

BDE '75 CHRONOLOGY

PREFACE:

Early in August 1974 the Department of the Army outlined actions to be taken in order to increase the combat capability in Europe while at the same time reducing the non-combat overhead in accordance with the provisions of the Nunn Amendment to the 1975 Military Authorization Bill. Based on input from both FORSCOM and USAREUR, DA issued planning guidance which in essence was the basic guidance for Bde '75. Refinement to this guidance, necessitated by both DA, FORSCOM and USAREUR capabilities resulted in the following requirements:

- \*The 2d Armored Division will deploy a Mech-Heavy Brigade from Ft Hood to FRG during the 3d and 4th Quarter FY 75.
- \*Deployment of the Mech-Heavy Brigade will be on a combined PCS and TDY basis. The Brigade HQ of 114 spaces and the Support Battalion of 550 spaces will PCS all other elements (2 Inf Bns; 1 Armor Bn; 1 FA Bn; 1 Cav Trp (+) and 1 Eng Co (+) consisting of 3232 spaces will deploy TDY for 179 days.
- \*PCS elements will deploy at REDCON C1 for personnel (minimum of 95%).
- \*TDY elements will deploy at 100% of T0&E.
- \*Brigade will be equipped from pre-positioned stocks in the FRG.
- \*The Brigade will be temporarily stationed at MTA's in the FRG (Grafenwohr, Hohenfelds, Wildflecken).
- \*Dependents of PCS elements will not accompany sponsors and will not be authorized in the FRG until a permanent site is established and quarters are available.
- \*TDY elements will redeploy every 179 days and be replaced by a like unit.
- \*PCS personnel must meet deployability criteria as outlined in AR 614-30; TDY personnel will meet deployability criteria as determined by DA.
- \*Dependents remaining in the Fort Hood area will be supported by a formal Personnel Affairs Agency.
- \*Reconstitution of like deploying elements will be authorized.
- \*A dynamic education program will be conducted in the FRG by all elements of the deploying Brigade.

\*Mechanized battalions will be configured as anti-tank heavy. (With TOW).

\*This increased combat capability in Europe will be accompanied by a reduction of approximately 3800 support spaces in USAREUR.

The chronological sequence of actions to accomplish the personnel consideration of the above requirements is contained in this volume.



BRIGADE '75 CHRONOLOGY

The Department of the Army decision to deploy a "mech" heavy brigade of 3782 personnel from the 2d Armored Division to USAREUR by 30 June 1975 to increase the combat capability in Europe and to conform to the provisions of the 1975 Military Authorization Bill (Nunn Amendment) evolved from detailed planning coordination and implementation at all levels of command. A summary of these activities is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
10 Aug 1974	Department of the Army message outlines reductions in Europe to be used to increase combat capability in compliance with the Military Authorization Bill (Nunn Amendment) and the Secretary of Defense Program Decision Memorandum. (PDM)
14 Aug 1974	DA requests USAREUR and FORSCOM comments to 10 Aug message.
19 Aug 1974	USAREUR comments submitted to DA. Comments provided USAREUR Alternative to reduce Non-Divisional Support Spaces.
20 Aug 1974	FORSCOM comments on 14 Aug request submitted to DA. Comments provided FORSCOM alternatives to increase combat capability in Europe with FORSCOM elements. Alternative included additional Bde in Europe from 2+10 Units. (Initial Bde '75 Concept).
26 Aug 74	Based on both USAREUR and FORSCOM input to 10 & 14 Aug DA messages, DA issued planning consideration for providing an increased combat capability in Europe. (Acronym-ICCE). Considerations enumerated were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Bde '75 (ICCE) is compatible with the 16 Division force concept.</li><li>*Units selected to increase combat capability in Europe should have adequate manpower. (This appears to imply one unit).</li><li>*POMCUS stocks will be used to provide required equipment in Europe.</li><li>*A Brigade from the 2d Armored Division will be transferred to Europe.</li></ul>

\*The Brigade from 2d Armored Division will include a support package of 500 spaces.

28 Aug 1974

FORSCOM requests III Corps comments, reference DA message.

