

DCS- 314- 34/66

Dismantling of the US portion of the Inter-American Police Force in the Dominican Republic continues at an almost feverish pace from Red Beach West near Santo Domingo. Freighter and troop transport-type ships land and load almost every other day, and airplanes are departing on a nearly daily schedule from San Isidro Air Base. The ships are being loaded across from Red Beach, the ~~Departing ships~~ original landing point of the US Marines sent ~~here~~ to the Dominican Republic in 1965 to protect American lives and property when revolution broke out in the capitol of Santo Domingo.

On August 12th, the USS Hermitage, and 2 LSP, docked at Red Beach West to evacuate primarily the 307th Engineers ~~and their~~ 307th Medics unit. Composing the only airborne engineer platoon ~~in~~ in the republic, the 307th landed 30 April 1965. While here, they were attached to the 1st Brigade Engineers, 82nd Abn Div, at Camp Randall. *See DCS-28 for details of departure*
Eng and Med units

59 members of the 307th boarded the Hermitage to accompany the company's varied pieces of construction equipment, including bulldozers, roadgraders, mechanized mules, and ambulances. Accompanying them were ~~69 members~~ 69 men and vehicles of the 839th Transportation Company, the 17th Cav, also of the 82nd Abn Div, and the 649th Supply and Services units.

The 307th Engineers main mission in the Dominican Republic during the revolt was the construction of road blocks and barricades. Later, as the IAPF became established, ~~they~~ the 307th built two, 1,000 man compounds and helped in the construction of a third.

On August 12th, over one hundred members of the 307th departed the republic on C-130 aircraft from San Isidro. The engineers were seen off by LtCol John J. Costa, Commander of the 2nd Bn ~~Abn~~, 508th Inf, 82nd Abn Div whose men, composing the remainder of the 1st Brigade, 82nd Abn Div, will be the last of the 82nd to leave the Dominican Republic.

Returning to Fort Bragg with the 307th was the Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade, 82nd Abn Div, Colonel William H. Hard. ~~Most of his~~ *Command* ~~Brigade, most of which~~ has already left the island to return to the states. Colonel Hard was seen to the plane by Brigadier General Robert R. Linvill, Commanding General, USFORDOMREP.

Also aboard the C-130 returning to Pope AFB were six ~~xxxxxxx~~ bed-ridden evacuees from the 42nd Field Hospital (See DCS 314-~~21~~/66). They had been flown from the now-closed hospital to San Isidro for air evacuation to a state-side hospital. The evacuees received a personal goodbye from ~~General~~ Brigadier General Robert R. Linvill, Commanding General, USFORDOMREP. General Linvill had come to the air base to say goodbye to the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ evacuees and to Lt Col William E. Hard, Commanding Officer, 1st Brigade, 82nd Abn Div, who was returning to Fort Bragg with the 30~~th~~. ~~Col Hard's command~~ Most of Colonel Hard's command ~~has already evacuated~~ left the republic for their home post at Ft Bragg.