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The girls they left behind

by Lois Taylor

They don't complain. Many of the wives of the men in the 29th Brigade mentioned how lucky they consider themselves.

Mrs. Mike S. Teruya, wife of a captain stationed at Schofield, said, "Mike is home weekends, and the children and I look forward to this all week. As long as we're all on the same island I don't feel that he's so far away.

"We've heard they'll be sent to Pohakaloa on Hawaii later this summer. Then there'll be a change," she said.

Mrs. Eliseo Agor, wife of Spec. 4 Agor, agreed. "It's not as bad as if my husband were away and couldn't telephone. As long as he's on Oahu it's not bad," she said.

When the 29th Brigade of the Hawaii National Guard was activated May 13, their wives discovered that being in the Army is kind of a family thing.

"One day you're married to a civilian, and the next day you're married to a soldier," said Mrs. Herbert Kakuia, wife of a sergeant. Mrs. Agor finds the long hours her husband works to be one of the biggest changes in their lives. Spec. 4 Agor was an employee of Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. where he worked an eight-hour day.

The 14-hour day "Now he gets up at 3:30 in the morning to be back at Schofield at 5, and he gets home, when he is allowed to come home, at 5:30 p.m.

"When he has guard duty, he's there around the clock," Mrs. Agor said.

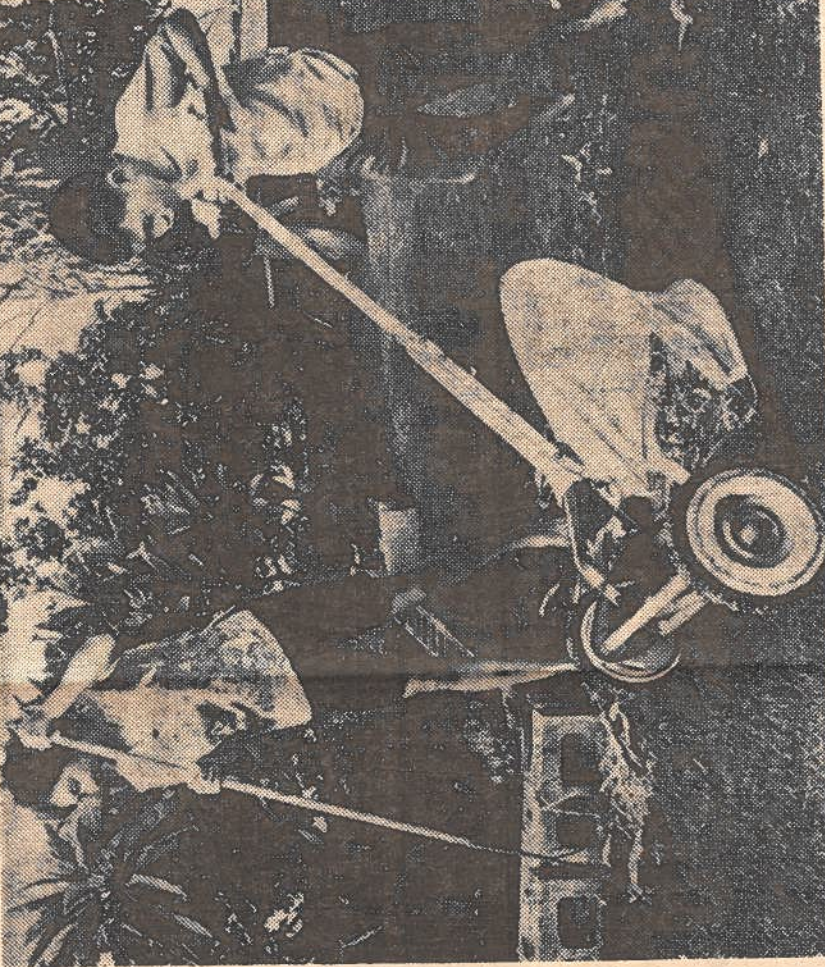
The irregular hours don't seem as strange to Mrs. William Fernandes, whose husband, Spec. 4 Fernandes, was a policeman before the call-up.



