

WASHINGTON, D.C. SEPTEMBER 19, 1969---U.S. Senator Bob

Dole (R-Kans) today co-sponsored a bill which would provide additional educational benefits under the G.I. Bill for members of the National Guard and Reserve Units.

Under the present law, regular armed forces personnel count all time, including time spent in basic training, in the computation of education benefits. For reservists and national guardsmen, the period of active duty for training prior to activation of the unit does not count.

"It is only fair that all who serve our country in the Armed Services be treated equally," Senator Dole said.

"This proposal would eliminate the existing inequity."

The bill provides that reservists and guardsmen who are called to active duty, and serve at least six months during the period of the war in Vietnam, may include their prior active duty for training in the computation of their eligibility for educational benefits under the G.I. Bill.

"This will be of special importance to units activated for more than 12 months," Dole said. "Members of those units will be able to count their active duty for training, as the regulars presently do, as part of the 18 months required to qualify for the full 36 months of G.I. educational benefits."

Dole said members of the following Kansas Reserve and National Guard units (all activated during the Vietnam War) would be effected by the proposed bill:

- 69th Infantry Brigade---Topeka
- 169th Aviation Company---Kansas City
- Troop E. 114th Cavalry---McPherson
- 169th Engineer Company---Emporia
- 169th Support Battalion---Kansas City
- 2nd Battalion, 130th Artillery---Hiawatha
- 1st Battalion, 137th Infantry---Wichita
- 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry---Kansas City
- 995th Maintenance Company---Hays
- 1011th Supply and Service Co.---Independence
- 842nd Quartermaster Company---Kansas City
- 184th Tactical Fighter Group---McConnell AFB