

Anniversary Messages...

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to the military and civilian personnel of the Theater Army Support Command, Europe on the occasion of the command's first birthday.

TASCOM, formed by the combination of the Advance and Base Sections, has shown its ability to continue in an outstanding manner to provide the required logistical support so vital to a modern army.

The men and women of the Theater Army Support Command in their daily operation make certain that supplies are available where and when needed for our United States combat forces in NATO.

I am certain that the future will bring continued success to all members of the Theater Army Support Command, Europe.

HENRY R. WESTPHALINGER
Commanding General,
USAREUR (Rear)/ComZ

In one short year, TASCOM has made an enviable reputation for itself. It has delivered the goods in a commendable manner; it is truly performing as the great logistical operations command in Europe.

These accomplishments are attributable to the spirit and skill of TASCOM's people, civilian and military—French, German, and American. You can be proud and happy with the success of your command.

In the years to come, as TASCOM continues to improve its operational capabilities and its achievements in all things, much of its success will be attributed to the personnel who founded it and who did so much for the command in its first year.

Just as TASCOM salutes its people, you can salute TASCOM as a fine Command with a vital mission; a Command that will continue to work for your welfare and morale just as you work for its success.

F. J. CHESAREK
Col Arty
Commanding



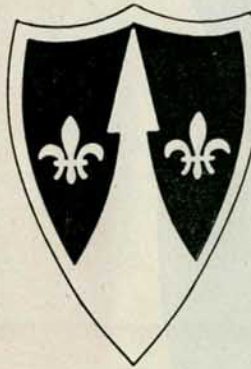
Brig Gen Robert J. Fleming, Jr.
March, 1960-October, 1960



Maj Gen William C. Baker, Jr.
October, 1960- March, 1961



Col F. J. Chesarek
March, 1961-Present



Col Harry R. Boyd
Deputy Commander
March, 1960-July, 1960



Col E. W. Williams
Deputy Commander
July, 1960-Present

TASCOM's Command Staff

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- TASCOM Deputy Commander: Colonel E. W. Williams.
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- Ordnance Officer: Colonel G. E. Hughes.
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- Quartermaster: Colonel R. Van Fleet.
- Signal Officer: Lieutenant Colonel E. R. Buchanan.
- Chief of Special Services: Major W. E. McNulty.
- Transportation Officer: Col Leavitt.

Command Units

- Poitiers Post.
- Bussac Post.
- Toul Post.
- Verdun Post.
- Braconne General Depot.
- Captieux Ammunition Depot.
- Chinon General Depot.
- 70th Medical Depot (Croix Chapeau).
- Ingrandes General Depot.
- Saumur General Depot.
- Nancy General Depot.
- Trois Fontaines Ammo Depot.
- Verdun General Depot.
- 77th Medical Depot (Vitry).
- Einsiedlerhof Medical Depot.
- Germersheim Ordnance Depot.
- Kaiserslautern General Depot.
- Miesau Ammunition Depot.
- Nahbollenbach General Depot.
- Pirmasens General Depot.
- Advanced Weapons Support Command.
- 32nd Engineer Group.
- 28th MP Detachment (CI).
- Hqs Co, 4th Logistical Command (C).
- 29th Base Post Office.
- 19th Aviation Detachment.
- 26th Transportation Company.
- 35th MP Detachment (CI).



TASCOM Commander Salutes...

118th Army Band

On this, the first anniversary of TASCOM, I wish to convey my congratulations to the 118th Army Band for the outstanding support it has rendered the military units and civilian communities in TASCOM East.

Your impressive performance at military ceremonies has increased morale and esprit de corps among the troops, while materially assisting in the successful accomplishment of the TASCOM mission.

Additionally, the popularity you have engendered with the civilian population has contributed immensely to the furtherance of good Franco-American relations and has won the respect and admiration of the French community.

The 118th Army Band may be justly proud of its past wishes are extended to you for the future.

279th Army Band

On this, the first anniversary of TASCOM, I wish to convey my congratulations to the 279th Army Band for the outstanding support it has rendered the military units and civilian communities in TASCOM West.

