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SUBJECT: 1974 Year End Historical Summary

Commander
2d Support Command (Corps)
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1. Following is the Historical Summary for the 71st Maintenance Battalion, for the period 1 January 1974 through 31 December 1974.

2. Key personnel in Battalion Headquarters are:

LTC Clarence B. Oaks, Jr., Commander
MAJ Thomas G. Hilton, Executive Officer
MAJ Ora G. Nettles, Logistics Officer
CPT Raney M. Price, Operations Officer
CPT Theodore P. Mohler, Maintenance Officer
CPT David W. Miller, Tech Supply Officer
CPT James H. Coston, Electronics Officer
CPT Genevieve L. Evankovich, S4 Officer
1LT John A. Compisi, Adjutant
CSM William G. Middleton, Command Sergeant Major

3. Commanders and First Sergeants of assigned and attached units are:

Hqs and Hqs Detachment

1LT Charles G. Bergman
MSG Donald N. Medlin

240th S & S Company

CPT Edward P. Gloskowski
1SG Cyril G. Maher

596th Maint Company

CPT Stephen C. Kimbrough
SFC Thomas S. Brantner

29th Trans Company (AUG)

1LT Scott E. Blazey
SFC Robert L. Williams

156th Maint Company

CPT Ronald A. Lauer
1SG Robert K. Grandstaff

504th Maint Company

CPT Raymond A. Haeme
1SG James D. Nichols

614th Maint Company

CPT Larry A. Machristie
SFC Bobby G. Gregory

353d CM Detachment

CW2 Robert L. Huffman
SP5 Samuel D. Pettyjohn (NGOIC)

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4. The following changes of command and changes in staff positions took place throughout the year:

a. Changes of Command and First Sergeants:

HHD: 1LT Charles G. Bergman from 1LT Robert H. Schellman
MSG Donald N. Medlin from SFC Bobby G. Gregory

156th: CPT Ronald A. Lauer from CPT James R. Harris
1SG Robert K. Grandstaff from 1SG Paul L. Hein

240th: 1SG Cyril G. Maher from 1SG Cyril V. Olejnik

504th: CPT Raymond A. Haeme from CPT Timothy G. Hewitt
1SG James D. Nichols from SFC John R. Carrington, who had replaced 1SG William A. Rush

596th: CPT Stephen C. Kimbrough from MAJ Ora G. Nettles, who had replaced 1LT Stephen F. Arsenaault
SFC Thomas S. Brantner from 1SG Michael Sweet, who had replaced 1SG Louie E. Mauldin

614th: CPT Larry A. Machristie from CPT Emmet J. Goodbody
SFC Bobby G. Gregory from 1SG Robert K. Grandstaff, who had replaced 1SG Cyril G. Maher

353d: CW2 Robert L. Huffman from CW3 Richard L. Pennington
SP5 Samuel P. Pettyjohn from SGT John M. Tello

b. Staff Changes:

MAJ Thomas G. Hilton replaced MAJ Ronald W. Skelton as XO
MAJ Ora G. Nettles replaced MAJ Thomas G. Hilton as MATO/Logistics Off
CPT Genevieve I. Evankovich replaced CPT Stephen C. Kimbrough, who had replaced 1LT Joseph C. Patterson, as the S4 Off
CSM William G. Middleton replaced CSM John P. Richardson as CSM. CSM Richardson was selected by LTC Blanchard, CG, VII Corps, as CSM for VII Corps

5. During the first half of 1974, the Battalion assigned strength dropped from 1,209 to 1,070 personnel. During the second half of 1974, the assigned strength climbed back up to 1,184 personnel. The close of the year found the Battalion with a shortage of 132 personnel, versus the mid year shortage of 208 personnel.

6. Battalion Reenlistment kept pace during the second half of 1974 with 71 and one third reenlistments versus the 72 reenlistments for the first half of 1974. On 26 March, the Battalion was honored when BG Davis C. Morris, 2d SUPCOM (Corps) Commander, swore in 15 personnel, which totaled 22 reenlistments for that month. This represented 200 percent of the assigned quota. The Battalion had a calendar year quota for 127 reenlistments and exceeded the mission with 143 and one third total reenlistments. From April through December, nine months running, reenlistments exceeded 100 percent of the assigned quota.