4 Sep 1974

III Corps provides input to FORSCOM on meeting DA planning considerations enumerated in 26 Aug message. III Corps comments included following assumptions:

\*Bde Mix-2 Tk, 1 Mech, 1 Arty, Cav Troops, Eng Co, MP Plt, Commo Plt, and Combat Spt Bn (not to exceed 500). Total package not to exceed 3500.

\*Bde will deploy in 4th Quarter FY 75.

\*Two Tk Bns and 1 Mech Bn will be reconstituted.

\*Entire Bde will PCS.

\*\$2 Million in UOC funds will be provided by 30 Nov 75.

\*Approval and DA decision is required NLT 1 Jan 75.

III Corps also requested DA assistance in an increased pipeline. In addition, III Corps recommended a meeting be held with FORSCOM, III Corps and 2d Armd Div at an early date. III Corps would be ready to brief concept by 16 Sep 74.

16 Sep 1974

FORSCOM forwarded III Corps and 2d Armd Div concept to DA as required by 26 Aug message.

21 Sep 1974

DA message provided most feasible course of action for increasing combat capability in Europe during FY 75. Guidance provided the following:

\*Bde '75 elements from the 2d Armd Div will be deployed to Europe.

\*Bde '75 Mix: 2 Tk Bns, 1 Mech Bn, 1 FA Bn, Cav Trp, Eng Co, HHC Bde and Div Spt Element, 550 spaces, total spaces-3501.

\*USAREUR will reduce non-divisional support structure by 6568.

\*POMCUS stocks will be utilized to equip deploying elements.

\*Initial move will be a unit TDY move without dependents for at least the combat elements of the brigade. HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT UNIT ROTATION WILL BE DIRECTED IN FINAL DECISION.

\*Units will deploy at a minimum of 95% strength.

Message further announced a policy conference at DA on 9-10-11 Oct (Later changed to 10-11-12 Oct).

26 Sep 1974

FORSCOM planning conference in Atlanta with III Corps and 2d Armored Division. Topic, Bde '75 Coordination Meeting.

28 Sep 1974

As result of 26 Sep meeting, FORSCOM message of 28 Sep requested III Corps outline plan NLT 7 Oct (Prior to DA meeting on 10 Oct). Guidance from FORSCOM includes:

\*Bde of 2d Armored Division will deploy to Europe as follows:

- Bde HHC & Spt Bn-PCS (90 days after DA decision).
- Tk Bn; FA Bn, Cav Trp, Eng Co-TDY NLT 15 Apr. (Latter Cav & Eng deployed with PCS units).
- Mech Bn-TDY 15 May.
- Tk Bn-TDY 15 Jun.

\*All combat units will rotate in 179 days.

\*2d Iteration deploys PCS less Mech Inf Bn which will continue rotation every 179 days.

\*Bde Elements will deploy at REDCON 1.

\*Dependents authorized to remain in Government quarters.

\*Funds will be provided. Message also requested III Corps/2d AD deployment criteria.

2 Oct 1974

DA message announces meeting at DA on 9-12 Oct.

9 Oct 1974

III Corps and 2d Armored Division concept for Bde '75 (based on FORSCOM guidance of 28 Sep) presented to FORSCOM prior to meeting with DA on 10 Oct.

10 Oct 1974

FORSCOM, III Corps, 2d Armored Division, USAREUR and DA for meeting on Bde '75 to finalize concept and resolve, and identify for further resolution, problem areas. Areas requiring resolution include:

\*Brigade Mix, i.e. 2 Tk or 2 Mech.

\*Magnitude of unit rotation, (i.e.) 1 Bn or all combat elements.

\*Reconstitution-FY 75? or FY 76?

\*Permanent stationing (Weisbaden?).

\*UOC funds.

\*Early public announcement.

\*Use of Reforger Stocks (2+10 plus Reforger?)

(In Army staff briefing for CSA unresolved areas were brought out. In addition, 2 recommendations were made: 1-Entire 2d Armd Div fenced from 1 Nov 74 to 1 Mar 75. From that period on, only the rotational combat units be fenced. 2-Tank Team Replacement program at Fort Hood for the M60A1 crews be discontinued on 1 Jan 75.)

14 Oct 1974

FORSCOM requests III Corps comments on 1st Cav providing units for Bde '75. (First indication on using 2 divisions for Bde '75).

