

1975



END-OF-YEAR HISTORICAL SUMMARY

303d MAINTENANCE BATTALION

2D SUPPORT COMMAND (CORPS)



1 July 1975 - 31 December 1975





INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The End-of-Year Historical Summary is being submitted according to the LOI/1-76 put out by your headquarters. Due to circumstances the information for the Mid-Year Historical Summary cannot be submitted because they were retired with the historical files at the beginning of this year.

The summary is mostly about activities that occurred throughout our battalion on a month to month basis.



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KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following are key personnel changes throughout the 303d Maintenance Battalion.

- (1) CPT Wayne P. Niley was assigned as Battalion S-2/3 Operations officer.
- (2) The Battalion Command Sergeant Major was welcomed on 22 Aug 75, Sergeant Major Helen I. Johnston. This position has been vacant for 24 months.
- (3) Major Eugene B. Freeman was welcomed into this headquarters on 7 Jul 75, MAJ Freeman will take the position of Battalion Executive Officer which has been vacant for 6 months.
- (4) On 13 August 1LT Larry Williams reported to the 42d Maintenance Company for his duty as 1st Auto Platoon Officer.
- (5) 1st SGT Yakteen was assigned to the 42d Maintenance Company as First Sergeant on 27 Sept 75.
- (6) On 1 December 1975 CPT Charles A. Besse JR. from the 123d Maintenance Battalion assumed command from CPT Jacob R. Hershney II who is now the Adjutant for HQ's, 87th Maintenance Battalion.
- (7) Personnel of the 66th Maintenance Company located in Kitzingen Germany had a total enlisted strength between 160 - 175. The officer strength building from three to five, and warrant officers ranging from eight to nine. Most serious personnel shortages were encountered in the 63H and 63C MOS series. The unit got its first female soldier assigned in Nov of 75.
- (8) On 14 Jul 75 2LT Nancy Rosendale was assigned to the 116th Ordnance Company as AK officer.
- (9) On 26 Aug 75 the 116th Ordnance Company received a new First Sergeant, MSG Walter M. Hicks Jr.
- (10) In the month of July the 182d Maintenance Company lost their First Sergeant, 1SGT Goetz because of a PCS movement, in the month of Sep 75 they received their replacement SFC Ahrens. SFC Ahrens has been with the 303d Maintenance Battalion as WCOIC for the S2/3 and as 1SG for the 42d Maintenance Company prior to reporting to the 182d Maintenance Company.

REORGANIZATION

- (1) The 303d Maintenance Battalion will be deactivated as of 21 January 1976 and will be redesignated as the 87th Maintenance Battalion. In this process the 87th Maintenance Battalion will drop the 42d Maintenance Company and the 182d Maintenance Company and will pick up the 596th Maintenance Company in Schweinfurt Germany and 903d Maintenance Company in Nellingen Germany. The 42d Maintenance Company and the 182d Maintenance Company will be redesignated to the 71st Maintenance Battalion located in Nurnberg Germany.
- (2) During December 1975 the 66th Maintenance Company began preparations for assuming its future (effective 21 Jan 76) mission as a CR/F Company. As such, extensive movements were made in the shop area and renovations were undertaken. The Inspection/QA Section now occupies a new facility that enhances their operations, as do the Company Maintenance and the Shop Office Operations. The Automotive I Platoon and the Service and Evac Platoon have both expanded their facilities. All moves were taken with a view toward improving present operational tasks and to be prepared to effectively assume the new tasks of the future.
- (3) The 116th Ordnance Company was reorganized on 23 June 1975 under MTO&E #9-550GE101. During the period of July through December personnel strength of the unit increased from approximately 195 to over 240.
- (4) The 182d Maintenance Company is undergoing a MTO&E, and in November it will add to its present mission an Armament Platoon, with artillery repair, tank turret repair, small arms repair, instrument and missile loader testing, and laser repair. This mission once belonged to the 42d Maintenance Company located in Furth Germany.

OPERATIONS/EXERCISES/STUDIES/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES OF THE 303D

(1) Nijmegen March, conducted 12 July 1975, 1LT Douglas L. Walter, senior member, departed with the rest of the 303d Maintenance Battalion Nijmegen March for Holland. 19 July 1975 the team returned the only successful 2d Support Command (Corps) entry in the marches.

