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TO: Brigadier General Stephen M. Mellnik
Headquarters, 34th AAA Brigade
APO 28, United States Army

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Letter of Instructions is to set forth the Mission, Concept of Operations, Command Relationships, Functions and General Coordinating Instructions incident to the establishment of the Seventh United States Army Support Command (short title: SUPCOM).

2. MISSION: The Support Command will exercise command over attached units except for operational and technical control of Administrative and Technical Service units, which will be retained by Commanding General, Seventh United States Army.

3. CONCEPT:

a. The Seventh United States Army Support Command is established to provide a command responsible for the discipline, security, public affairs, housekeeping, welfare, and morale of attached Seventh Army units. The functions of the Support Command cover those military activities normally common to all Army units regardless of branch.

b. Commanding General, Seventh United States Army, will direct the operational and technical activities of units attached to the Support Command. The Support Command is to maintain the effectiveness of the "non-technical" activities of attached units.

c. The accomplishment of technical missions will have priority. Support Command responsibilities will be conducted so as to assist attached units in accomplishing missions assigned by the Commanding General, Seventh United States Army.

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d. The Support Command Commander and his staff must take cognizance of operational missions of attached units both from the viewpoint of coordinating Support Command activities and of monitoring the accomplishment of these missions as representatives of the Army Commander.

e. Operational and technical directives issued by Seventh Army Headquarters directly to Support Command subordinate units will be furnished to the Seventh United States Army Support Command Commander for his information and guidance.

f. Seventh Army Headquarters will provide the Support Command with data concerning the degree to which assigned units meet their technical and operational goals. The Support Command Commander will keep the Commanding General, Seventh United States Army, advised on the status of attached units with respect to "non-technical" matters.

4. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP:

a. The Commanding General, Seventh United States Army Support Command, is responsible to the Commanding General, Seventh Army, for the accomplishment of his assigned missions and functions. The responsibility for the accomplishment of the administrative and technical service support missions rests with the appropriate service staff officers at Seventh Army Headquarters. The Commanding General, Seventh United States Army Support Command, shares in this responsibility within the limits of his mission.

b. The chain of command for efficiency report purposes will be through the chief of technical service at Seventh Army Headquarters to the Commanding General, Seventh United States Army Support Command. Commanders directly subordinate to the Army Support Command will be rated by the appropriate chief of technical service at Seventh Army Headquarters, and the report will be indorsed by the Commanding General, Seventh United States Army Support Command. In the case of officers rated by a commander immediately subordinate to the Commanding General, Seventh United States Army Support Command, report will be indorsed by the Commanding General, Seventh United States Army Support Command. All such reports will be forwarded to Headquarters, Seventh Army, for a final review prior to dispatch to Department of the Army.

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5. FUNCTIONS: The Commanding General, Seventh United States Army Support Command will accomplish the following functions. These functions apply to attached units except where otherwise indicated:

- a. Personnel Administration for attached units. The assignment, promotion, transfer, requisition, and redeployment of administrative and technical service officers, warrant officers, and certain enlisted personnel with critical MOSs will be accomplished in coordination with chiefs of administrative and technical services, Headquarters Seventh Army. Major subordinate units of Support Command will retain authority to transfer personnel within units as required.
- b. Discipline, morale, German-American relations, and personnel services.
- c. Assume General Courts-Martial Jurisdiction.
- d. Assume responsibility for Seventh Army Annual General Inspection and other Inspector General activities in coordination with the Seventh Army Inspector General.
- e. Conduct Army Safety Program for all Seventh Army Troops.
- f. Conduct Troop Athletic Program for all Seventh Army Troops.
- g. Supervise intelligence, counterintelligence, and security matters, including security clearances. Intelligence matters affecting technical missions will be coordinated with Headquarters Seventh Army.
- h. Supervise training and planning for local defense measures, unit security and damage control. Internal security, safety and related training for special weapons organizations are an inherent part of technical operations and remain under technical service control.
- i. Supervise all common and mandatory training. Common training includes those subjects not essential to the performance of technical missions. Responsibility for technical proficiency remains with chiefs of technical service sections, Headquarters Seventh Army.

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j. Coordinate common training with technical training as prescribed specifically by the Commanding General, Seventh United States Army.

k. Supervise the execution of field exercises directed by Headquarters, Seventh Army.

l. Supervise organizational maintenance and supply.

m. When directed, assume command of Seventh Army Service Area Command. Coordinate planning for wartime missions and participation in peacetime exercises.

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:


a. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Seventh United States Army Support Command will be activated in the vicinity of Mannheim on or about 1 January 1958 and personnel will be transferred to it at that time.

b. The units listed in Incl. #1 will be attached to SUPCOM by separate orders.

c. Seventh Army Transportation and Chemical Commands will be abolished when SUPCOM is established.

d. Communications support from SUPCOM to Seventh Army and SUPCOM to its attached units will be provided by Seventh Army.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


 HAROLD K. JOHNSON
 Brigadier General, GS
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UNITS TO BE ATTACHED TO SUPPORT
COMMAND

1. Adjutant General: 1st Replacement Battalion
25th Army Postal Unit
26th Army Postal Unit
27th Army Postal Unit
28th Army Postal Unit
29th Army Postal Unit
2. Chemical: 85th Chemical Battalion (Serv)
3. Engineer: 521st Engineer Group
4. Finance: 17th Financial Disbursing Section
38th Financial Disbursing Section
39th Financial Disbursing Section
42d Financial Disbursing Section
44th Financial Disbursing Section
5. Medical: 30th Medical Group
31st Medical Group
62d Medical Group
6. Military Police: 385th Military Police Battalion
7. Ordnance: 47th Ordnance Group
51st Ordnance Group
57th Ordnance Group
8. Quartermaster: 2d Quartermaster Group
Quartermaster Group (To Be Organized)
9. Signal: 545th Signal Company (Depot)
10. Transportation: 8th Transportation Group (MC)
10th Transportation Group (Hwy Trans)

Incl #1