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The following report is an accumulation of data from all staff agencies at the battalion headquarters; reports are based upon records within the battalion.



1980 KEY POSITIONS
BATTALION AND COMPANY LEVEL

PART I

Battalion Level:

Commander: LTC Richard E. Davis

Executive Officer: Major Mark B. Saunders until 20 Jul, 1980; then
Major Edward E. Bevill

Command Sergeant Major: CSM George O. Nord until 1 Dec 80; then
CSM Robert S. Domina

S-1: CPT Allan J. Havrilla until April, 1980; then
1LT Bernard S. Champoux

S-2: MSG William B. Hunter until March, 1980; then
1LT David T. Oughton until June, 1980; then
1LT Rory Q. Miott

S-3: MAJ Donald G. Goff until June, 1980; then
1LT Herbert Meyer until July, 1980; then
1LT Kevin Murphy

S-4: CPT Garth T. Bloxham until April, 1980; then
1LT Francis P. Farrell

Signal Officer: CPT Pedro L. Martinez until June 1980; then
SFC(P) Peter Keith until August, 1980; then
SFC Robert Cox

Maintenance Officer: CW2 Marvin L. Sila until June 1980; then
1LT James L. Kinney

Medical Officer: WO1 Richard H. Beeman

Company Level:

HHC - Commander: CPT Philip J. Mugford

First Sergeant: 1SG Franklin D. Strong until June 1980; then
1SG Alexander Harris

A Company

Commander: CPT John C. Edgecomb

First Sergeant: 1SG Jesse O. Lascano

B Company

Commander: CPT Jeffrey M. Wright until May 1980; then
CPT Garth T. Bloxham

First Sergeant: 1SG F. E. Hinkle

C Company

Commander: CPT Roger C. Wilson until April 1980; then
CPT Jack Weiss

First Sergeant: SFC(P) Peter L. Keith until February 1980; then
1SG Quillion J. Douthit, Jr.

CSC - Commander: CPT Steven H. Brenemen until July 1980; then
CPT Roger C. Wilson

First Sergeant: 1SG Melvin J. Everson until April 1980; then
1SG John J. Keogh



OUTSTANDING EVENTS, 1980

PART II

In January, 1980, the Battalion moved to Baumholder, MTA, to evaluate 5 battalions and one cavalry squadron in Cardinal Point I-80. The following breakout was the independent responsibilities of each company:

- HHC - Chemex and all ammunition support
- A Co - Anti-Armor Ambush
Dragon Qualification and Evaluation
- B Co - Platoon Defense
Mortar Platoon Evaluation
- C Co - Battalion Realtrain
M113 Qualification
- CSC - Company Fire Control Exercise
Scout/GSR Evaluation
Redeye Evaluation
Heavy Mortar Evaluation
TOW Qualification and Evaluation

Each of the companies closed out of Baumholder, MTA, in February and moved back to Wiesbaden Air Base. For nine days the key leaders in the Battalion acted as Controllers/ARTEP Evaluators for the 1st Bn, 87th Inf during the field Exercise Carom Frost '80. Immediately following that the key leaders went to the Fulda Area to conduct a Jeepex. During the above time frame, the junior leaders performed a great deal of maintenance in preparation for receiving all new M113A2 personnel carriers, M577A2 command post carriers and the new Improved TOW Vehicle M901 (replaced the M113A1E1).

The Battalion received all of its new vehicles in March, 1980; also began preparation for the V Corps Annual General Inspection to be held 31 March to 4 April 1980. The ITV Crews received full training and qualification of their new vehicles. SP4 Joseph Siemen of Alpha Company was selected as the 8th Infantry Division Soldier of the Year.

The battalion received its Annual General Inspection in April, 1980, from the V Corps AGI Team. All areas inspected were found to be SATISFACTORY. A reinforced composite platoon was sent to Koblenz, FRG, to train for two weeks with our partnership unit, the 142nd Panzergrenadier Battalion. The officers of the Black Lions and the 142nd PG Bn spent a day together in Wiesbaden playing the Pegasus Battle Simulation game. The battalion assumed all post support activities for Wiesbaden Air Base.

During Cardinal Point II-80 in May 1980, 3/28th Infantry conducted sustainment training in accordance with FY 80 command training guidance. The battalion bivouacked during this exercise.

