

U.S. Berlin Brigade Gets Reorganized

BERLIN (S&S)—The permanent U.S. Army garrison in West Berlin was physically reorganized on the parade ground here Monday.

The two 6th Inf battle groups which have been stationed here were turned into three battalions in a ceremony in which old unit flags were sheathed and new battalion banners unfurled.

"With this reorganization, the Berlin Brigade is better equipped to carry out our mission here in Berlin," Brig Gen Frederick O. Hartel, CG of the Brigade, told the troops.

'Most Modern'

"This formation is symbolic," he said. "With this reorganization according to the ROAD concept goes the latest and most modern technical equipment, and with this goes new ideas in control and command.

"In other words," he concluded, "we are adopting better posture."

Hartel thanked the men of the 2nd and 3rd Battle Gps, 6th Inf, for the job well done and wished them continued success under the new plan.

Taking command of the three new battalions were Lt Col Clayton H. Moore Jr., 2nd Bn, 6th Inf; Lt Col E. J. Tinari, 3rd Bn, 6th Inf; and Lt Col L. W. Brown, 4th Bn, 18th Inf.

Lt Col H. M. Herron became commanding officer of the Berlin Brigade special troop, which includes companies of tank, engineer, MP and other special outfits.

Col W. R. Washington, one of the old battle group commanders, will remain in Berlin as deputy commander of the Berlin Brigade under Hartel.

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