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6th Artillery



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3d Artillery



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# SPEARHEAD



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## Anniversary Issue

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### Anniversary Message

**G**REETINGS to all Spearheaders on the 21st anniversary of the 3d Armored Division.

We of the 1962 Spearhead Division do well to reflect for a moment upon the traditions which stand behind us. The 3d Armored Division wrote its name in the history of the United States Army with the courage and sacrifices of its members on the Western Europe battlefields of World War II.

During the cold war, the 3d Armored Division has been a vital part of the NATO shield and has maintained the highest standards of combat readiness in a mission of deterrence through preparedness.

We have, in the past few months, been occupied with a transition to new equipment which is so broad as to make this a new Division. With this new equipment, the Division which is emerging is faster, more powerful and longer ranging than that of last year. It moves better, shoots better and communicates better.

But the professional competence, the pride, skill and courage which has always typified the Spearheader remains unchanged. On our Division's anniversary, we resolve that the 3d Armored Division of 1962 will continue to progress in the spirit and the standards of our rich heritage.



Maj Gen Creighton W. Abrams

**CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS**  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

## 3d Armored Division History Traced Back Twenty-one Years

**S**PEARHEAD, commanded by Maj Gen Creighton W. Abrams, is positioned astride the NATO post of honor—the Fulda Gap, a natural invasion route for over 1,000 years—between the upper Rhine valley and east-central Germany.

The Division, now 21 years old, has been in Germany for the past five years. Headquarters is in Frankfurt with the three combat commands and supporting units stationed in surrounding areas.



POINTING to an objective ahead a Spearhead bazooka team stands watch in a foxhole in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium. —Army Photo

The 3d Armored Division was first activated at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana on April 15, 1941. The original cadre strength of 600 officers and 3,000 enlisted men was drawn from the 2d Armored Div, then commanded by Gen George S. Patton and stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

The men of the new Division trained at Camp Beauregard and then moved to Ft. Polk, Louisiana where volunteers and draftees began to fill its ranks.

In early 1942, the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor prompted United States entry into World War II.

In keeping with the then-new concept of combat commands, the Division was reorganized and proceeded

to the hot, brushy sands of the Mohave in California for desert training. Rumor said that Spearhead was bound for the African desert, but in October, the Division moved to Camp Pickett, Virginia for still more training.

In January 1943, men and equipment were transferred to the more

spacious ranges of Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. The Division's stay there was a continuous round of exercises in gunnery, maintenance and physical conditioning. Battalion tests were held in late May and early June, and in August 1943, having been pronounced fit for battle, the Division was alerted for overseas shipment.

Three shiploads of Spearheaders left New York harbor on September 4, 1943, and 11 days later landed at Liverpool and Bristol, England.

Settled down in southwest England, Division troops trained hard, maneuvering with American, British and Canadian units in preparation for the Normandy fighting that lay ahead.

The Division entered Europe by Omaha Beach in Normandy on June 23, 1944. CCA was the first Spearhead unit committed to action, receiving its "baptism of fire" on June 29, at Villiers Fossard, a small village near St. Lo in the Normandy hedgerow country.

In mid-July, following initial action at Villiers, the Division joined VII Corps.

In the first week of August, Brig Gen (later Maj Gen) Maurice Rose took command of the Division.

In mid-August, Division troops engaged retreating German forces at Fromental in northwestern France and teamed up with British armor units to close the Argentan-Falaise gap and rout the German Seventh Army.

Christmas was spent fighting the Battle of the Bulge.

With the German breakthrough countered, the Division led the VII Corps drive to the Rhine, entering Cologne on March 5, 1945. Once across the Rhine—the last natural obstacle to the invasion of the Third Reich's heartland—Spearhead went east to Marburg, then north to Paderborn.

On March 29, during their drive to Paderborn, the Division made the longest advance in the history of warfare, rolling 101 miles in a single day.

The next day, March 30, the Spearhead CG, Maj Gen Maurice Rose, was killed in action near the town of Etteln, while at the head of his Division.

The Division's combat activity in World War II ended at Dessau on

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IN THE WAKE of a destructive attack, Division soldiers move through the ruins of a demolished German town. —Army Photo

MOVING out on a field maneuver, an APC hurries down the Grafenwoehr tank trail during training at the Seventh Army training site. —Army Photo



the Elbe River, 175 miles east of Paderborn, on April 25—just 13 days before victory was proclaimed in Europe.

During the 11 months, Spearhead compiled an enviable record of "firsts"—first Americans to enter Belgium, first to fire an artillery shell at German soil, first to capture a German town, first through the Siegfried Line and first to enter Cologne.

During the push across western Europe, the Division took over 75,000 prisoners and destroyed over 6,700 combat vehicles, including 1,794 tanks.

Having been deactivated in November 1945, Spearhead was reactivated at Ft Knox, Kentucky in mid-1947.

After a period of intensified, specialized training, the Division returned to Germany in the spring of 1956, becoming part of Seventh Army and a potent force in the NATO lineup.

### Maneuvers Attest Readiness

**E**VENTS in the past year have again proved the punch, strength and readiness of the Spearhead Division.

Assigned the mission of closing with enemy forces if the occasion should arise, officers and enlisted men alike realize the necessity of intensive and well-rounded training.

Training began at a rapid pace in 1961-62 with CPX Maytag. This exercise combined both command post activities and ATTs to provide training highly comparable to actual combat situations.

All units of the Division participated in the maneuver emphasizing utilization of field SOP, current concepts of command post organization, functioning and displacement.

Further emphasis was given command post operations during April Showers conducted in June. Activities during the field problem were designed for studying logistical operations, speedy displacement of units and communications. Headquarters sections of all Division units, including separate companies, moved to field locations to participate in the Seventh Army problem.

Units began getting ready for the summer training period at Grafenwoehr. Highlights of the training were battery and battalion FTxs, night combat and illumination firing and combined tank-infantry training.

