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2D BATTALION (CHAPARRAL/VULCAN), 60TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY



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UNIT HISTORY

Time marches on, and so has the Battalion.

January followed December and 1974 was underway. Since there was a fuel shortage and no one was going anywhere, LTC Ben F. Powell, Jr. conducted a Command Inspection of the Battalion. The units were ready for him, and the New Year was started off on the right foot. LTC Powell was pleased with everything he saw, and heavily praised the men of the Battalion.

February found the Battalion preoccupied with the preparations for the Training Service Practice (TSP) which was only one month away. The units at Ramstein were especially busy in that they had to move from Bldg 2119 to the newly renovated Bldg 2120 during the third week of the month, and were then required to participate in the Air Force's Local Creek Nation exercise from the 26th thru 28th.

On 16 March, 155 personnel boarded the trains at Einsiedlerhof, and 22 hours later they were at Todendorf. One week, or 57,300 rounds later, the Vulcan TSP was finished. This off season shoot, rated by the batteries and consisting of crew drill evaluations and live fire at a towed sleeve, was considered by all concerned as excellent preparation for the Annual Service Practice (ASP) in July. March was particularly kind to Alpha Battery who, besides having the top two platoons at Todendorf, clinched the Battalion Basketball Championship and finished the season with a perfect record.

April was devoted almost entirely to preparations for the Extended Field Training Exercises (EFTX), a series of 10 day field problems for each battery designed to insure the Battalion can "shoot, move, and communicate." On 22 April CPT Morris W. Wood assumed command of Battery C from 1LT Roger A. Marnell, and on 30 April, CPT Alfred F. Barrett assumed command of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery from CPT Daniel A. Poston.

German American French (GAF) Freindship Week and the EFTX occupied the month of May. For GAF Friendship Week, Charlie Battery provide a static Chaparral Vulcan display at the French Kaserne and Bravo Battery provided a static Vulcan display at Vogelweh. The EFTX turned out to be a very successful and worthwhile field problem for the line batteries. Though the dates of the exercise were different for each line battery, they each participated in Landstuhl, Baumholder, and Petite Fronerhof (French Training Area) phases. The 10 days of concentrated training which included a gas chamber exercise, annual CBR team qualifications, aggressor assaults, and POW play, proved to be a welcomed change from garrison duty.

Also during May, HHB received the Robert M. McLaughlin Award for the best Missile Battalion Headquarters Battery within 32d AADCOM, Alpha received the James M. Everts Award for the best Chaparral/Vulcan Line Battery in 32d AADCOM, while Charlie captured the Battalion Volleyball Championship.

Then it was June, and everybody knew that meant — Chaparral ASP. On the 13th, the first C130 took off from Ramstein and start the six hour trek to NAMFI. On the morning of the 14th, the USAREUR wide evaluation of the Chaparral units began. For one week the 16P's of the Battalion were evaluated on Examining Equipment, Missile Reload, Preparation for Action, and a Target Engagement. The maintenance sections were evaluated on Missile Maintenance and Assembly. On the 21st everyone returned, proud of their tans and of their results. Our Battalion was rated as NUMBER ONE in all USAREUR with a 92.1 percentage, an all-time high in Chaparral ASP firings. Alpha was high battery in USAREUR and it's First Platoon captured the similar honor for platoons.

July was a month of preparations for the Vulcan ASP. Assistance arrived in the form of West Point Cadets who spent the month with the line batteries: Cadet Craig Murphy with Alpha Battery, Cadets Scott Moss and Stephen Craig with Bravo Battery, and Cadet George Sherman with Charlie Battery.

On 12 July, during a change of command ceremony in which the entire Battalion proudly participated, LTC James C. Cercy accepted the Battalion colors. And the Battalion continued to march.

27 July through 4 August was spent at Todendorf for the Vulcan ASP. The Battalion S3 section evaluated the Battalion's Vulcan squads in preparation for firing and live firing. The Battalion's average of 90.6 was the best in 32D AADCOM. Alpha Battery captured high battery honors and it's Fourth Platoon was high platoon. SSG Burton's Fourth Squad, Third Platoon, Battery B was high squad with a score of 102.1.

August was a month of recuperation from the Vulcan ASP. It was also the beginning of the Battalion's outstanding showing in the AGI. It started on the 20th with Btry B receiving all Sats, on the 21st, 92d received all Sats, and on the 22nd, Btry C received 13 Sats and 1 Unsat (the only Unsat the Battalion was to receive). Also in the month of August the Battalion participated in 108th AD Group's Organizational Ceremony.

On 6 September, Chaplain Barker conducted a memorial service for General Creighton W. Abrams, deceased Chief of Staff of the Army. Also in September, Alpha Battery deployed one Chaparral squad and two Vulcan squads with the 2d Bn (Nike Herc), 56th ADA on their EFTX. On September 15, the Battalion Personnel Shop was absorbed by Landstuhl Composite Team II and the PSNCO became part of the SI shop.