17 Oct 1974

III Corps informs FORSCOM of its objection to Mech Heavy Bde Mix and the use of the 1st Cav in Bde '75.

21 Oct 1974

Cdrs FORSCOM and USAREUR met in Heidelberg, Germany to discuss Bde '75. Following decisions were reached:

\*Bde '75 will be mech heavy.

\*Deployment will commence o/a 1 Mar 75 and be complete by 30 Jun 75.

\*All deploying units will be at 100% fill (later modified by DA).

\*All units less Bde HHC and Spt Bn will rotate.

\*Tk and FA Bns will be at ALO-1.

\*Bde will be stationed at Grafenwohr, Hohenfels and Wildflecken.

\*Weisbaden is first choice for permanent location (Grafenwohr, Hohenfels and Wildflecken-2d).

\*Period between rotations will be 18 month minimum.

3 Nov 1974

III Corps informed FORSCOM that the 2d Armd Div only participate in Bde '75, that reconstitution be in FY 75 and the rotation cycle be 12 months not 18 months.

5 Nov 1974

DA Decisions on Bde '75.

\*A Bde of 2d Armd Div will deploy to Europe beginning o/a 1 Mar 75.

\*Bde consists of:

HHC-114	Spaces
Spt Bn-550	Spaces
Tk Bn-552	Spaces
Inf Bn-852	Spaces (Approx.)
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FA Bn-541	Spaces
Cav Trp-161	Spaces (Approx.)
Eng Co-157	Spaces (Approx.)

TOTAL-3779 Spaces (Approx.)

\*Bde HHC and Spt Bn will deploy PCS-all other elements deploy TDY for 179 days.

\*Deployment Schedule:

1 Mar 75 (Approx.)-HHC, Spt Bn, Cav Trp, Eng Co.  
1 Apr 75 (Approx.)-Tk Bn, FA Bn.  
1 May 75 (Approx.)-Inf Bn (Mech).  
1 Jun 75 (Approx.)-Inf Bn (Mech).

\*Deploying units equipped from POMCUS stocks (Reforger and 2+10).

- 20-22 Nov 1974 FORSCOM Planning Conference in Atlanta - To determine unresolved issues, and problem areas associated with Bde '75. Meeting identified following unresolved issues:
- \*DA-UOC Funds
    - Shortage of Infantry.
    - Authority for Commercial Storage for personal property and POV's.
    - CTA 50-900 (Provided by Europe? or Conus?).
    - Use of Port of Houston for POV shipping.
    - TAT listing.
    - Authority for dependents to remain in quarters.
    - Formal News Release.
    - Use of Autovon lines for personal calls.
  - \*USAREUR-Postal Operations (APO's?).
    - MOS Testing (Can Europe do it?).
    - SIDPERS Support (TDY? PCS?).
    - Command relationship.
    - Nuclear release authority.
    - Authority for Advance Parties.
- 11 Nov 1974 MILPERCEN establishes Fence of 2d Armored Division effective CAP III Cycle K-2.
- 12 Nov 1974 V Corps informed 2d Armored Division of EW assignment policy - (i.e.) CINCUSAREUR has directed that EW will not be assigned to TO&E Inf, Arty, ADA (except Nike & Herc) Armor & Eng Bns, ACR HHT and Squadrons and Air Cav Trps. All other units OK as long as they are CAT II Units.
- 12 Nov 1974 Bde '75 News Release was prepositioned at Fort Hood for release at later date (Actual release, 12 Dec 74).
- 13 Nov 1974 DA announces deployability criteria for Bde '75.
- 13 Nov 1974 DA announces personnel information for Bde '75. Message covered:
- \*Branch Clearance required for officers going PCS or TDY.
  - \*Grade Substitution-
    - Enlisted - 2 Grades.
    - Officers - 1 Grade lower.
  - \*WAC's - Confined to CAT II units.



\*Fence - Fence all 2d AD EM from CAP III Cycle K-2 to 1 Mar 75 and only EM of rotational combat units after 1 Mar 75.

\*Stabilization - Stabilize EM of rotational units for 180 days in CONUS after completion of TDY.