The pace continued and in early November, preparations were underway for FTX Brandywine, a three-day test of Spearhead's ability to move, shoot and communicate. In conjunction with the maneuver, several Division units underwent ATTs. To conclude the problem, units successfully completed a crossing of the Main River in the Hanau area.

Following Brandywine, Spearhead conducted CPX Eyeball which stressed air-ground and communications procedures.

### Troops Weather Cold, Snow

Early January 1962 once again saw the Division in motion as units began moving to the Grafenwoehr training area for a full month of weathering the cold and snow.

For some units, the holiday season ended early as advance parties commenced the move to the old training site.

Battalions conducted ATTs as support units participated in training to bolster Division units. Elements of Division headquarters also moved to the area to perform their missions under realistic combat situations.

Artillerymen engaged in operation "hot seat." This training media is a single chair, conspicuous because it is empty. The officer in charge calls attention to the target and then selects someone to occupy the "hot seat." That man is then in complete control of the fire mission.

During the closing days of Grafenwoehr training, three Division battalions were redesigned. The 52d Inf and 46th Inf became the 1st ARB and 3d ARB, 36th Inf, respectively while 13th Cav became 2d MTB, 32d Armor.

Changes in command and staff positions began in early May when Brig Gen Walter B. Richardson relinquished his duties as assistant Division commander and proceeded to Department of the Army to assume duties as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

Succeeding Gen Richardson was Brig Gen John F. Franklin Jr., who arrived at Division headquarters in June. Gen Franklin served as assistant Division commander until receiving his second star in early January 1962.

He departed Spearhead on January 15 for assignment to Allied

Forces Central Europe (AFCENT) where he became Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration and Logistics.

In early March 1962, Col Kelsie L. Reaves joined the Division as assistant Division commander, succeeding Gen Franklin. Col Reaves came to Spearhead from an assignment as Director of Plans and Policy Division, Office of Defense Adviser for the US Delegation to NATO.



Col Reaves

Following a farewell review for Col Ralph L. Foster in early August, Col E. M. Sleeker took over the duties as Division Chief of Staff. Prior to assuming his duties as Chief of Staff, Col Sleeker was CO of Div Trains and before that was G3 at the US Army Armor Training Center, Ft Knox, Kentucky.

Other changes witnessed the departure of former G4, Lt Col Thomas L. Kerley, who assumed a position in the Pentagon. Maj Charles W. Hudson, then assistant G4, assumed the position pending the arrival of Maj William Madigan, who came to Division headquarters from duties as the S3, 1st Cav.

Maj Madigan performed G4 duties until Lt Col Joseph C. Fogarty, CO of 1st MTB, 32d Armor, was assigned to the staff position. Maj Madigan then became assistant G4.

Lt Col Edward Bautz Jr., who assumed duties as G3 June 1960, left Division headquarters in July for a new assignment in CONARC. He was succeeded in early August by Lt Col James H. Harrison, former CO of 1st MTB, 32d Armor.

### Academy Trains Better Leaders

Still other changes took place in February 1962. Former Division G2, Lt Col Lawrence L. Mowery replaced Col James B. Bartholomees as CO of the 48th Inf. Col Bartholomees assumed duties as deputy CO of CCB.

Then Lt Col Irving F. de Milt relinquished duties as CO, 2d MTB, 32d Armor to become Division G2. Col deMilt was replaced by Lt Col Frederick T. Bockoven.

Ranking high in the Division's training program is the 3d Armored Division Noncommissioned Officers Academy. The Academy helps Spearheaders to be better qualified leaders by increasing the professional knowledge, responsibility and reliability required of the noncommissioned officer in the Division.

In fulfilling its mission during the past year, the Academy trained and graduated 267 soldiers, 77 of whom were promoted to the rank of E5 or higher.

HIGHLY realistic training such as this mock attack on a German village gives infantrymen the confidence needed to accomplish their mission in a combat situation. —Army Photo by Gilley



# Units Promote Exchange Programs, Welcome VIPs



PUTTING his German to good use, a Division sergeant speaks with Bundeswehr visitors. During the year, numerous visits by German soldiers helped promote better understanding among members of the two armies. —Army Photo by Steele

The Academy was established at Ft Knox, Kentucky in 1955 shortly after the Division was reactivated. From that time until the present, the school has graduated 2,585 potential noncommissioned officers.

Assistant commandant of the Division Academy is Capt John W. Rose.

In addition to those completing the Division course of instruction, 377 Spearheaders graduated from the Seventh Army Academy at Bad Toelz. Of those graduated, 107 were promoted.

## G-A Activities Better Relations

Training at the academies includes an intensive course in leadership, techniques of military instruction, map reading and communications.

Numerous activities were conducted during the year in an effort to better German-American relations. Exchange programs, visits and assistance rendered German communities contributed much toward that end.

An exchange program including officers and enlisted men from the Bundeswehr and the US Army provided an opportunity for the two armies to trade ideas and suggestions.

In June, a group of 14 Bundeswehr men and one officer were guests of the Division NCO Academy. The group attended a briefing and then sat in on classes beside Spearhead soldiers taking the course of instruction.

Returning a December visit to CCB by Bundeswehr officer candidates, four officers and nine instructors from the Kirch-Goens Academy visited the German Army's Armor School at Munster-Lager.

Spearheaders were briefed on the organization and mission of the school and viewed a sand table exercise. On the second day of their visit, they observed German gunnery training aids and visited an indoor small-caliber tank firing range.

As a climax to the visit, the group of cadremen travelled to a training area where they witnessed a tank platoon, reinforced with armored infantry, make a tactical attack on a mock village.

Two CCA units—1st Cav and 2d ARB, 36th Inf—hosted Bundeswehr soldiers in November. The group toured the 1st Cav and received orientations on battalion vehicles and weapons.

## Dignitaries Observe Training

At the 2d ARB, 36th, the group viewed the battalion's equipment and observed some of its unit training activities.

