

109TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY (AER SUP)
528TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
Fort Lee, Virginia

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SUBJECT: Unit History 1 January 1964 to 31 December 1964

1. GENERAL INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

a. Mission:

(1) Unit was reorganized to full TO&E strength of 8 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 203 Enlisted men on 18 June 1964.

(2) The company was assigned the mission to provide rigged air drop loads to support Air Force Phase II and III crew training effective 1 July 1964. This requirement began with 8 platform loads per day and approximately 10 parachutists, and increased to 16 platform loads per day and 10 parachutists.

(3) The most outstanding event of the year was the Air Movement of the whole company from Langley AFB, Virginia and Eglin AFB, Florida to Walnut Ridge, Arkansas for participation in Exercise Goldfire I. The move was made with forty C-124 aircraft and two C-123 aircraft and was completed during a three day period.

2. EFFECT OF WORLD AFFAIRS ON ACTIVITY

a. This unit has not been affected directly by world affairs. However, turn over of personnel assigned has increased and the unit has received personnel from Viet Nam with combat experience.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AND WORK LOADS

a. The company was reorganized to full strength in accordance with General Order # 91, Headquarters Quartermaster Center and Fort Lee dated 18 June 1964. Authorized strength was changed from 8 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 165 Enlisted men to 8 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 203 Enlisted men.

b. Work Load and Trips.

(1) On 22 January 1964 the unit completed a previously assigned parachute pack mission at the Defense General Supply Center, Richmond, Virginia (See Incl # 1, After Action Report).

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(2) From 7 February to 10 February 1964, one Officer, one Warrant Officer, and five Enlisted Men were placed on TDY to support 2nd Special Forces Group, Clinton County, Ohio, (See Incl # 2, After Action Report).

(3) From 6 March to 8 March 1964, one Warrant Officer and 5 Enlisted Men were placed on TDY to support 2nd Special Forces Group, Clinton County, Ohio, (See Incl # 3, After Action Report).

(4) On 1 April 1964 one Warrant Officer and twenty Enlisted Men supported the 16th Special Forces Group, Maryland NG at Camp Pickett, Virginia (See Incl # 4, After Action Report).

(5) On 27 April 1964 the unit was visited by a GAO representative, (See Incl # 5, After Action Report).

(6) From 22 May to 24 May 1964 one Officer and five Enlisted Men were placed on TDY to support 2nd Special Forces Group, Clinton County, Ohio, (See Incl # 6, After Action Report).

(7) On 17 March and 18 March 1964 three Enlisted Men were placed on TDY at Aberdeen Proving Ground to assist in the conduct of ammunition tests, (See Incl # 7, After Action Report).

(8) From 13 June 1964 to 31 December 1964 the company was engaged in support of Phase II & Phase III Air Force Crew Training. A chart showing the number and types of loads air dropped and the number of personnel jumps conducted is depicted on Incl # 8.

c. The type of work performed did not change materially except as stated in report of activities during Exercise Indian River II and III and Goldfire I.

4. PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS

a. Actual strength at the start of the period was 3 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 76 Enlisted Men. Authorized strength was 3 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 165 Enlisted Men.

b. During this period there was a considerable increase in strength because the unit was given the Air Force Phase II and III mission and was re-organized to full strength under TO&E 10-407D on 18 June 1964 to be in a position to support it.

c. Actual strength at the end of the period was 9 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers, and 226 Enlisted men. The authorized strength at the end of the period was 8 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 203 Enlisted men.

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d. Changes in key personnel during the period.

(1) Unit Commander: On 10 February 1964 Captain Charles A Bowker assumed command from Captain Marion F Clark.

(2) First Sergeant: On 6 February 1964 First Sergeant E8 George H Adams replaced First Sergeant Ferald D Adams who was reassigned to the Airborne Department, Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

e. The quality of personnel assigned was highly satisfactory. When the assigned strength of the company was approximately 100 troops, it is estimated that they were 98% qualified and required little or no training prior to assuming the duties and responsibilities of their Military Occupational Specialties.

f. The morale of the troops in this company is superior. The unit is basically an Airborne unit and therefore most of the men are volunteers. Additionally, the quality of the NCOs is outstanding and, on the whole, are well qualified leaders.

g. There were no General Courts-Martial, 2 Special Courts-Martial, and no Summary Courts-Martial.

h. The turnover of personnel during the period is about normal. There was a large influx of enlisted personnel from about 100 to approximately 240. This is attributed to the reorganization to full TO&E strength.

i. There were no outstanding awards given to any individual, however the detachment that was deployed to Eglin AFB, Florida for Phase II and III of Exercise Indian River received letters of appreciation for their outstanding contribution to these Exercises during the period July 1964 through September 1964 from Headquarters 2nd Log Command and Headquarters 1st Infantry Division. The entire company was also commended for its participation in Exercise Goldfire I at Walnut Ridge, Arkansas by the same headquarters.

5. Training Developments and Problems:

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7. Calendar of Events: This unit participated in the normal post fund drives and athletic programs. In each the unit was a pace setter.

8. Present plans for this unit are for continued support of Air Force Phase II and III training which is to be expanded to twenty (20) loads a day, Monday through Friday, and eight (8) loads for training Air Force Reserves crews flying C-119's on Saturdays. Additionally, we are to be prepared to dispatch small detachments to other bases around the country to provide similar support on a smaller scale.

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