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**Annex A (Organization Change) to 557th USA Artillery Group Annual
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On 1 October 1979, 557th USA Artillery Group assumed command and control of the 85th USA Artillery Detachment located in Geilenkirchen, Federal Republic of Germany. The mission of the 85th USA Artillery Detachment is to provide perishing missile technical support to the 2nd German Surface to Surface Wing. Prior to 1 October 1979, the 85th USA Artillery Detachment was under the control of 5th USA Artillery Group. Due to a reorganization of 5th USAAG, transfer of 85th USAAD to 557th USAAG was accomplished in order to more effectively facilitate peacetime command and control of 85th USAAD.



**Annex B (Significant Construction) to 557th USA Artillery Group
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1. 3rd USA Artillery Detachment: The long range security program (LRSP) phase I construction began in December 1978, and was continued throughout 1979. The new site security control center (SSCC) was at 94% completion on 31 December 1979.
2. 7th USA Artillery Detachment: The LRSP phase I construction began in October 1978, and was continued throughout 1979. The new SSCC was at 97% completion on 31 December 1979.
3. 30th USA Artillery Detachment: The LRSP phase I construction began in September 1978, and was continued throughout 1979. The new SSCC was at 99% completion on 31 December 1979.
4. 96th Ordnance Company: Phase II light installation of LRSP was accomplished during the 4th quarter of CY79. The lighting was placed into use on 21 December 1979.

**Annex C (Personnel Strength) to 557th USA Artillery Group Annual
Historical Review**

**Personnel strength figures at the beginning and end of the reporting
period:**

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>1 JAN 79</u>	<u>31 DEC 79</u>
O5	1	1
O4	3	3
O3	9	13
O2	7	22
O1	10	28
W4	0	0
W3	1	2
W2	2	3
W1	2	1
E9	2	1
E8	5	5
E7	20	23
E6	37	54
E5	52	94
E4	135	157
E3	29	88
E2	4	48
E1	1	40
TOTALS		
Commissioned Officers:	30	67
Warrant Officers:	5	6
Enlisted Personnel:	285	510
Combined total:	320	583

Annex D (Unit Commanders) to 557th USA Artillery Group Annual
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The following is a roster of unit commanders at the end of the
reporting period:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
HQ, 557th USA Artillery Group	LTC Richard M. Naab
3d USA Artillery Detachment	CPT James C. Styren III
7th USA Artillery Detachment	CPT Joseph C. Pienzezza
30th USA Artillery Detachment	CPT Charles J. Dullaghan
83d USA Artillery Detachment	CPT Robert M. Horten
85th USA Artillery Detachment	MAJ Frank J. Flaute
96th Ordnance Company	CPT William R. Wright
HHD, 557th USA Artillery Group	2LT Charles R. Wade

Annex E (Key Personnel Losses/Gains) to 557th USA Artillery Group
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1. Key personnel losses during the reporting period are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
LTC Daniel M. Evans	CDR, 557th USAAG	12 Jun 79
MAJ Gary M. Bentsen	XO, 557th USAAG	28 Feb 79
MAJ John W. Taylor, Jr.	CDR, 96th Ord Co	13 Jun 79
CPT Allan H. Magee	CDR, HHD, 557th USAAG	01 Jun 79
CPT Patrick F. Link	CDR, 30th USAAD	01 May 79

2. Key personnel gains during the reporting period are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
LTC Richard M. Naab	CDR, 557th USAAG	12 Jun 79
MAJ Clyde W. Shy	XO, 557th USAAG	01 Mar 79
MAJ Frank J. Flauto	CDR, 85th USAAD	01 Oct 79
CPT Michael R. Gookins	ADJ, 557th USAAG	13 Jul 79
CPT Charles J. Dullaghan	CDR, 30th USAAD	17 Apr 79
CPT William R. Wright	CDR, 96th Ord Co	13 Jun 79
CPT Joseph C. Pienezza	CDR, 7th USAAD	17 Dec 79
2LT Mark E. Werth	S-4, 557th USAAG	22 Jan 79
2LT Charles R. Wade	Asst ADJ, 557th USAAG	13 Jun 79

Annex F (Historical Events by Calendar Month) to 557th USA Artillery
Group Annual Historical Review

JANUARY 1979

1. VIP Visit: LTC Cook, CDR, 2d Bn, 4th FA, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, visited HQ, 557th USAAG and 30th USAAD on 22-23 January 1979.
2. VIP Visit: BG Canedy, the Giessen Community Commander, and BG Fitts, DCSPER USAREUR, visited the 557th USAAG on 30 January 1979. The purpose of the visit was to show BG Fitts the Herborn/Seelbach installation complex. BG Canedy and BG Fitts were briefed by LTC Evans, the 557th USAAG commander.
3. Visit: Representatives of Frankfurt Regional Medical Facility visited HQ, 557th USAAG on 25 January 1979, to discuss medical aspects of the PRP.

