

## President Kennedy has sent Troops to West Berlin

By the end of the week, President Kennedy had sent Vice President Lyndon Johnson along with General Clay to Berlin in order to underline America's commitment to the city. He also dispatched the U.S. Brigade to the City so Johnson could greet the soldiers personally. Berliners welcomed the Brigade with cheers and flowers, perceiving their presence as a show of continued American support in the face of the Wall.

USA General (Ret). Lucius D. Clay, was nick named the "Father of Berlin". President Kennedy sent him to Berlin as an "Ambassador of Good Will". Clay, still known as the "Hero of Berlin," was appointed the President's personal representative to the City; he was serving from September 1961 to May 1962.

"This island does not stand alone. You are a vital part of the whole free community of free men.

Vizepräsident Lyndon B. Johnson in Berlin.  
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On Sunday morning, lead elements in a column of 491 vehicles and trailers carrying 1500 men divided into five march units had left the Helmstedt-Marienborn checkpoint at 06:34. At Marienborn, the Soviet checkpoint next to Helmstedt on the West German/East German border, U.S. personnel were counted by guards. US Army Major Landis had the assignment to take the Mission car onto the Berlin-Helmstedt Autobahn where he met the first convoy of American military reinforcements and led it into West Berlin through the Allied Checkpoint Bravo/Drewitz/Dreilinden. Meanwhile Commander Fahey, US Navy member of USMLM Major Morgan and Captain Geleta with other Mission members were reconnoitring on side roads near the autobahn, observing the uninterrupted passage of the American convoy from Helmstedt.



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r der Fahrt durch die Sowjetzone: Auf Befehl | in Berlin um eine Kampfgruppe verstärkt. Unser  
sident Kennedys wird die amerikanische Garnison | zeigt die Truppen auf dem Weg nach Berlin. fo

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### Die Spitze

...der amerikanischen Kampfgruppe bei ihrem Eintreffen am Zehlendorfer Kieblach. Einen solchen Empfang hatten die amerikanischen Soldaten noch nie erlebt.

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Parade zu Ehren von  
General Lucius D. Clay  
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