

Annual History Supplement
 8th Supply and Transport Battalion
 8th Infantry Division
 Bad Kreuznach, Germany
 1 January 1975 to 31 December 1975

The 8th Supply and Transport Battalion began the year 1975 continuing to provide and transport to the divisional units all items of supply except; Class V, medical supplies, cryptographic material, water, and repair parts. The Battalion, located at J.W. Minick Kaserne, Bad Kreuznach, Germany, began the year with a strength of 19 Officers, 9 Warrant Officers, and 423 Service Members. The highlights of the year are as listed below.

Entry number	Dates	Summary of Activities
1.	18 - 19 Jan	Battalion personnel participated in a German/American Shooting exchange
2.	22 Jan	All members of M-60 machine gun crews qualified at the Baumholder MTA.
3.	Feb	AGI
4.	Mar	Battalion and Community Spring Clean up was held.
5.	17 Mar - 2 May	The 8th S&T Bn forward Area Support Teams supported the Division in the maneuver Battalion ORTT's at Hohenfels.
6.	9 Apr	The battalion successfully passed an unannounced Division MET Operational Readiness Test.
7.	10 Apr	HHC won the V Corps volleyball championship.
8.	14 Apr	LSG Richard Delauder replaced LSG Kersey as the HHC LSG.
9.	23 Apr	Bravo Company held make-up M-16 firing at Kuhberg Hill. 29 individuals qualified with 12 firing expert.
10.	9 May	The Battalion Organization Day was celebrated at J.W. Minick Kaserne.

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Summary of Activities

11.

13 May - 2 Jul

Equipment displays, vehicle contests and a Battalion picnic with the dependents was the order of the day.

Support teams led by 1Lt Stanley Gest and 1Lt Charles Allen, both of B Co., moved to Grafenwohr to support the 8th Division Artillery. The exercise was outstanding on-the-job. training as the teams from A & B companies provided Class I, II, III & IV Support plus transportation support.

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28 May 75

CPT Robert Rudolph, an Infantry Officer, replaced CPT Robert Curnell as the HHC Commander.

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10 May - 2 Jun

1LT Vince Beyer S-4 became the Acting Company Commander of B company while CPT John Amigh was on leave.

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27 May

The Battalion moved out on its first unrestricted alert in over a year. The Battalion's three forward area support teams went to the Brigade areas and the rest of the Battalion went to the MSA.

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9 June

The Battalion participated in its second alert in two weeks. The unit went through perimeter defense training and CBR training.

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16 June

LTC Herman Brooks, the Battalion Commander from 5 July 1973, passed the colors to LTC John D. Miller in a colorful change of command ceremony at Patton Field, Rose Barracks, Germany. LTC Miller assumed command after two years as the Chief of the Materiel Division G-4, V Corps. Numerous guests were in attendance to include MG Joseph McDonough, the 8th Infantry Division Commander and BG George D. Eggers, Jr., the Assistant Division Commander. The change of command was followed with a reception for the new Battalion Commander and a cookout on the Battalion quadrangle.

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Dates
12 Jun

Summary of Activities
The Battalion was visited by the
V Corps, G-4, Colonel R.H. Harrington.

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24 Jun

Colonel David Martin the new Division
Support Command Commander visited the
various sections within the Battalion
and received briefings from each.

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7 Jul

The Battalion participated in the 8th
Infantry Division Change of Command.
MG John R.D. Cleland assumed command
from MG McDonough.

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15 Aug - 22 Oct

The Battalion performed its biggest
operation of the year as it supported
the Division Tank Gunnery in Grafenwohr.
The Battalion experienced a tremendous
training exercise in which methods and
operations, supply procedures and trans-
portation were greatly improved. The
Battalion received a letter of appreci-
ation from the 8th Infantry Division
Commander MG Cleland.

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29 Aug

The Battalion received an initial
visit from the recently arrived V Corps
Commander LTG Robert L. Fair.

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25 Sep

The 8th Division Operational Readiness
Inspection team inspected the Battalion.
The overall Battalion score was 90%
operationally ready.

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26 Sep - 15 Oct

Renovation of Class II & IV warehouse
and operation took place. This provided
a shopping mart concept and more effect-
ively serviced the Division.

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Oct

The HHC won the league football
championship and finished second in
the community playoffs.

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Oct

In a major reorganization of the
Battalion and DISCOM the Assistant
Division Supply Office (ADSO) along
with the division property book team
were detached from the Battalion and
attached to the newly formed Division
Material Management Command.

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27	15 Oct	MG Cleland inspected the Battalion and commented that the 8th Supply and Transport Battalion is now his Division Show-Place. He was especially pleased with the B Company tool room and declared it was to be the Division model.
28	20 Oct	CPT Wesley B. Copeland assumed command of A Company from CPT Craig Troup.
29	Nov	The Battalion completely remodeled the old NCO Club on Minick Kaserne into a Battalion Dayroom. This was accomplished solely through troop labor.
30	Nov	A Company won the Best Company of the Month under the new GET HOT program. This program measures each company in three areas: operational readiness, number of personnel involved in education, and least amount of incidents.
31	17 - 21 Nov	The Battalion went through two alerts and an FTX to Kuberg Hill.
32	Nov	Bravo Company moved into their recently remodeled billets. The Billets are a great improvement over past living conditions. The morale of B Company was greatly enhanced.
33	Dec	The Deputy Commander in Chief of the United States Army in Europe LTC Cooper visited the Battalion. He ate in the Battalion Mess Hall which had recently won the Division Best Mess Award, inspected B Company Billets, and the new dayroom.
34	Dec	The Battalion Commander instituted a liberal Christmas leave policy and the Battalion participated in the soldier to family (both German and American) program.
35	Dec	HHC won the monthly GET HOT program as the best company.

The year closed with the Battalion strength of 19 officers, 3 Warrant Officers, and 446 Service members.