FEBRUARY 1979

1. VIP Visit: Representatives of the US Army Artillery Center and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, visited HQ, 557th USAAG, 30th USAAD, and 3d USAAD on 27-28 February 1979, to discuss custodial SQT testing.
2. ADM Conference: LTC Evans, the 557th USAAG commander, attended the ADM conference at the NATO School/SHAPE, 20-22 February 1979.

MARCH 1979

1. Exercise Participation: 557th USAAG participated in Exercise WINTEX 79.
2. Community Partnership Activities: HQ, 557th USAAG, 96th Ord Co., and 83d USAAD participated in the change of command ceremony of the ART KDO III in Montabaur, Germany, on 30 March 1979. The ceremony also honored the retirement of BG Rhode.
3. VIP Visit: LTC Kulik, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA, visited HQ, 557th USAAG and the 96th Ord Co. on 27-28 March 1979.

APRIL 1979

1. VIP Visit: COL Harrington, President, USA Training Board, Fort Eustis, VA, visited HQ, 557th USAAG on 13 April 1979, to discuss individual training.
2. Conference: LTC Evans, the 557th USAAG commander, attended the 59th Ord Bde Commander's Conference 24-26 April 1979.

MAY 1979

1. Exercise Participation: 30th USAAD supported a 5th (GE) Artillery Regiment exercise at Grafenwohr 19-22 May 1979.
2. Partnership Activity: A partnership ceremony was conducted between this headquarters and the 320th Nachschub Battalion on 4 May 1979.

JUNE 1979

1. Change of Command: The command of 557th USA Artillery Group changed from LTC Daniel Evans, Jr., to LTC Richard M. Naab, on 12 June 1979. A joint German/American ceremony was conducted at Herborn/Seelbach.
2. Exercise Participation: The 7th USAAD participated in the ATT of 2nd (GE) Artillery Regiment during FTX Rote Spur, 19-21 June 1979.
3. Exercise Participation: The 83d USAAD participated in the ATT of 350th (GE) RKT Artillery Brigade during FTX Sommer Sturm, 25-26 June 1979. 96th Ord Co. also participated in this exercise with the 320th (GE) Supply Bn.
4. VIP Visit: On 15 June 1979, BG Wilson, USAREUR Corps of Engineers, visited 3d USAAD.
5. VIP Visit: On 28 June 1979, MAJ Wilkerson, HQ, USAREUR visited 30th USAAD.

JULY 1979

1. Community Partnership Activities: The 557th USA Artillery Group conducted German/American friendship week 5-8 July 1979. The schedule of events included numerous sporting competitions, dances, a family picnic, and a volksmarch.
2. VIP Visit: COL Johnson, 59th Ord Bde Deputy Commander for CENTAG, visited all units of 557th USAAG on 25 July 1979.
3. Conference: During July 1979, the CDR, 557th USAAG, along with numerous US and host nation personnel from supported III (GE) Corps units, attended the SONAC course conducted at HQ, 570th USAAG.
4. On 17 July 1979, S-3, 557th USAAG and III GE Corps Artillery conducted an Exercise Heisse Spur planning conference.

AUGUST 1979

1. Exercise Participation: 30th USAAD participated with 5th (GE) Artillery Regiment during field exercise Kleine Spur on 28-29 August 1979.
2. Item of Interest: GEN Kroesen, CINCUSAREUR, presented the Legion of Merit award to BG Rhode (GE Army Ret), former commander of III (GE) Corps Artillery, on 23 August 1979, in Koblenz.
3. VIP Visit: GEN Kroesen, CINCUSAREUR, visited 3d USAAD on 24 August 1979.
4. Conference: LTC Naab, the 557th USAAG commander, attended the 59th Ord Bde Commander's Conference 1-3 August 1979, in Pirmasens.

SEPTEMBER 1979

1. Exercise Participation: The 557th USA Artillery Group annual exercise EVERREADY was held 19 September 1979, at the 7th USAAD, to test subsector IIIE NCAIC procedures. MAJ Brake, 59th Ord Bde Chemical officer, was the brigade observer. The 21st EOD Detachment and 96th Ord Co. provided supporting teams to the exercise.
2. Exercise Participation: The 7th USAAD supported the 2nd (GE) Artillery Regiment during exercise Rote Spur, 26-27 September 1979.
3. Community Partnership Activities: 557th USAAG and 96th Ord Co. participated in the change of command of the 320th (GE) Supply Bn on 10 September 1979.
4. VIP Visit: LTG Crizer, DCINC USAREUR & 7th Army, visited the 7th USAAD on 13 September 1979.
5. VIP Visit: BG Dukes, USA, of AAFES Europe, visited the 7th USAAD on 18 September 1979.
6. BG Mullaney, USAF, Deputy Assistant to the Sec of Def (Atomic Energy), Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Director Security Plans and Programs, Office of the Under Sec of Def (Policy), Mr. Thomas O'Connor, of Physical and Installation Sec Division, Sec Plans and Programs, Office of the Under Sec of Defense (Policy), COL C.D. McDaniel, Jr., USA, Special Assistant to the Assistant Sec of Defense (Atomic Energy), and COL Carl F. Schmidt, USA, Chief Nuc Surety Div, HQ, USEUCOM J-4, visited the 3d USAAD on 24 September 1979.
7. VIP Visit: MG Heiden, DA MILPERCEN, visited the 7th USAAD on 28 September 1979.

