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Farewell ceremonies were held on 11 August 1966 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic as two more contingents of the Latin American Brigade, Inter-American Police Force prepared to leave for home.

Being bid farewell by IAPF Officials were the Honduran Company and the smaller Costa Rican unit. The ceremony was held at the Fraternity Battalion camp in Santo Domingo where companies from four countries, including the Honduran Company, had been operating under a unified command. The Paraguayan contingent, first of the Latin Brigade to leave, had been in the Battalion also.

The Honduran Company had, along with other Fraternity Battalion units, been assigned security duties in the strife-torn capitol after fighting had been halted. The Costa Rican unit, composed of National Police and Palace Guardsmen, ~~reached a peak strength of 22. However, only 11...~~ (trooping the line)
~~they served as...~~

The farewell ceremonies were highlighted by awards to the Commanding Officers of the two units as well as to three US Army Officers. The awards were represented by the Brazilian ~~represented~~ government, represented by their Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Nascimento da Silva.

Receiving the Brazilian Navy Distinguished Service Medal were Colonel Alvaro Arias of Costa Rica and Major Carlos Villanueva of Honduras. The Brazilian Tamandare Medal was presented to the following US Officers for outstanding service Commanding Officer, with the IAPF: Colonel William H. Hard, /1st Brigade, 82nd Abn Div; Colonel William Boylston, IAPF Chief of Staff; and Major Davis Burnett, Jr., IAPF Information Officer.

Following the presentation, General Linvill read letters of ~~commendation~~ Brazilian appreciation from IAPF Commanding General, /Division General Alvaro Braga who was not able to attend the ceremony.

The Honduran contingent departed the next via their own planes though some of them left by boat. The Costa Ricans were airlifted home on a US Air Force C-130.