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29th Brigade to retain unit status

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WASHINGTON — The Army's 29th Brigade, now undergoing training at Schofield Barracks, will not be broken up and none of its personnel are going to be transferred for other duty, such as Vietnam, for at least four months.

This was reported today by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D., Hawaii, following a one-hour conference with Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor.

"The secretary repeated over and over again that the unit integrity of the 29th Brigade will be maintained," Inouye said.

The Hawaii lawmaker also quoted the secretary as saying September would be the earliest that any personnel from the Brigade could be reassigned.

After that, there will never be more than 15 per cent a month, he said.

Inouye said the secretary explained to him it was customary for Mainland units to provide a small number of personnel to meet MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) needs.

"Under no circumstances do they take more than 15 per cent of a unit in any one month," said Inouye.

Inouye's report today appeared to put to rest persist-

ent rumors that Hawaii's recently - activated National Guard brigade would soon be broken up and its component units transferred piecemeal to other Army commands.