

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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SUBJECT: Unit History

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1. Transmitted herewith is basic history of the 8th Finance Company, 8th Infantry Division, APO 09111. No published history of this unit is on file within this unit or 8th Infantry Division Headquarters.
2. Annual supplements will be forwarded at the end of each calendar year hereafter.

2 Incl

1. Unit Basic History
2. History Supplements

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CPT, FC
Commander

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MISSION: To provide quality financial services to units assigned/ attached to the 8th Infantry Division garrisoned within the Bad Kreuznach/Mainz Military Communities.

ACTIVATION: The 8th Finance Company was activated on 21 February 1973 in Bad Kreuznach, FRG under the "H" Series of the table of organization and equipment (TO&E). On activation day, the unit was under the command of Ronald Piper, CPT, INF and 1SG Lloyd Thompson.

OPERATIONS: The unit is organized into five functional areas: (1) Company Headquarters (2) Office of the Finance Officer (3) Military Pay Division (4) Quality Edit Division (5) Disbursing Section. The company headquarters performs all administrative actions pertaining to the individual unit member. The company is provided a staff of ten (10) individual's for utilization in accomplishment of the company mission. In addition, the headquarters staff is supplemented by the extensive utilization of office designated personnel.

The office of the Finance Officer is tasked with the overall responsibility of providing quality Finance Services to the troops. The Finance Office accomplishes his mission by exercising his authority over the Military Pay Division, the Quality Edit Division and the Disbursing Section. The Military Pay Division is the backbone of the Finance Office. All documents and inquiries that affect a members pay account are funneled through Military Pay. In addition, Military Pay maintains a Personal Financial Record (PFR) for each member serviced by this Office. The Quality Edit Division is tasked with performing a 100% review of all transactions that affect a members pay account. Such an extensive review assures a members pay account contains no errors. The Disbursing Section makes payment on all vouchers, exchanges dollars for Deutsche Marks, makes collections and processes cash payrolls.

In addition to the organization detailed above, the unit has a detachment in Mainz, FRG which provides the same quality finance services to the troops garrisoned in that immediate area.

The members of the 8th Finance Company are soldiers dedicated to mission accomplishment and stand ready to serve the 8th Infantry Division whenever and wherever needed.

Supplement 1 May 1974

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Joseph O. York, CPT, AG, assumed command of the 8th Finance Company on 31 May 74 from Ronald Piper, CPT, Inf. CPT York was previously assigned as XO PSD 8th Infantry Division. CPT Piper assumed new duties as commander of Co A 1/39th Inf 8th ID in Baumholder, Germany.

Supplement 2 March 1975

REENLISTMENTS

During the month of March 75 the 8th Finance Company experienced the honor of fulfilling its reenlistment quota by reenlisting 18 people for 1500% of its quota. The mass feat of administering the oath was accomplished by the commander, CPT Joseph O. York and Major Glendon E. Hanna, Finance Officer. SSG Ricky J. Deckard, of the QE Section, acting as Unit Career Counselor, was responsible for this outstanding accomplishment.

Supplement 3 May 1975

MAINZ CLASS "B" OFFICE

The long awaited dream of a Class "B" Office to serve the personnel in the Mainz area became a reality. The Class "B" Office was assigned BIDN 0083. Construction on the building to house this office should be completed by Dec 75.

Supplement 4 July 1975

VOLKSMARCH (NIJMEGEN)

From April 19, 1975 to 10 July 1975 volunteers from the 8th Finance Company, 8th Infantry Division marched 500 miles with a full combat load in anticipation of the 59th International Four Day March held annually in Nijmegen, Holland since 1909. The Finance Team departed Bad Kreuznach on 12 July 1975 for the journey to Nijmegen. Upon arrival in Nijmegen, the team was billeted in Camp Heumensoord or

"Tent City". "Tent City" consisted of over 600 tent structures and hosted military members from 16 nations. By the time the team arrived in Nijmegen, all members knew the objective of the march was to test endurance, stamina and fitness of the participants. This march was the second effort at Nijmegen for Finance. The company fronted a team in 1974 under the able direction of 1SG Thompson. The 1975 team was fortunate to have two "veterans". The only Admin Unit to participate at Nijmegen was 8th Finance. The exceptional showing of 1974 guaranteed an allocation for 1975. Likewise, an allocation was earned for 1976. The team outmarched the vast majority of the "grunt units". Friendly jeers encountered in passing Infantry Units were counted by one team member with "Where is you CIB kid?" and the team marched on.

