



170th IBCT Release

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BAUMHOLDER, Germany— Soldiers with 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team have begun inactivation activities following last month's Defense Department announcement that the brigade would be one of two drawn down from United States Army Europe.

The 170th Infantry Brigade was reestablished July 15, 2009 after reflagging from 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division and, most recently, returned from a yearlong deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Soldiers like Sgt. 1st Class Kris L. Dohl, the rear detachment first sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 170th IBCT, have been with the brigade since it reactivated in 2009 and will see it deactivate later this year.

Dohl spoke well of the brigade's time in Germany, saying the 170th IBCT set a great standard for maintaining the post and establishing a strong relationship with the community.

Pfc. Ron Fisher, a fire directions controller with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 84th Field Artillery Regiment, 170th IBCT, just recently became a part of the brigade a little more than six months ago.

While his time with the brigade is brief, Fisher was grateful to be a part of it for the experience of being stationed overseas. That appreciation is shared by other soldiers, like Spc. Benjiman Scott Smith, an air defense battle management system operator with the brigade, who used his free time to explore Europe.

Like Fisher and Smith, Dohl enjoyed learning the local culture while overseas. The locals enjoyed it too, he said.

Dohl became friends with many members of the community who expressed their appreciation for 170th IBCT's presence and the kindness of the brigade's soldiers.

"We've worked well together and I'm sure whoever moves into Baumholder in the future will carry on that working relationship with the community," Dohl said.



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Many of the brigade's roughly 4,000 soldiers and their families will conduct assignment changes to the United States and elsewhere while others will relocate throughout United States Army Europe.

“A key focus for the brigade, as well as United States Army Garrison Baumholder is ensuring our soldiers and family members are well supported throughout the transition to their follow-on assignments, said Col. Patrick Matlock, the 170th IBCT commander.

An official inactivation ceremony is scheduled to be held in October.

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