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SUBJECT: 570th USAAG Annual Historical Report

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1. IAW AR 870-5, the 570th USA Artillery Group Annual Historical Report is submitted for calendar year 1978.

2. Key positions in the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment were filled by the personnel indicated below. Positions were filled by the individual listed for the entire year except as noted.

Group Commander	- LTC George E. Botelho	
Executive Officer	- MAJ Luther R. Vann Jr.	
S-1	- MAJ Nicholas A. Radvanczy CPT LeeRoy P. Hanna Jr.	1 Jan - 5 Jun 6 Jun - 31 Dec
S-2	- CPT Charles R. Hamilton 1LT Paul L. Legler 2LT Steven L. Everett	1 Jan - 17 Oct 18 Oct - 6 Nov 7 Nov - 31 Dec
S-3	- MAJ Ronald Koontz MAJ Nicholas A. Radvanczy	1 Jan - 5 Jun 6 Jun - 31 Dec
Ass't S-3	- CPT John T. Jacobs 1LT Richard D. Landis	1 Jan - 10 Oct 11 Oct - 31 Dec
ADA LNO	- CPT James S. Sutherland 2LT Paul F. Busch Jr.	1 Jan - 15 Sep 13 Nov - 31 Dec

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S-4	- CPT Hallie Tolbert Jr. CW2 Tomas Marrujo 2LT Keven D. Queen	1 Jan - 3 Mar 4 Mar - 2 Nov 3 Nov - 31 Dec
CSM	- CSM James Mikita	
Cdr HHD	- CPT John B. Broyles CPT LeeRoy P. Hanna Jr. 1LT Michael L. White	1 Jan - 28 Jun 29 Jun - 2 Oct 3 Oct - 31 Dec
Det SGT	- MSG Richard Flores SFC Robert G. Lipe	1 Jan - 1 Jun 2 Jun - 31 Dec
Opns SGM	- SGM Claude Robinson Jr.	
Finance Off	- SFC Norman Bason	
Supply Tech	- CW2 Tomas Marrujo	
Personnel Tech	- WO1 Floyd M.G. Hobson	23 Jan - 31 Dec
Career Counselor	- MSG Vernon C. Shelby	
Food Service Supervisor	- MSG Albertha Sumpter	

3. The Group's strength on 31 December 1978 was as follows:

	Authorized			Assigned		
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HHD	11	2	40	11	2	46
4th Det	7	0	85	7	0	80
9th Det	3	0	17	3	0	16
15th Det	3	0	32	4	0	34
22d Det	3	0	32	4	0	33
26th Det	3	0	32	3	0	37
69th Det	10	0	97	8	0	80
583d Ord Co	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>96</u>
TOTAL	46	7	433	46	7	422

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4. During 1978 several significant unit changes were made which affected the Group. The 9th USAAD (FA) was activated on 20 January 1978 and co-located in Deilinghofen, FRG with the 69th USAAD (FA). On 31 January 1978 the 15th USAAD (FA) was relocated from Paderborn, FRG to Bergen-Belsen, FRG. The 26th USAAD (FA) moved to Paderborn to replace the 15th USAAD (FA). The biggest change occurred on 1 October 1978 when the 59th Ordnance Brigade reorganized. The 509th USAAD (AD) was reassigned to the 5th USAAG. The 1st USAAD (FA) and 81st USAAD (FA) were reassigned to the 552d USAAG. The 4th USAAD (FA) formerly assigned to the 5th USAAG was assigned to the 570th USAAG. This reorganization gave the support responsibility for 1 (BE) Corps to the 570th USAAG. At the same time the 570th USAAG was relieved of its support requirements for 1 (GE) Corps and the Royal Netherlands Air Force. 570th USAAG units now fulfill the support responsibilities of the 59th Ordnance Brigade for the 1 (BR) Corps and 1 (BE) Corps.

5. Problems which arose from the reorganization included Courts Martial jurisdiction. Under the Area Courts Martial Jurisdiction Concept detachments receive their Summary Courts Martial Authority from their Group HQ's. Reorganization of the Group did not include transfer of this jurisdiction. A request to transfer the authority was still pending at year's end.

6. In June 1978 the Group received its Annual General Inspection. The inspection was conducted by Headquarters, 59th Ordnance Brigade during 12-29 June 1978. The team chief, MAJ Arthur H. Swisher and his team inspected all units in the following areas: facilities, administration, supply, maintenance, funds, lounges, training and security. All units/staff sections with the exception of the S-4, 15th USAAD (FA) and 583d Ord Co were rated satisfactory. These three elements were rated satisfactory during their reinspections in September 1978.