The best remembrances of Nijmegen are the blisters, the final day's march and all the pretty girls. Dr. Jekyl worked in the Medical Tent injecting "tough skin" into all the tender feet. The team OIC, 2LT Alan J. Beauchamp, spent a lot of time there. The final day of the march made all the pain worthwhile. Spectators lined the streets, kids tagged along side of the soldiers and the women threw roses and kisses. Perhaps most important, CINCUSAREUR General Blanchard, saluted the unit.

Nijmegen has many memories--the blisters, the new friends, the medal and awards. The team was proud and carried on an important tradition. Finance Company will participate on Nijmegen if they have to walk there to do it. July 20 thru 23, 1976 look out, because Finance is coming!

Supplement 5 October 1975

GERMAN/AMERICAN RELATIONS

Members of the 35th JA Bomber Wing Sobernheim, Germany became our adopted sister unit with a celebration at the NCO Club at their Sobernheim, FRG Base. All attendees really enjoyed themselves and hope more socials are scheduled in the future. Plans were established to exchange weapons instructions and firing of all small arms and automatic weapons. Arrangements were also made to exchange qualification badges. A goal was established to qualify all personnel with each others weapons.

Supplement 6 November 1975

TRANSFER RECORDS TO BAUMHOLDER

Another part of the milestone in centralizing the PFR with the personnel records materialized today, with the relocation of 4,000 PFR's to 17th Finance Section Baumholder, Germany. Everyone really pitched-in and loaded the Baumholder vehicle in a matter of minutes. Now the troops await the shipment of the PFR's to Mainz, which will complete this portion of the centralization.

Supplement 7 November 1975

GERMAN/AMERICAN RELATION

Members of the 35th JA Bomber Wing Soberheim fired on the range here at Bad Kreuznach. All fired qualified for the sharpshooter or expert badge. Fifteen German Airmen participated in this event.

Supplement 8 November 1975

GERMAN/AMERICAN RELATION

Fifteen members of the 8th Finance Company journeyed to the range at Baumholder, Germany to fire weapons of our newly adopted sister unit 35th JA Bomber Wing. All members qualified with the German weapons with little ease.

Supplement 9 December 1975

NEW ARRIVAL

Major John A. Rudd of the 18th Finance Section at Frankfurt, Germany, joined the 8th Finance Company to be Disbursing Officer and OIC of the new Class "B" Finance Office. The Office is scheduled to be officially opened in January 1976.

Supplement 10 December 1975

CHANGE OF COMMAND

CPT John A. Indellicate assumed command of 8th Finance Company on 15 December 1975 from CPT Joseph O. York. CPT Indellicate was previously assigned as OIC Military Pay Division. CPT York was reassigned to his basic branch AG. MSG Jackie Pomeroy was appointed 1SG. MSG Pomeroy was previously assigned as NCOIC Military Pay Division.

Supplement 11 December 1975

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 8th Finance Company was honored with the presence of our German Sister Unit - the 35th JA Bomber Wing and their ladies. The occasion was enjoyed by all who attended. Turkey with all the trimmings was served along with everyone's favorite drink. The night ended with the singing of Christmas carols. Approximately 200 persons attended this memorable occasion.

Supplement 12 December 1975

DECORATIONS

SGM Jack R. Yackle, Finance Operations Chief, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding meritorious service for the period Jul 72 - Dec 75. SGM Yackle departed the command on 5 December 1975 with an assignment to Fort Riley, Kansas.