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SUBJECT: Unit Annual Historical Report

Commanding General
5th United States Army
Fort Sheridan, Illinois 60037

1. This unit's Historical Report is submitted for the Calendar Year 1968.
2. Mission:
 - a. Tactical support of the Field Army in the control and removal of Prisoners of War; from Division and Corps POW cages, to Army POW cages.
 - b. NEO support of South Bavaria District, Military Police Support of South Bavaria District Provost Marshal's Operations in Augsburg, Ulm, and Garmisch from the period 1 January thru 20 June 1968.
 - c. Military Police Support of the Granite City Army Depot, Granite City, Illinois.
3. Organizational Changes: None.
4. Policy Changes: Internal only.
5. Command: Captain Charles W. Johnson (1 January - to present)
6. Current Key Personnel:
 - a. Commanding Officer CPT Charles W. Johnson
 - b. First Platoon Leader 1LT Jon P. Valfre
 - c. Second Platoon Leader VACANT
 - d. Third Platoon Leader 1LT Jon G. Guenther
 - e. First Sergeant 1SG Onesimo Vazquez
 - f. Supply Sergeant SGT Roland D. Laliberte

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g. Motor Sergeant

SSG Charles M. P'Pool

h. Mess Steward

SSG David L. King

7. Field Exercises:

a. Security of the F102 Aircraft that crashed in Leipheim, Germany 5 March.

b. Security of the CH 34 Army Helicopter that crashed 3km West of Augsburg, Germany 19 March.

c. The alert plan of the unit was put into effect as a result of the death of Martin Luther King 6-9 April.

d. A No Notice Exercise was conducted by this unit during the period of 16-17 December and was considered COMBAT READY.

8. Notable Achievements:

a. Captain Daniel J. King, former Company Commander prior to CPT Johnson, departed for duty in the Republic of Vietnam 6 January.

b. During a ceremony held on 8 January, PFC Dewey S. Barnes, who recently arrived in the unit, was presented a Letter of Appreciation from his former unit commander at Fort Gordon, together with a diploma copy recognizing his successful completion of the Drill Corporal Course at Fort Jackson. Also recognized in the ceremony was SGT Tony M. Dodd, who was presented with an Honor Graduate TAERS Course Certificate, for which he recently achieved at the Sheridan Education Center in Augsburg, Germany.

c. Lieutenant Jon P. Valfre, this unit's Executive Officer was promoted to First Lieutenant 20 January.

d. Sergeant Major Richard L. Bernum, 7th Army SUPCOM Sergeant Major, visited this unit for the purpose of discussing the REFORGER move of this unit to CONUS 24 January.

e. Colonel Kingwell paid a courtesy visit to this unit 26 January.

f. Captain Charles W. Johnson, this unit's Commanding Officer was promoted to his present rank 1 February.

g. Staff Sergeant Charles M. P'Pool was recently assigned to this unit as Motor Sergeant 3 February.

h. First Lieutenant Jon P. Valfre departed Augsburg, Germany as the initial party of this unit's REFORGER movement 15 February.

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i. Lieutenant Benjamin R. Winslow, who was 3rd Platoon Leader and Station Commander at the Garmisch Detachment, was promoted to First Lieutenant 17 February.

j. Specialist Four Phillip D. Gross was selected as Unit Soldier of the Month for February and was selected by the 793d Military Police Battalion as Soldier of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of the calendar year 1968, held 20 February.

k. In the 2nd Annual 793d Military Police Battalion Basketball Tournament, this unit's team received the "Sportsmanship Award" in February and placed third in the tournament.

l. Specialist Four James Frankenburg, graduated from the Traffic Accident Investigation Course (USAREUR) 1 March.

m. This unit being selected as a REFORGER unit, received its first inspection out of three by the 1st Maintenance Battalion for Prepositioning of equipment 5 March.

n. Personnel of this unit traveled to Fuessen, Germany for a pistol match sponsored by the Feldjaeger Security Platoon, Fussen, helping improve German/American relations 14 March.

o. On 26 March, this unit was visited by USAREUR SGM William V. Woods, USAREUR FM SGM Travis Price and 793d Military Police Battalion SGM William H. Woods concerning all aspects of the company's mission to include status of the REFORGER move.

