

Reservists In Texas; Pacific Next

By TIM RICHARD

A Livonia-based Army Reserve company, called inactive last month, is getting advanced training at Fort Hood, Tex., and expects to be sent to the South Pacific in the fall. Will they go to Vietnam?

"Most likely," answered Capt. Edwin J. Duda, of Plymouth, commander of the 454th Personnel Services Company.

ONLY 82 OFFICERS and enlisted men of the original 153 went on active duty May 7. The rest were either too close to their discharge dates, had medical problems, or had occupational problems which qualified them for deferment. And of the 10 Observer Newspapers area residents in the original company, only three actually went down.

The men trained for only a week (May 7-13) at the Army Reserve Center at 34450 Schoolcraft, Livonia, before being sent to Fort Hood.

"It's hot—88 yesterday," said Capt. Duda, "but the nights are cool."

ONLY DUDA, Spec. 4 Lawrence Duda, of Redford Township, and Spec. 4 Frank L. Gable, a minor league second baseman whose permanent address is in Westland, made the long trip.

The company's executive officer, 1st Lt. Jack Berry of Farmington, was disqualified for a medical reason. So was Sgt. Paul Quenneville of Livonia. They had expected to be activated.

Five other local men were members of the company, but they hadn't expected to be called because of the closeness of their discharge dates or other reasons.

"WE'RE GETTING some good training," Capt. Duda said of the company that was organized only last Jan. 31.

"Twenty-three men are at Fort Polk, La., in personnel specialist school; one is at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in computer school; 11 are at computer school here working on Univac; two are in supply school; two are in clerk-typist school; and 24 are taking the drivers qualification course."

A few of the men took their families to Texas, at their own expense. When they are sent to their permanent station, they may be able to take their families at Army expense if the area isn't "restricted." Vietnam is restricted.

The company's task is the maintenance of the personnel records of 5,000 or more troops.

New Law Aims To Spur Joint Kids' Facilities

A new state law is designed to encourage joint ventures in the construction of recreational facilities and facilities for handicapped, retarded or mentally disturbed children.

Gov. Romney signed it along with a number of other bills last week.

The law, which has immediate effect, permits an intermediate (county) school district and a local school district within its bounds to make a deal with other governmental units to establish a building authority.

Financing of construction would be only by revenue bonds.

ANOTHER BILL, Romney signed will allow a local assessor the same right, as a property owner, to file a complaint with the State Tax Commission.

Any change in the assessment resulting from Tax Commission action on the complaint would change the state equalized value of the local taxing unit.

The same measure provides that whenever a local assessing district fails to have its assessment roll prepared as required by state law, the local district must bear the cost of corrective action taken by the State Tax Commission.

OTHER BILLS, signed into law will:

- Permit a sheriff to appoint as a deputy any person designated by an incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.
- Permit a friend of the court to petition for a change in a child support judgment in a divorce case when the parent or guardian has applied for or received public aid.
- Limit gilling or refilling a prescription for a habit-forming drug to not more than five times within six months after

the prescription is issued, with renewal of the prescription by issuing practitioner permitted after the six-month period.

- Grant township zoning boards authority to submit proposed zoning ordinances and maps to the coordinating zoning committee of the county when there is no county zoning or planning commission.
- Authorize county road commissions to install and maintain uniform traffic control devices on trunkline highways when the cost would be less than estimated by the State Highway Commission.
- Provide that life, accident and health insurance sold in connection with credit insurance transactions will be subject to the credit insurance act, except when sold in connection with loans for not more than five years on dwellings or mobile homes.
- Restrict the authority of county and regional units of government to purchase property outside their own boundaries for recreational purposes.

ROMNEY announced he had vetoed a bill intended to allow any local governing unit to issue bonds or notes by majority vote of its governing body to meet current expenses, without voter approval.

The bill would also have allowed the governing body of the local unit to pledge "full faith and credit" for prompt payment of the principal and interest.

The governor said he believed such a pledge, without voter approval, would violate tax limitation provisions of the state constitution.

Turks Get Dutch Halt Nigeria Arms

THE HAGUE, Netherlands--The government of the Netherlands has placed an embargo on arms sales to federal Nigeria, the Foreign Ministry said. Even licenses already issued for arms shipments will be considered invalid, a spokesman said.

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