Later in the month at CCA, a team of officers and enlisted men from the 133d Grenadier Armored Infantry Battalion demonstrated their marksmanship ability with the M14 rifle. The German soldiers fired the new weapon in conjunction with the 3d ARB, 36th Inf's qualification firing of the M14 rifle and M60 machinegun.

As was demonstrated several times in the past year, Division units were active in assisting their neighboring German communities. In late May last year, the 27th Arty's Big Brother team embarked on what they called "Operation Schwimmbad".

The Big Brother's planning committee learned of need for repairs on the Ibenstadt Orphanage swimming pool. The pool had been hastily constructed in 1945 and was abandoned in 1959 because of severe and recurrent leaks.

Permission was obtained for the group to work on the pool. Through the combined efforts of the Army engineers and the Big Brothers, accumulated rainwater was drained from the pool and the repairs were completed.

Men of 122d Ord Bn extended a helping hand to citizens of Faurbach, a township near Friedberg. The Ordnancemen utilized two wreckers and a five-ton truck to move a statue into one of the community's nearby

church courtyards. The seven-ton statue was too heavy to be moved by available German equipment.

In order to make the old church at Wickstadt easily accessible to townspeople of Bonstadt, men of 1st ARB, 36th Inf in March aided in the construction of a bridge across a stream separating the two communities.

The bridge was donated by a Friedberg sugar factory.

The local German police in Buedingen volunteered in February 1962 to assist units in improving the caliber of driving of US Army personnel.

The police commissioner suggested that his personnel conduct a class in German traffic regulations for all commanders and drivers of US Army vehicles as well as holders of POV licenses.

The six-hour course covered traffic problems on German highways, subjects of right-of-way, road markings and signs and was concluded with a presentation of German, American and Swedish traffic films.

## US, Foreign Officers Hosted

During the Division's 21st year, many distinguished persons made visits to Spearhead units and observed training. Christmas 1961, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Military Vicariate of the USA, addressed Spearhead audiences. He offered Mass at CCA.

Assistant secretary of the Army for logistics and installations, the Honorable Paul R. Ignatius arrived at the Grafenwoehr training area in mid-January to observe intensive winter training by Division units.

Education center classes were seen by Mr. Edward Katzenbach Jr., deputy assistant Secretary of Defense in December.

The Division also hosted Under Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Stephen Ailes. Mr. Ailes visited the 1st MTB, 33d Armor at Bernbach range where he received a briefing and fired the M79 grenade launcher.

From Bernbach, Mr. Ailes proceeded to the Tiergarten range where he observed a dryrun of the TCQC.

In mid-June, the commanding general of the Army Infantry Center at Ft Benning, Georgia, Maj Gen Hugh P. Harris, came to Division headquarters.

The following week, the US Army Judge Advocate General, Maj Gen Charles L. Decker, visited Spearhead while on a five-day tour of Army JA activities in Europe.

July brought a joint visit by Lt General Garrison H. Davidson, then Seventh Army CG, and Brig Gen Richard G. Stillwell, commandant of cadets at the US Military Academy. Gen Stillwell's visit was one of a series of visits that he made to Seventh Army units while observing USMA cadets.

Spearheaders honored Lt Gen Frederic J. Brown in a review in late August. Gen Brown, a former Division CG, departed his position as V Corps CG to take command of Allied Land Forces, Southeastern Europe at Izmir, Turkey.

Maj Gen Robert L. Howze Jr., deputy CG and Chief of Staff, Seventh Army, observed units during both field and garrison training activities. During his visit he stopped at the Division Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

## Armies Exchange Visits, Ideas

Observing tactical activities of the Spearheaders and other V Corps units undergoing winter training at Grafenwoehr was the purpose of a visit by Lt Gen John K. Waters, V Corps CG, in January.

Commander of the 17th Air Force, Maj Gen Henry R. Spicer, also visited Grafenwoehr training in January. He was accompanied by six of his staff officers and tactical fighter and reconnaissance wing commanders.

Also visiting the Grafenwoehr training site during January was Gen Bruce C. Clarke, USAREUR Commander in Chief. He viewed tank gunnery firing, transition firing of the M14 rifle and M60 machinegun and grenade launchings.

First in a series of foreign officers' visits to the Division was made by Maj Gen Ottomar Hansen in September. Gen Hansen, then CG of the 2d Panzer Grenadier Division assumed command of the 4th Territorial District in Mainz.

The following month, staff officers of the 5th Panzer Division visited Spearhead headquarters. Touring the G2 and G4 sections were Maj Sauberlich, Maj Meixlaerberger and Sgt Maj Wiscorok of the 5th Panzer Division.

The new CG of the 2d Panzer Grenadier Division was also honored in honor guard ceremonies at Spearhead headquarters. Maj Gen Claus Mueller assumed command of the German Division on October 1.



DURING a visit to Spearhead this year, the Honorable Paul R. Ignatius, assistant secretary of the Army for logistics and installations, prepares to fire the machinegun on an M60 tank. Mr. Ignatius was one of many dignitaries and U.S. Army and foreign officers hosted this year by the Division. —Photo by Jones

# Training Activities Keep Commands Combat Ready

In November, a British artillery gunner, Dave W. Dethick, 39th Royal Arty Regt, visited the 503d MPs.

During the closing days of training at Grafenwoehr, the Division hosted five French Army officers. Majors Georges Catala, Georges Forgueray, Georges Laurent, Pierre Boeuf and Louis Barthelemy received a briefing on the organization, equipment and training of a combat command.

Pakistani officers visiting the Division in March include Maj Gen Sayad Ghaswas, master general of ordnance with the Pakistan Army, Brig Gen Sleem Mian, a medical officer and Col Abdul Quadir, also with the medics.

In tradition of the Spearhead Division, Memorial Day was a time of special tribute to those Division soldiers buried at the US Military Cemetery, Margraten, Netherlands.

Maj Gen Creighton W. Abrams, Div CG, and other members of the Division travelled to the cemetery for the ceremony honoring American soldiers killed during World War II.