7. During March, the Battalion was tasked with camouflage painting of military tactical type vehicles. Painting of the 361 vehicles was completed by 15 July. Through Project Wheels, a reduction of TO&E vehicles by 50 percent, 136 vehicles were processed and turned into the 87th Maintenance Battalion on 26 June. This was the largest one time equipment turn-in for the 71st Maintenance Battalion.

8. In December, 2d SUPCOM provided Decor Packets and funds for the upgrade of the 240th S&S Co and the 504th Maint Co dining facilities. The packets provided guidance, equipment lists, drawings, and the standards to be attained in modernizing the dining facilities.

9. During this period, units within the Battalion had 145 personnel complete USAREUR schools, which included 6 Company Commanders courses, 5 First Sergeants Refresher Courses, 24 personnel completing NCO Academies, and the remainder completing MOS related courses.

10. Battalion Organizational Day took place on 17 May, with all units, their personnel, and dependents, enjoying a very successful day with much food and refreshments. All units competed in organized sports/events to include softball, cot races, tire changing, RC 292 antenna erections, volleyball, pushball, tug-O-war, pastry competition, and vehicle technical inspections. The 156th Maintenance Company won the Battalion Commanders Trophy, by defeating the other units in 6 events.

11. During the year, the Battalion participated in five field training exercises. This was a record number, and for the first time, fully exercised the Battalions' capability to fully perform its wartime mission. In June, the Battalion participated in exercise Carmine Leg, in July, four companies participated in Mark Twain II, in September, four companies participated in Mark Twain III, and in October, every unit within the Battalion had personnel participating in the largest REFORGER ever conducted. These exercises clearly demonstrated the Battalions' capability to render outstanding support to its customer units while operating from a field location in a simulated combat environment.

12. In February, the 156th Maintenance Company underwent a 2d SUPCOM Pilot Operational Readiness Training Test. The unit moved, with its TO&E equipment, to the Nuernberg Training Area for a period of three days. The test was very successful, and the 156th Maintenance Company proved itself combat ready. In August, the 240th S&S Company was administered the ORTT in the Nuernberg Training Area, and demonstrated the capability to perform its full mission in a combat environment and was considered to have completed the ORTT.

13. During the year, the Battalion completed the MOS study library. The library was established in the Battalion Headquarters, shelving arranged, and the approximate 6,000 study references had arrived by the end of the year. This MOS test library will assist personnel in being able to study references required by their MOS, obtain higher MOS test scores, and be more MOS proficient on the job. The library has a full time librarian and an assistant who are available to assist all personnel in aspects of studying for their MOS testing.

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14. During January through June, the Battalion supported customer combat units during their field training exercises. This is the first time in Battalion history that all supported units were in field training in any one six month period.

15. During 1974, the Battalion had 970 news worthy events that were accepted for home town news releases. This is believed to be the most home town news releases for the Battalion in any one year.

16. During April, the Battalion was honored by the visit of Miss Black America 1974. She attended a luncheon, in her honor, at the 240th S&S Company dining facility. At this luncheon, she assisted in cutting and serving cake to the troops. She was accompanied by three other beauties, and toured the Nuernberg area with sponsors provided by the Battalion. The Battalion Commander posed with the foursome for photographs.

17. The early part of 1974 saw all of the Class IX DSU AK's in the Battalion convert to the new quick supply store (QSS) operation. This "over the counter" issue system, designed to reduce paperwork, and detailed accountability, has proven to be highly acceptable by the customers and the AK personnel.

18. In June, the Supply and Service Officer, CPT Richard L. Sanderson, departed the Battalion for reassignment to TACOM, Warren, Michigan. MAJ Ora G. Nettles assumed those responsibilities in August. He was immediately tasked with coordinating and directing all Class I, II, III, IV, and IX support for customers during REFORGER VI. On 16 December, he became Chief, Material Logistics Officer vice MAJ Thomas G. Hilton, who moved on to the Battalion XO position.

19. The latter part of the year was somewhat hectic due to the lack of funds and the numerous supply constraints which were put into effect. The conversion from Federal Stock numbers to National Stock numbers created quite a workload, but the change-over was accomplished within the required time-frame. All AK's in the Battalion had additional memory capabilities installed in the computers.