7. The athletic program of the Group continued throughout the year. Sub-community champions were decided in basketball (583d Ord Co), softball (B Tm, 509th USAAD) and football (1st USAAD). The decision to discontinue league play for the 78-79 basketball season was made due to travel/training requirements. Other individual/team competition included participation in track and field, boxing, bowling, volleyball and wrestling.

8. Community activities involved several units of the Group. A rodeo was sponsored in October in Handorf which allowed the units and the two schools located in the Group area an opportunity to run concessions to raise money. The event was well attended by American, British and German rodeo fans. Units and individuals of the Group have also participated in Volksmarches, German/American activities, a NATO Bowling League and various Thanksgiving and 4th of July celebrations.

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9. The Group Soldier of the Quarter competition was revived to recognize outstanding soldiers in the detachments. The Group representatives are in turn sent to 59th Ordnance Brigade to compete. A desk pen set and savings bond are awarded to the Group Soldier of the Quarter.

10. The Group Human Relations/Equal Opportunity Council met monthly and provided the Group Commander with soldiers' views on people problems. The council served as an excellent sounding board to allow the commander to act on perceived and actual problems in the units. Many of the problems in detachments were found to have some effect Group wide. Members of the council include key staff members, the Group Chaplain, an enlisted member from each detachment and guests from the detachments. Problems discussed and acted upon included topics in the areas of religion, drug and alcohol abuse, troop diversions during off-duty time, and interpretation of unit policies..

11. The Group experienced critical personnel shortages and turbulence throughout the year. Key shortages of personnel have existed in the following MOS: 05B10, 13B10, 13B20, 15D10, 71L10, 72E10/20, 76Y20, and 94B10. The severity of the shortages was most critical as the year ended without identified replacements. Officer shortages have existed throughout the year at the Captain level. The absence of an S-4 Officer for nine months seriously degraded the effectiveness of the supply operation. The loss of three (3) Captains from the Operations Section in October was only partially corrected by the assignment of three (3) Lieutenants. None of these officers had previous experience in this type of unit. Detachment officer shortages have been limited to the Commander positions. Voluntary extensions and reassignments from other Brigade assets alleviated these shortages.

12 a. The Group participated throughout the year in major NATO and User Nation exercises. These exercises included:

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Headquarters</u>
Crested Eagle	2-8 Mar	1 (BR) Corps
Summer Sales	25 Jul - 4 Aug	1 (BR) Corps
Grand Slam	2-6 Oct	1 (BR) Corps
Hotline	11-20 Oct	1 (BR) Corps
Able Archer	5-11 Nov	1 (BR) Corps & 1 (BE) Corps

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b. Training was conducted during the year to prepare personnel for Skill Qualification Tests. SQT's were administered during the year to MOS 13B, 15D, 55B, 55G, 76D, 76P and 76Y. Additional training was given at the Group level in the areas of NBC Proficiency, Defensive Driving Instructor Certification, Race Relations, Headstart/Gateway and SIGSEC.

c. Various VIP's visited the Group during 1978. These visitors included:

<u>VISITOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT VISITED</u>
LTG Marvin D. Fuller	CG, III (US) Corps	4 Mar	HQ, 570th
BG Graill Brookshire	EUCOM IG	5 Mar 78	22d USAAD
COL Ray Lee	2d Sig Group	18 May	570th Signal Sites
COL Richard Baird	DCG, Giessen MILCOM	23 June	HQ, 570th
COL Jimmy Ross	4th Trans Bde	20 June	1st USAAD
COL James Dunn	4th Trans Bde	20 June	1st USAAD
COL Alexander Cipriano	DCDR, NORTHAG	24-25 Aug	570th Units
BG J. E. Killick	DCDR, 1 (BR) Corps Arty	19 Sep	HQ, 570th/ 583d Ord Co
BG Charles Canedy	Giessen Community CDR	10 Oct	HQ, 570th

13. The S-4 Section provided assistance to the detachments during the year in obtaining new TO&E as well as support from the user nations. Major problems during the year included receipt of special tools for the 9th USAAD. These tools were finally delivered during the unit's BSE. A Central Issue Facility was established in S-4 during the latter part of 1978 to relieve the detachments of responsibility for maintaining their own TA-50 supply. Accountability during the conversion from unit to group responsibility has been a major problem in the new operation. Several Service to Service Technical Agreements were reviewed by user nations during the year. The raising of rents in user nation supplied family housing was the ultimate result of these reviews. British supported units are now paying almost their entire BAQ for quarters.

14. Within subordinate units many activities and incidents of note occurred. Reports of these units are included at TABS A-H.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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 Adjutant

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