

Inouye believes 29th will be kept together

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U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye said today he believes the 29th Brigade will be kept together as a unit and will not be broken into small groups by the Army.

But he's concerned enough about the matter to have made an appointment to discuss it with Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor when the Senator returns to Washington.

"I have been led to believe from the highest authority that the 29th is not going to be a replacement outfit," he said.

Inouye visited the Island Army troops yesterday on a field trip to training grounds at K a h u k u and Schofield Barracks.

He spent most of his time with his old outfit, the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, the only Army Reserve force activated May 13.

The fact that the 29th has a training schedule that calls for platoon, company, battalion and brigade-size combat training tactics, in that order, would indicate that the Army does not intend to fragment the 5,000-man force, he said.

Inouye said there is a standard regulation that up to 15 per cent of the 29th could be taken away piecemeal if there is a critical need for certain skills.

"For other units it is as high as 40 per cent," he said, referring to Army organizations elsewhere.

Presumably if the 15 per cent were cut from the 29th

they would be men with special skills needed in Vietnam.

Inouye, however, did not mention Vietnam in this regard.