\*Strength - Units to deploy at sufficient strength to maintain personnel readiness of no lower than C-2 during TDY period. No replacements to units after 120 days.

20-23 Nov 1974

FORSCOM Conference to finalize FORSCOM OPLAN for Bde '75.  
Unresolved issues remaining as a result of conference:

\*Formal News Release - To be made after plan is approved by CSA after his discussion with Senator Nunn. (Released 12 Dec).

\*Infantry assets not available.

\*Use of Autovon Lines for personal calls. (Eventually disapproved).

\*Proposed Organization for Spt Bn - Not approved by USAREUR.

\*Personnel Data - Required by USAREUR?

\*Reconstitution Decision.

\*UOC Funds.

Areas covered that were resolved or assumed resolved:

\*Bde HHC & Spt Bn will deploy at C-1.

\*All TDY elements will deploy at 100%.

\*DA will support funds for recruiting (never materialized).

\*Reconstitution will be authorized provisional organization is authorized.

\*Units in 2d Iteration will occupy permanent facilities (still doubtful).

\*Movement directive will be forthcoming on 1 Jan 75.

\*Final plan for Bde '75 will be in FORSCOM NLT 5 Dec 74.

\*Formal Dependent Assistant Program to be established by unit.

\*WAC's will not go. (Rescinded later - WAC's went).

29 Nov 1974

FORSCOM announced Bde '75 POC's.

3 Dec 1974

FORSCOM informed 2d AD of DA decision on reorganization of Division.

\*Guidance Provided:

Activates:	2-58 Mech	-	Apr 75
	3-41 Mech	-	May 75 (Later deleted).
	3-67 Armor	-	Mar 75
	1-16 FA	-	Mar 75

Reorganizes:	1-41 Mech	-	Jan 75
	2-41 Mech	-	Feb 75
	1-50 Mech	-	Mar 75
	2-50 Mech	-	Jun 75
	17th Eng	-	Feb 75
	2-1 Cav	-	Feb 75

Deterred decision to activate HHC, 4th Bde and re-constitution elements forming the deploying Spt Bn.

Personnel fill phased to provide 70% assets 10 months from activation date of Mech Bn, Arty Bns, & Eng Co, and 13 months from Tk Bn and Cav Trp. Three additional months allowed to complete fill & C-1 status (3-67, 1-16, Cav Trp, Eng Co all achieved 70%(+) within 60 days of activation or reorganization - 2-58th at 50%(+) 30 days after activation).

4 Dec 1974

USAREUR informs FORSCOM that 2 grade substitution is not acceptable. Also education should be emphasized.

6 Dec 1974

GED command responsibilities for USAREUR outlined to 2d AD. Requested required programs and number of participants, DA Form 669.

- 10 Dec 1974 FORSCOM informs 2d AD that only 1 grade substitutions are authorized in following positions: Bde & Bn CSMs, 1st SGTs, Plt SGTs. Also informed USAREUR of above on same date.
- 10 Dec 1974 FORSCOM requests \$272,000 for UOC funding in Spt of Bde '75.
- 10 Dec 1974 FORSCOM requests DA approval for activation of 4th Bde, HHC and 498th Spt Bn elements.
- 12 Dec 1974 USAREUR response to review of FORSCOM OPLAN Bde '75 comments included:
- \*One grade substitution for officer is acceptable unless command position is involved; no grade substitution for CSMs or 1st SGTs and only 1 grade substitution for all other NCO's.
- 12 Dec 1974 Formal News Release for Bde '75.
- 13 Dec 1974 DA informs FORSCOM that additional UOC Funds for Bde '75 will not be provided.
- 13 Dec 1974 APO number for Bde provided by USAREUR-APO 09355 for all mail, unit distribution made by Postal authorities in NY. Intra command mail uses APO 09082.
- 17 Dec 1974 FORSCOM recommends to DA that dependents of PCS personnel deploying in Bde '75 be authorized to remain in Government quarters at Fort Hood for 12 months.
- 17 Dec 1974 USAREUR outlines SIDPERS support in Germany.
- 18 Dec 1974 FORSCOM OPLAN required "unclassified" less reconstitution part which remains confidential.
- 19 Dec 1974 USAREUR requests customs be accomplished in Europe (Done both places).
- 20 Dec 1974 Movement directive received from DA. Authorizes unit movement orders to be cut by unit. (2d AD).
- 21 Dec 1974 FORSCOM provides III Corps with an order of precedence for major projects:
- 1-Bde '75 and reconstitution of 2d AD.
  - 2-Reorganization of 1st Cav.
  - 3-Formation of ACCB.
- Also provides DAMPL equivalent to European units for deploying units.