WORD FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF—The happiest time of day for small Julie Fernandes, daughter of Spec. 4 and Mrs. William Fernandes comes with a telephone call from her daddy, stationed at Schofield Barracks. Mrs. Fernandes, holding Julie, shares the pleasure of the daily call.

be home as soon as his shift was over. Now he's home weekends and maybe once during the week," Mrs. Fernandes said.

Mrs. Francis A. I. Bowers Jr. whose husband, Lt. Col. Bowers, is on the job, one at Punahou and one



POLICING THE YARD—Mrs. Sadami Deai leaves as her oldest son, David, puts his weight behind pushing the lawnmower. Until he was called up with the National Guard, Capt. Deai's province was the yard work in the family work schedule.

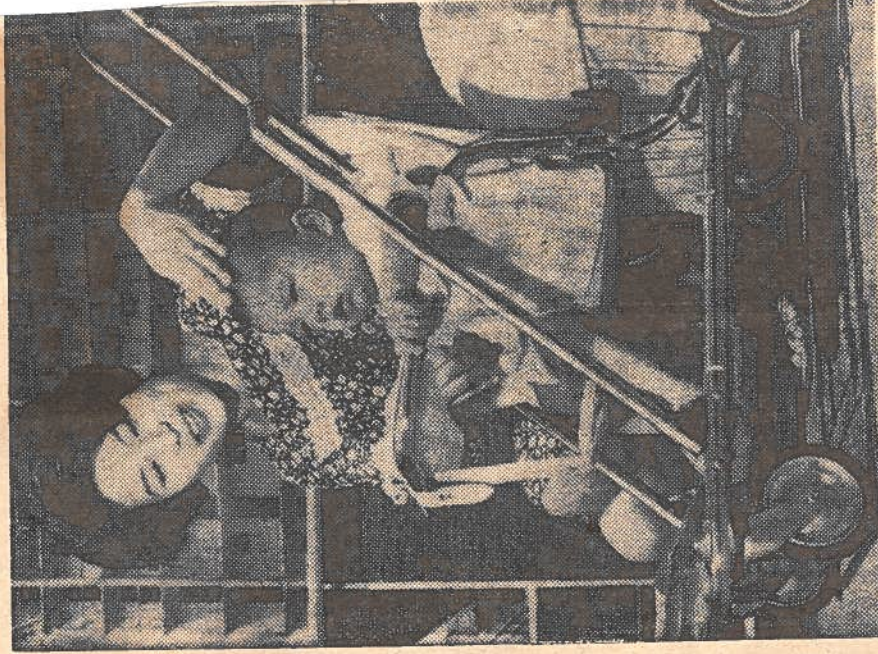
ing officer of the 487th Field Artillery. He and Mrs. Bowers are the parents of six children, 6 to 15. All attend Punahou, and the taxi chore has now fallen to Mrs. Bowers.

She has also taken on the responsibility of the family check book, which she explained is a matter of training.

"It's so I'll know what to do if Fred leaves," Mrs. Schaefer mentioned.

The matter of finances was also discussed by Mrs. Agor. "Maybe you aren't supposed to talk about money, but my husband's salary in the Army now is just about one-quarter of what it was when he worked for Lockheed. I

Carpools and finances "Since Mickey worked there, he naturally drove the kids to school every morning. I'm doing it now, but it's not bad — just from upper Manoa," she said. A longer drive is the one taken by Mrs. Frederick A. Schaefer III, wife of Brig. Gen. Schaefer, commanding general of the 29th Infantry Brigade. Once a week she leaves



WORK DETAIL—Mrs. Ronald Hirano, formerly of Hilo, settles small Brian, 5 months old, in the front of the stroller and the laundry in the caboose before setting out for the neighborhood laundromat. Since Pfc. Hirano has been stationed at Schofield, the Hiranos have had no car. Mrs. Hirano does her marketing on foot.

mother teaches at Puuhale School. Family members have been a help to many of the new soldiers' wives. Mrs. Ronald Hirano and her husband, a graduate of the University of Hawaii, moved from Hilo in March to an apartment in Moiliili. He is now a Pfc. in the Army.