At a quiet Veteran's Day ceremony in November, Gen Abrams and a small group of Division men gathered at the grave of Gen Maurice Rose to once again pay tribute to the wartime Spearhead CG.

This year, as in the past, Spearheaders gave whole-hearted support to organizations which are striving to give new hope to the distressed and poverty stricken peoples of the world.

In the four campaigns conducted by the Division this year, Spearhead soldiers contributed some \$54,000 to relief, welfare and research organizations.

Contributions to the American Red Cross amounted to \$20,410, while donations in the AER-ARS drive increased \$927 over the \$15,000 1960 mark, thus earning the Seventh Army Charity Award.

Division units again expressed their generosity and extended their support to the American Overseas Campaign. Exceeding the goal by nearly two and a half thousand dollars, total donations reached \$8,985.

Still another effort to aid in a campaign was expressed during the National Health Agency Campaign drive conducted in February 1962 to which Spearheaders contributed \$8,680.

## Command Histories Given

THE Division is composed of three combat commands, Division Artillery, Division Trains and Special Troops.

Combat Command A was born in early 1942 when Army reorganization abolished the old separate brigade system in favor of the more versatile combat command.

The command was the first Division element to go into action during the European campaign at Villiers Fossard, Normandy in June 1944 and aided in the breakthrough and in the drive across France into Belgium.

The command's combat readiness is evidenced by the grueling tests administered to units of the command by ATTs Thunderbolt I and Thunderbolt II.

Various units served as aggressors during the two exercises and all elements of the command participated. Continuing attacks by aggressors kept tanks, APCs and foot soldiers hustling through each of the five-day problems.

Col Michael S. Davison, CCA CO, assumed command of CCA in August after an assignment as Senior US representative with the US Army Standardization Group in London, England.

CCB, like command A, was established under the Army reorganization of 1942. This command entered Normandy with CCA in 1942. Further combined action of the two commands at the Siegfried Line in 1944 succeeded in pushing the first troops completely through this area.

CCB is distinguished as the command which inflicted one of the first serious setbacks to von Rundstedt's winter offensive.

The command held its ATTs during the Grafenwoehr training



WATCHING for aggressor activity, a Division M60 moves into a town during an ATT. The Army tests evaluate a unit's combat readiness. —Photo by Gilley

period. The three-day exercise tested three battalions and two companies.

The first phase of the test consisted of a deployment to contact behind a covering force and then a mission of defense. In the second phase, the command continued to defend and delay, using the combat command striking force to counter-attack major penetrations.

Air-lift and deployment of aggressor forces by helicopters were outstanding features of the test.

Arriving shortly after winter training was a new CCB commander. Col Gilbert H. Woodward arrived from SHAPE headquarters to succeed Col William S. Huff.

## Reorganization Changes Name

During reorganization ceremonies in March 1955, Combat Command Reserve was redesignated Combat Command C.

Units of CCC completed their ATTs in early February 1962. Emphasis during the tests was placed upon delaying tactics, counter-attacks and artillery support.

CCC Headquarters sponsored the 1962 Prix le Clerc Matches which were held in April at the Bad Vilbel range. CCC was the host unit for marksmanship matches, which are held annually in honor of Marshal Philippe le Clerc, commander of the French 2d Armored Division during World War II.

CCC Commander, Col George T. Pitts Jr., assumed his position in November 1960, following an assignment as G2 at Verona, Italy.

Another major element of the Division combined arms team is DivArty. With the strategic mission of providing artillery support to include its component of the division observation, communication and survey systems, DivArty training works constantly toward attaining the utmost efficiency and perfection.

Such a unit is capable of providing normal communications and survey, rapid displacement and defense against enemy air and ground attacks.

DivArty's artillery survey course, conducted this year, was designed to supplant on-the-job training as well as to orient newly assigned personnel.

In addition to the survey course, a mechanics' course was conducted. This course is usually a followup of an FTX. The course serves to answer the questions concerning problems the men have encountered with field maintenance of vehicles and other equipment.

During Grafenwoehr winter training, DivArty displayed something new in the way of artillery training. The "hot seat", the name for forward observer training, is an excellent test of FO competence.

It is the observer's job, seated conspicuously in front of his gun crew and spectator class, to direct a hit round to a target area as quickly and as accurately as possible.

Following the test, instructors comment on the procedure and offer pointers to the observer.

Division Trains is composed of three support battalions—the 3d QM Bn, 122d Ord and 45th Medics. Div Trains provides command and control headquarters for these support units.



REINFORCING the Division through general support, communication and liaison, artillerymen fulfill a training firing mission. —Army Photo



ENJOYING a break during a Division field exercise, a Spearheader relaxes on a natural seat in the training area. —Jones

# Spearhead Combat Readiness Typified by Professional Competence, Skill in Units



Engineering support (above) is lent throughout the year to units of the Division by members of the 23d Engr Bn. Typical of the many offices in the Division requiring hours of clerical work, a member of 503d Admin Co (below) types up a chart during his routine duties with the AG section.  
—Army Photos by Owen and Jones



Air support (above) is provided for the Division's operation by pilots and crews from the 503d Avn Co. Helicopters and light fixed-wing planes aid the unit in fulfilling its mission. Communications (below) are a vital part of a smooth running operation and in the Division, the job is the responsibility of the 143d Signal Bn. Round-the-clock service is maintained by the battalion.  
—Army Photos by Eugster



Deprocessing an M60 tank (left) before issuing it to a unit, men of the 122d Ord Bn drain preservatives from the armored vehicle. The tank is then given a complete lubrication. Deprocessing new vehicles is one of the routine operations performed by the ordnance battalion. (Below) Among the support and services offered by the 503d MP Co is directing traffic during training at Grafenwoehr.  
—Army Photos by Jones



# Units Lend Support, Armor Element Adds Strength



FACIAL expressions of the infantryman indicate a bit of discomfort as he gets a blister treated by a member of the 45th Medics. —Army Photo by Davis

A new commanding officer arrived at Div Trains in August. Col Stanley M. Ramey took the unit's colors from departing Col E. M. Sleeker in a change of command ceremony.