20. During the period October and November, the Material Section participated in Reforger VI. The section was responsible for coordinating and expediting critical repair parts needed by the Task Force in support of its maneuver elements.

21. Following are events of historical nature, provided by each unit within the Battalion:

a. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment: On 26 March, five personnel reenlisted, representing 8 percent of the units' assigned strength reenlisting at one time. All five reenlistees reenlisted for their present duty assignment. The HHD went under its new TOE on 21 November. The end of the year showed 70 personnel assigned, of which 14 were WAC personnel, performing various type duties, from clerk typist to truck driver, and communications specialists. Of the 14 WAC personnel, one is a Captain (S4 Officer) and 13 are enlisted women.

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b. Augmentation, 29th Transportation Company (ACFT DS):

(1) The chain of command remained intact, with 1LT Scott E. Blazey and SFC Robert L. Williams, as Commander and First Sergeant, respectively. The units' mission remained unchanged, in that the units' AK provided aircraft repair parts to nondivisional and USAREUR/7th Army aviation units. Despite computer malfunctions and personnel shortages in June and July, the AK maintained a high standard of efficiency. The unit also provided repair parts and DX support for many of the REFORGER VI aviation units.

(2) Reenlistment was a high point of the units' activities. In FY 74, the unit led the Battalion in reenlistment percentage, with 158 percent of its objective reached.

(3) Distinguished visitors to the unit included DG Davis O. Morris, previous 2d SUPCOM CG, and DG John K. Stoner, Jr., the present 2d SUPCOM CG.

(4) The unit actively participated in the Battalion Organizational Day activities, winning its first Commanders Trophy points ever.

(5) The unit acquired a new Day Room and Orderly Room in December, releasing additional space to be used by the AK as a Customer Assistance/Quality Control Section.

c. 353d Quartermaster Detachment (Parachute):

(1) CW2 Robert L. Huffman took charge on 17 April from CW3 Richard L. Pennington.

(2) The detachment was reorganized per GO number 3004, HQS USAREUR/7th Army, dated 25 April 1974, with an effective date of 21 May 1974. Mission equipment, and personnel strength (One WO and five EM) remained unchanged.

(3) The Commander, 2d SUPCOM (Corps), assigned an additional mission to the detachment which was to inspect all "Aerial Delivery Slings" of aviation units within VII Corps' area of responsibility, IAW TM 55-450-11, which requires an inspection of the AD slings initially when put to service, and once every six months thereafter.

(4) The mission to support the 5th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne) was terminated on 31 March. The 5th Psy Ops Bn was taken off airborne status.

(5) The Commander and three enlisted personnel participated in "Project Partnership" with the German Airborne Luftlandedivision Brigade 25 at Mungen, Germany, on 9, 10, and 11 July. All Detachment personnel completed the required five parachute jumps for qualification to wear the Germany Airborne Wings.

(6) The Commander has been tasked by 2d SUPCOM (Corps) to set up classes of instruction for Air Transport of Supplies and Equipment Utilizing the Helicopter in "External Loads Rigged With Air Delivery Equipment, and the Using Organizations' Equipment".

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(7) Due to non-availability of Army Military Aircraft at Illesheim, personnel participated in a military parachute jump with the 10th Special Forces Detachment (Airborne), located at Bad Tolz, Germany, on 11 December, for their monthly jump requirement. The parachute jump took place at the Bad Tolz Army Airfield.

d. 156th Maintenance Company:

(1) The 156th Maintenance Company is commanded by CPT Ronald A. Lauer, who took command from CPT James R. Harris on 3 June.

(2) The remodeling of two of the 156th Maint Co billets was completed 1 February, under the MOUSEE Program. Personnel began to move into these billets in order to vacate the third billet for renovation. On 29 May, the third, and last billet was completed, and personnel moved in. Living conditions have greatly improved and morale in the unit returned to normal.

(3) On 6 February, the 156th Maint Co was to pilot a new type of ORTT. The unit moved to the field on 6 February, and returned to garrison 9 February. During this time the unit performed outstandingly and completed all feats successfully and without accident.

(4) The Pinder Barracks basketball championship was won by the unit on 12 May. The unit successfully defeated all 1st Armored Div Arty teams and their German sister units.