OCTOBER 1979

1. Exercise Participation: The 557th USAAG supported III (GE) Corps during exercise Heisse Spur 79, 22-26 October 1979.
2. Organization addition: On 1 October 1979, the 557th USAAG assumed command of the 85th USA Artillery Detachment.
3. OPMD Visit: MAJ Keith, OPMD, DA MILPERCEN, visited HQ, 557th USAAG on 10-11 October 1979. Personal interviews with all officers were conducted.
4. VIP Visit: LTG Crizer, DCINC USAREUR & 7th Army, visited the 557th USAAG, 7th USAAD, and 3d USAAD field positions on 23 October 1979, during III (GE) Corps exercise Heisse Spur 79. He received the 557th USAAG briefing from MAJ Kris Reinecke, S-3, and the III (GE) Corps briefing from MAJ (GE) Klaus Gilbert. LTG Crizer also visited a NASP of the 96th Ord Co. Other visitors during Heisse Spur included MG/DR Gerber, Deputy CDR, III (GE) Corps, and GEN(MAJ) Heyk, the CG, 5th (GE) Armored Division.
5. Conference: SSG Applequist, 96th Ord Co., represented 557th USAAG at Koblenz, for a German/American seminar hosted by the German Ministry of Defense from 8 - 12 October 1979.
6. Conference: MAJ Flauto, CDR, 85th USAAD, represented the 557th USAAG commander at the 59th Ord Bde Commander's Conference on 25-26 October 1979, due to LTC Naab's participation in exercise Heisse Spur 79.

NOVEMBER 1979

1. Exercise Participation: The 557th USAAG participated in a major NATO exercise from 5-9 November 1979.
2. Item of Interest: MAJ GEN Gerber, Deputy CDR, III (GE) Corps, sent a personal note of thanks to LTC Naab, CDR, 557th USAAG, congratulating the group for an outstanding exercise and expressing his personal thanks to the soldiers of the group for their support during exercise Heisse Spur which was conducted 22-26 October 1979.
3. VIP Visit: LTG Trefrey, Inspector General of the Army, visited the 3d USAAD on 27 November 1979.
4. VIP Visit: CPT Chamberlain, US Army Field Artillery Center, visited HQ, 557th USAAG and the 85th USAAD on 29 November 1979, to discuss custodial unit training development.
5. Presentation: On 22 November 1979, MG/DR Gerber, Deputy CDR, III (GE) Corps, presented a plaque to LTC Naab (for the 557th USAAG) for good "Zusammen Arbeit" with the troops of the III (GE) Corps Artillery during exercise Heisse Spur 79.

DECEMBER 1979

1. Community Partnership Activities: On 16 December 1979, the 8th Infantry Division Band presented a Christmas concert for the Herborn/Seelbach German/American community in the local Turnhalle. The concert was hosted by 557th USAAG.
2. VIP Visit: Mr. David R. Israel, WWMCCS Director, visited the 3d USAAD on 6 December 1979. He was provided a one hour briefing and tour of the unit and its operations.
3. VIP Visit: USAREUR CSM Krueger visited HQ, 557th USAAG, 96th Ord Co., 85th USAAD, and the 83d USAAD on 17-20 Dec 79.
4. VIP Visit: COL Baird, Deputy Commander, Giessen Military Community, visited HQ, 557th USAAG on 19 December 1979, in conjunction with the meeting of the Giessen Community Life Council.
5. VIP Visit: BG Smith, USAF, of NORTHAG/2ATAF, visited the 85th USAAD on 26 December 1979, to discuss AWACS.
6. Item of Interest: The Giessen Military Community Life Council meeting was hosted by the 557th USAAG in Herborn/Seelbach on 19 December 1979.

**Annex G (Inspection Results) to 557th USA Artillery Group Annual
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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NSI</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>AGI</u>	<u>JSI</u>
HHD, 557th USAAG	NA	NA	S	NA
3d USAAD	S	*	S	**
7th USAAD	S	*	S	**
30th USAAD	S	*	S	**
83d USAAD	S	*	S	**
85th USAAD	S	*	S	**
96th Ord Co	S	*	S	**

* A system of adjectival ratings has replaced overall ratings in surety evaluations. An analysis of the adjectival ratings by this headquarters has resulted in a "Satisfactory" overall condition determination for all units in surety evaluation areas of interest.

** Overall ratings are not rendered for Joint Security Inspections; however, it should be noted that all subordinate units of the group, except HHD, did receive a Joint Security Inspection during CY 79.