One of the major responsibilities of the 3d QM Bn is providing food for the Division's troops, from receipt of bulk rations to the breakdown and distribution among the various units.

Men of the battalion rode their big transports round the clock to keep pace with the enormous consumption of the combat units they supported, delivering rations to mess halls and millions of gallons of gasoline to tanks and other equipment.

During all Division training periods, the battalion performed in an efficient manner, coaxing their 5,000 gallon tankers and various other vehicles through mud and over ice and snow to re-supply units located throughout the Grafenwoehr-Vilseck area.

## New Equipment Readied for Use

The 122d Ord Bn, whose mission it is to provide direct ordnance support to the Division prepared new equipment for use during the year and tackled with enthusiasm the job of building radio mounts for the new M151 quarter-ton trucks.

The ordnance men set to work with their arc welders and production line and in three weeks completed a job which would normally have required six. Building the mounts was necessary because of differences in design of the new vehicles.

While participating in Grafenwoehr training, the Ordnance battalion fulfilled another important phase of its mission—that of providing third echelon maintenance and assisting with second echelon repairs.

During the training cycle at the old site, the battalion processed and completed the work requested on more than 407 job orders, not including the many roadside repairs that were accomplished while Division units were on the move to the area.

Other support during the problem included 527 repairs to small arms, artillery and instruments.

Providing medical support for the Division, the 45th Med Bn is constantly busy treating not only winter ailments, but keeping up with all the latest in first aid methods.

Activities this past year for the medics included a 40-hour driving course including classroom work and practical training on maintenance and operation of motor vehicles, along with their many hours of medical training.

Performing the administrative duties and providing support for the Division is the function of a highly specialized group of personnel known as Special Troops.

Division Headquarters Company controls and supervises the operations of the Division and attached units. The company provides administration, service support and local security for the Div Hqs.

Composed of the Adjutant General's section, Special Troops personnel section, Judge Advocate section, Inspector General's section, Finance and APO, the 503d Admin Co provides personnel for administrative services of the Spearhead Hqs.

The unit maintains facilities for the reception, administrative processing, and control of replacements as well as providing career counselling, personnel research and special services activities.

To the 503d Avn Co has been given the mission of air support for the division, as well as aerial observation reconnaissance. During the Grafenwoehr training period in January 1962, 503d pilots recorded 2,002 hours—or over 83 days—of flying time.

Quick action by the unit during the Grafenwoehr training saved the life of a ten-month-old child. British forces stationed in the Bergen Hohne area requested that Division pilots evacuate the child to a hospital in Hannover. Officers secured clearance and within the hour, the child was in the hospital.

Commanded by Capt Albert L. Lamplin, the 53d Trans Det keeps the 503d pilots flying by providing third echelon field maintenance for the unit's aircraft.

The 503d Military Intelligence Detachment is a member of the 532d Military Intelligence Battalion at Seventh Army and attached to the 3d Armored Division.

Maintenance of military law and order is the primary mission of the 503d MP Co. Close coordination of operations with German authorities on special occasions also comprises much of the military police's duty.

## Bridges Constructed, Maintained

In November 1961, for the second successive year, the unit won the Army-wide Military Police Association Pistol Team Trophy Match. The company competed against approximately 400 MP units stationed throughout the world.

Supporting Spearheaders with engineering operations are members of the 23d Engr Bn. In the past year the battalion has played a major role in constructing and maintaining bridges used in river-crossing exercises. Striving to improve their efficiency, the battalion launched a 45-hour course of instruction on the maintenance and operation of the Armored Vehicular Launched Bridge (AVLB).

In October 1961, the engineers proved themselves capable of performing their mission in a successful bridging of the Main River during a four-day FTX.

Providing communications for both garrison and field exercises is a task requiring tireless energy, but the 143d Sig Bn has proven its stamina.

In around-the-clock efficiency, the signalmen provide the support so essential to the successful operation of a combat-ready division. Very high frequency radio equipment makes possible direct communication between garrison units and those engaged in field maneuvers.

The battalion also provides photographic support for the Division. The Division Band has played a major role in establishing good US-European relations during the past year.

At the invitation of USAREUR, the band made a week-long tour in Goteburg, Sweden, giving concerts and parading. It was the first appearance of the band in this country.

## Armor, an Integral Part

AN integral part of the three major Division components is the armor element consisting of four medium tank battalions, two heavy tank companies and one cavalry squadron.

Reconnaissance and delaying action are primarily the responsibility of the 12th Cav, which celebrated its 60th anniversary on June 29.

Earlier in the year, the unit was put to a gruelling test of combat readiness when the Division CPX Maytag was conducted in conjunction with the squadron's ATT.

The unit was tested on its ability to perform route reconnaissance, occupy assembly areas, establish counter reconnaissance screens and act as flank security.

Division units simulated a continuous offensive operation in which 12th Cav played the part of the Division's eyes and ears.

A new training device used by the squadron has enabled a more practical approach to training. The new device, a 14.5 mm sub-caliber trainer, was used to train Cavmen to call for their own artillery support.

In late June, the unit conducted a two-day forward observer course,



PERFORMING their task of supplying Division needs, members of the 3d QM Bn are busily engaged with behind-the-scenes breakdown of supplies at Grafenwoehr. —Army Photo by Jones



MODERN equipment such as the M60 tank shown above keep armor units ready to strike and strike hard. Here, two Division soldiers load a 105 mm round during firing exercises. —Photo by Whalen

# Tanks Roll Through TCQCs, Inf Plays Vital Role



AWAITING the firing order, Division tanks fire the M60's 105 mm gun on Grafenwoehr's range five during winter maneuvers at the old training site. —Jones

which consisted of ten hours of classroom instruction followed by four hours of practical exercises on the Bernbach range.

During the practical phase of the training, the students, aided by the new trainer, actually called for and adjusted a mission; thus substantially increasing the combat readiness of the squadron.