p. LTC Frank Cohn, Commanding Officer, 793d Military Police Battalion, presented a USAREUR and 7th Army Certificate of Achievement to SP5 William R. Burner at Battalion Headquarters 28 March.

q. COL Leonard Becicka, Commanding Officer 2nd Military Police Group, visited the detachments located at Ulm and Augsburg, Germany, during which time he promoted SGT Marcelino Mala et and SGT Donald W. Otto to their present rank.

r. On 1 April, 1LT Jon G. Guenther was assigned to this unit as 3rd Platoon Leader. He was previously assigned at Schweinfurt, Germany.

s. SGT Alan G. Potts was awarded the USAREUR and 7th Army Certificate of Achievement by Major James F. Haydon, Executive Officer, 793d Military Police Battalion at Rhein Main AFB 12 April.

t. On 12 April the advance party for the unit departed Rhein Main AFB for CONUS as part of the REFORGER move.

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u. CPT Charles W. Johnson graduated from the Material Readiness Course (USAREUR) 19 April.

v. SGT Jerome C. Roberts successfully completed Physical Security School 3 May.

w. SGT Donald W. Otto and SGT William A. Hagan successfully completed the Physical Security School 3 May. SGT Otto received a Letter of Commendation from LTC Robert W. Sweet, Director of the Intelligence and Military Police Department, on behalf of the Commandant for his superior rating of 93.3% while attending the school.

x. On 8 May, this unit's detachments (Ulm and Garmisch) rejoined the Company in Augsburg in connection with the REFORGER move.

y. Several individuals received the USAREUR and 7th Army Certificate of Achievement during May of this year, among these were; SSG Johnnie L. Williams, SGT Kenneth L. Pumphrey, SGT George R. King, SGT Jerome C. Roberts, SP4 Michael O. Castro, SP4 Carl Grahm, SP4 Paul E. Galvin, SP4 Thomas Wilson, SP4 Kenneth Brazda, SP4 Ivan Loreg and SP4 Noah Thigpen.

z. 1SG Onesimo Vazquez and SFC Edward F. Gallagher attended the USAREUR Provost Marshal's Seminar which discussed the Military Police Corps Mission 26-27 May.

aa. On 28 May, all POW's were shipped to CONUS in connection with the REFORGER move of this unit.

bb. On 3 June, LTC Frank Cohn turned over to the 536th Military Police Company the command of Augsburg, formerly the responsibility of this unit. During this ceremony, CPT Johnson, 1SG Vazquez, SFC Gallagher, SFC Rollins and SSG King were recommended for the Army Commendation Medal. He also presented Letter of Commendation to SSG Johnnie L. Williams, SGT George A. King, SGT Jerome C. Roberts, SGT Kenneth L. Pumphrey, SP4 Carl Grahm, SGT Marcelino Malavet, SP4 Michael O. Castro, SP4 Thomas G. Wilson, SP4 Peter Wilson, SP4 Howard Johnson, SP4 Paul Galvin, SP4 Mack Hughes and SP4 Richard Gabriel.

cc. On 3 June, this unit held its farewell party at the Transit Billets. Attending were the German Police and various members of the department heads.

dd. During the period of 11-14 June, the unit prepositioned all equipment and was one of six units to preposition its equipment in less than one week, out of over 100 units prepositioning equipment.

ee. On 18 June, all married personnel who shipped POW's to CONUS departed from Rhein Main AFB.

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ff. On 2 July, all remaining personnel and dependents departed the Munich Air Terminal and arrived at 0300 hours, 3 July at Scott AFB, Illinois for ground transportation to the Granite City Army Depot.

gg. On 4 July, 75 personnel from this unit participated in the search for a lost child in the vicinity of the Granite City Army Depot.

hh. This unit participated in its first parade which kicked off the American Legion Convention in St Louis, 20 July.

ii. On 24 July, this unit started its block of instruction of riot control which was considered the unit's first step in the CONARC and 5th US Army training program.

jj. On 31 July, the unit participated in the retirement parade for Major General Sibley, Commanding General, 5th US Army Reserve Forces, at the Granite City Army Depot.

kk. Specialist Four Donald Jones was selected for Unit Soldier of the Month for August.

ll. SSG Charles M. P'Pool was the company's first reenlistment since returning to CONUS, reenlisting on 16 August.

mm. Specialist Four James G. Crowder was selected for Unit Soldier of the Month for September.

