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SUBJECT: 1st Armored Division Postal Section - 1980 Annual Historical
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1. Reference Ltr, AEUPE-PGE-PO-P, 20 Jan 81, Subject: USAREUR/7A
Postal Activity & Historical Program.
2. Attached as inclosure 1 is the 1st Armored Division Postal Section's
1980 Annual Historical Report Supplement.

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1. Assignment, Attachment and Location. The 501st Administration Company was redesignated as the 501st Adjutant General Company effective 1 March 1971. The AG Company was transferred to CINCUSAREUR effective 5 May 1971.

2. Mission: Provides complete Postal Services (Mail Distribution and Dispatch, Money Orders, Stamps, Insured, Registry and Unit Mailroom Inspection Services) and performs mail directory service for all personnel and elements assigned to the Division.

3. Organization: The 1st Armored Division Postal Section is authorized 2 Officers and 25 Enlisted Personnel per MTOE 12-7HE103 EL 10276, effective 21 June 1976.

4. Relocation of Postal Units: NA

5. Summary of Events: November 1979 the 501st MI Company was redesignated 501st Military Intelligence Battalion with duty station in Katterbach.

6. APO Numbers, Locations and Kasernes of Postal Facilities:

a. APOs 09326/09177	Ansbach/Katterbach	Hindenburg Kaserne Bleidorn Kaserne Barton Barracks Bismarck Kaserne
b. APO 09140	Illesheim	Storck Barracks
c. APO 09751	Crailsheim	McGee Barracks

7. Opening, Closing and Relocation of APO Numbers:

No Additions or Changes.

8. Opening, Closing and Relocation of Postal Facilities:

Closed: Bleidorn Kaserne
Barton Barracks

9. Postal Support to Exercises and Operations: NA

10. Summary of Postal Operations: 1980 was a very turbulent year for the 1st Armored Division Postal Section due to Critical shortages/losses of Personnel with no replacement. Losses of key Postal NCOs, i.e. SSG Robert Heyer, APC NCOIC; SGT Felixbert Mendiola - Opns NCOIC; and, SGT Glen Blakeney - Div Pstl Inspector and Postal Supply NCO created a vacuum in postal experience which has been hard to overcome. With no replacment insight we were forced to fill this vacant slots with inexperience personnel within our own resources. Increase emphasis in training time by the 501st AG Company which supports the APO coupled with the various details and duty rosters created an atmosphere of conflict between mission requirement and company requirements .

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One last comment under Summary of Postal Operations is --- "not of major significance"; however, is one that has caused a lot of complaints and low morale with all of the personnel who have worked and are currently working at the 1st Armored Division Postal Section at Hindenburg Kaserne, Ansbach, FRG. The Item of complaint being the fact that for the 8 or 10 years that the Division Postal Section has been operational at Hindenburg Kaserne --- personnel have suffered the inconveniences of lack of toilet facilities. For the last eight or ten years Postal Personnel have had to trek two, three and five blocks to the rest rooms in the area. May this injustice be made part of the Historical File.

11. Major Units and Headquarters served:

During 1980 the 1st Armored Division Postal Section provided postal support to the following units:

Ansbach/Katterbach Areas:	501st Avn Bn (CBT)	HHC, 1st AD
	1/37th Armor	501st AG Co
	501st MI Bn	177th RPC
	501st Repl Det	HHD, USMCA
	2/28th FA	501st MP Co
	1/57th ADA	
	141st Sig Bn	
Illesheim - APO 09140:	1/13th Armor	B Btry, 2/57th ADA
	1/6th Inf	E Co, 123th Maint
	HHC, 1st Bde, 1st AD	C Co, 501st Avn Bn(CBT)
Crailsheim - APO 09751:	1/51st Inf	
	2/42nd FA	

12. Postal Services Division Data:

a. Finance Data: Annual Quantity of Money Orders Sold: 43,088
Annual Amount from Sale of Money Orders: \$3,027,553.10
Annual Quantity of Money Orders Cashed: 1,135
Annual Amount from Money Orders Cashed: \$81,819.59
Annual Amount from Stamp Sales: \$139,844.85
Annual Amount from Postage Meter Sales: \$69,467.71

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b. Mail Volume:

- (1) Received from CONUS: Registered Mail23,473 lbs
Air Mail (Priority), FCM...142,764 lbs
Military Official Mail.....86,665 lbs
Space Avail Mail/PAL230,172 lbs
Surface Mail.....495,480 lbs
- (2) Dispatched to CONUS: Registered Mail27,015 lbs
First Class & Priority.....138,405 lbs
Military Official Mail..... 53,286 lbs
Space Avail Mail/PAL146,957 lbs
Surface Mail77,481 lbs

13. Population Served:

- a. Ansbach/Katterbach: SPONSORS: Military: 4944
Non-Military: 144
DEPENDENTS: Mil Dep : 3503
DA Civ & DODDS Dep: 153
- b. Illesheim Community: SPONSORS: Military: 1944
Non-Military: 25
DEPENDENTS: Mil Dep : 1439
Non-Military: 20
- c. Crailsheim Community: SPONSORS: Military: 1317
Non-Military: 30
DEPENDENTS: Mil Dep : 808
Non-Military: 27

14. Commanders/Senior Postal Officers:

Mar 79 - Mar 80	2LT Terry Blockett
Mar 80 - Feb 81	2LT Rudene B. Hendry
Feb 81 - Present	1LT Joseph S. Johnson

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15. Custodian of Postal Effects:

5 Oct 78 - Mar 79 CPT Paula Johnson
Mar 79 - Present SFC Walter C. Ball

16. Postal Operations Officer: NA - The 1st Armored Division is not authorized a Postal Operations Officer.

17. Postal NCOIC:

Mar 79 - Jul 79 SFC Walter C. Ball
Jul 79 - Present MSG Jesus Soto

18. Senior Postal Operation Supervisor:

Jul 79 - Feb 80 SGT Felixberto Mendiola
Feb 80 - Mar 80 SGT Kenneth Carter
Mar 80 - Present SSG Juan Hinojosa, Jr

19. Outlying APOs NCOIC's:

APO 09140 Mar 79 - Feb 80 SSG Juan Hinojosa, Jr
Feb 80 - May 80 SGT Bonney Dewitt
May 80 - Jan 81 SGT Joe Williams
Jan 81 - Present SGT Charles Scott
APO 09751 Nov 78 - Present SGT Alfornia Miller