## Intensive Training Undergone

The capability to accomplish a mission of closing with and destroying enemy forces requires intensive training in field maneuvers and operations, and activities of the 1st Cav in the past year undoubtedly indicate that the unit could perform its mission under combat conditions.

In May, companies of the 1st Cav, without prior notification were tested on administrative and logistical readiness, to determine the unit's state of combat readiness.

Held in the Friedberg training area, the tests included readiness procedures, road marches, CBR actions and attack and delay tactics.

While at summer training in Grafenwoehr, tank C34 manned by Sfc Owen P. McDaniel, tank commander; Sp5 Norman P. Chapman, gunner; Pfc James Helminiak and Pfc Jerry W. Easton, fired a second high score of 1,705 on the Tank Crew Qualification Course.

In June, 32 additional battle streamers were awarded the battalion, bringing the unit's total number of campaign streamers to 70.

The former 2d MTB, 13th Cav was redesignated this year to the 2d MTB, 32d Armor. In a ceremony at CCA Hqs on February 3, CCA CO Col Michael S. Davison accepted the colors of the 13th Cav from Lt Col Irving F. deMilt, former battalion CO, while first sergeants presented new guidons to the company commanders.

Third high score fired on the TCQC during summer training at Grafenwoehr was 1,700 points scored by the 2d MTB's tank B1 commanded by Capt Dale K. Brudvig. Co B of the unit set a record for the Division when all ten tanks running the TCQC qualified on the first day.

The unit's mobility was put to test during FTX Wintersprint, conducted in the Hohenfels area. The unit proved its punch during the exercise which demonstrated to an unusual degree the inherent mobility and flexibility of properly conducted armor operations.

Triggered by a heliborne troop landing, Wintersprint's action included an attack at Hohenfels, an exploitation on multiple routes to Grafen-

woehr, attacks against the 1st MTB, 33rd Armor and 48th Inf, movement back to Hohenfels and an attack from march column. Cavmen acted as aggressor forces for the exercise.

Earlier in the year, the battalion fired one of the first live-fire tank company combat firing exercises.

## Armor Leadership Award Won

The 1st MTB, 32nd Armor won the distinction of having companies capture both the 1961 Division Armor Leadership Award and setting a Division high on the TCQC. The Armor Leadership Award was presented to Co B after the company was chosen the top armor unit in the Division for its all-round performance during the calendar year and for its ability to operate tactically over an extended period. The latter was determined by the last phase of the competition—a four-day field exercise.

Tank D12's crew, composed of Sfc Arthur A. Kraft, Sp5 Royce Holland, Pfc Herman M. Beadles and Pfc David A. Wenham, fired a high score of 1,755 on the TCQC.

Mutilated targets were evidence of the accuracy of tank crews of the 1st MTB, 33rd Armor. During the winter training period at Grafenwoehr, the 33rd fired both day and night tables on range five. For the night portion of the firing, tank-mounted searchlights were used to illuminate the targets.

A two-day CBR exercise, "Operation Checkout," was conducted in mid-December. Purpose of the exercise was to raise proficiency levels of the battalion's CBR personnel.

Company readiness tests for the medium tankers saw the units go into action and move to the assembly area.

Fifty-five gallon drums of fuel were air-lifted to the tankers who refueled the tanks with bulk transfer pumps. Within minutes, the monsters were again ready to roll.

In fast pace, the units continued the test for three moves, attesting the battalion's mobility.

Supporting the armor component of the Division are two heavy tank companies—Co B and Co D of the 2nd HTB, 33rd Armor.

During summer training at Grafenwoehr the heavy tankers of Co B established their own version of the TCQC. Since the normal TCQC course was geared to medium tanks and smaller caliber guns, the new table was set up to handle the larger vehicles. All the tank's weapons were used in running the course which included moving and stationary targets.

Co D spent many hours firing the 120 mm gun of the M103 heavy tank on the extensive ranges of Grafenwoehr and Wildflecken. During the past year the company won the Seventh Army high company tank gunnery award while firing at Bergen-Hohne and was awarded driver safety and savings awards.

## Infantry Adds to Effectiveness

INFANTRY plays a vital role in the effectiveness of an armored division. To the infantry is assigned the mission of providing reconnaissance and communications for the armored infantry battalion and attached units.

Combat readiness is not taken lightly by men of the 2nd ARB, 48th Inf. During platoon tests last June, men of Co D demonstrated that they were physically fit for combat. With full field gear and rations, the men set out on a 15-mile march. Platoon leaders guided their men over the rough terrain, putting compass and map training to a practical test.



INTENSIVE training keeps infantrymen fit and combat ready. Spearhead infantry troopers practice throwing the hand grenade from the kneeling position. —Army Photo by Campos

# Four Battalions Supply Division's Artillery Support



ARMED with a Browning Automatic rifle, an infantryman moves forward on the rifle assault course. —Photo by Officer

At the completion of the march, the men were picked up by trucks and returned to home station.

During summer training at Grafenwoehr, the 48th took advantage of a new and more practical course for training the infantry squad. The new course is designed to promote leadership, aggressiveness and direct control by squad and team leaders.

The course allows for a wide variety of combat situations such as simulated attacks on high ground, preparation of enemy counter-attack, over-running of enemy fox-holes and problems involving intensive use of automatic weapons and grenades.

A moving target range is also part of the new course.

In January 1962, a Seventh Army certificate of superior training was presented to Co A, 48th for the excellent manner in which it conducted a road march during the training period at Graf.

At CCC, the 52d Inf was redesignated the 1st ARB, 36th Inf during ceremonies at CCA Hqs on February 3.

Hard training kept the unit fit and combat ready.

To familiarize individuals with the scope of their jobs and missions while using radar, the 1st ARB conducted a three-week course in the principles of radar operation.

The course included instruction phases on map reading and communication, theory and practical application of radar. Practical exercises supported the classroom studies.

In October, the battalion conducted qualification firing at Bernbach range with the new M60 machinegun. The following week, they conducted a two-day river-crossing exercise supported by members of the 23d Engr Bn.

