

# Rocket-firing tanks for 29th Brigade

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New tanks for the 29th Brigade will be delivered to Schofield Barracks starting next week, the Army said today.

The rocket-firing M551 Sheridan tanks will go to the National Guard's Wahiawa armory first where soldiers will familiarize themselves with the weapon system.

Later the M551 will be driven and fired at the East Range, a spokesman said.

Actual training will begin June 24.

A special team of consultants from the Department of the Army will come here for the early training phase.

Combat veterans of the 4th

Brigade, who have been training Island soldiers in use of the M114A1 reconnaissance vehicle, will also have a hand in linking 29th Brigade personnel with the M551.

The computer components

inside the vehicle are secret. Soldiers assigned to the weapon are getting security checks, a spokesman said.

Army publications indicate the Sheridan is a great improvement over earlier armored reconnaissance vehi-

cles.

It can go more than 40 miles an hour, can "swim," be dropped from a plane and can fire either conventional ammunition or the Shillelagh rocket, a missile that is about three feet long.