(5) Organizational Day on 17 May saw the 156th Maint Co win the Battalion Commanders Trophy, by defeating all teams of the 71st Maintenance Battalion in 6 separate events. The 156th Maint Co defeated all units in the 71st Maintenance Battalion to become the champions of the 1st half of the Battalion softball championships.

(6) The 156th Maint Co Dining Facility was closed permanently on 5 June.

(7) BG Morris visited the unit on 27 June. He stated the company had shown improvement in many areas since his last visit.

(8) In June, the 156th Maint Co completed the camouflage painting of all TO&E vehicles, and completed implementation of Project Wheels by the turn-in of 47 of the company's TO&E vehicles.

(9) In July, a project was begun and completed to fence off the 156th Maint Co motor park and job order vehicle holding area. This fencing provides additional security for both company and job order vehicles.

(10) In July and August, a warehouse occupied by unit supply was vacated and over \$300,000.00 worth of excess property was turned in.

(11) In August, elements of the 156th Maint Co supported the 1/2 ACR in off-season gunnery at Grafenwoehr.

(12) From 7 August to 12 September, elements of the unit were sent to Bamberg to rebuild 17 deadlined tanks of the 2/2 ACR. All tanks were expeditiously repaired, and put back into service by a team headed by CW3 Monroe of the 156th Maint Co.

(13) From 1-5 September, the canvas repair shop, and the evacuation section of the Service and Evac Platoon of the 156th Maint Co, was relocated to the warehouse previously occupied by the Tech Supply Storage. This move was made to expand the size of the Service and Evac Platoon work area.

(14) During 15-30 September, the 156th Maint Co Direct Exchange Facility was moved to the area vacated by elements of Service and Evac Platoon. This move afforded a larger area for the Direct Exchange activity, which is expected to increase in scope due to the implementation of DA Cir 700-24. The move also co-located the DX facility with the remainder of Tech Supply Platoon, thus improving platoon integrity within the unit.

(15) In September, elements of the 156th Maint Co participated in the first field exercise of Task Force Alpha.

(16) During 1-15 October, the construction of a new Fuel and Electric facility was completed in the area previously occupied by the 156th DX facility. The new facility has been praised by the staff of the 71st Maintenance Battalion, and by inspection teams from 2d SUPCOM. Although the assumption of the fuel and electric mission was postponed by 2d SUPCOM until 1 January 1975, the 156th facility was prepared for operation on 15 October.

(17) In October, elements of the 156th Maint Co participated in Task Force Bravo exercises, and in REFORGER.

(18) From 15-17 October, the 156th Maint Co underwent a MAIT Team visit. Although there were areas uncovered which needed attention, the overall results were very satisfactory.

(19) Also in October, the 156th Maint Co received a visit from the 2d SUPCOM Spot Check Team in the unit motor pool. All of the vehicles checked received a satisfactory rating, and the company was given a SUPCOM Certificate of Achievement for this accomplishment.

(20) During 11-22 Nov, the 156th Maint Co received a visit from the 2d SUPCOM Live-In Maintenance and Supply Team. The team and the members of the 156th Maint Co worked together throughout the period to make many improvements in the maintenance and supply operations of the company. The team, headed by CPT Spisak, of 2d SUPCOM, made the parting comment that the 156th Maint Co is heading in the right direction in making improvements to its area, and in turn, providing better support to its customers.

(21) In November, the armament shop was moved to the basement of building 380, Pinder Barracks. This move was designed to provide additional space for the armament section, as well as improved security for the armament section. This relocation included the construction of a separate job-order arms room in order to remove job-order weapons from the TO&E arms room. Work is continuing to improve the armament section, especially in the areas of tooling and security.

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(22) In November, the electronic maintenance facility began construction of a much needed screen room in the 156th Maint Co. Construction of the screen room is temporarily held up until the necessary bronze bolts can be procured to complete the construction.

(23) In December, construction was begun on a new searchlight repair facility. Completion of this facility, with all the necessary mockups, will allow a more rapid completion of job orders on searchlights in the future.

(24) On 20 December, First Sergeant Paul L. Hein departed the 156th Maint Co to attend the Sergeant Majors Academy in the United States, and First Sergeant Robert K. Grandstaff took over as First Sergeant of the 156th Maint Co.

e. 240th Supply and Service Company:

(1) During the entire year, the 240th S&S Company was under the command of CPT Edward P. Gloskowski.