## Town Borrowed for Attack

The 2d ARB, joined forces with the 2d MTB, 33d Armor in January and provided the infantrymen with highly realistic combat training. Arrangements were made with German officials to borrow the town of Wrenges for a training exercise in which the town fell to an attack by combined armor and infantry forces.

Tanks rumbled through the streets and infantrymen, under cover of smoke screens and the rattling of machineguns, moved forward for the attack, while the townspeople enthusiastically observed.

The 46th Inf, also redesignated during the CCA ceremonies on February 3, is now the 3d ARB, 36th Inf.

Highlight of the past year's training activities was a ranger-type course of instruction.

The course was designed to develop confidence and skill in the specialized techniques of accomplishing the soldier's mission in spite of man-made or natural obstacles.

A 60-foot cliff and a large wooded area near Dornholzhausen was the specialized techniques of climbing steep and near vertical terrain without the use of ropes.

## DivArty Provides Command

Rope was the primary material and means in the construction of bridges—another phase of the training. The bridging exercises included building and using the single rope-type bridge used for small numbers of personnel, and the two and three-rope bridges needed to accommodate larger numbers of troops.

COMMANDER by Brig Gen Walter T. Kerwin, DivArty provides command and control of the artillery battalions attached to it and gives normal artillery support including observation, communication and survey.

Gen Kerwin took command of DivArty in August 1961, replacing Col John F. P. Hill, executive officer and acting commander following the departure of Brig Gen Francis Hill to V Corps Arty.

The new commander came to Spearhead from a post as Deputy Director of Special Weapons, Office of the Chief of Research and Development, Dept of the Army.

DivArty's strength is composed of the



Brig Gen Kerwin



PARTICIPATING in a firing mission during a training problem, artillerymen stand ready to offer support fire with the self-propelled howitzer.—Army Photo

73d, 27th, 6th and 3d Arty Bns. The 73d Arty celebrated its 43d anniversary during October of last year.

During February 1962, the 73d was commended by the Division CG, Maj Gen Creighton W. Abrams, for "outstanding proficiency in artillery gunnery techniques." In addition to receiving the Gunners Trophy, each battery received a guidon streamer as a permanent record of their part in earning the award.

For the outstanding manner in which it performed a firing mission during field training at Graf, the 4th Howitzer section of Btry A, 73d Arty, received a Seventh Army certificate of superior training.

The 27th Arty, attached to CCC, is another DivArty unit helping to fulfill the spearhead peacetime mission of combat readiness.

The 27th conducted classes for forward observers from the 1st ARB, 36th Inf and the 2d MTB, 32d Armor, during October 1961. Using one of the Army's latest training aids, the 14.5 mm sub-caliber trainer, the classes were termed highly successful toward furthering armor-infantry-artillery combat team operations.

## Pre-academy Courses Held

Looking for top-notch noncommissioned officers is of prime importance to the 27th Arty. During the year, the 27th conducted two pre-academy courses which served as preparatory instruction for prospective candidates for the Seventh Army and Division academies.

The 6th Arty celebrated its 123d anniversary in September. The battalion underwent an unannounced CMI inspection in August, just after their return from summer training at Graf and received a "combat ready" rating.

In January, there was a busy month of training and two months later the unit moved out on Thunderbolt II, a rigorous ATT. Defending against the tough 1st Cav opponents, the troops returned to home station after a week of simulated combat conditions.

The 3d Arty moved from their old home in Butzbach during October 1961 to CCA area.

The unit celebrated its 140th anniversary on November 17 with organization day activities. A firing battery demonstration and open house were highlights of the activities.

The battalion accomplished two records during the year—100 per cent participation in the Division savings program and 100 per cent membership in the Association of the US Army (AUSA).

## Review Scheduled at CCA

THIS year's Anniversary Day activities will be highlighted by a review at CCA for Maj Gen Robert L. Howze Jr., Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff, Seventh Army. Gen Howze commanded the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, an integral part of the Spearhead Division, during World War II.

Participating in the review will be all three battalions of the 36th, the 1st, 2d and 3d ARB's, and the other units of CCA. During the ceremonies, Gen Howze will present the official colors to the recently redesignated units, 1st and 3d ARB's, 36th Inf, and the 2d MTB, 32d Armor.

At a flagpole ceremony following the review, Gen Howze will re-enlist 21 men from the 36th Inf in honor of the 21st birthday of his old unit.

# Spearheads Field Successful Teams During Year

## Baseball, Basketball, Football Teams Enter Semi-final Play



Paugh



Hayes



SPORTS in the Spearhead Division during its 21st year focused on the USAREUR World Series runner-up Spearhead baseball team, a football team that went into the USAREUR finals and a basketball team from the 2d ARB, 36th Inf that took second place in the 1962 USAREUR basketball championship playoffs.

