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SUBJECT: USAREUR Postal Units/Activities Historical Program

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Commander, USA Postal Group, Europe, ATTN: AEUPE-PGE-OP, APO 09081

1. Reference AEUPE-PGE-OP letter dated 29 December 1977, subject as above.
2. The attached Annual Historical Report (1 Jan - 31 Dec 77) for this unit is forwarded for information and appropriate action.

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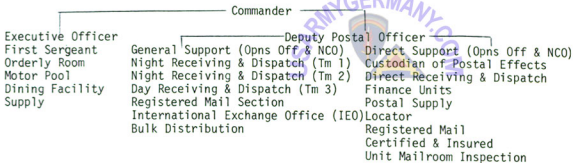
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1. **ASSIGNMENT, ATTACHMENT AND LOCATION.** The 228th AG Company (Postal) is assigned to the United States Army Postal Group, Europe, APO New York 09081 (Schwetzingen, Germany) and is attached to V Corps, APO New York 09079 (Frankfurt, Germany) for administrative and logistical support per Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army General Order 5539 dated 24 July 1974. The unit headquarters, billets and support facilities are located at Biebererstrasse Kaserne, Offenbach, Germany; the operational site is located at Offenbach Support Center, Offenbach, Germany.

2. **MISSION.** The 228th AG Co (Postal) executes a dual postal mission. First, to perform as the hub of the Army's European Mail System, in providing for the rapid and accurate movement, accountability and security of mail matter via truck, train and/or aircraft to its proper destination throughout Europe and between CONUS and Germany. This requirement consists mainly of the management of bulk mail, Army Post Office to Army Post Office and Army Post Office to Military Mail Terminal, but includes the exchange of all international mail between the US Military Postal System and all European countries. Second, is to provide complete postal services (sale of money orders and postage stamps, receipt, processing and dispatch of mail, inspection of and assistance to local units relative mail service and APO Directory Service) for authorized individuals and organizations in the Greater Frankfurt area, Hoechst, Oberursel, Offenbach and Eschborn.

3. **ORGANIZATION.** The 228th AG Company (Postal), UIC WA6KAAA, was reorganized under MTOE 12-550HE103 on 21 Oct 76 with effective date of 20 Oct 77. The unit is operationally organized as follows:



4. RELOCATION OF POSTAL UNIT. Non-applicable.

5. SUMMARY OF UNIT EVENTS.

24 Jan 77 - MAJ Charles T. Buggs departs; CPT William L. Roberts assumes command.

12 Feb 77 - Unit hosted NORTHERN REGION USAPGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

19 Feb 77 - Unit basketball team takes first in USAPGE Basketball Tournament.

23/24 Apr 77 - Unit bowling team takes first place in USAPGE Tournament.

18/19 Jun 77 - Unit softball team places first in USAPGE Softball Tournament.

27 Jul 77 - Unit inspected by USAPGE for pre-IG; Satisfactory rating awarded.

17 Aug 77 - Unit inspected by USAREUR Inspector General; Satisfactory rating awarded.

20 Aug 77 - Unit softball team places 2d in Frankfurt Community Softball Tournament.

24 Aug 77 - COL Curtis, Cdr/USAPGE, presented unit with scroll of appreciation and gave farewell to unit.

18 Oct 77 - Unit received 4th Quarter V Corps Reenlistment Award.

6. APO NUMBERS, LOCATIONS, AND KASERNE OF POSTAL FACILITIES (as of 31 Dec 77)

APO

Kaserne

09082 (General Support)

09757 (Finance Units 3 & 9)

09757 (Finance Units 5 & 10)

09757 (Finance Units 1 & 2)

09757 (Finance Unit 8)

09757 (Finance Unit 4)

09757 (Finance Unit 6)

09757 (Direct Support and
Parent Finance Unit)

LOCATION/KASERNE

Offenbach/Biebererstrasse-Kaserne

Offenbach/Offenbach Support Center

Frankfurt/C.W. Abrams Bldg

Frankfurt/97th General Hospital

Frankfurt/Main Shopping Center

Eschborn/Camp Eschborn

Hoechst/McNair Kaserne

Oberursel/Camp King

Offenbach/Base Post Office, Offenbach
Support Center

7. OPENING, CLOSING AND RELOCATION OF APO NUMBERS. Non-applicable.

8. OPENING, CLOSING AND CHANGING OF POSTAL FACILITIES. The Postal Facility located at Camp Eschborn moved from Bldg 755 to Bldg 753 of Camp Eschborn, FRG, on 22 Dec 77.

9. POSTAL SUPPORT TO EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS. The 228th AG Company (Postal) supplied the only postal expertise (2LT Norton & SFC Harris) to V Corps for the WINTEX (13 Mar - 28 Mar) exercise which reviewed implementation, policy and procedure of war plans of USAREUR units. Postal support testing was accomplished for the first time this year and proved to be of substantial value to providing information upon which to evaluate planning for possible mobilization.

