

Marine Unit Will Return

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Regiment will arrive in San Diego on the same day the 1st Battalion Marines land on Oahu.

About 100 Marine and Navy officers and enlisted men will bring the unit colors to Hawaii. They will provide the nucleus of the landing team as it re-forms during the coming months.

Return of the battalion team will complete the unit organization of the First Marine Brigade, made up of both air and ground units.

Only those Marines whose families remained in Hawaii when they were sent to Vietnam, and those men who requested to be stationed here, will return to Kaneohe MCAS. Others have volunteered to extend their Vietnam tours.

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Temporary Duty Ends For 27th

SAIGON (UPI) — The U.S. Command today announced it is sending an American Marine regiment back to the United States. Spokesmen said it is the first withdrawal of an American troop unit from the Vietnam war.

The announcement said, however, the move was not part of a general withdrawal. It said the unit — the 27th Regiment — was rushed to Vietnam only for temporary duty at the height of the Tet offensive last February.

The spokesmen said the first elements of the regiment leave for the United States today. They said of nearly 4,500 men in the regiment, about 1,500 have left Vietnam either for discharge or as medical evacuees. They said 710 others were leaving under the withdrawal order, while some 2,000 will be absorbed by other units in Vietnam.

Marine Unit Will Return To Kaneohe

Marines of the 1st Battalion, 27th Regiment, will return to Oahu from Vietnam duty on Sept. 17, the Pacific Marines headquarters said yesterday.

Planeside ceremonies marking the return of the unit's colors will be held at 1 p.m. when it arrives at Hickam AFB. Maj. Gen. Paul J. Fontana, deputy commander of Pacific Marines, will welcome the unit home as will the Pearl Harbor Marine Band.

The men were sent to Vietnam last February when the unit was on its way to a SEATO training exercise.

Other members of the 27th
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