

Letter will urge 29th deactivation

A personal letter will be mailed within a week to some 4,000 29th Infantry Brigade members' families urging them to work actively toward immediate deactivation of all reservists and National Guardsmen in the unit. Meanwhile, an estimated 500 29th soldiers already hold orders for Vietnam.

The letter, dated December, 1968 and signed by the Citizens' Committee (for the deactivation of the 29th), asks the families to sign and circulate a "citizens' petition" which will be enclosed along with a fact sheet about the brigade activated last May 12.

"There are many things you can do," the letter states in part. "You can write personal letters to your congressmen and to the newspapers, talk to your friends and join the Citizens' Committee.

"AN IMPORTANT thing

you can do right now is to sign the enclosed "citizens' petition" and encourage all of your family and friends to sign also.

"Your support is urgently needed. More men are receiving orders to Vietnam as replacements each day. The brigade already is no longer a "reserve" but a constant source of replenishment for troops already in battle."

The Citizens' Committee was formed two weeks ago to lend support to the efforts of nearly one-half brigade's members who signed a petition addressed to the people

of Hawaii and their elected representatives demanding deactivation.

"We of the Citizens' Committee feel this request is valid," the letter states. We are joining in making a strong appeal to the government for the brigade's deactivation.

"WE REALIZE THAT the men of the 29th responded to the call-up in May without question. Our nation was facing a possible crisis with the seizing of the Pueblo by North Korea. The men have trained well and have pre-

pared to meet the country's need.

"But now, with the Pueblo incident in the past, and the immediate danger averted by our leaders, the men feel they are justified in asking to be returned to civilian life, their jobs and families."

The committee's diverse membership includes wives and parents of 29th members, clergymen, business people and students.

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Honolulu Lutheran Church sanctuary, 1730 Punahou St. every Monday. All concerned citizens are in-

vited to attend.

THE CITIZENS' Committee is trying to "get as many people in the community as possible involved in backing the reservists and National Guardsmen at Schofield," a committee spokesman said.

Citizens interested in contributing work or financial assistance may call 737-3528.

the community with the situation of the men and get widespread support for their protest against the mistreatment and misinformation they have received," the spokesman said.