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DOD announces plans for return of 1st Infantry Division to U.S.

HEIDELBERG, Germany-- The Department of Defense announced today plans for the return of eleven Army bases to Germany in fiscal year 2007. Additionally, two other bases are identified for return to Germany in following years.

These installation returns are scheduled as part of plans for the 1st Infantry Division headquarter's return to the United States with its divisional flag in the summer of 2006. Additionally, the 1st Infantry Division's subordinate units, as well as selected V Corps and U.S. Army in Europe units, will return to the United States, inactivate entirely, convert, or be reassigned in Europe to support Army transformation in fiscal year 2006.

The 1st ID units that will return or inactivate in FY 06 are:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division (returns)
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery (inactivates)
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Engineer (inactivates)
- 510th Engineer Detachment (Topographical) (inactivates)
- 517th Engineer Detachment (Topographical) (inactivates)
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Support Command (DISCOM) (returns)
- 701st Main Support Battalion (inactivates)
- 1-1 Attack Aviation Battalion (returns for Longbow transition in November)
- 101st Military Intelligence Battalion (Minus) (inactivates)
- 121st Signal Battalion (Minus) (inactivates)
- 1st MP Company (Minus) (inactivates)
- 1st ID Band (returns)

1st ID units to be converted in FY 06 are:

- 1-4 Cavalry Squadron (Minus)--Converts to become the Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition squadron of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.
- 1st ID Division Aviation Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company--Reflagged as the 12th Aviation Brigade and converts to become part of USAREUR Multi-functional Aviation Brigade (MFAB).

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- 2-1 Aviation Battalion--Reflagged as the 5-158 AVN Battalion and converts to become part of USAREUR Multi-functional Aviation Brigade (MFAB).
- 601st Division Aviation Support Battalion--Converts to become part of USAREUR Multi-functional Aviation Brigade (MFAB).
- 82nd Engineer Battalion (Minus)--Becomes the Brigade Troops Battalion for the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.
- 1-33rd Field Artillery Battalion--Becomes the Fires Battalion of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

The 12th Chemical Company and BIDS platoons (Kitzingen) will be retained and will move to Grafenwoehr.

The 4-3 Air Defense Battalion is inactivating in FY 05.

Following is the disposition of non-1st ID units stationed on the closing installations (unless noted, the actions will occur in FY 06):

Harvey Barracks, Kitzingen

- 147th Maintenance Company will inactivate in FY 07 and its personnel authorizations will be used to build the MFAB.
- 212th MP Company (Minus) will move to Grafenwoehr.
- A Detachment and the 1st Postal Platoon of the 38th Personnel Services Battalion will inactivate.

Larson Barracks, Kitzingen

- 17th Signal Battalion will inactivate and its personnel authorizations will be used to support the build of the MFAB in Katterbach and 173rd ABCT in Bamberg.
- A Detachment, 106th Finance Battalion will inactivate.

Faulenberg Kaserne, Wuerzburg

- Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and A Detachment, 106th Finance Battalion will inactivate (E Detachment of this unit is stationed in Bamberg and will also be inactivated, B (Grafenwoehr/Vilseck), C (Schweinfurt) and D (Ansbach) Detachments will reorganize under the 39th Finance Battalion.).

Giebelstadt Army Airfield

- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade will move to Leighton Barracks, Wuerzburg. Final disposition of this unit will be determined and announced later.
- 12th Aviation Brigade (inactivates)
- HHC and A Co, 5-158th Aviation Battalion (12th Brigade) (is reflagged and returns) (B Company is stationed in Aviano and will be retained.)
- 3-158th Aviation Battalion will move to Ansbach.
- F/159th (CH-47) Aviation Company will move to Illesheim.
- 7-159th Aviation Maintenance Battalion will move to Illesheim to support the build of the MFAB.

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- 72nd Veterinary Detachment (minus) will move to Leighton Barracks. Final disposition of this unit will be determined and announced later.
- 67th Forward Surgical Team will move to Landstuhl.
- 523rd Medical Company (Dental Services) will inactivate.

Leighton Barracks, Wuerzburg (closing at a future date)

- 69th Signal Battalion will move to Grafenwoehr.

Wuerzburg Hospital

- At some time in the future, the 67th Combat Support Hospital will inactivate and its personnel spaces will be used to convert the 212th MASH in Miesau to a Combat Support Hospital. We will ensure that staffing at the Wuerzburg Hospital can support troop populations until it is no longer needed.

NOTE: The 2nd Brigade Combat Team will be assigned to another USAREUR unit until further disposition is determined and announced. All other 1ID units remaining in Europe will be converted and/or reassigned to support Army transformation. Also, disposition of other tenant organizations on facilities announced for closure today will be determined and announced in the future.