(2) On 21 March, a follow-up inspection was conducted by the 2d SUPCOM Inspector General team. Deficiencies were found among the maintenance management posture in the Feucht POL Detachment. A reply was made by this company on 16 May, informing that same IG team of the actions taken to correct the deficiencies found. Also, most of all discrepancies found on the original IG inspection were completed.

(3) The 240th S&S Co participated in the Battalion Organizational Day, held on 17 May, at Soldier's Field, Nuernberg, Germany. On that same day, the 240th came in second over-all in the sports events. The 240th basketball team placed 1st in the Battalion league, 2d in the W.O. Derby Kaserne league, and went on to place 3d in the semi-finals in the 2d SUPCOM play-offs. Our constant success in sports programs has reflected favorably on the self-sacrifice and determination of the men of the 240th S&S Co.

(4) The 240th S&S Co lost operational control of Class I to Headquarters Detachment, Military Community Activity Nuernberg, on 31 May.

(5) There were many changes within the organizational structure of the 240th S&S Co. 1LT Joseph G. Patterson is currently the Petroleum Platoon Leader at Feucht, replacing 1LT Richard L. O'Bryant. On that same day, 1LT O'Bryant assumed the responsibilities of the Supply Platoon. 1SG Cyril Maher assumed the duties of First Sergeant on 15 April, replacing 1SG Cyril V. Olejnik. 1SG Maher addressed the entire company to inform everyone what he expected from them, and what they could expect from him.

(6) AK 4721, of the 240th S&S Co, began the 1975 Fiscal year in outstanding fashion, by being named the outstanding AK of the 71st Maintenance Battalion for the 1st Quarter, FY 1975. This marked the second straight award for AK 4721, having also won the competition for 4th Quarter, FY 1974.

(7) This company has also taken part in numerous support exercises; particularly, the Laundry and Bath Section. On 19 February, the L&B Section

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had to provide laundry support for the 2d Armored Division (eleven days prior to their scheduled date) in Hohenfels. This particular support exercise lasted until 19 April. Ingolstadt was the next area cited for the L&B Section, providing bath support for many weary soldiers between the dates of 7 and 15 May. Finally, the hard-working members of the L&B Section had to provide bath support for the 71st Maint Battalions' field exercise in Hohenfels from 10-14 June. On that same exercise, concerning the 71st Maintenance Battalion, the 240th S&S Co also supplied POL services, field mess, and damage control personnel, and in general, provided the backbone support needed for the successful completion of that mission.

(8) During this period the 240th S&S Co lead the battalion in supporting the Home Town News Release program, by submitting a total of 259 acceptable home town news releases which included events covering newly assigned personnel, promotions, awards, taking honors in sports events, and reenlistments.

(9) The unit successfully completed its ORIT for 1974 on the 5th and 6th of August. Each section was graded by a team of inspectors from 71st Maintenance Battalion, with the result that all sections passed with flying colors.

(10) On 3 and 4 October, this unit participated in its Annual Range Fire qualification. An extensive training program prior to this date enabled every member of the unit to qualify with his weapon.

(11) REFORGER VI occupied most of the month of October for the 240th S&S Co. From the 4th-11th October, the company provided Class I and Class III support for the 2d ACR and its attachments. L&B facilities were provided for almost 3 weeks. These facilities were used by both of the opposing forces during the REFORGER operations. The 240th S&S Co also provided DX - Renovation support for the entire month of October. Until the 15th of October, this support was located with Task Force Bravo, moving with the 2d ACR. The last two weeks of October, the mission was shifted to support the fire qualification at Grafenwohr.

(12) One of the more pleasant changes in the company occurred on 18 October, when the first WAC was assigned. Connie J. Novotny became the first female member of the 240th S&S Co. Since that time, several other WAC's have come into the company. They have provided a refreshing change to the company and continue to be outstanding soldiers.

(13) During the month of November, the Flag Football team of this unit distinguished itself by winning the W. O. Darby Kaserne chapiionship. They then went on to become champions of the Nuernberg Military Community. Each member of the team received letters of appreciation from BG Price, the Nuernberg Military Community Commander. In addition to football, the company actively participated in such sports as golf, tennis, volleyball, and softball, for the year.

