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97th QUARTERMASTER BATTALION

(Funari Barracks, Mannheim, Germany)



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TOE MISSION

1. MISSION

- A. TO PROVIDE PETROLEUM STORAGE FACILITIES AND WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.
- B. TO PROVIDE MOBILE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS LABORATORY SERVICE.

2. CAPABILITIES

- A. PROVIDES AND OPERATES PETROLEUM STORAGE FACILITIES.
- B. PROVIDES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO CLASS III INSTALLATIONS CORPS AND ARMY SERVICE AREA.
- C. PROVIDES QUALITY SURVEILLANCE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.
- D. OPERATES CLASS III SUPPLY POINTS.
- E. MAINTAINS A PRESCRIBED PORTION OF FIELD ARMY PETROLEUM STOCKAGE.

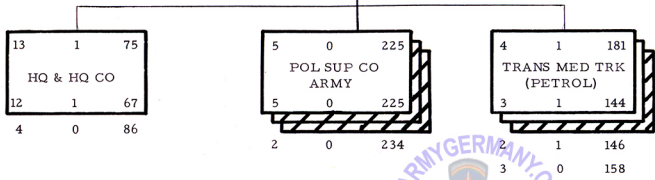
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TOE 10-457F



26 OFF *	3 WO	662 EM
POL BN (ARMY)		
23 OFF **	3 WO	580 EM

11 OFF *** 1 WO 624 EM



* TOE Strength
 ** USAREUR GO Strength
 *** Present for Duty
 [Hatched Box] COSTAR II

9 January 1967

NARRATIVE
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97TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION

The 97th Quartermaster Battalion was activated under the COSTAR concept on 4 August 1965. This is the only Petroleum Battalion in the Seventh United States Army and is a part of the 1st Support Brigade - one of the three Support Brigades under the Seventh Army Support Command. Our Battalion mission and capabilities are as listed on chart 1. As a matter of particular interest, these missions and capabilities are prescribed by our COSTAR TOE. Equally of interest, we actually do perform these missions and we do have these capabilities.

Our Battalion is organized as shown on chart 2. A COSTAR Petroleum Battalion, organic to the Army Rear Support Brigade, in a general support role, for a type Field Army, would be organized with a Headquarters Company, three Petroleum Supply Companies, and three Transportation Medium Truck Companies. This Battalion, however, currently has one Headquarters Company, one Petroleum Supply Company, and two Transportation Medium Truck Companies. For this configuration our TOE authorized strength would be 26 officers, 3 warrant officers, and 662 enlisted personnel. By USAREUR General Order we are, however, authorized 23 officers, 3 warrant officers, and 580 enlisted personnel.

The Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company is located at Funari Barracks, about ten minutes from the city of Mannheim; Company A - our only Petroleum Supply Company - also houses its Headquarters and one Operating Platoon here at Funari. Two other Operating Platoons of Company A are located at Hessen-Homberg Kaserne in Hanau, and at Babenhausen Kaserne on the outskirts of Babenhausen. These locations tie in with the platoon mission responsibilities. Company B and C - our 5,000 gallon tank truck units - are located at Turley Barracks, near Mannheim, and Coffey Barracks in Ludwigsburg, approximately 95 miles southeast of Battalion Headquarters.

Our petroleum supply point activities and our 5,000 gallon tank truck, line-haul responsibilities are:

First, Company A - our only Petroleum Supply Company - has the responsibility for operating and maintaining a variety of activities in several separate geographic areas. In the Mannheim vicinity, one Operating Platoon is responsible for a tank farm, a supply point, and a prestocked reserve point. This platoon also maintains a reserve point at Worms. Another platoon from Company A operates a supply point and reserve point in the vicinity of Darmstadt, as well as a supply point and reserve point near Aschaffenburg. This platoon is physically housed near Babenhausen, at the Babenhausen Kaserne, located between Darmstadt and Aschaffenburg.

The third, and only other Operating Platoon of Company A, is responsible for a tank farm, a supply point, and a reserve point at Hanau, and another supply point in Wildflecken. This platoon is located at the Hessen-Homberg Kaserne in Hanau. Some 121 acres of land as well as several million gallons of bulk and packaged product are involved in these activities. These Class III points represent, however, only a portion of the total number located throughout the Seventh Army, operated by other petroleum units in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Support Brigades.

In addition to supply point activities, this Battalion is unique in its 5,000 gallon tank truck, line-haul mission responsibilities.

Company B, located in the vicinity of Mannheim, and Company C, located in Ludwigsburg, each accomplish daily line-haul deliveries throughout the Seventh Army area, based upon direction from higher headquarters. These units provide line-haul support to those customers who have a need, or capacity, for over 1,200 gallons of product. Both Companies B and C tank up their trailers at the Huttenheim pipe-head operated by the Petroleum Distribution Command in COMZ. The bulk of our line-haul runs are conducted in this fashion. In addition, however, our truck companies are very active in meeting the POL emergency redistribution needs within Seventh Army, as well as providing continuing back up, general support for division exercises during the maneuver season. Both truck companies have

averaged approximately 3 million gallons of product hauled per month, with about 85,000 mission miles travelled per month.

In conclusion, the 97th Quartermaster Battalion is very proud of its unique opportunity to meet the petroleum demands of the Seventh United States Army. We are particularly pleased to be a part of furthering the COSTAR concept. To date, this Battalion has successfully completed its CMMI, ORT, AGI, and ATT cycle. We stand ready to meet the challenges ahead.