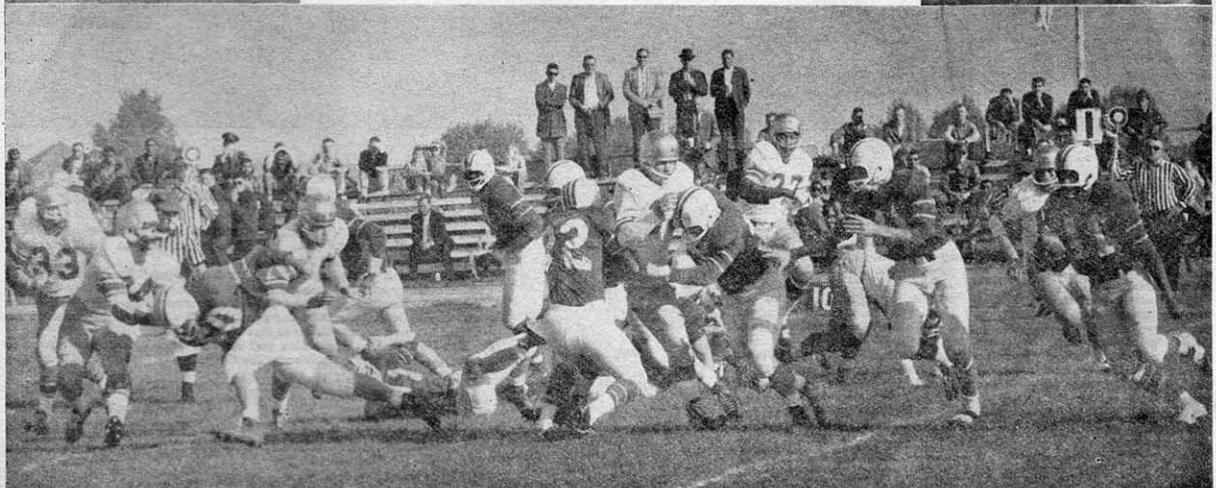
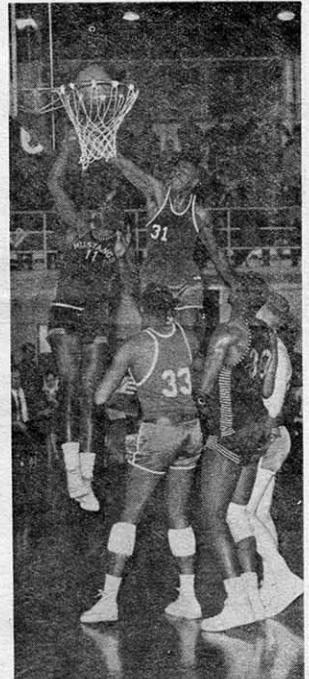
Individual athletic honors were taken by Spearheaders during the year. Eugene Paugh, Div Hqs Co, left early in February after being chosen to coach American techniques of boxing to members of the Pakistani CISM boxing team.

Paugh is preparing the country's first entry in the CISM boxing competition.

Due to outstanding skills displayed on the basketball court, Tom Hayes of the 2d ARB, 36th Inf and Bob Hall of the 3d QM Bn were selected as members of America's 1961 CISM basketball team. The pair were instrumental in assisting the US team to win the championship for the tenth consecutive year.

During CISM play, the US team routed teams from France, Turkey, the United Arab Republic, Greece, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Iraq and Morocco. The US team went unbeaten during tournament play.

All-Army football selections for 1961 included James C. Thompson, Hqs Co, 2d ARB, 36th Inf (first team), and David Tutich, 503d Avn Co (second team). Both men played outstanding roles in the Spearhead football team's drive to the USAREUR play-offs.



**UNITED STATES ARMY****The Chief of Staff**

To the Officers and Men of the 3d Armored Division:

It is a pleasure for me to join my fellow soldiers in saluting the officers and men of the 3d Armored Division on the occasion of its twenty-first anniversary.

The "Spearhead Division" brought great credit to the Army with its brilliant accomplishments in World War II. It spearheaded the First Army advance from Normandy to the German homeland and participated in the heavy fighting involved in closing the Falaise Gap. It breached the formidable Siegfried Line and was in the thick of the fighting to overcome the Ardennes counteroffensive. The Division then pushed ahead in the face of stiff resistance before taking Cologne. By the time the war ended, the 3d Armored had reached the Elbe, climaxing its dashing drive across the continent.

Now forming a part of America's forward shield in Europe, your Division has a mission of great importance to the welfare and security of the Free World. The enviable record and the great traditions of the 3d Armored Division are a source of strength to sustain you in this task.

It is with the utmost confidence that I view your future role and ever increasing responsibilities. On behalf of the entire Army, I take great pleasure in paying tribute to the 3d Armored Division.

**G. H. DECKER**  
General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff

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SEVENTH ARMY****Office of the Commanding General**

To the 3d Armored Division:

I congratulate the officers and men of the 3d Armored Division on the occasion of their Division's Twenty-first Anniversary.

Activated 15 April, 1941, the 3d Armored Division repeatedly demonstrated its combat prowess in World War II. Landing at Normandy, the "Spearhead" Division fought with glory amid the hedgerows of France, at St. Lo and through the Siegfried Line. The Division's victorious drive was culminated at Dessau, Germany, when the war ended. Five combat streamers, encompassing more than 230 days in combat, attest to its illustrious achievements.

The same indomitable zeal which inspired men of the Division during the epic days of World War II marks the spirit of its members today. Maintaining the highest standards in training and consistently performing its combat-ready mission with characteristic success, the Division is a key element of the Seventh Army team. In the event of Communist aggression in Europe, I am confident the 3d Armored Division will carry out its indispensable role in the same proud traditions of the past.

I extend to all personnel of the 3d Armored Division best wishes for continued success.

**JOHN C. OAKES**  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding

**Anniversary****Messages**

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Office of the Commander in Chief

To General Abrams:

It gives me great pleasure to extend congratulations to all members of the 3d Armored Division as they observe the 21st anniversary of its organization.

The battle record of the Division occupies an honored place in the military annals of our country and I am sure is a source of great pride to every man who is privileged to wear the "Spearhead" insignia. Today, as an important component of the NATO defense forces, new laurels are being added to its distinguished record. The same high standards of service and devotion to duty shown by the men of the 3d Armored Division in combat, mark its performance in times of peace.

I welcome this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and best wishes.

**BRUCE C. CLARKE**  
General, USA  
Commander in Chief

**HEADQUARTERS V CORPS**  
Office of the Commanding General

To General Abrams:

On behalf of the V Corps, I congratulate the 3d Armored Division on the 21st anniversary of the founding of one of America's most renowned and respected fighting divisions.

In war and peace since 15 April 1941, Spearheaders have served their country and the free world with distinction. World War II battle streamers attest to its outstanding combat record. Its combat readiness and esprit de corps reflect the success with which the 3d Armored Division has met the challenge of its NATO mission.

The V Corps congratulates you on this occasion. We are proud to have the 3d Armored Division in the Corps.

**JOHN. K. WATERS**  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding