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a. Mission of Unit: to provide parachute packing, temporary storage and rigging of supplies and equipment for aerial delivery by Army, Air Force, and/or other service aircraft. To provide parachutists to assist in the recovery and evacuation of parachutes and allied equipment as required.

1. FOR 10-407D, dated 24 Nov 58 as amended by C1 dated 10 Jan 61 and C2 dated 1 Dec 61.

2. Average strength for period 1 Jan 63 to 31 Dec 63 is 134. Morning reports for 1 Jul 62 to 31 Dec 62 have been destroyed.

b. Key personnel present for duty during period:

UNIT COMMANDERS

Capt Edward J. Page 1 Jul 62 - 30 Jul 62
Capt Stephen R. Ellerbe 1 Aug 62 - Jan 63
Capt Marion F. Clark Jan 63 - 31 Dec 63

1st Sergeant

1st Sgt E-8 Gerald D Adams 1 Jul 62 - 31 Dec 63

c. Major Record of Events:

20 Jul 62: 1 WO and 18 EM returned from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Party was on TDY to support Howe Board in various tests pertaining to Aerial Supply such as high velocity drops, short take off and landing air craft, (C-130, C123, and the Caribou) and touch and go systems.

3 Aug - 17 Aug 62, 5 officers, 2 WO and all EM departed for Pope Field, North Carolina for participation in Exercise Swift Strike II. During this maneuver the 109th supported the 101st Abn Div which made an air assault in the vicinity of Donaldson AFB, South Carolina and established an air head at that base. Approximately 20 C-119 aircraft loads of rations and POL were air dropped and approximately 150 aircraft loads were air landed at Donaldson AFB.

25 Aug 62 to 10 Sep 62, 1 WO and 25 EM were placed on TDY at Fort Campbell, Kentucky to assist the 101st Abn Div with rehabilitation and repack of parachutes and other air items used during Exercise Swift Strike II.

Approximately 1 Oct 62, the Company received requirement to pack cargo parachutes at Richmond DSA, this continued until 22 Oct 62 on a daily basis.

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On 23 Oct 62, the Company was broken into two 10 hour shifts to complete the requirement. This mission was completed during the 1st week of Nov 62.

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Beginning on 23 Oct 62 this unit began preparing personnel and equipment for movement from Fort Lee, Virginia. The advanced party consisting of 1 Officer and 2 EM, departed Fort Lee, Virginia for Ops Locks, Florida on 24 Oct 62. The main body departed for Ops Locks on 13 Nov 62, 3 Officers, 3 WO and 35 EM departed by Commercial air and 2 Officers, 1 WO and the rest of the EM assigned, departed with organic vehicles. The commercial movement was completed the same date. The convoy stopped at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Stewart, Georgia and McCoy AFB, Orlando, Florida. Equipment was available and preparation for air drop of supplies were completed. Orders were received directing the shipment of all air items from Ops Locks and for the unit to return to home station. The convoy consisting of 4 Officers, 1 WO and 68 EM departed on 10 Dec 62 with stops at the same places as the enroute stops. The commercial air element departed on 24 Dec 62 and arrived at Fort Lee, the same date.

Approximately 20 Jan 63 the unit began the ATP, departed Fort Lee, Virginia for Byrd Field, Richmond, Virginia for two days actual technical training with Airforce Aircraft and returned on 27 Feb 63.

4 Mar 63 8 Officers and 112 EM departed Fort Lee for Byrd Field, Richmond, Virginia to participate in Unit APT. 6 Mar 63, 8 Officers and 112 EM departed Byrd Field, Richmond, Virginia by motor convoy to Fort Lee, Virginia to complete Unit APT. 20 Jul 63, 1 WO and 5 EM departed (advance party) for Camp McCall, North Carolina for participation in Exercise Swift Strike III.

27 Apr 63, 1 Officer and 22 EM departed Fort Lee, Virginia for participation in Exercise Coulee Crest. Detachment departed Fort Lee, Virginia via bus to Langley AFB, Virginia, departed Langley AFB via C-124 to McCloud AFB, Washington. They departed McCloud AFB via military transportation to Fort Lewis, Washington. On 23 May 63 the detachment departed Fort Lewis for return to Fort Lee, Virginia. They arrived on 24 May 63.

26 Jul 63, 2 Officers, 1 WO and 15 EM departed for Bushfield, Georgia for participation in Exercise Swift Strike III in support of Red Forces. Also on this date, 4 Officers, 1 WO and 47 EM departed for Camp McCall, North Carolina for participation in Exercise Swift Strike III in support of Blue Forces. The company completed its return to Fort Lee, Virginia on 20 Aug 63.

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1st. Sgt Fernald Adams said:

They had materials and supplies everywhere to dig out if a invasion of Cuba was ordered.

They had trucks loaded with supplies backed up for miles.

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1 Sep 63, the company was required to pack cargo parachutes at D03C, Richmond, Virginia. The entire company effort was directed to the completion and the mission was completed on 30 Sep 63.

On 13 Nov 63 the company was placed on TDY at D03C, Richmond, Virginia for approximately 57 days for the purpose of repacking cargo parachutes of various kinds.

As of 31 Dec 63 the unit was continuing this mission. At the close of the period this unit had 8 officers, 2 WO and 109 EM assigned. This was a shortage of 2 WO and 56 EM.

MARION F CLARK
Captain QMC
Commanding