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TO MAKE THE  
7TH ENGINEER  
AVIATION BRIGADE



... YOUR HOME ...

AT—RHEIN MAIN AIR BASE — FRANKFURT—GERMANY

HEADQUARTERS  
7TH ENGINEER AVIATION BRIGADE  
Office of the Commander  
APO 57 USAF

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you to your new organization and to Rhein Main Air Base - "The Air Gateway to Western Europe".

We who are assigned to duty with the Air Force are fortunate in that we have an unexcelled opportunity to see how "the other half" lives. We have found that it is a pleasure to work and live with the newest of the Armed Forces and, very important, that it can be done harmoniously.

Being stationed in a foreign country presents many opportunities that are denied to those who never leave America. When you realize that even a short visit to Europe at your own expense might well cost several thousand dollars you begin to see the advantage of serving a military tour overseas.

I urge you to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded while you are here - learn the language and customs of the people, participate in local affairs, and try to understand why Europeans do things the way that they do them. If you do these things I believe that I can assure you that you will return to the United States having enjoyed your tour in Europe and will have benefited by it.

All of us who are stationed in a foreign country must always remember that we are official representatives of the United States and that everything we do reflects either credit or discredit upon our country. Even when we are in civilian clothes a European can recognize an American - all that we have to do is to speak.

Lastly, I adjure you to remember at all times that HERE, YOU ARE THE FOREIGNER - that you are, so to speak, the guest of the local inhabitants and must act accordingly.

Again, may I extend my warmest welcome to you and assure you that we old timers in the brigade will do all in our power to help you make your European tour a memorable one.

Sincerely,

  
B. C. FOWLKES JR  
Colonel, CE(USAF)  
Commander



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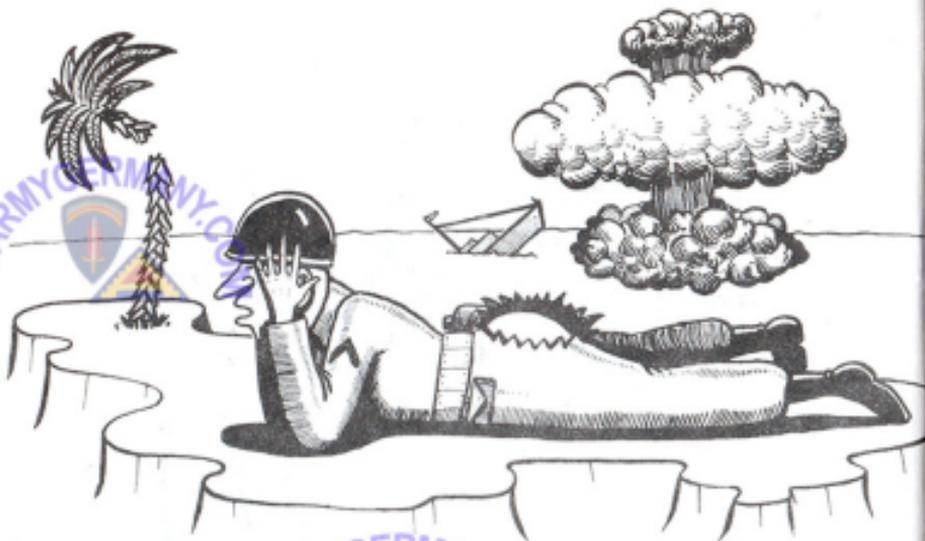
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HISTORY AND MISSION

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Engineer Aviation Brigade was activated at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in October 1948, with Colonel Charles H. McNutt as Commanding Officer.

For three months the brigade remained at Fort Belvoir in a training status. From January to October 1949, the brigade headquarters was stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia, where it organized and operated the Engineer Aviation Unit Training Center.

Shortly after the deactivation of the training center, in November 1949, the headquarters moved back to Fort Belvoir to reorganize and train for its next important mission - furnishing engineer and logistical support for the experiments of the Atomic Energy Commission on Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific, "OPERATION GREENHOUSE" as it was called. During this historic period the brigade was commanded by Brigadier General Frederic B. Butler.

Upon its return to the Zone of the Interior on 3 February 1951, the brigade headquarters was transferred to the control of the Department of the Air Force and given SCARWAP status. Colonel Jack D. Mage

assumed command, relieving General Butler who remained with the Department of the Army. The headquarters then moved to Wolters Air Force Base, Texas, and was assigned the mission of organizing and operating the headquarters of the newly created Aviation Engineer Force.

For over a year the headquarters remained at Wolters AFB in its dual role of a brigade headquarters and the headquarters of the Aviation Engineer Force. Air Force officers and airmen were slowly assigned to the Force headquarters, gradually relieving brigade personnel of their dual functions.

In May 1952, the brigade headquarters was divorced from Force headquarters and entered into an intensive training program to prepare for another overseas movement - this time to Europe.

On 22 September 1952 the brigade established its headquarters at Rhein Main Air Base, near Frankfurt a/Main, Germany, with Colonel Byron M. Barbeau as Commander. On 3 November 1952, Colonel Benjamin C. Fowlkes Jr. assumed command of the brigade.

