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Ohio troops transferred to Isle unit

The 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, once strictly Japanese Americans, yesterday got a transfusion of Ohioans.

A Braniff military charter flight from Ft. Knox, Ky., brought 149 new men for the 29th Brigade, the former Hawaii National Guard outfit, and most were assigned to the 442nd. And most of them are from Ohio, the Army said.

At the time of activation last May 13, the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, an Army Reserve infantry group, was less up to combat strength than the guardsmen of the 29th.

A spokesman for the 29th said another 71 men from the 4th Brigade at Schofield Barracks were transferred to the 29th, and mostly to the 442nd.

In other developments at Schofield, Island troops will get to fire the new Sheridan weapon system, and its Shillelagh missile, near the end of this month at the Pohakuloa range on the Big Island.

The tanks will be shipped to Hawaii July 19 and undergo practice firing not long after.

Right now the soldiers are learning how to drive the vehicle that can go about 45 miles an hour over fields and four miles an hour on water.

Recently the Army conducted 100 test firings of the Shillelagh at Ft. Riley, Kan. They were "extremely accurate," an Army spokesman said.

Gunners in the M-551 fired at both moving and stationary targets, the Army said.

Next week the 29th will move into squadron size infantry training.

Tomorrow the soldiers get the day off.