24 Dec 1974 USAREUR recommends changes to Spt Bn. Combined elements into HHC Spt Bn - Deletes Co HQ of Admin Co.

24 Dec 1974 FORSCOM approves request to deploy TDY personnel with 6 months since completion of overseas tours rather than 12 months in FORSCOM OPLAN.

26 Dec 1974 DA approves dependents of PCS personnel to remain in Government quarters for 12 months-as an exception to policy. All personnel regardless of grade are eligible.

27 Dec 1974 FORSCOM forwarded Readiness Reporting procedure. Deployable units deleted from Division readiness reporting. Activated units will be reported when they achieve C-2 for personnel strength.

30 Dec 1974 2d AD through III Corps requested DA waiver of restriction on second PCS in FY 75 for Bde PCS units. Also requested waiver of 12 months in CONUS restrictions for PCS personnel for those who volunteer.

7 Jan 1975 FORSCOM to DA, in response to 2d AD 30 Jan request for waiver of PCS restriction for Bde '75, only supported waiver for AIT, BCT arrivals. Concurred with request for personnel with less than 12 months on station to volunteer for Bde '75.

8 Jan 1975 DA selects option #1 for SIDPERS Support for TDY units of Bde '75 "Data Base remains at Fort Hood." Europe provides update via Autovon to Fort Hood.

8 Jan 1975 DA authorizes activation of 498th Spt Bn on 10 Jan 75.

10 Jan 1975 FORSCOM requests from DA, status of four MCs and 1 DDS for Bde '75. Not available at Fort Hood.

10 Jan 1975 FORSCOM directs III Corps to include MARS station Equip-  
ment for Bde '75.

13 Jan 1975 FORSCOM forwards approval for use of Port of Houston for POV shipment for Bde '75 personnel.

14 Jan 1975 USAREUR informs 2d AD that annual AGI and TPI will be conducted in CONUS for Bde '75 personnel.

14 Jan 1975 DA directs activation of HHC, 4th Bde not to exceed 22 Off, 4 WO and 88 Enl on 1 Feb 75 and reorganization of Spt elements of deploying Spt Bn not to exceed 550 spaces on 1 Feb 75.

- 15 Jan 1975 USAREUR forwards detailed Stationing Plan. Included was facilities at Graf for 38 EW. (17 Medic, 6 Maint, 6 MP, 9 AG).
- 15 Jan 1975 DA response to our 30 Dec request for waiver of PCS restriction. DA granted authority to deploy unmarried personnel when first PCS in FY was from AIT/BCT. The 12 month waiver was approved provided volunteers have sufficient time remaining to ETS to some normal overseas tour.
- 15 Jan 1975 G1 2d AD called DCSPER FORSCOM for authority to deploy married AIT/BCT whose first PCS was from AIT/BCT center who volunteered for Bde '75. (48 personnel).
- 20 Jan 1975 2d AD through III Corps request waiver of 23 married AIT's assigned to Bde '75 whose first PCS in FY 75 was from AIT/BCT.
- 21 Jan 1975 DA granted authority to waive second PCS restriction for purpose of deploying 23 married personnel who have volunteered to participate in Bde '75.
- 16-21 Jan 1975 CG & Col Coad visited USAREUR.
- 23 Jan 1975 OTSG informed FORSCOM that MSC officers will deploy with Medical Co. DRS will be provided at later date from USAREUR assets.
- 23 Jan 1975 USAREUR informs FORSCOM that Dependents of PCS personnel will not be authorized concurrent or deferred travel. (Dependents can now move to a CONUS area of choice at Government expense.)
- 28 Jan 1975 HEADSTART. USAREUR informed 2d AD that requirement exists to provide 30 hours language portion of HEADSTART at Fort Hood. Air Shipment of instructional material will leave Rhine Main on 5 Feb 75. (Shipment arrived).
- 30 Jan 1975 USAREUR forwarded recap of GED services planning in support of Bde '75, (i.e.)  
HEADSTART (30 hours funded by Fort Hood).  
PREP-Conducted by Big Bend Community College.  
Votech-Conducted by CT.  
College-Conducted by Maryland and CTC.  
Graduated Study-Boston University.  
English as second language-MOS: Requested specific requirements in each area.

- 31 Jan 1975 FORSCOM authorized an increase of 5 personnel in the deployment strength of Bde '75. Cav Trp to accommodate a Mess Team.
- 31 Jan 1975 CINCUSAREUR accepts MARS team and offers assistance in establishing MARS station.
- 3 Feb 1975 USAREUR requests information to plan an "infusion" program in PCS units.
- 5 Feb 1975 III Corps informs FORSCOM & USAREUR that HEADSTART packets have not yet arrived.
- 6 Feb 1975 USAREUR informs 2d AD that HEADSTART packets left Rhine Main on 6 Feb 75.
- 6 Feb 1975 USAREUR RECAP of Bde '75 staff actions forwarded to 2d AD.
- \*Education
  - \*COMSEC
  - \*MARS
  - \*CTA 50-900
  - \*SIDPERS Data Base
  - \*498th to deploy at 100% (?)
  - \*Eng TO&E
  - \*Legal Spt
  - \*Welfare Grants
  - \*KPs
  - \*Infusion
  - \*Mess Teams
  - \*Unit Funds
- 11 Feb 1975 USAREUR provides 2d AD Finance Support for Bde '75.
- 11 Feb 1975 MILPERCEN directs SIDPERS data base for TDY units be maintained at Fort Hood.
- 12 Feb 1975 FORSCOM declassifies FORSCOM OPLAN Bde '75.
- 14 Feb 1975 USAREUR informs all of APO for Bde '75. APO 09355 and overlabeing instructions for USPS.
- 18 Feb 1975 FORSCOM informs III Corps that Bde '75 Base should be broadened to include 1st Cav. Requested comments.
- 19 Feb 1975 III Corps informs FORSCOM that 2d AD only be involved in Bde '75.

- 21 Feb 1975 USAREUR forwards change 1 to USAREUR OPLAN Bde '75. Fallout: Club membership terminated at Hood picked up in Europe-(Dep authorized dues from Fort Hood).
- 25 Feb 1975 Dover AFB informs Fort Hood that HEADSTART material was shipped to Hood on 13 Feb. (Arrived at Hood on ).
- 28 Feb 1975 USAREUR forwarded Supplemental Instructions to OPLAN Bde '75. Fallout-Establishes HQ funds for Bns, Brigades PCS-TDY Units are not authorized a HQ fund.
- 3 Mar 1975 Europe informs 2d AD that all 2d AD Trps arriving in Germany will undergo urinalysis NLT 7 days after arrival.
- 5 Mar 1975 MILPERCEN informed 2d AD that fence on 2d AD will terminate effective CAP III Cycle Q-3. Units Unfenced Include HHC, 2d AD; HHC, 1st Bde, 2d Bde, 3d Bde, DIVARTY, 502d AG, Repl, S&T, 1-67 Arm, 48th Med; 28th Chem, 124th Maint; 142d Sig; 2d Avn Co, 2/5 ADA, 502d MI & Fin Co. All other units remain fenced.
- 6 Mar 1975 Advance Party for Bde '75 arrives USAREUR.
- 10 Mar 1975 FORSCOM recommends to DA that 1st Cav participate in 2d and all other iterations of Bde '75. Also recommends cancellation of activation of 3-41 Inf.
- 24 Mar 1975 USAREUR again recommends all personnel join US area clubs and terminate at Fort Hood.
- 24 Mar 1975 III Corps concurs with USAREUR and decision is that all personnel in Bde '75 will terminate club membership at Fort Hood. Dependents will be given courtesy club privileges at no charge.
- 26 Mar 1975 DA approves 1st Cav participation in Bde '75 as requested by FORSCOM on 10 Mar 75.

