

On the 19th of August, 1966, farewell ceremonies were held for the Nicaraguan contingent of the Latin American Brigade, Inter American Police Force in the Dominican Republic. The Nicaraguans were the fourth of the five Latin American countries to leave the republic after the Organization of American States decided to disband the IAPF.

The farewell ceremonies were held at the Fraternity Battalion parade grounds. The Nicaraguans, along with the ~~xxxxxx~~ Paraguayans, and Hondurans, and Brazilian Marines composed the Fraternity Battalion. Contingents from these four countries were under a unified command headed by Nicaraguan Lt Col Samuel Carcamo.

The ~~Departure~~ ceremony was highlighted by an awards presentation. Brazilian Division General Alvaro Alves da Silva Braga, Commanding General, IAPF, presented Lt Col Carcamo and ~~Col~~ Col Julio Gutierrez, Chief of Staff, IAPF, and Commanding Officer of the Nicaraguan Contingent the Brazilian Navy Distinguished Service Medal. Col Gutierrez also received a certificate of appreciation for his service as Chief of the IAPF staff. Following the presentations, General

~~During the next two days~~ Braga spoke briefly to the Nicaraguans, expressing the appreciation of the IAPF staff for their ~~help~~ assistance in settling the Dominican ~~Republic~~ crisis. After General Braga, Col Gutierrez spoke briefly and the ceremony ended with the company passing in review on their the company area to way to/complete packing for the trip home.

While part of the Nicaraguan troops were ~~to~~ airlifted home, another part accompanied their vehicles and other gear going home aboard a US Navy LST. The LST, out of ~~Panama~~ the Canal Zone, Panama was also taking home ~~xxxxxx~~ the last of the Honduran contingent (See DCS 314-33/66).