

ANNUAL HISTORICAL SUMMARY
(RCS CS HIS-6(R1))
596th SIGNAL COMPANY (SPT)
Fort Chaffee, Arkansas
1 January 1963 to 31 December 1963

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Since 22 October 1961, the 596th Signal Company Support was assigned from the U.S. Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia, to Seventh Army on Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe General Orders No. 366. This unit was attached to the 97th Signal Battalion, 505th Signal Group, whose headquarters was at Panzer Kaserne, Beeblingen, Germany. The 596th itself, was located at Pulaski Barracks, Kaiserslautern, Germany less its Radio and Message Center Platoon. These two platoons were further attached to Company D, And Company C, 97th Signal Battalion, respectively.

B. The mission of the 596th Signal Company(SPT) was to install, operate and maintain all communications for the Seventh U.S. Army Rear Headquarters.

II. MAJOR EVENTS (1 Jan 63 to 31 Dec 63)

A. Field Exercises

1. USAREUR-WIDE: Exercise Grandlam II(22 Apr 63 to 7 May 63)
2. Signal Field Exercises Quicktalk(15-19 July 1963) and Crossed Flags I and II(dates unknown)

b. Operation Roundout

1. This unit was gyroscoped back to the U.S. on, Headquarters Seventh Army Support Command General Orders No. 107 on 28 September 1963 with 85% of its personnel strength. The advance party of one officer and 6 enlisted men left Kaiserslautern, Germany for Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, the units new station.

2. The main body with two officers and 233 EM loaded on the USNS Buckner at the Port of Bremerhaven, Germany, with approximately 40% of

of its TO&E , and after a 9-day trip, arrived at Hampton Roads, Virginia where they boarded MATS planes for Fort Smith's Municipal Airport, Fort Smith, Arkansas, which is located approximately three miles from Fort Chaffee.

3. The 596th Signal Company(SPT) has been assigned to the 509th Signal Bn(SPT) at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on Headquarters Fort Chaffee General Orders No. 60 dated, 10 October 1963.

C. Future Plans

1. For approximately 9-weeks, this unit will participate in "Exercise Desert Strike", which will be conducted by the U.S. Strike Command, to be held in the Mojave Desert. The general mission will be to provide communications support for the 1st Logistics Command.

2. There are no specific plans as to the disposition of this unit after Fort Chaffee is deactivated.

III. SUMMARY

A. The 596th Signal Company(SPT) was called to Germany during the Berlin Crisis in response to an immediate need for additional Signal Corps units. From 22 October 1961 to 28 September 1963, this unit was assigned to the 97th Signal Battalion, 505th Signal Group, located at Panzer Kaserne, Boeblingen, Germany.

B. This unit gyroscoped back to the U.S. on 28 September 1963 and was assigned to the 509th Signal Battalion(SPT), Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

C. For the immediate future, this unit will participate in Exercise Desert to be held on or near 15 April to 15 June 1963, in the desert areas of California, Arizona and Nevada.

2 Incls

1. General Orders No. 107
2. General Orders No. 60

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND
APO 273, US FORCES

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 107

20 August 1963

TC 014. 1. Following PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION directed.
WP. TDN. TPA in CONUS.

596TH SIGNAL COMPANY (Support) TOE 11-117R

Relieved from: USAREUR, APO 227, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Assigned to: Fourth Army, upon embarkation. Home station: Fort
Chaffee, Arkansas.

Ready date: 21 September 1963.

Will proceed date: Only on call of Commanding General, USACOMZEUR or
his designated representative.

Authorized strength: Nine (9) officers, two (2) warrant officers and
two hundred and sixty-six (266) enlisted men.

Equipment: Personal clothing (AR 700 8400-1) and items required by
paragraph 28, AR 735-35, will accompany individuals. Organ-
izational clothing and equipment TA 21 (Peace) which is on
hand will be returned with unit.

Personnel: Provisions of AR 220-10 (POM) apply.

Morning report: In accordance with paragraph 110f(2), AR 335-60.

Shipment number: Not applicable.

Authority: USAREUR message SC-52389, dated 6 August 1963.

Movement data:

- Equipment ready date to be established by Command-
ing General USACOMZEUR.
- This is a category A movement, AR 220-10 (POM), ex-
cept for items authorized for retention in USAREUR
by separate Department of the Army action.
- Unit may redeploy with minimum of eighty-five per-
cent of authorized strength under conditions already
known to commanders concerned, but must be fully
operational upon arrival in CONUS, except as affected
by Department of the Army authorized withdrawal and
retention of selected items of unit equipment in
USAREUR.
- Movement from oversea area will be by military trans-
portation and items accompanying unit will be marked
with Movement (Project) Code: RHHJ.
- Movement from terminal will be by commercial and/or
military carrier IAW SR 55-720-2, and AR 55-355.
- Advanced party will be composed of seven (7) individ-
uals who will move by air.

Fiscal data:

2142010 01-2931-2932-2933-2934-2935-2936-2937 P1529-1581-1582-1583 S99-999.

2142010 01-2961-2962-2963-2964-2965-2966-2967 P1529-1581-1582-1583 S99-999.

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Special instructions: Uniform for embarkation and debarkation will be class A seasonal. Shipment of privately owned vehicle authorized. Shipment of hold baggage and household goods authorized. Roster of personnel is indicated in Annex A. Upon embarkation, Commanding General, USACOMZEUR will report following by Movement (Project) Code: Unit departure date and time; mode of transportation; movement strength; cargo summary; and ETA CONUS. This report will be transmitted to Department of the Army for TAG and COFT; Commanding General, CONARC; CONUS Army and command of assignment. Transportation Terminal Commander will report date and time of arrival of units at terminal by appropriate movement code to TAG and COFT; Department of the Army, Washington 25, DC. Home station commander will notify TAG and COFT, Department of the Army, Washington 25, DC by appropriate movement code of date and time of arrival of units at home station.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

GEORGE A. REBH
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff


S. W. ARNOLD
Lt Col, AGC
Adjutant General

ANNEX A - Roster of Personnel

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- 5 - CINCUSAREUR, APO 403
- 5 - CG, Seventh Army, APO 46
- 5 - CG, CONARC, Fort Monroe, Va.
- 5 - CG, Fourth Army, San Antonio, Tex.
- 5 - CG, Fort Chaffee, Ark.
- 5 - CG, USACOMZEUR, APO 58
- 5 - CG, NACOM, APO 757
- 5 - CO, 505th Sig Gp, APO 46
- 5 - CO, 97th Sig Bn, APO 46
- 5 - CO, USATTCS, Bklyn, N.Y.
- 5 - CO, USA POE, APO 69
- 5 - CO, 21st Repl Bn, APO 757
- 5 - CO, Frankfurt APOE, APO 57
- 5 - CO, APOE, McGuire AFB, N.J.
- 5 - CO, USAREUR Asg Team, Fort Dix, N.J.
- 5 - CO, USA Pers Cen, Fort Dix, N.J.
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