



Army EOD Units in Germany from 1945 to 1989

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Following the surrender of Germany on 8 May 1945:

2nd Ordnance Detachment (EOD):

3rd Ordnance Detachment (EOD):

20th Ordnance Detachment (EOD):

20th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

Germany on 31 July 1945 they were assigned to the 3660th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment

21 August 1945 reassigned to the 3659th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment

Braunfels, Germany, 27 August 1945 attached to the 233rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Platoon

31 October 1945 squad was deactivated in Germany

26 October 1949, redesignated as the 20th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squad

1 December 1949 reactivated in Germany

1954 redesignated the 20th Ordnance Detachment (EOD)

1959 redesignated the 20th Ordnance Detachment (ED)

1968 redesignated the 20th Ordnance Detachment (EOD)

21st Ordnance Detachment (EOD):

21st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

31 July 1945 were assigned to the 3660th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment, Germany

1962 reactivated as the 21st Ordnance Detachment (ED), Munster bei Dieburg, Germany

1968 redesignated as the 21st Ordnance Detachment (EOD)

46th Ordnance Detachment (EOD):

Moved from Selfridge AFB, Michigan to Grenadier Kaserne, Stuttgart, in 1961

Moved to Velsick, Germany and was deactivated in 1962.

72nd Ordnance Detachment (EOD):

Staging Area, Bremerhaven

168th Ordnance Detachment (EODCC):

Mannheim, Germany



512th Ordnance Detachment (EOD):

110th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

Redesignated as the 856th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad on 2 April 1947

1954 redesignated the 856th Ordnance Detachment (EOD)

1959 redesignated the 856th Ordnance Detachment (ED)

1968 redesignated the 856th Ordnance Detachment (EOD)

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856th Ordnance Detachment (EODCC):

Stuttgart, Germany

5th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

5 May 1945 they moved to St. Martin, Austria

11 June 1945 they moved to Tutzing, Germany

25 August 1945 they moved to Augsburg, Germany

11 September 1945 they moved to Hohenbrunn, Germany

18 September 1945 they moved to Camp Baltimore, Suippes, France

5 October 1945 they moved to the Calais Staging Area

7 October 1945 arrived at the Calais Staging Area for shipment home

6th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

Germany - Until 2 November 1945

10th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

8 May 1945 Nuremberg, Germany

Redesignated 925th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad on 4 February 1948

12th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

In July 1945 in Manfredonia, Italy.

13th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

Leghorn, Italy.

Moved to San Prospero, Italy on 12 July 1946

Moved to Livorno, Italy on 3 September 1946

Moved to Colle Salvetti, Italy in April 1947

Redesignated the 924th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad on 13 January 1948

14th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

European Theater

On 31 July 1945 assigned to the 3660th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment

16th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

May 1945 Czechoslovakia



17th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

May 1945 Pilsen, Czechoslovakia

18th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

5 November 1945 deactivated in Europe

27th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

12 November 1945 deactivated in Europe

39th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

October 1945 deactivated in Germany

43rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated Station R-46, Roth, Germany

45th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

2 November 1945 deactivated Germany

48th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

12 November 1945 deactivated Burgfarrnbach, Furth, Germany

50th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

5 October 1945 departed from Calais Staging Area, France

6 November 1945 deactivated

57th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

1 December 1945 deactivated Mediterranean/Europe

67th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 June 1946 deactivated Lambach, Austria

68th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

12 November 1945 deactivated Burgfarrnbach, Furth, Germany

69th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth, Germany

70th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth, Germany

71st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth, Germany



72nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

28 January 1947 deactivated Regensburg, Germany

75th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

January 1947 deactivated Bremerhaven Staging Area, Germany

78th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated at Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth Germany

79th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated at Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth Germany

80th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated Burgfarrnbach, Germany

81st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated at Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth Germany

83rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

28 January 1947 deactivated Strullendorf, Germany

84th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

28 January 1947 deactivated at Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth Germany

86th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 December 1945 deactivated at Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth Germany

87th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

25 January 1947 deactivated at Roth Army Air Station R-46, Roth Germany

133rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

3 November 1945 deactivated in Germany

140th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

10 May 1946 deactivated in Italy

149th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

31 September 1945 deactivated at Leghorn, Italy

152nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

20 September 1945 deactivated at Naples, Italy



154th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

Reorganized and redesignated as the 154th Ordnance Service Detachment (Bomb Disposal) on 15 January 1945, reverting back to the 154th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate) designation on 5 April 1945.

