separate units.

The call up affects some 24,000 across the nation, of which 10,000 are destined for Vietnam.

The famed 100th

Joining the 29th Brigade of the Guard is the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry of the Army Reserve, normally based at Ft. DeRussy.

The return to active duty for this famous unit marks the first time it has been mustered since shortly after bloody battles in Italy and France in World War II.

The men are facing two years of active duty barring unforeseen circumstances.

Success of the Paris peace talks presumably could go a long way toward shortening the time the 29th will be on active duty.

The 29th is commanded by Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, who replaced

Brig. Gen. Francis S. Takemoto shortly after the 29th was named in the call by the Defense Department.

As of yesterday a Guard spokesman had no information on when the California and Arizona units will be here.

Only Oahu troops took part in today's De Russy ceremony.

Molokai soldiers flew in this morning and proceeded by truck to Schofield Barracks.

Air Force transport planes shuttled troops from Maui and Hilo to Hickam starting at noon today.

The last load of Hilo troops is due on Oahu at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow.