

# CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

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**U. S. ARMY  
FORT A. P. HILL  
Bowling Green, Va.**

29 August 1975 - 0815 hours

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COLONEL K. B. BARLOW (Outgoing)

31 August 1975

COLONEL HARRY W. FRENCH (Incoming)

1 September 1975

### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

*Entrance of Command Group*

*Remarks by Outgoing Commander*

*Reading of Assumption of Command Orders*  
*(Audience Rise)*

*Passing of Post Colors from Outgoing Commander to Incoming*  
*Commander*  
*(Audience Remain Standing)*

*Remarks by Incoming Commander*  
*(Audience Seated)*

A reception will be held in Building T-142 in the main post area immediately after conclusion of the Chain of Command Ceremony

## COLONEL K. B. BARLOW, JR.

Post Commander

Fort A. P. Hill

Bowling Green, Virginia

21 June 1974 - 31 August 1975

Colonel K. B. Barlow, Jr., former Assistant Commander, U. S. Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Georgia, assumed command of Fort A. P. Hill on 21 June 1974.

A native of Tennessee, the Colonel is a 1946 graduate of the U. S. Army Military Academy at West Point; and also holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. During his Army career, Colonel Barlow has attended the Command and General Staff School and the Army War College.

Upon graduation from West Point, he was commissioned in the Infantry and attended the Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning. His other assignments include a tour of duty in Korea, ROTC duty at West Virginia University, and three years in Puerto Rico. He then served at the Pentagon in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary and Undersecretary of the Army. From 1964 to 1965, Colonel Barlow commanded the 2d Battalion, 46th Infantry in the 1st Armored Division. He then attended the Army War College and graduated with the class of 1966. After completion of his studies at the Army War College, he returned to Korea as Secretary of the Joint Staff, United Nations Command. He then returned to the War College as a member of the staff and faculty for two years.

In the fall of 1969, Colonel Barlow joined the Americal (23d) Division and assumed command of the Division Support Command. After six months, he became commander of the 11th Infantry Brigade in the Americal Division for six months and then returned to Fort Benning as the Deputy Assistant Commandant of the U. S. Army Infantry School.

The Colonel's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Colonel Barlow and his wife, JoAnne, have made their home in Bowling Green during his tenure at Fort A. P. Hill.

## COLONEL HARRY W. FRENCH

Post Commander

Fort A. P. Hill

Bowling Green, Virginia

Colonel Harry Wallace French, born in Washington, D. C., was a member of the U. S. Navy from July 1944 to June 1946. He served in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters, rising to the rank of Torpedo Man, Third Class.

He then entered Virginia Military Institute (VMI) where he graduated as a Second Lieutenant in June 1950. His first assignment was in Korea where he served as an Infantry Platoon Leader and later as executive officer in the Seventh Division.

Returning from Korea in 1951, he served as executive officer and company commander with the 3d Infantry Regt., Ft. Myer, Va. His next assignment - in 1953 - was in Germany where he served as executive officer of Company B, 18th Infantry Regt., 1st Infantry Division. When the Division returned to the States and to Ft. Riley, Kansas, he was a company commander with the same regiment and also aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the Big Red One.

He was stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. from 1956 to 1959, first as a student in the Advance Course and later as an instructor in Company Tactics.

By 1960 he had completed the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. and then served as regimental advisor in Vietnam until July 1961. From 1961 to 1965, he served on the staff in the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel in Washington, D. C. Following his Washington assignment, he returned to Germany and was assigned as Chief, Training Maneuver Branch, G-3, VII Corps. In July 1966, he was transferred to the 2d Bn, 21st Mechanized Infantry as battalion commander and returned to Ft. Riley, Kan. with the unit. At Ft. Riley, he became the G-3 of the 24th Division. From May 1969 to May 1970, he served as G-5, 24th Corps and was Deputy Post Commander, Phu Bai Combat Base in Vietnam.

He returned to his Alma Mater - VMI - upon his return from Vietnam. There he was professor of Military Science from June 1970 to July

1972. In July 1972, he became Director of Plans and Training of the U. S. Army Training Center and Ft. Dix, until August 31, 1975. On September 1, 1975 the Colonel will assume command of Ft. A. P. Hill.

Colonel French's decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit, and two awards each of the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

The Colonel and his wife, Marcia, and two sons - Robert and William - will make their home in Bowling Green.