nn. This unit's baseball team placed second in the Granite City Army Depot Baseball Tournament during the month of September.

oo. On 12 September, this unit opened its first Mess Hall which was located in the same building as the troops and offices which made it more convenient for all concerned.

pp. Sergeant Marcelino Malavet successfully completed the Air Transportability School at Fort Eustis, Virginia 11 October.

qq. Captain Charles W. Johnson graduated from the Civil Disturbance Orientation Course conducted at Fort Gordon 19 October.

rr. Specialist Four Kenneth Brazda was selected Unit Soldier of the Month for October.

ss. Specialist Four Clyde P. Drapeau was selected as Soldier of the Month for November. He was selected as Depot Soldier of the Month for November.

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tt. On 11 November, this unit participated in the Veteran's Day Parade held in East St Louis, Illinois and St Louis, Missouri.

ui. COL Harper, Headquarters CONARC and CPT Jacobs, Headquarters 5th Army, paid a training courtesy visit on 27 November.

uj. Specialist Four Carl Tashjian was selected by Major Taylor, Granite City Army Depot Provost Marshal, as Military Policemen of the Month for November.

uv. Specialist Four Lawrence Budrick graduated from the Small Arms Repair Course at Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri in December.

ux. On 20 December, this unit received official notice that it will move to Ft Leonard Wood.

yy. On 20 December, personnel from this unit departed for Ft Leonard Wood to support the 208th Military Police Company in the releasing of 20,000 trainees for Christmas leaves. The visit played a second role as coordination with the Post Provost Marshal and other headquarters in regards to the unit's move.

zz. On 23 December, the unit held its Annual Christmas Party in the Unit Day Room for all personnel.

aaa. This unit placed second in the Granite City Army Depot Christmas display for military displays.

bbb. Specialist Four Roy Holloway was selected as Unit Soldier of the Month for December. He was also selected Depot Soldier of the Month.

ccc. In December, the unit received the Granite City Army Depot Commander's Trophy for athletic achievement for 1968.

9. Inspections:

a. An Annual IG inspection was not held due to REFORGER requirements and the superior rating received in the previous year.

b. A practice GMMI inspection was held by the 793d Military Police Battalion 14 February.

c. A Command Quarterly Administrative Inspection was conducted 8 April, with an overall rating of excellent.

d. On 5-6 March, this unit received its first inspection out of three by the 1st Maintenance Battalion for Prepositioning of equipment.

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- e. On 16-18 April, this unit received its second inspection by the 1st Maintenance Battalion for Prepositioning of equipment.
 - f. On 4-10 June, this unit received its third and last inspection by the 1st Maintenance Battalion for Prepositioning of equipment.
 - g. On 9 November, this unit received a CMMI inspection conducted by 5th US Army and received a rating of 94%.
10. Honor Guards: This unit provided numerous honor guards for burial details in the St Louis and Southern Illinois area. In addition, the unit participated in numerous ceremonies held in the St Louis area.
11. Special Mission: None
12. Location, Organization, Average Strength:
- a. Augsburg, Germany - Company Headquarters, 1st Platoon, 3rd and 4th Squads, 2nd Platoon and 3rd and 4th Squads, 3rd Platoon from the period 1 January to 20 June.
 - b. Ulm, Germany - 2nd Platoon Headquarters, 1st and 2nd Squads, 2nd Platoon from the period 1 January to 8 May.
 - c. Garwisch, Germany - 3rd Platoon Headquarters, 1st and 2nd Squads, 3rd Platoon from the period 1 January to 8 May.
 - d. Present location effective 3 July, Granite City Army Depot, Granite City, Illinois.
 - e. Average Strength: 115
13. Operations: Negative.
14. Training, Range Firing, Marksmanship:
- a. Annual .45 pistol firing was held with 100% qualification 7-8 February.
 - b. Personnel of this unit fired the 50 cal machine gun for familiarization 5-6 March.
 - c. Personnel of this unit completed their annual Physical Combat Proficiency Test attaining 100% efficiency during the month of May.
 - d. Annual M-14 rifle firing was held with 100% qualification 24-25 May.

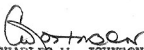
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e. Annual CBR exercise was conducted 23-24 September.

f. Annual Physical Combat Proficiency Test was conducted 29-30 October, attaining 100% efficiency.

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