I am informed of the important part the band has played in enhancing the morale and esprit de corps of the Army troops in TASCOM West. Also, the band has been most instrumental in contributing to the very fine Franco-American relationships which exist in the TASCOM West area. These activities have contributed greatly to the successful accomplishments of the TASCOM mission.

The 279th Army Band may be justly proud of its past record, and my best wishes are extended to you for the future.

TASCOM Honor Guard

As we celebrate TASCOM's first anniversary, I wish to commend the members of the TASCOM Honor Guard for their outstanding performance of duty during the past year.

The TASCOM Honor Guard has participated in many ceremonies and activities during this year. Its participation, for example, at the joint Franco-American ceremonies at Chaumont, Armistice Day at Verdun, and memorial services at the American cemetery at Romagne was outstanding. Its performance at retreat parades and at honor formations for distinguished guests of TASCOM does much to increase the prestige of the command.

Please convey my commendation to each of the members of the Honor Guard for their many fine accomplishments.

The **TASCOM TIMES** wishes to express its thanks to Sp-4 Harry Vero, TASCOM G-4 Division, for drawings which appear on the front and back pages of this week's Anniversary Edition. Specialist Vero also drew the back cover for the **TIMES'** Christmas Edition.

A man who cannot, or does not, read gropes through life with his mind out of focus. His world is a parade of blurred and shadowy images. Reading lends sharpness, depth, and clarity to life. Encouraging your children to read is the greatest contribution you can make to their lives. Without reading there can be no noble achievements in this world, nor a clear understanding of the next.



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Colonel F. J. Chesarek, Commanding

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TASCOM Responds To Red Cross Drive

The 1961 Red Cross Campaign got off to a flying start last Friday as sixteen installations throughout TASCOM reported 90 per cent participation or better.

TASCOM Headquarters led the way for its command as it turned in 100 per cent contributions on the first day of the campaign. Germersheim Ordnance Depot, Nahbollenbach General Depot, Saumur General Depot, and the 77th Medical Depot at Croix Chapeau, also reported 100 per cent participation.

On the first day of the campaign, Col F. J. Chesarek, TASCOM Commander, cited all officers, EM, and Department of the Army Civilians of TASCOM Headquarters for their participation in the drive. On the following day, the TASCOM Commander issued a similar statement lauding the various posts, depots, and separate installations for so quickly following the example set by TASCOM Headquarters.

April 15th has been announced as the first official reporting day for the drive, according to Maj John L. Stripling, TASCOM Project Officer. He said percentages were expected to be even higher by that date.

Depot Visitor

NAHBOLLENBACH — Col F. J. Chesarek, TASCOM Commander, visited the Nahbollenbach General Depot last week on an orientation tour of depot facilities. Col Chesarek was welcomed to Nahbollenbach by Col Thomas H. Scott, Jr., Commanding Officer.

Savings Double At Pirmasens

PIRMASENS — Personnel of the Pirmasens General Depot increased their participation in the savings program 42 per cent to 81 per cent in two days last week.

The drive for increased participation to reduce the outflow of US gold by saving was launched on March 29th by Lt Col William H. Blatti, Deputy for Administrative Services, and Maj Charles F. Pope, Troop Commander.

During the next two days a total of five officers, two DACs, and 68 enlisted men signed up for Savings Bonds. Each EM at the installation invested in Soldiers Deposits.

There is now 100 per cent participation by officers and DACs in the savings program.

Germans, French Invited As Depots, Posts Plan Celebrations For TASCOM Organization Day

The Theater Army Support Command, Europe (TASCOM) will celebrate its first anniversary Wednesday, April 12th, with ceremonies planned at installations throughout the command. The Organization Day commemorates the founding of TASCOM provisionally on March 1, 1960, and the activation of a post system in France on April 1, 1960.

THEATER ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND



France-US Tours Captieux Depot

CAPTIEUX — Twenty-five members of the France-Etats Unis chapter from Pau, France, visited the Captieux Ammunition Depot last week. They were taken on an extensive tour of the Depot and Sub-Post.

The paramount attractions of the tour were the storage and renovation facilities for ammunition.

Toul Post Holds Change Of Command

TOUL — Change of command ceremonies took place here on March 31st with Col Herbert W. Radcliffe signing the stencil of the order placing Toul Post under his command as of April 1st. He replaced Col James O. Younts, Jr., who is retiring.