19 October 1945 deactivated at Verona, Italy

155th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

12 October 1945 deactivated in Germany

163rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

21 September 1945 deactivated in Germany

164th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

21 September 1945 deactivated Europe

165th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

21 September 1945 deactivated Europe

166th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate):

21 September 1945 deactivated Europe

232nd Ordnance Service Platoon:

September 1945 deactivated Europe

3651st Bomb Disposal Detachment:

Was activated in accordance with column "AN", T/O&E 9-500, dated 14 October 1944, as amended by Change 1, on 28 April 1945, at Parigné-le-Pôlin, France, per paragraph 1, General Order #79, Headquarters, 15th US Army, APO 408, dated 2 July 1945. On 12 July the detachment departed Parigne Le Polin, arriving in Rheims, France late that night after traveling about 200 miles by vehicle. From there they traveled to Mannheim, Germany the following day, another 250 miles. Their travels continued on to Bamberg, Germany where they set up their headquarters, adding well over another 200 miles to the journey.

At Bamberg they were attached to the 150th Ordnance Battalion, Third Army and further attached to the 315th Ordnance Battalion for administration and to the 3665th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment for operations. As of 21 July 1945 the following organizations were attached to the 3652st for operational control:

25th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)

33rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)

50th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)

54th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)



88th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)

The mission of the 3651st was, like its sister units, to control the operations of these squads in the post-war clean-up work.

On 4 October 1945 they departed Bamberg and moved to Furth, Germany where they were attached to the 26th Ordnance Battalion. They remained in this area with their complement of bomb disposal squads until 5 December 1945 when they received instructions from Headquarters Third Army to turn in all organizational equipment in preparation for deactivation of the organization. The deactivation date was to be on or before 31 December 1945, but unit records show that on the 31st the 3651st had received no further word on deactivation, although by that time the detachment had no equipment and the only member

3652nd Bomb Disposal Detachment:

No records available

3653rd Bomb Disposal Detachment:

Activated and served in Europe. As of 31 July 1945 they were assigned to the Seventh Army area for support operations. As with other similar detachments they had operational control over several bomb disposal squads in conducting clearance operations in Germany.

As of 31 August 1945 it had the following units attached to it:

- 34th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 37th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 40th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 131st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 132nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 135th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 143rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 144th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 145th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 147th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 234th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Platoon
- 263rd Ordnance Mess Detachment

As of 30 September 1945 the 3653rd was attached to the 52nd Ordnance Group. By November 1945 only three units were attached to the 3653rd, they were the 91st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad, the 147th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad and the 3658th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment. At that time the following units attached to the 55th Ordnance Group were scheduled to be disbanded:

- 31st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)



34th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
35th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
38th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
40th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
51st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
52nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
53rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
111th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
131st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
132nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
139th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
143rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
144th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
145th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
232nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Platoon
233rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Platoon
234th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Platoon
262nd Mess Detachment
263rd Mess Detachment
266th Mess Detachment
3653rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment
3659th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment
3660th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment

As can be seen the list included the 3653rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment, but there were no effective dates given for any of the deactivations.

3654th Bomb Disposal Detachment:

No records available

3655th Bomb Disposal Detachment:

Activated on 28 April 1945 at Regensburg, Germany. It was assigned to the Third Army for duty. On 2 August 1945 the 3655th was attached to the 150th Ordnance Battalion and had the following organizations assigned to it for operational control:

Headquarters, 3651st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment
Headquarters, 3656th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment
Headquarters, 3657th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment

On 16 September the detachment moved from Regensburg to Munich, Germany. Like other detachments, they received word to turn in their equipment in preparation for being deactivated on or before 31 December 1945. Once again, this organization reached 31



December with no further word being received about deactivation. The complement of men at that time was Major Louie D. Barbe, Jr., and S/Sgt. Roy B. Reed.

3656th Bomb Disposal Detachment:

Activated, but there are no available records of its service. It is known that on 2 August 1945 it was attached to the 3655th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment for operational control.

3657th Bomb Disposal Detachment:

Activated, but there are no available records of its service. It is known that on 2 August 1945 it was attached to the 3655th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment for operational control.