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(14) The company was designated Best Company in the Battalion in appearance of the billets for the month of October. Soldiers of the 240th S&S Co then went on to win the same honor for the next two months. It should also be pointed out that the unit has won this award for every month that the competition was held.

(15) Unit Supply continued with the superior performance of the company. During the 2d Qtr FY 75, the 240th Unit Supply placed 2d in competition for the 2d SUPCOM Best Supply Award.

(16) In December, the Unit Dining Facility was selected by the 71st Maintenance Battalion, for competition for the Connally Award. This inspection was conducted in December, but results have not yet been published.

(17) The year was closed out in fine fashion with the 2d Annual Company Christmas Party. This event was held on 20 December in the unit Dining Facility. The party was an immense success with active support from all sections.

(18) A year end tally showed that the 240th S&S Co placed first in the 71st Maintenance Battalion with 39 persons re-enlisting for the year. This represented an overall percentage of 166 2/3 percent of the unit's quota.

(19) The increased emphasis on the welfare of the soldier began to pay back huge dividends. In competition with five other companies, the 240th S&S Co managed to win 2 of the 4 Soldier of the Quarter competitions. An increasing number of soldiers have enrolled in Army Prep programs, thus helping both themselves and the U.S. Army. Another result of these programs was the pronounced drop in serious incidents within this unit.

(20) It was indeed a fine 1974 for the 240th S&S Co and prospects indicate an even better 1975.

f. 504th Maintenance Company:

(1) The 504th Maint Co is presently commanded by CPT Raymond A. Haeme. CPT Haeme assumed command on 21 October, from CPT Timothy G. Hewitt, who was assigned to Battalion Headquarters.

(2) The 504th Maint Co has a detachment that supports the 2/2 ACR that is stationed at Warner Barracks, Bamberg. SFC John Carrington is in charge of this detachment which on many occasions has been commended for its outstanding support to the 2/2 ACR.

(3) Throughout the past year, the 504th Maint Co has provided support to many of the field problems that the units in Bamberg have participated. One of these was REFORGER VI which was conducted from 11 October through 26 October. CW2 O. D. Clark was the Officer in Charge and SSG Price was the NCOIC of this operation. Many of the personnel of the 504th Maint Co that were a part of this operation, were commended for their outstanding duty performance. The 504th also provided support to the 2/2 ACR T.C.Q.C., 6/10 F.A. Bn

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Shoot, 1/75th F.A. Bn Shoot, which are always challenging and exciting missions for the 504th. Other units supported by the 504th, are 82d Eng Bn, 84th Eng Co, Co C, 3/7 Msl, 501st MP, 793d MP, 127th AG, 188th Gen Disp, 128th Postal, and Nord Bayern SUPACT.

(4) In the third quarter, FY 74, the 504th Maint Co, Unit Supply, received the plaque from 2d SUPCOM as the Best Unit Supply in 2d SUPCOM. Also worthy of note going to SP4 Joseph Quintinares and SP4 Larry Absair for their outstanding duty performance and show of professionalism in their work section as Unit Armors.

(5) The A&R program is very important and worthwhile for the personnel in the 504th. The Flag Football Team won its division with a 7 won, 1 lost record. They also placed second in the post play-offs. The 504th Fast Pitch Softball team also placed second in the post play-offs, and once again the volleyball team placed second in the Christmas Tournament. The 504th also at present has two bowling leagues, one being the 504th Mens league conducted on Thursday evenings, and the 504th Mixed league, which is conducted on Friday nights. Other sports the personnel participate in include Hand Ball, Racket Ball, and Weight Lifting.

(6) The 504th Maint Co is located in Muna Area, which was formerly a large German Munitions Depot. The unit serves a large area, stretching from Hof to Kitzingen, from Erlangen to Coberg. The 504th also provides support in Grafenwohr, Hohenfels, and Tennenloe.

g. 596th Maintenance Company:

(1) A change of command took place on 22 February, at which time, then Captain, Major Ora G. Nettles, took command from 1LT Arsenaault. CPT Stephen C. Kimbrough assumed command on 5 August, when Major Nettles was re-assigned to Battalion Headquarters.