During the ceremony, Col Radcliffe presented Col Younts a Certificate of Achievement. The certificate read: "The military and civilian personnel of Toul Post present this Certificate of Appreciation to their departing Commander, who, with his tact and warm friendliness, led us confidently through the many difficulties encountered in establishing a new organization. We regret his departure. However, his imprint remains, especially in Franco-American relations. Our most cordial wishes accompany him in his future endeavors."

Safety Drive

"The danger of traffic approaching from the opposite direction" is the April theme of the 1961-62 German traffic safety program in which TASCOM elements in Germany are participating. A new theme is being stressed each month.

Parades are planned for most TASCOM installations in France and Germany.

The 279th Army Band will participate in the parade at the Ingrandes General Depot, while the 118th Army Band will be in the official TASCOM retreat on the parade grounds of Maginot Caserne.

The TASCOM Honor Guard will be placed in a place of honor during the TASCOM parade at Verdun in recognition of its efforts during the past year.

"Open houses" are being scheduled for the Croix Chapeau Medical Depots, the Verdun General Depot, Bussac Post, and the Trois Fontaines Ammunitions Depot.

A soccer game between local national employees and a team of enlisted men will highlight TASCOM Organization Day along with free movies at the Germersheim Ordnance Depot.

The Miesau Ammunition Depot is planning a soccer game between a team of enlisted men and members of the sports club at Miesau.

Poitiers Post will observe the day by inviting French members of the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, France-Etats Unis, and Alliance Francaise to the Post.

Toul Post will hold a vin d'honneur at the Toul Officers Club for French officials, American personnel, and French employees.

Many TASCOM installations are using Organization Day ceremonies to present various awards to military, DACs, and local national employees.

TASCOM Picks Inventory As April Theme

"Inventory-Removal of Excess Stocks" has been picked as the TASCOM target area for April in Project Payoff. Project Payoff is a campaign to stimulate participation in the Suggestions Awards Program.

Each month TASCOM will select a topic having command-wide application on which suggestions are encouraged.

April's target area strives to find ways to eliminate excess and unusable stocks from inventories, apply more effective inventory management, and release facilities presently needed to store and maintain excess stocks.



NANCY — Sgt Maj Thomas N. Arner (left) and Lt Col Wilbert D. Fisher, Jr (right) hold the charter for the new Association of the US Army, Meurthe-and-Moselle Chapter. This was the first formal meeting of the Executive Council above. Its members are from Nancy, Toul, and Metz. According to plans announced by the Chapter President, Lt Col Fisher, a membership drive was kicked off at the meeting and twelve key campaigners will be contracting prospective members during April.



The Nahballenbach General Depot has the only mattress and pillow renovation plant operated by the United States Army. The TASCOM Depot activity will process over 20,000 mattresses in Fiscal Year 1961.



Parading in the streets of Messina, Sicily, before their evening performance at a folklore festival, the "Square Nods" of the Nancy General Depot, a square dancing group, attracted hundred of spectators. Groups such as this are an example of TASCOM personnel taking upon themselves to use their talents to improve international relations.



Keeping vehicles in a constant state of readiness requires painting and repair. Maintenance personnel in TASCOM Depots perform this important function so equipment may be sent to combat units in fully operational state. Here a jeep is being repainted at a TASCOM Depot in France before sending it to a unit in Germany.

PHOTOGRAPHS ON THESE PAGES ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVERSIFIED ACTIVITIES GOING ON IN THE THEATER ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, EUROPE.



Personnel of the Avionics Detachment at the Etain Air Base, a TASCOM unit, install radio equipment in an H-13 helicopter. Army aircraft from all over Europe is flown into the installation to have special electronic equipment installed or repaired.

TASCOM: Life Line To The Front Line

TASCOM was provisionally organized on March 1, 1960, and went into full operation with the activation of a post system in France on April 1, 1960. TASCOM was a new organization in name and organizational structure only. It could trace its history back to February 16, 1918, with the founding of the American Expeditionary Forces' supply system.

From 1918 to the present its organization differed, its name changed, but it kept a continuing mission: providing logistical support to United States and Allied combat forces in Europe.

