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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
109th Quartermaster Company (Air Del)  
Fort Campbell, Kentucky 42223

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30 March 1966

SUBJECT: Unit History 1 January 1965 to 31 December 1965

1. GENERAL INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

a. Mission:

(1) Unit was reorganized to full TOE strength of 6 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 260 Enlisted men effective 15 June 1965.

(2) The company continued its assigned mission of providing rigged air drop loads to support Air Force Phase II & III Crew Training. The requirement at 1 January 1965 was 20 platform loads per day and approximately 10 parachutists and decreased to 10 platforms per day when the company's strength was reduced because of the formation of the 383rd Air Delivery Detachment from personnel of the 109th QM Co (AD).

(3) The most outstanding events were the formation of the 383rd Air Delivery Detachment from personnel of the 109th QM Co (AD) and the movement of the company from Fort Lee, Virginia to Fort Campbell, Kentucky in support of Air Force Phase II & III Crew Training.

2. EFFECT OF WORLD AFFAIRS ON ACTIVITY

a. 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 Vietnam with combat experience.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AND WORK LOADS

a. The company was reorganized in accordance with TOE 10-1072 dated 16 December 1961. Authorized strength was changed from 6 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 260 Enlisted men to 6 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 260 Enlisted men.

b. On 22 June 1965 the unit designation was changed from the 109th Quartermaster Company (Aerial Supply) to the 109th Quartermaster Company (Air Delivery).

c. In May 1965 the 383rd Air Delivery Detachment was formed from personnel of this unit which reduced the strength of the company by 32 Officers and Enlisted men.

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d. Work Load and Trips:

(1) From 6 January 1965 to 12 February 1965 1 Warrant Officer and 10 Enlisted men were placed on TDF to Eglin AFB, Florida in support of the Air Force in rigging of QMPS, LAFES, and PLADS.

(2) From 23 January 1965 to 23 February 1965 1 Officer and 13 Enlisted men were placed on TDF in support of Exercise Polar Strike in Alaska.

(3) On 28 August 1965 an advanced party of 1 Warrant Officer and 20 Enlisted men departed Fort Lee, Virginia for Fort Campbell, Kentucky in preparation of the unit's move to Fort Campbell.

(4) On 18 September 1965 the company departed Fort Lee, Virginia for its new duty station, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to continue its mission in support of Air Force Phase II & III Crew Training. The unit arrived with an assigned strength of 5 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers, and 108 Enlisted men.

(5) The periods from 1 January to 15 August 1965 and 1 November 1965 to 31 December 1965, the company was engaged in support of Air Force Phase II & III Crew Training. The unit dropped 742 modular platform loads, 78 6,000 lb LEP loads, 187 A-22 containers, and 611 personnel in support of the Air Force training.

(6) From 28 August 1965 to 1 November 1965 the unit was engaged in relocation to Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

e. The type of work did not change materially during the entire period.

4. PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS

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

b. During this period there was a considerable decrease in strength because of the formation of the 319th Air Delivery Detachment from personnel of the company. The unit arrived at Fort Campbell, Kentucky with only 5 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers, and 163 Enlisted men.

c. Actual strength at the end of the period was 6 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers, and 163 Enlisted men. Authorized strength at the end of the period was 6 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 260 Enlisted men.

d. Changes in key personnel during the period.

(1). Unit Commander: On 12 February 1965, Captain Herbert L. Kimmel assumed command from Captain Charles A. Bowker.

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(2) First Sergeant: On 27 August 1965 First Sergeant Gerald D. Adams replaced First Sergeant George H. Adams who was reassigned to the Airborne Department, Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

e. The quality of personnel assigned was highly satisfactory. 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 NCO's 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 was above normal due to the need of personnel in Vietnam.

i. There was an outstanding performance award awarded to SFC E7 John J. McNeil upon his arrival from his previous duty station in Germany as Operations Sergeant.

## 5. TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS

a. No ATP or ATT was conducted during the period 1 January 1965 to 31 December 1965.

## 6. EXERCISES, OPERATIONS, AND MANEUVERS

a. The company as a whole did not participate in any exercises or maneuvers but supported the Air Force in its Phase II & III Crew Training.

b. On 1 February 1965 a RUMMET was conducted by this unit for Second Army.

## 7. CHILDREN OF SERVICE

a. This unit participated in the normal post fund drives and athletic programs. In each the unit was a good seller.

b. On 11 December 1965 the company held an openhouse and unveiled its new sign and company motto ("The World is our Drop Zone"). Brigadier General Willard Pearson unveiled the company sign and officially welcomed the company to Fort Campbell. He expressed the importance of the successful packing of parachutes to delivery personnel and equipment safety. The new sign was designed and painted by SPC John F. Rose of this unit.

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8. Present plans for this unit are for continued support of Air Force Phase II & III Crew Training which is to be expanded to 20 loads per day Monday through Friday and 10 loads for training Air Force Reserves Crews flying C-119 aircraft on Saturday. Additionally, we are to be prepared to dispatch small detachments to other bases around the country to provide similar support on a smaller scale.

9. SUMMARY: The training and activities of this unit during the calendar year were varied and extensive. The level of proficiency was raised to the point that this unit is considered to be the best technically qualified, in this field, in the United States Army.

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#### 7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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