(2) The members of the Armament Section, on 1 March, received Lifetime Membership Certificates from the 2d Squadron, 11th ACR, for outstanding support at Grafenwohr.

(3) April, May, and June were free months with the exception of a TO&E change. Through Project Wheels, a reduction of TO&E vehicles, this unit processed, and turned in to its support unit, 16 vehicles and trailers. This was accomplished with a minimal amount of time expended.

(4) The past year has also seen the 596th meeting its reenlistment objectives each month and maintaining an overall yearly percentage of 100%.

(5) July found the 596th involved in a promotion ceremony when CPT Nettles was promoted to the rank of Major, effective 3 July 1974. Major Nettles continued to command the company until he was reassigned to Battalion Headquarters on 5 August at which time CPT Stephen C. Kimbrough took command of the company.

(6) September found the company preparing for REFORGER VI and continuing mission support and in keeping with its outstanding performance record.

(7) October found the company again involved in a promotion ceremony when CW2 Thureau, the Shop Tech, was promoted to the grade of CW3.

(8) November found the company saying good bye to the Tech Supply Officer, 1LT James R. John. The company was without a Tech Supply Officer until 14 December, when the company welcomed 2LT James Henshaw. Also during November SFC Ahlers received his appointment as WO1. Concurrent with the appointment, he was reassigned to the 109th TC Bn.

(9) On 8 December, the company received a new Maintenance Officer to replace WO1 Ahlers. 2LT Robert E. Abbott assumed the duty of Maint Officer.

(10) All through the year, the 596th Maint Co proved itself able to provide timely maintenance and support to all customer units.

h. 614th Maintenance Company:

(1) CPT Larry A. Machristie took command from CPT Emmet J. Goodbody on 23 April. CPT Goodbody returned to CONUS.

(2) During the course of the year, the unit had four First Sergeants. 1SG Cyril G. Maher, SFC Alan Biever, 1SG Robert K. Grandstaff, and at present, SFC Bobby G. Gregory. SFC Gregory has been selected by the DA promotion board for promotion to E8.

(3) The company participated in eight field exercises in support of 3/2 ACR and 3/17 FA. These exercises included two trips in preparation for REFORGER VI under Task Force Bravo and REFORGER itself, in which the company played an important role in support of the 2d ACR and covering forces.

(4) January found the forward detachment, at Amberg under CW3 Newman: (with added support from the main company), at Grafenwohr for the 3/2 ACR TCQC. Support was excellent, and CW3 Newman was presented with a black beret from the 3d Squadron, 2d ACR, for the TCQC support.

(5) February was a free month, but during March and April, the company supported 3/17 FA again at Grafenwohr for 30 days.

(6) During June, the company again supported the 3/17 FA in Grafenwohr, this time under the leadership of 2LT Judge. In like manner, recognition was received for the excellent support.

(7) July was again a free month as far as field exercises, but it was at this time when CPT Coston was lost as Shop Officer. He moved to Battalion to take charge of the Electronics Section, under MATO. CW3 Newman became acting Shop Officer.

(8) During August and September, the Company prepared for REFORGER by participating in two Mark Twain (II & III) field exercises. These were under the command of CPT Machristie. September also found the unit again in support of the 3/17 FA with the contact team from the main company under the command of CW4 Reim. All exercises were a success in all aspects of maintenance and supply.

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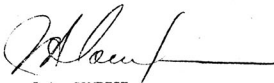
(9) October found the unit playing a significant role in REFORGER VI. CPT Machristie was the commander of Task Force Bravo and TFD's primary mission was to support the 2d ACR. The company was very successful in REFORGER as it received many letters of commendation including one from DG Stoner.

(10) October came and again a change in Shop Officers occurred. 2LT Judge replaced CW3 Newman. CW3 Newman took over the forward detachment at Amberg and proved his expertise in armament operations during REFORGER. After REFORGER, the company was tasked for Tennialoe support from 24 October to 8 November. This was accomplished in an outstanding manner under the supervision of SSG Harrell, the NCOIC of the operation.

(11) During November and December numerous hours were spent on maintenance of equipment and insuring the company was ready for the AGI, scheduled for early 1975. Also during November, SFC Gregory took charge as 1SG.

22. All through the year, the 71st Maintenance Battalion, and all assigned units proved capable to provide timely maintenance and supply support to all customers.

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