TASCOM and its forerunners have been an integral part of the Communications Zone, which is now known as the United States Army, Europe (Rear)/Communications Zone.

In 1914, Europe plunged into a war that was to sap its strength for the next four years. The United States entered the conflict in 1917, and it immediately became apparent to officials that an

improved supply system was needed to bolster the war efforts of the Allies.

Gen John J. Pershing, Commander of the AEF, set up the Services of Supply early in 1918, under the command of Col Johnson Hagood, the first commanding officer of the Advance Section. Gen Pershing worked on the premise of combat troops being relieved of virtually all duties except those of "facing and defeating the enemy."

Col Hagood established the Services of Supply, and the organization served combat troops to the end of World War I.

The World War I Services of Supply comprised a Headquarters, an Advance Section, and an Intermediate Section. There were eight base sections in the system with seven of them located in France and one in Italy.

During its existence the World War I Services of Supply moved approximately ten million tons of supplies from French ports to support

the two million Americans who served with the AEF. At the end of the War, 644,540 military personnel were engaged in the SOS.

When the United States entered World War II, the dismantled system of supplies in Europe had to be completely rebuilt. Logistics were set up according to the old World War I pattern and even the old name, Services of Supply, was used. After the 1944 Normandy invasion the command was moved from the British Isles to France and its name changed to the Communications Zone.

During World War II, ComZ supplied 61 combat divisions in the European Theater of Operations with 21,328,816 tons of supplies. Headquarters for War II ComZ was in Paris with subcommands including ADSEC, Oise Intermediate Section, Seine Section, Normandy BASEC, Delta BASEC, and Continental ADSEC.

After the Second World War the need for the Communica-

tions Zone in France came to an end. Our occupation forces in Germany were supplied by a route running from Bremerhaven to the American Zone.

However, the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Berlin crisis, and the Korean conflict made apparent the need for an alternate supply system to US troops in Europe. A route from the Atlantic Ocean through France and into Germany was the logical choice for such a system.

The present day command began to take shape. The French offered material, land, and casernes. Construction of depots and installations had overriding priority and an Advance Section (ADSEC) and a Base Section (BASEC) were established. Shortly afterwards a headquarters for all of ComZ was installed at Orleans, France.

In 1960, the United States Army, Europe ordered a realignment of Army commands to streamline operational control of depots in

France and Germany. The Advance Section and the Base Section were merged and renamed the Theater Army Support Command, Europe (TASCOM) with headquarters in Verdun, France. The new command became the largest subordinate command of USAREUR (Rear)/ComZ in size and personnel.

Twenty-seven depots stretching from near the Spanish border in the south of France to beyond the Rhine River in Germany fulfill, around the clock, TASCOM's mission of providing logistical and administrative support to combat troops.

TASCOM's business—supplying and maintaining needed defense materials—is the backbone on which the United States Army's efforts to deter aggression in Europe is built. TASCOM's chain of depots in Germany and France, the posts in France, and the operation of these depots and posts form the "Life Line to the Front Line."



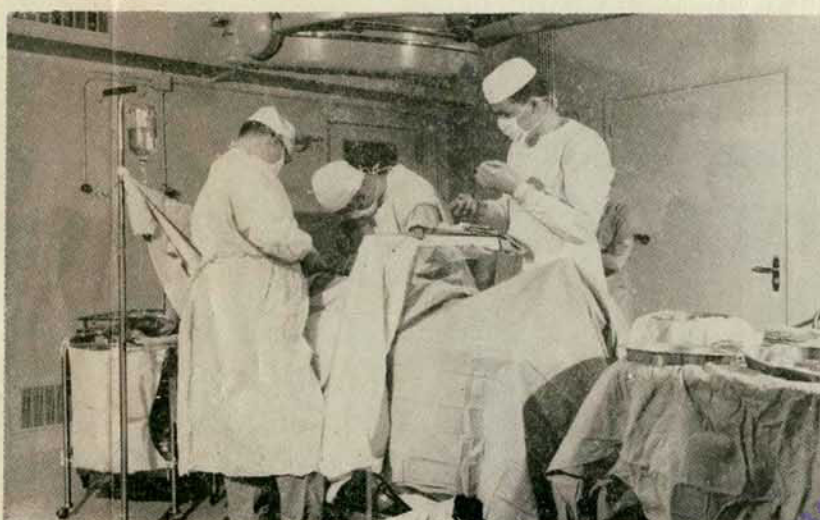
A far flung and complex organization such as TASCOM requires the most modern business methods. IBM processing units at Einsiedlerhof, Poitiers, and Verdun use key punches such as this to transcribe stock numbers, measurements, and quantity of issue on compact cards for ready reference.