10. SUMMARY OF POSTAL OPERATIONS. Nearly all mail matter entering Germany is managed by the 228th AG Co (Postal). Mail enters Germany via commercial airlines and SEAVAN deliveries and is trucked to Offenbach for sorting and onward movement throughout the country. Mail destined for US addresses follows the reverse route through this unit to CONUS. The Base Post Office (BPO) handles approximately 1,000,000 lbs of mail and an average of 3200 registered items per week. This huge volume is transported by over 40 dispatches daily plus one train dispatch. The 228th AG Co (Postal) dispatches mail directly to points as far north as Bremerhaven, east to Berlin, south to Stuttgart and Munich, and west to Brussels. The Direct Support for the Greater Frankfurt area is managed by APO 09757, part of this unit. Of particular note in postal operations this year was the extreme management burden of diversion of huge volumes of mail during the holiday period, 15 Oct thru 15 Jan, from routinely employed mail transport channels to Military Airlift Command (MAC) aircraft as the result of a labor dispute on the east coast of the United States. Mail matter usually tendered to commercial carriers, both aircraft and shipping, was not loaded because of striking workers. Mail was trucked to Air Force Bases, loaded on military aircraft, most commonly a C5 Globemaster, and flown to Rhein/Main AFB, Frankfurt, FRG. The huge volume of mail diverted proved to be beyond the management and manpower capability of Air Force personnel. COL Williams, Commander of US Army Postal Group, Europe, voluntarily arranged for Army assistance for the beleaguered air mail terminal. Members of this unit as well as soldiers from Hanau and Darmstadt APO's worked long, hard and cold hours, under the direction of CPT Rasmussen, Operations Officer this organization, to move mail from the flight line at Rhein/Main Air Base to the 228th AG Co Base Post Office in Offenbach. It is estimated that 240 pallets containing approximately 3200 lbs of mail each, or a total of 768,000 lbs of mail, was loaded by hand, in adverse weather, by combined Army & Air Force personnel. This effort resulted in the movement of mail in time for delivery by Christmas, and precluded a European backlog and possibly thousands of dollars of damage and pilferage.

11. MAJOR UNITS AND HEADQUARTERS SERVED. As the hub of the APO system in Europe, the 228th AG Co (Postal) serves as the focal point for all General Support postal activities in Europe. The major General Support activities of Heidelberg, Nurnburg, Kaiserslautern, and Stuttgart converge and exchange intra-theater mail at the BPO, Offenbach, on a daily basis. In addition, the General Support element of the 228th AG Co (Postal) serves the 3d Armored Division, the 8th Infantry Division, the 3d Infantry Division, the Berlin Brigade, and the activities located at Schweinfurt, Giessen,

Hanau, Aschaffenburg, Bremerhaven, Darmstadt, Mainz and Mannheim. The US Embassy in Bonn, Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT), 7502d Munitions Support Squadron in the Netherlands, and the Brussels Air Mail Terminal are supported by daily truck dispatches to and from the BPO, Offenbach. In the Frankfurt area, V Corps Headquarters, 3d Support Command, the Frankfurt Military Community Activity, and the 97th General Army Hospital are some of the major units serviced by the Direct Support element.

12. POSTAL FINANCE OPERATIONS (APO 09757)

	Number Money Orders Sold	Value Money Orders Sold	Value Stamps & Meter Sales
1977	40,000	3,182,073.00	117,105.02

13. MAIL PROCESSING. Direct Support, APO 09757

	Registered Mail Accepted	Insured Mail Accepted	Number Uninsured Mail Accepted
1977	22,233	46,141	15,049

General Support, APO 09082

	Lbs Mail Incoming (Except 4th Class & IEO)	Lbs Mail Outgoing (Except 4th Class & IEO)
1977	23,651,724	19,900,660

	Number Seavans Received	Number Seavans Dispatched
1977	188	47

	Lbs Mail Incoming - Seavans	Lbs Mail Outgoing - Seavans
1977	3,842,000	1,307,780

	Lbs Mail Incoming - IEO	Lbs Mail Outgoing - IEO
1977	5,456,540	304,494

	Pieces of Intransit Registered Mail Processed
1977	166,400

	Total lbs Mail Processed
1977	54,463,198

14. POPULATION SERVED (As of 31 Dec 77)

<u>Direct Support, APO 09757</u>	Sponsors	Dependents	Total
Frankfurt	9478	8093	17,571
Eschborn	1298	75	1373
Hoechst	1826	555	2381
Oberursel	1018	78	1096
Offenbach	385	86	471
Total	14,005	8887	22,892

General Support, APO 09082

USAREUR	Sponsors	Dependents	Others	Total
	212,000	170,000	13,000	395,000

15. COMMANDER/SENIOR POSTAL OFFICER

18 Aug 75 - 23 Jan 77 MAJ Charles T. Buggs, AGC, [REDACTED]

24 Jan 77 - present CPT William L. Roberts, AGC, [REDACTED]

16. CUSTODIAN OF POSTAL EFFECTS

3 Feb 75 - 12 May 77 Gordon A. Heke1, GS-11, [REDACTED]

13 May 77 - 22 Sep 77 2LT Robert H. Norton, Jr., AGC, [REDACTED]

23 May 77 - present SFC John A. Miller, [REDACTED]

17. POSTAL OPERATIONS OFFICERS

Direct Support, APO 09757

28 Dec 76 - 20 Apr 77 CPT Brian E. Rasmussen, AGC, [REDACTED]

21 Apr 77 - present 2LT Robert H. Norton, Jr., AGC, [REDACTED]

General Support, APO 09082

12 Jun 76 - 20 Apr 77 CPT Ray E. Madsen, AGC, [REDACTED]

21 Apr 77 - present CPT Brian E. Rasmussen, AGC, [REDACTED]

18. FIRST SERGEANT

5 Oct 76 - 13 Nov 77 1SG Samuel E. Fitzgerald, [REDACTED]

14 Nov 77 - present 1SG Stephen W. Fox, [REDACTED]

19. SENIOR POSTAL SUPERVISOR - Direct Support

5 Aug 76 - 5 Sep 77 SFC Willie H. George, [REDACTED]

6 Sep 77 - present SFC Carl L. Mintz, [REDACTED]

General Support

5 Oct 76 - 9 Aug 77 MSG David W. Allen, [REDACTED]

10 Aug 76 - present SFC Jerry A. Hampton, [REDACTED]

