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The year 1977 was marked by several significant improvements and achievements by the 512th USA Artillery Group. For the first time in at least the past five years all subordinate units successfully completed their Nuclear Surety Inspections proving the Group's ability to perform its combat mission.

An increase in training and interoperability was experienced in an increase of participation by U.S. soldiers in German exercises from individual team support to entire units. The Group established a quarterly Command Post Exercise program to include all supported units to insure the Group's ability to perform its combat mission.

A Custodial Agent of the Quarter board was established to instill competition and professionalism amongst the Custodial Agents. A Custodial Agent of the Year board determined the best of the four winners. Other professional competitions established were Soldiers of the Quarter and Culinary Specialist of the Quarter. An initial screening board was established for the Sergeant Morales Club competition. This highly successful program has helped produce six (6) Sergeant Morales Club members from throughout the Group. The Group won the 59th Ordnance Brigade Reenlistment Award by having a 183% reenlistment rate with 80% reenlisting for their present duty assignment.

In January the morale of married soldiers and their families was increased through the development of a joint sponsorship program in which the German community of Landsberg assigns sponsors to each new soldier and his family. On 10 January 1978 Captain John R. Hall III turned the command of the 84th USA Artillery Detachment (FA) over to Captain Thomas N. Theaux.

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On 27 January 1978 Lieutenant General Karl von Ilse, Commander II Corps (German), visited the 510th Ordnance Company's operational site. He commented favorably on U.S. cooperation and support to the II Corps (GE).

In March the 512th Group participated in Crested Eagle Exercise in the role of supporting the II German Corps and 1st Surface to Surface Missile Wing. Training was concentrated on release procedures, weapons accountability, administration and logistics. In April all units but the 74th Detachment deployed in support of the Roter Pullover Exercise. Also in April all units successfully completed the Annual General Inspection conducted by 59th Ordnance Brigade.

In May Command Sergeant Major Bainbridge, Sergeant Major of the Army, visited the 36th and 74th Detachments. The entire Headquarters Detachment deployed in support of II German Corps Exercise Schwerer Amboss with concentration on review and exercise of war plans and field operations for all staff sections. Elements from all II Corps supporting units participated in the exercise.

The Group's first SGT Morales Club members SFC Curtis Manning, 2nd Detachment, SFC Rudolph White, 84th Detachment, SSG Lawrence Cross, 36th Detachment and SSG Robert Fairthorne, 74th Detachment, were inducted into the club on 16 June 1978.

Also on 16 June 1978 the Command of Headquarters Detachment passed from Captain Thomas M. Frazier to Captain Michael T. Cullen. On 10 July 1978 Major Timothy R. Bodine took command of the 74th Detachment replacing Major John S. Mack. On 4 August 1978 Captain Steven L. Daigle replaced Captain John H. Northrop as commander of the 2nd Detachment.

On 14 July 1978 the 510th Ordnance Company completed a 1,000 mile march through Southern Germany. The unit training exercise with goals of improving basic survival, map reading and small unit leadership was combined with getting the soldiers out of the barracks. Marching in 15 man relay teams, the unit followed a 1723 kilometer route through Bavaria, Schwabia and the Black Forest. Each soldier marched 27.2 miles per day average for 15 days.

On 28 August 1978 the Ittenhausen American Elementary School was officially opened with Ms Jacqueline Hulbert as the principal. The school is located between the 2nd and 84th Detachments. This school has ended the assignment restrictions of soldiers with elementary school age children to the 2nd Detachment and a major improvement over the extended bus travel time for children from the 84th Detachment.

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From 17 August thru September 1978 five personnel from the 84th Detachment participated in Lance missile firings in Crete with the German 250th Rocket Artillery Battalion. American soldiers were on the crew that set a new NATO firing record.

In October Staff Sergeant Morgan S. Ward, 24th Detachment, became the 512th Group's fifth member of the SGT Morales Club. A month later Staff Sergeant Michael L. Harmon, also of the 24th Detachment became the 512th Group's sixth member of the SGT Morales Club.

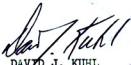
A handball team consisting of soldiers from 510th Ordnance Company and Headquarters Detachment was accepted into the Bavarian Handball league. This is the first time an American team has entered the league. On 14 December 1978 the team won the VII Corps handball tournament representing Neu Ulm community.

On 15 December 1978 command of the 36th Detachment changed from Captain Richard Treharne to Captain Richard Browsers.

In 1978 all facets of mission accomplishment, training, interoperability and soldier morale and welfare were improved upon.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Assigned Units


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Assigned units as of 31 December 1978:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>
OFFICER PERSONNEL	10	10
WARRANT OFFICERS	2	2
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	42	40
GUNZBURG, FRG		

2nd U.S.A. ARTILLERY DETACHMENT (FA)

OFFICER PERSONNEL	4	4
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	33	34
PFULLENDORF, FRG		

24th U.S.A. ARTILLERY DETACHMENT (FA)

OFFICER PERSONNEL	4	5
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	33	31
LANDSBERG, FRG		

36th U.S.A. ARTILLERY DETACHMENT (FA)

OFFICER PERSONNEL	4	6
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	33	37
HEMAU, FRG		

74th U.S.A. ARTILLERY DETACHMENT (FA)

OFFICER PERSONNEL	26	18
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	216	216
SCHWABSTADL, FRG		

84th U.S.A. ARTILLERY DETACHMENT (FA)

OFFICER PERSONNEL	5	6
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	42	42
ENGSTINGEN, FRG		

510th ORDNANCE COMPANY

OFFICER PERSONNEL	6	6
WARRANT OFFICERS	5	5
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	108	104
GUNZBURG, FRG		