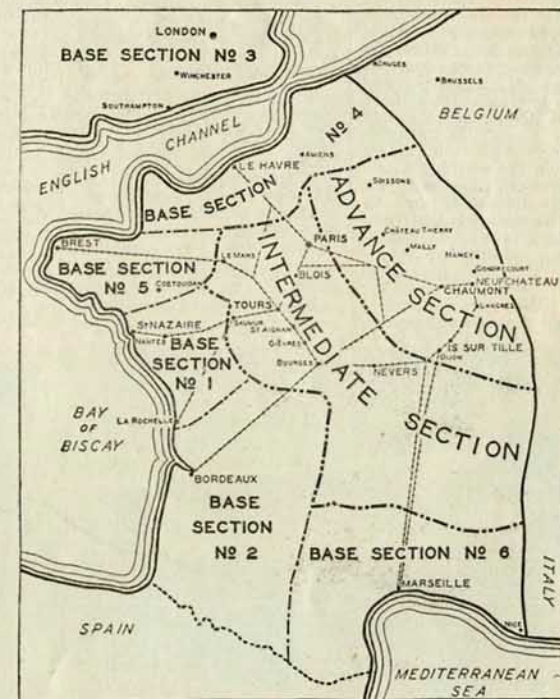
Fostering better German- and Franco-American relations is an important function of TASCOM. Individual incidents can destroy much of the confidence the people of our host countries have for us. TASCOM's "Target Zero" campaign for no accidents, no incidents has done much to better these relations.



Metal plating for activities throughout USAREUR is carried on at three TASCOM installations—Saumur General Depot, Verdun General Depot, and Pirmasens General Depot. Most of the plating is done on parts to be used in military radios, microwave sets, and teletype machines. Here a metal plating specialist puts pieces on the finishing rack.



TASCOM's preventive medicine program strives to keep command EM, officers, DACs, and dependents in the best of health. Trained medical personnel are available at each TASCOM installation to care for the ill. When more radical means, such as surgery, are required, station and field hospitals in TASCOM are fully equipped to handle almost every type case.



SERVICES OF SUPPLY OF WORLD WAR I — This map indicates the six zones comprising the Services of Supply during World War I. Also indicated are the principle railroad lines (indicated by crossed lines) used to haul supplies to the front lines. Important ports in 1918 were Brest, Bassens, and Le Havre.



TASCOM troops stood ready around the clock to rush needed supplies to disaster-stricken areas in Africa, in the Near East, and in European countries.



Command units helped host communities in many ways, such as hoisting a cross to the top of a cathedral in Germany.



TASCOM troops kept in a high state of readiness through various training exercises. Highly trained, these troops maintained the "Life Line to the front Line".

Progress: TASCOM's First Year

The Theater Army Support Command, Europe (TASCOM), comprised of 27 depots in France and Germany and four posts in France, is the largest geographical command in Europe. Having administrative responsibility for over 190,000 square miles in France and extending into Germany beyond the Rhine River, TASCOM this week celebrates its first anniversary.

Improvement of facilities, bettering Franco- and German-American relations, and solidifying operational structure highlighted TASCOM's first year—a year of progress which saw the command headed by three Commanders: Brig Gen Robert J. Fleming, Jr., Maj Gen William C. Baker, Jr., and Col F. J. Chesarek.

A number of events brought TASCOM into the world's headlines in its first year. Besides its primary missions of supplying United States and NATO combat forces and the bettering of Franco- and German-American relations, TASCOM stood ready throughout the year to provide assistance when needed throughout the world.

The first call came in August as civil discontent in the Congo Republic boiled into full-fledged civil war after Belgium proclaimed the country self-governing. Supplies were needed for United Nations troops sent to the troubled area as observers,

and TASCOM responded within a matter of hours with food rations, blankets, medical supplies, and helmets. Over 12,600 individual cartons of rations were shipped to the area during the first days of the crisis.