3658th Bomb Disposal Detachment:

Activated on 27 August 1945 at Heidelberg, Germany and at that point they were assigned to the Seventh Army. The detachment was attached to the 52nd Ordnance Group as of 30 September 1945. At one point the detachment absorbed the duties of the 3660th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment and by 4 September 1945 there were only five Bomb Disposal Squads operational in the Seventh Army, Western Military District area. Later on only three squads were operating, the 147th at Heilbronn, Germany, the 91st at Wetter, Germany and the 52nd at Bremen, Germany. This fell even lower with the 3658th located at Seventh Army Headquarters and the 91st still at Wetter, but the 147th moved to ASP 901A at Allendorf, Germany. This is compared to the former arrangement of 17 squads and 3 bomb disposal platoons. There was a drastic curtailment of operations, but at that point the workload was already beginning to diminish. At this point ammunition companies were typically responsible for the destruction all American dangerous and salvaged ammunition. These organizations were also experiencing considerable losses of personnel due to rotations home, so it was determined that this brought about a level of inexperience in these operations that bomb disposal personnel should take over the mission. The ammunition companies would sort, segregate and transport the ordnance, but not destroy it.

The depot at Allendorf was designated as the only collection point in Germany for captured German ammunition and all rail cars were directed there. The ordnance was then sorted, and inventoried. Following that, serviceable ordnance was stored and unserviceable ordnance destroyed.

The 3658th was also slated for deactivation and Capt. William G. Buzbee, II, was transferred and put in charge of a German civilian unit that had been constituted to conduct bomb disposal operations in the 84th Division area.

3659th Bomb Disposal Detachment:

Activated on 15 July 1945 in Augsburg, Germany. Once activated it was assigned to the Seventh Army on 1 September and attached to the 100th Ordnance Battalion. At that time the detachment consisted of Capt. George D. Gordon, Commander/Bomb Disposal Officer; S/Sgt.



John F. Smith, Chief Clerk/Operations NCO; and T/5 John J. Ryken, Supply Clerk/Driver. The following organizations were attached to the 3659th at the time:

- 20th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 31st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 35th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 51st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 53rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 91st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate)
- 232nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Platoon
- 233rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Platoon
- 262nd Ordnance Mess Detachment
- 266th Ordnance Mess Detachment

On 21 July the unit moved to Heidelberg, Germany and from there on to Braunfels, Germany on 31 July.

Effective 12 September 1945 the 3659th was attached to the 19th Ordnance battalion under the 54th Group.

S/Sgt. Smith was transferred to the 91st on 15 September 1945 and Capt. Gordon and T/5 Ryken placed on temporary duty with the Headquarters Theater Service Forces European Theater from 17 to 23 September. T/Sgt. Smith rejoined the 3659th on 27 September.

At this point the 3659th was acting as an administrative headquarters as well as an operational one for the units under it. They face many problems in both areas due to the fact that key men were being rotated home and replacements were not arriving.

As of 30 September 1945 the 3659th was attached to the 52nd Ordnance Group. Their work appeared to be at an end at this time as Headquarters Seventh Army was preparing plans for their deactivation.

3660th Bomb Disposal Detachment:

Activated in Europe and served under the Seventh Army. Like the other detachments, it was formed to provide operational control over several bomb disposal squads during post war clearance operations.

As of 30 September 1945 the unit was listed as attached to the 52nd Ordnance Group, but as a non-operational unit and they were no doubt deactivated shortly thereafter.



Bomb Disposal School:

Hilpoltstein, Germany was established on 1 May 1946 by the Ninth Air Force Service Command. It was staffed by instructors from the Ammunition Branch at Aberdeen. Opened because newly re-activated Bomb Disposal squads in Europe had untrained personnel assigned.

The first group to be trained were men from the 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, and 85th Bomb Disposal squads. The course was 45 days long and the result was that these squads were once again certified to conduct their bomb disposal work. Although the school was set-up to teach bomb disposal personnel, the actual official name of the specialty taught was "Demolition Technician" (MOS 533) in an attempt to portray the broader mission of the profession than just aircraft bomb disposal. In spite of that designation, it did not stick in the minds of the trainees and everyone still considered themselves a "bomb disposal" man.

868th Chemical Company:

After the surrender of Germany and the deactivation of Bomb Disposal Squads, some of the men were transferred to the 868th Chemical Company, Roth, Germany.