

# Home leaves set for 100 Mainland GIs in 29th

About 100 Mainland GIs with the 29th Brigade will get two weeks leave at home before they go to Vietnam, an Army spokesman at Ft. Shafter said today.

All will be sent first to Ft. Lewis, Wash., for less than five days of "overseas re-placement training."

The spokesman said these GIs, who presumably do not have their wives with them at Schofield Barracks, will get this "pre-embarkation leave" at no cost to the Army.

In other words, the men training, however, is available at Schofield.

One reason it may be sending Mainland GIs back to Ft. Korea during that war.

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THE MOVE announced today should avoid such criticism.

Meanwhile GIs in the 29th are having some trouble this week circulating the petition that calls for the deactivation of the unit because of a brigade-size command post exercise now going on in the

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says he conceived the petition idea, said yesterday he hoped to gather up the petitions making the rounds of the brigade by the end of this week.

The Waianae cook said he met with the 29th commander, Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, this week.

PETERS WAS NOT certain as to how many signatures will be obtained.

Peters said he got the feeling no reprisals would be taken by the Army against those who sign the petition.