Cardinal Point III-80 was held in July and August 1980. 3/28th Infantry sustainment training was evaluated by sister unit 2-28 Inf. The battalion bivouacked during this exercise also.

During the SQT/EIB training and testing, in August and September 1980, eleven (11) 3/28 Inf soldiers received the EIB. 492 of the 547 soldiers tested passed the SQT. Failure rate was 10.3%.

The 3/28 Inf road marched to Lampertheim LTA to conduct Platoon ARTEP's during 26 Sept-3 Oct 1980. Primary emphasis was placed on Platoon ARTEP areas that were diagnosed as weak in CP III-80. ARTEP's were evaluated internally. Specific missions included road march, AT ambush, platoon defense and movement to contact. LAW subcaliber firing and M16 qualification also took place. This exercise, although limited in scope, was very successful and gave us an appreciation for what benefits could be derived from a real LTA.

A Battalion Terrain Walk afforded our first look at our newest GDP area. Initial planning and defensive organization down to company battle positions was conducted.

A Battalion Trains Exercise was conducted on the Air Base and involved Bn S-4, Co XO's, Bn support platoon and Co supply sections. A practical exercise for the Battalion's Combat Service Support SOP, it was considered a dress rehearsal for CAPSTONE.

Interop II was an all-day affair with the officers of our Partnership Bde who joined us for a day of discussion of various static displays. Areas included: Force Modernization equipment, training aids at the Air Base and organization for combat.

In November 1980, Cardinal Point I-81, the first CP of the Fiscal Year and the first time the Battalion had trained at the Wildflecken Training Area in a number of years was held. Primary emphasis was placed on missile and mortar firing and company maneuver.

In the realm of athletics, A Company took the V Corps Flag Football Championships, and received the Wiesbaden Community Trophy.

In December 1980 - CAPSTONE. Prior to CAPSTONE, the Battalion conducted three RCCX's and an FCX. These exercises were more like TEWT's and served as useful training vehicles for company commanders and platoon leaders. In CAPSTONE, the battalion operated as a separate MSC working directly under Division control. Useful experience was gained from this setup. Operations included deployment, river crossing, defense of a battle position, withdrawal under enemy pressure, withdrawal not under enemy pressure, counterattack and redeployment. The Battalion gained practical knowledge of cold weather operations, i.e. deep snow and ice.

1979 KEY POSITIONS

Part III

BATTALION LEVEL

Commander: LTC Terry E. Rowe until May 1979 then LTC Richard E Davis

Command Sergeant Major: CSM George O Nord

Executive Officer: Major Martin E Nelson until October, 1979 then Major Mark B Saunders

S-1: CPT John P Murphy until December, 1979 then CPT Allan J Havrilla

S-2: CPT Robert L. Goyette until June, 1979 then 1LT William C Lockwood until November, 1979 then MSG William B Hunter.

S-3: MAJ George C White until June, 1979 then CPT (P) Donald G. Goff

S-4: CPT Thomas C Rogers until December, 1979 then CPT Garth T. Bloxham

Signal Officer: CPT Pedro L Martinez

Maintenance Officer: CPT John C Edgecomb until May 1979, then CW2 Marvin L Sila

Medical Officer: CW2 David L Wharton until August, 1979 then WO1 Richard H Beeman

Company Level

A Company

Commander: CPT James M Spencer until May 1979, then CPT John C Edgecomb

First Sergeant: 1SG Norman R Demeule until May 1979, the 1SG Jesse O Lascano

B Company

Commander: CPT Jeffery M Wright

First Sergeant: 1SG Victor Ruiz until January 1979 then 1SG Willie C Swint until December 1979 then 1SG F.E. Hinkle

C Company

Commander: CPT Roger C Wilson

First Sergeant: 1SG Vincente L Garcia until November 1979 then SFC (P) Peter L Keith

Combat Support Company

Commander: CPT Steven H Breneman

First Sergeant: 1SG Melvin J Everson

Headquarters and Headquarters Company

Commander: CPT Frank N Roberts Jr. until August 1979 then 1LT Philip J Mugford

First Sergeant: 1SG Franklin D. R. Strong