October was a busy month. The Battalion continued their outstanding showing in the AGI on the 8th when Btry A received all Sats and completed it with HMB and the Staff receiving all Sats of the 10th. It was also a month for Reforger. Though not tasked to participate, we were chosen to umpire the C/V play for the exercise. Upon return, the members of the umpire team felt that, as well as pointing out several problem areas to the participants which contributed significantly to the overall play of the problem, valuable experience was gained which could assist in better preparing our own Battalion. Another important activity which occurred in the last week of October was a week long FTX for the 92d Ord Det. Who said Ordinance wasn't mobile? The highlight of the exercise was the servicing of an airlifted Vulcan while MG Fitzpatrick watched.

November was a very busy month. The 32d Chaparral/Vulcan Evaluations (CVE) occurred with Alpha Battery doing quite well: Best Chaparral Squad in the Battalion, Best Vulcan Platoon in Battalion, and Best Vulcan Squad in 32d AADCOM. Alpha also captured 108th Air Defense Group's Football Championship. The Officer's wives of Bravo got together and made a Thanksgiving Dinner for Bravo Battery's Tactical Park Guards. On the 11th, CPT John M. Gravois assumed command of 92d Ord Det from CPT Christopher C. Evans.

And then December and the Holidays were here, and none to soon, for the Battalion had marched a long way and deserved a quick rest before having to pick up the step again.

Throughout the entire year Bravo was continually called upon to present numerous C/V demonstrations for various VIPs. They had demonstrations for German, British, Canadian, French, Danish, Norwegian, and Portugese Officer/Students. The most notable were:

General Wilson, BG Taylor	8 Jan 74
General Jones, CINCUSAFE, 26 NATO General Officers	30 Jan 74
BG Cescotti, SOC III	19 Feb 74
BG's Tunn, Norris, Keifer	12 Mar 74
General Vogt, CINCUSAFE	26 Jul 74
Mr. McClary, Assistant Secretary Of Defense, Comptroller	12 Sep 74
General Weyand, Chief Of Staff	22 Oct 74
General Haig, SACEUR	12 Nov 74

Representing the Battalion extremely well, they reaped considerable praise for both themselves and the Battalion.

Hectic as things were, the Battalion Chaplin did his best to increase morale within the Battalion by smuggling away a bus load of troops every chance he got:

<u>TRIP</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Garmish	18-21 Jan 74
Garmish	15-18 Feb 74
Paris	10-12 May 74
Paris	17-19 May 74
Paris	25-27 May 74
London	4-8 Jul 74
Bertschgarden	16-19 Aug 74
Chiemsee	23-26 Aug 74
Rome	30-02 Sep 74
Paris	13-15 Sep 74
Mallorca	12-15 Oct 74
Tunsia	25-29 Oct 74
Berlin	8-10 Nov 74
Garmish	22-25 Nov 74
Paris	29-01 Dec 74
Lucerne	29-01 Dec 74
Tyrol	19-22 Dec 74

Though not previously mentioned, the Battalion Reenlistment Officers also worked hard through the entire year. They had 33 who reconsidered, reevaluated, and reenlisted. They managed to give away \$117,280.00 of Uncle Sam's money in the form of VRB/SRB payments to 13 lucky individuals:

	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>\$ AMOUNT</u>
SP4 Edward M. Nonis	B	Mar	\$10,000.00
SP4 Robert E. Stone	B	Mar	\$ 8,000.00
SP4 David L. Smith	B	Mar	\$10,000.00
SP5 Cyrus J. Staniec	92d	Mar	\$10,000.00
SP4 Robert Johnson	C	Apr	\$ 8,000.00
SP6 Wade Johnson	92d	May	\$10,000.00
SP4 Roosevelt M. Rivers	92d	Jun	\$ 9,900.00
SP4 Calvin L. Hepworth	HNB	Jul	\$ 9,900.00
SP5 William H. Reed	HNB	Jul	\$ 6,880.00
SGT Harry G. Greene	A	Aug	\$ 8,800.00
SP4 Henry F. Lewis Jr.	A	Oct	\$ 4,900.00
SP4 Stanley L. Golden	B	Nov	\$ 9,900.00
SP5 Michael J. Conrad	HNB	Dec	\$11,000.00

Soldiers of the Quarter for 1974 were:

	<u>UNIT</u>
SP4 Neal C. Coy	A
SGT Harry G. Greene	A
SP5 Billy T. Soza	HNB
SP5 Robert J. Bucksath	B

During the year, several individuals were singled out to be deserving of special recognition:

<u>HNB</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
SP5 Terry Smith	12 Feb 74	ARCOM
MSG Donald E. Bible	5 Mar 74	ARCOM
1LT William F. Jaissle	5 Mar 74	ARCOM
SGT Henry W. Freeman	29 Mar 74	ARCOM
SFC Jerry W. Gaultney	3 Jul 74	MSM
SGT James M. Harrod	3 Jul 74	ARCOM
SP4 Phillip H. Leinhart	19 Jul 74	ARCOM
CW2 Paul Davis	13 Aug 74	ARCOM
SP4 William H. Freeman	20 Sep 74	ARCOM
SGT Homer D. Wade	6 Dec 74	ARCOM

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SP5 Donnie Scott	6 Jun 74	ARCOM
SP4 Harold Cota	6 Jun 74	ARCOM
SP5 Gregory R. Bonetti	10 Jul 74	ARCOM
SSG Clarence Dusan	1 Aug 74	ARCOM
1LT Thomas J. D'Andrea	1 Aug 74	ARCOM
SP4 Neal C. Coy	28 Sep 74	ARCOM
SP5 Frank C. Cassaniti	3 Oct 74	ARCOM
SP4 Hubert W. Price	6 Nov 74	ARCOM

<u>B</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
SP5 Robert D. Cales	29 Mar 74	ARCOM
1LT Keith H. Dicken	16 Apr 74	ARCOM
1LT Dean C. Klevan	1 May 74	ARCOM
SFC James H. Mackey	1 Jul 74	ARCOM
MSG Gregory W. Turner	3 Jul 74	MSM
SP4 Michael J. Grahek	14 Nov 74	ARCOM
SP4 Kenneth H. Fredlen	10 Dec 74	ARCOM
SP5 Richard L. Torrey	18 Dec 74	ARCOM

<u>C</u>		
SP4 Richard H. Cummings	15 Jan 74	ARCOM
SP4 Daryl Pischner	14 Nov 74	ARCOM
SP5 Allen Minster	27 Nov 74	ARCOM

92d

SP5 William R. Tussey	29 Mar 74	ARCOM
SFC Robert Castleberry	29 May 74	MSM
SP5 Jerry L. McClure	6 Jun 74	ARCOM
SFC Joseph J. McIntyre	1 Aug 74	ARCOM
SP5 Robert V. Siler	28 Sep 74	ARCOM

1974 also saw several promotions:

	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DOR</u>
MSG George W. Turner	B	1 Mar 74
CPT Dean C. Klevan	B	18 May 74
1LT Randall D. Harris	C	7 Jun 74
1LT James T. Malloy	C	7 Jun 74
1LT August C. Manguso	A	7 Jun 74
1LT Peter L. Oderico	B	7 Jun 74
MSG Harry L. Lippert	A	16 Jun 74
1LT James R. Prouty	A	6 Jul 74
1LT Edward W. Williams	B	15 Sep 74
1LT Robert E. Cardini	B	17 Nov 74
CPT Roger A. Marnell	HBB	19 Nov 74

And as always the case, many Officers were welcomed and farewelled during 1974:

<u>HBB</u>	<u>ARR</u>	<u>DEPT</u>
CPT Morris W. Wood	28 Jan 74	22 Apr 74 (to C)
CPT Troylis C. Gordon	15 Feb 74	
1LT William F. Jaissle		15 Mar 74
CW3 Dennis G. Accardi		21 Mar 74
1LT Roger A. Marnell	22 Apr 74 (Fr C)	
CPT Edward Bradley	9 Jun 74	
LTC James C. Cercy	11 Jun 74	

HHB

MAJ Michael B. Howe
CPT Charles H. Mayo
CW2 Paul Davis
CW3 Robert G. Dawson
LTC Ben F. Powell, Jr.
CPT Daniel A. Peston
CW4 Edward J. Nyberg
MAJ Ronald W. Barringer
WO1 Hans Tremmel
Mr. Lawrence Swartzfager

APR

12 Jul 74

19 Aug 74
23 Oct 74DEPT28 Jun 74
1 Jul 74
5 Jul 74
15 Jul 74
19 Jul 74
7 Aug 74
15 Nov 74A

2LT John A. Anderson
2LT Steven E. Garner
2LT Henry A. Walters
1LT Thomas J. D'Andrea

17 Jan 74
4 Feb 74
27 Mar 74

1 Jul 74

B

CPT Dean C. Klevan

18 May 74

C

CPT Morris W. Wood
1LT Roger A. Marnell
1LT Patrick W. Ledray
1LT George P. Riggs

22 Apr 74 (Fr HHB)

22 Apr 74 (Fr C)
30 Jun 74

11 Aug 74

92d

CPT John M. Gravois
CPT Christopher C. Evans

1 Nov 74

15 Nov 74

The new arrivals are wished good luck; the departures we hope will continue to march.