Disaster struck East Pakistan in November as cyclones ripped through the country killing 10,000 persons and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless and injured. Special mercy flights of badly-needed medical and food supplies were rushed to United States Air Force bases in Germany and flown to the disaster-ridden region. The Kaiser-slautern General Depot answered the call for aid by shipping 800 drums of lime to help in combating disease. The Croix Chapeau Medical Depot provided chloroquine phosphate and sulfadiazine for the Asian country. The Ingrandes General Depot responded with 19,400 wool blankets.

A tidalwave racked Agadir, Morocco, during TASCOM's first year, and again the command stood ready with disaster relief. Later water inundated thousands of acres of land in southwestern France. DUKW crews from TASCOM depots in the area rushed into the stricken region, saving lives and property.

TASCOM helped unfortunate persons in many ways during

its first year. Fund drives for charitable organizations turned in collections far surpassing those of previous years. The most recent was the fund drive for the American Red Cross: during the opening hours of the campaign, TASCOM personnel dug deep into their pockets to turn in, in many instances, 100 per cent participation in their unit.

In March the initial shipment of US Army vehicles was turned over to the Government of Spain in ceremonies at Irún, Spain. TASCOM played a major role in the Military Assistance Program (MAP) which made this turnover possible. The vehicles will be used as part of a plan to bolster European mutual defense arrangements.

Realignment of command structure throughout Europe in the early days of 1960 caused headaches for many persons. The realignment, however, gave birth to the Theater Army Support Command, Europe. Personnel within the former Advance Section and the former Base Section worked long and arduously to make a smooth rearrangement of command. While the merger of the two commands caused many problems, personnel of both wholeheartedly supported the new command, and within days TASCOM was functioning at maximum effectiveness. Former allegiances were cut as

personnel of the new command saw there was work to be done if the new command was to succeed. Always with an eye to what was best for the Army, they worked diligently and long to ensure success of the new organization.

Brig Gen Robert J. Fleming, Jr., was reassigned as Southwest Division Engineer in the United States in October. Gen Fleming had seen the command through the trying days of reorganization and watched his former command, the Advance Section, taking on added responsibilities as its name changed.

Maj Gen William C. Baker, Jr. succeeded Gen Fleming, and he carried on the heavy workload required during the initial months. He plunged ahead with new projects, and when he turned over command to Col F. J. Chesarek in March, it was done with a pride of having made appreciable contributions to TASCOM.

Col Chesarek carried on the TASCOM Commander tradition, and under his guidance TASCOM has continued its progress with important, far-reaching programs.

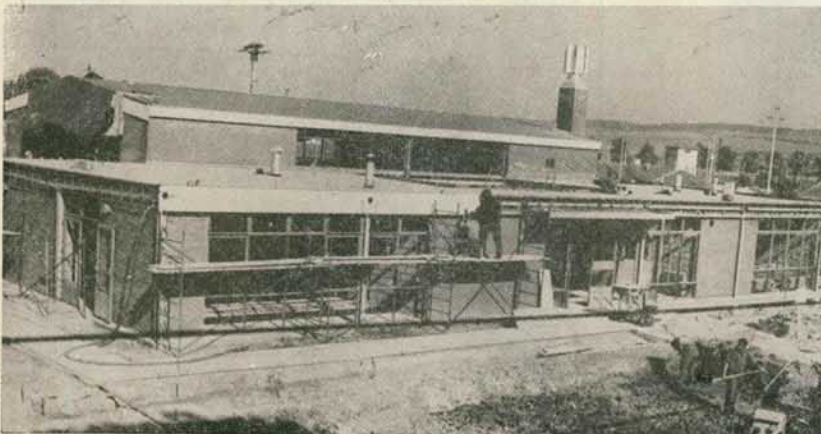
Striving to improve conditions in TASCOM even more, "Target Zero" was launched in December. A campaign to eliminate accidents and incidents, command personnel gave the program full-hearted support and January saw the incident-accident rate drop to

a point far below its previous lowest mark.