(2) The following events were conducted at the 42d Maint Co:

a. On 8 July 1975 the armament section was visited by GEN Stoner who witnessed the operation of the lazer test stand.

b. On 7 August 1975 members of the unit were interviewed by MR Tim Guymond and his APN Radio show from Nuernberg Germany.

c. On the 26 and 27th of August 1975 the unit experienced the Annual Inspector Generals visit. 57 areas were found satisfactory.

d. Areas of special interest for the period were the support of Reforger 75, and R&R trips to Chiemsee and Garmisch, and helping the community. The unit provided Reforger support from 6 thru 25 October 1975. The support rendered training unit maximum time for training through a low deadline rate.

(3) The following events were conducted at the 66th Maint Co:

a. The Annual General Inspection was conducted on 19 Aug 75. By the conclusion of the inspection, over 80 areas had been inspected and not a single area was found to be unsatisfactory. This accomplishment was remarkable to the point that BG Stoner, CG 2d SUPCOM (Corps), noted the accomplishment in a letter to the company.

b. The company continues to produce the 2½ ton transmissions under the TARP. A total of seven lines are now assigned the company for production, with the latest being the differential for the M113 personnel carrier. Since July 75 a total of 783 various assemblies have been produced.

c. The 66th Maintenance Company moved in part to the field on 8 Oct 75 for purposes of participation in REFORGER 75 as a member of Task Force Orange. On 23 October the unit returned to base. Considering both field and base operations, the company received 101 maintenance requests, closing 97 of them. A total of 290 requests for Class IX were received and 255 were filled. FEMA II issues numbered 494 pieces over 54 lines. The field portion of the unit was also responsible for operating a dining facility. The facility served 3,012 individual meals during the period.

d. The 66th Maintenance Company competed in the 2d SUPCOM (Corps) Organizational Maintenance Facility and took second place in this competition.

(4) The following events were conducted at the 116th Ord Co:

a. The 116th was reorganized on 23 June 1975. During the period 1 July to 31 December 1975 the unit continued to provide missile support for TOW, Dragon, Shillelagh, Redeye, and Lance Missile systems for the VII Corps.

b. On 3 Sep 75 the Assistance Secretary of Defense, The Honorable Mr. Brehm, visited the 116th Ordnance Company during a review of logistics in Europe.

c. The 116th Ord Co flag football team was runner-up champions in the Merrell Barracks flag football league.

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(5) The following events were conducted at the 182d Maint Co:

- a. In the month of July we had our AGI with four areas worthy of note, one in Drug and Alcohol Program, Arms Room, NBC and Shop Library.
- b. The 182d Maint Co's support to its customer units and others has continued to maintain the high standards above and beyond its normal mission requirements.
- c. The 182d Maint Company's participation in REFORGER 75 was outstanding in all aspects of support rendered to the Empire Support Orange Forces and our battalion headquarters.
- d. Over 40 personnel participated in the Germany-Switzerland Volksmarch in September 1975, a 99 kilometer march. The fifth for this unit.

(6) The following events were conducted at the 493d S&S Co:

- a. From 27 July to 17 September 1975 the Bath section of Laundry and Bath platoon, 493rd S&S Co, participated in a field mission conducted in the Wildflecken training area. Over 2,500 personnel were processed over this period. As August began the temporary Class III Supply point at Ritsingen was deactivated and the newly renovated Wursburg Zell supply point opened. Along with the conversion of tankage for larger diesel capacity; new pipelines, loading and unloading facilities, storage areas and pumping equipment was included. Activation was completed on 8 Sep, one day prior to the Annual General Inspection for the company. In all 76 areas were inspected for FY75. Of these, two (2) were commendable. Immediately following the Annual General Inspection, preparations were begun for REFORGER 75. The concept of the operation included Classes I, II, III, and IV as well as one laundry and two bath sites incorporating separate male and female facilities. Sites chosen for the mission included Conn Barracks for classes I, II, and IV and laundry facility with Gerolzshafen and Wursburg Zell for class III. Schwarzenau was chosen to house the bath site supporting VII Corps Headquarters with Karlstadt as a second site.
- b. In all 5,000 troops were bathed at the two shower points, 2.5 tons of laundry processed, 150,000 gallons of fuels issued, 51,176 meals of C rations and 29,288 meals of A rations distributed. Early in November immediately following REFORGER, two consecutive missions were undertaken. One, a bath mission in the vicinity of Speyer, was conducted from 4 Nov to 11 Nov, showering 500 soldiers. The other being a refueling mission conducted from 31 Oct to 11 Nov in the vicinity of Tauberbischofsheim, servicing approximately 800 vehicles over the 12 day period.