"We planned to buy a car, but then when the 100th Battalion of the Army Reserve was called and my husband had to go, we never did get one.

"I have no way of getting Brian to the doctor's office for check-ups unless my husband's brother and his wife take me. They've been very good. They live in Kailua, so it's quite a drive for them," she said.

She added that the responsibility of caring for 5-month old Brian was something she had always shared with her husband, or with family in Hilo when Brian was an infant.

The wives who live in houses rather than apartments find that yardwork isn't all that House and Garden and the ladies' magazines paint it to be. "Pushing a lawnmower is no fun," says Mrs. Sadami Deal, wife of a lieutenant.

She gets help from their oldest son, David, who really isn't an enthusiastic lawnmower pusher, either. "He's been a big help, though, these weeks," Mrs. Deai reported, "not just with the garden, but in hauling the garbage cans and with the heavy work around the house."

Sons take on chores Mrs. Ron Fellows, whose husband is a sergeant with the public information office of the 29th Brigade, agrees that a 9-year-old boy and his 11-year-old brother can be a great help. "Both boys have taken of the chores their father did," Mrs. Fellows said. She has given up a part-time job to become a full-time mother since her husband was called on active

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during the week," Mrs. Fernandes said.

Mrs. Francis A. I. Bowers Jr. whose husband, Lt. Col. Bowers, was formerly on the Punahou School faculty, finds that he has more time to spend with the family on weekends now than when he

he spent most of his time correcting papers and working on lesson plans.

"Then, too, he had two jobs, one at Punahou and one with the National Guard, so he didn't have much free time," Mrs. Bowers said.

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Maybe you aren't supposed to talk about money, but my husband's salary in the Army now is just about one-quarter of what it was when he worked for Lockheed. I work, too, and we have no children, but this must be a real hardship for big families," she said.

launch by Mrs. Patricia Schaefer III, wife of Brig. Gen. Schaefer, commanding general of the 29th Infantry Brigade.

Once a week she leaves Kaneohe Bay Drive before 7 a.m. with a station wagon filled with six neighborhood children and her son David.

Both boys have taken on many of the chores their father did," Mrs. Fellows said. She has given up a part time job to become a full time mother since her husband was called on active duty.

"As soon as we heard that Ron would have to go, we began preparing our four boys for this.

"We had family discussions about what the older boys would do around the house and how the younger two would have to behave with their father gone. Problems are inevitable, but the boys have been darn good," she said.

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before going on active duty by taking the children to the park nearly every day.

"The children love the little park by the Zoo, and they miss it. Now we hardly get out at all," Mrs. Kahakua said.

The long, hot summer

The mothers of children attending school admit that the hardest days lie ahead, during the summer vacation months when the children will have more free time and no father around regularly to administer discipline.

"The children have been so busy lately, caught up in the end of school activities. Now that school is out and they are home most of the day, I expect more problems," Mrs. Bowers said.

Mrs. Schaefer, the only mother of grown children interviewed, has a special difficulty.

"I can't seem to get Fred's attention in discussing plans for Susan's wedding here in August," she said.

Daughter Susan, now teaching school in Daly City, Calif., will become the bride of Donald Edward James. Also expected home soon is the Schaefer's son Rick and a houseguest who will spend the summer with them. The boys attend the University of Oregon and will attend summer session at the University of Hawaii.

"We're getting along fine," Mrs. Schaefer said. "I think the women who have really experienced an upheaval in their lives are the ones with large families at home or with very young children.

"The real differences in being a military wife instead of a civilian wife are the ones of learning to do things alone and of concern for your husband in his job," she said.



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TROOP MOVEMENT — Mrs. Frederick A. Schaefer III unloads the last of her carpool from Kaneohe on the Punahou campus. Talking to her in the foreground is Lani Leary as Henry Broadbent opens the back door for Jenie Rush. The Schaefer's son David has gone ahead to report for a final. The early morning drive formerly was the job of David's father, Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, commanding officer of the 29th Brigade.

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