Operation Do-It-Yourself was started in March. Relying on individual initiative and pride of TASCOM personnel, the campaign to clean-up, fix-up started transforming TASCOM into one of the most attractive commands in Europe.

Workers from TASCOM's host communities have added greatly to the command's success. The local national employees have carried out tasks, which without them, would have been completed much less effectively. In return for their invaluable services, TASCOM has taken upon itself the job of creating new facilities and improving existing ones for these workers. Canteens have been specially constructed for these employees, and the increasing number of parking facilities needed to accommodate vehicles of these workers is indicative of the material prosperity the United States Army has brought to the various communities.

TASCOM as it embarks on its second year can look back on the first with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment. It is a far-flung command with important and every increasing responsibilities. In the coming year it will continue to strive to surpass the progress it has made this year.



Eleven Community Centers were constructed in the Theater Army Support Command, Europe, during the command's first year. The Centers provide recreational areas and meeting places for community groups.



TASCOM's business of supplying combat troops was graphically shown as supplies were issued to troops participating in Wintersheld II, the major training exercise of the year for combat forces.

Basketball, Boxing Highlight TASCOM'S 1st Year In Sports



AUGSBURG -- TASCOM welterweight Talliferro McTeer lands a blistering uppercut to the midsection of the 24th Infantry Division's James Dixon during their match in the USAREUR finals. McTeer lost a highly-disputed decision to his foe.



Dick Cox of Orleans goes up for a jump shot during last year's COMZ basketball tournament. TASCOM's Croix Chapeau Crows won the tourney and went all the way to the USAREUR finals before bowing to the 2nd Inf, 2nd Battle Group.



Croix Chapeau forward Robert Osborn lays one in during the USAREUR playoffs against the 4th Infantry.

Since the Theater Army Support Command, Europe, was formed in March, 1960, its athletic teams have compiled a most enviable record.

The past year has produced several major successes, notably, top-flight basketball and baseball teams and an All-Army selection in boxing.

In golf, TASCOM's Jim Ward won the COMZ golf tournament and was greatly responsible for the COMZ squad placing fourth in USAREUR play.

TASCOM keglars rejoiced as the new automatic pinspotters were installed in the majority of bowling houses earlier this year.

Diamond action was a big surprise for all TASCOM fans as the Verdun Cardinals swept all competition before them and advanced into the USAREUR playoffs. Led by such stalwarts as slugging

pitcher Larry Bain, pitcher Al Schwartzkopf, hard-hitting third baseman Jim Moroney, and second sacker Ken Mastny, the red-birds went all the way to the semi-finals before bowing to the rugged VII Corps Jayawks.

Basketball was the brightest spot on the 1960 TASCOM sports scene. TASCOM's dark-horse Croix Chapeau Crows upset the highly-regarded Braconnne Barons and Trois Fontaines Bullets to win the COMZ tourney. The high-flying Crows then advanced into USAREUR play and trampled the 4th Infantry, the 50th Infantry, and the 30th Infantry before being edged out in the finals by the 2nd Infantry, 2nd Battle Group, 85-82 and 86-64.

Although this year's hoopsters were less successful, the Verdun Cardinal quintet came within five points, 87-82, (the closest any team has come this year) of the

undefeated La Rochelle Rams who are currently in the USAREUR semi-finals and are heavy favorites to cop the coveted USAREUR crown.

In boxing, TASCOM's strong and speedy welterweight, Talliferro McTeer, came out of nowhere and progressed all the way to the USAREUR finals before bowing to the 24th Infantry Division's James Dixon on a highly disputed decision.

The determined McTeer, with only eight previous fights under his belt as he entered the tournament, disposed of three hardened veterans from the talent-loaded teams in Germany before losing in the finals. Although bowing to Dixon, McTeer so impressed the USAREUR officials that he was selected to compete in the All-Army tournament which is being held this week at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.



Croix Chapeau player-coach Roger Overby hauls down a rebound during the USAREUR playoffs against the 50th Infantry.



Verdun Cardinal third baseman Jim Moroney prepares to nab a VII Corps Jayhawk runner during the USAREUR semi-final baseball playoffs last year.



As has been the case for years, the German squads completed dominated the gridiron scene. However, with the reorganization of the USAREUR sports league, fans all over France are looking forward eagerly to an end of German domination.