Since its arrival in Europe the brigade has been under the direct command of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Air Forces, Europe (USAFE). The brigade headquarters is the senior Engineer Aviation unit in Europe and, as such, commands all other Engineer Aviation units in Germany, France, England, and other locations.

The brigade and its subordinate units have a tremendous task in the construction of the many major airfields needed in Europe. Often the fields must be constructed under adverse conditions. This important mission can only be accomplished if all personnel, from the Brigade Commander to the most newly assigned Private, work together harmoniously toward their common objective and live up to the famous motto of the Corps of Engineers - "ESSAYONS" (Let Us Try).

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE BRIGADE

The actual construction work assigned to the brigade is performed by Engineer Aviation Battalions, of which there are ten located throughout Europe.

Headquarters intermediate between the Brigade Headquarters and its working elements, the battalions, are the three Group headquarters.

Also assigned to the brigade to support the working elements and without which they could not function efficiently are two Maintenance Companies and two Supply Point Companies. A Topographic Detachment is provided to support the brigade by the reproduction of plans, photographs, maps and printed material.

The 928th Engineer Aviation Group is located at Colliers End Camp, England, and commands the following units in that country:

801st Engineer Aviation Battalion  
803d Engineer Aviation Battalion  
804th Engineer Aviation Battalion  
817th Engineer Aviation Battalion  
916th Engineer Aviation Supply Point Company  
820th Engineer Aviation Maintenance Company

The senior headquarters in France is that of the 924th Engineer Aviation Group at Bordeaux AB, which commands the following units located in France:

469th Engineer Aviation Battalion  
472d Engineer Aviation Battalion  
866th Engineer Aviation Battalion

In Germany, the 322d Engineer Aviation Group at Landstuhl AB is the intermediate headquarters, commanding:

821st Engineer Aviation Battalion  
843d Engineer Aviation Battalion  
862d Engineer Aviation Battalion

Of these units the first two are located in France and the latter is stationed in Germany.

The 359th Engineer Aviation Supply Point Company and the 885th Engineer Aviation Maintenance Company are located at an Air Base in France from which station they support all brigade units located in Continental Europe. These units are assigned directly to brigade headquarters.

The 947th Engineer Aviation Topographic Detachment is stationed at Rhein Main Air Base with the brigade headquarters to which it is directly assigned.

#### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

##### BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

The center of the many brigade activities is its headquarters in building 285, Rhein Main Air Base, Germany. As may be seen on the map at the end of this booklet, the headquarters is conveniently and centrally located with respect to nearly all of the facilities of the Base.

An office directory is located in the rotunda, as is the official Brigade Bulletin Board.

The Officers Register is located in room 105 of the headquarters, in the office of the Director of Administration. All officers are required to record their arrivals and departures on PCS, TDY, and leave of absence in this register in order that personnel records and morning reports may be properly maintained.

## BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

The Company Orderly Room, supply room and barracks are located in building 287, just three blocks from headquarters. The enlisted register is located in the Orderly Room, Room 113.

## STAFF DUTIES

All staff officers below the grade of lieutenant colonel, except certain principal staff officers, are required to take their turn as Brigade Staff Duty Officer. Separate rosters are maintained by the Brigade Sergeant Major for (1) weekdays, (2) Saturdays, and (3) Sundays and holidays. Officers scheduled are notified in writing and the notice is also posted on the official bulletin board.

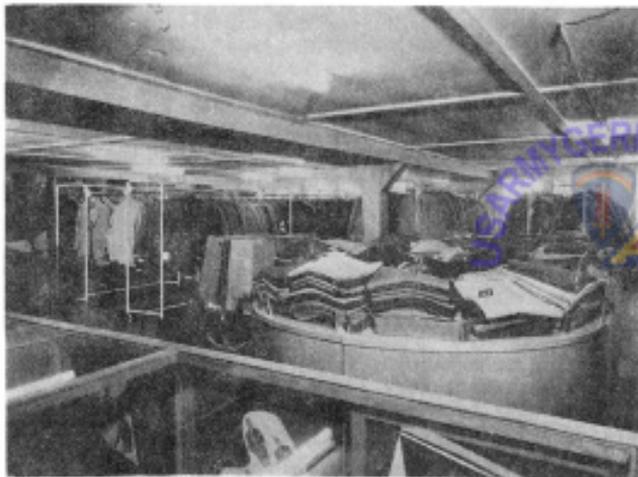
Non-commissioned officers of the first three grades are similarly scheduled for Staff Duty NCO, and corporals are detailed as company Charge of Quarters.

## PRESCRIBED UNIFORM

Information concerning the authorized uniforms which may be worn as a member of the brigade is available in Brigade Regulation 35-6, as amended.

Generally Speaking, summer and winter service uniforms are worn in the appropriate seasons just as they are in the States. Since Germany lies at approximately the same latitude as Newfoundland, you would expect the winter to be rather cold. This is true in certain parts of Germany, but around Frankfurt the winters are rather mild and summer uniforms are comfortable from May until October.

## CIVILIAN CLOTHING



CIVILIAN CLOTHING SECTION - MAIN PX