

353rd Quartermaster Detachment (AIRBORNE)

1. 1975 began with two enlisted men participating with members of the 10th Special Forces located at Bad Tolz, in adventure ski training.
2. Two enlisted men completed the required five parachute jumps with the German Airborne School located at Schongau and Kaiserslautern, respectively, for qualification to wear the German Jump Wings.
3. Three enlisted men were attached to the 10th Special Forces at Bad Tolz for a period of 60 days to assist in the repacking/maintenance of parachutes and to conduct airborne operations during the 60 day period beginning 2 Jun 75.
4. Five members of the Detachment participated in an FTX from 0750 hours to 2035 hours, 2 Jun 75. During this time the men prepared and rigged one 2 1/2 ton truck for airdrop.
5. From 24-26 Jun 75, five members of the Detachment participated in classes of instruction on "Arm and Hand Signals" for helicopters coming in to a landing zone to pick up military equipment in preparation for external air portability. Five men were utilized on two different occasions during the FTX for guiding in helicopters for refueling and restationing to other points.
6. In August the Detachment Organizational Day took place with all personnel and their dependents enjoying a very successful day with much food and refreshment. All personnel competed in organized sport/events to include softball, horseshoe pitching, volleyball and a tug-of-war. The day was considered a complete success and all had a very enjoyable time.
7. From 2 Sep - 31 Oct 75 four enlisted men were attached to the 5th QM Detachment (AIRBORNE), Kaiserslautern Army Depot, APO 09054 to assist in the repack/maintenance of cargo type parachutes and conducting airborne operations during REFORGER 75. This included preparing cargo for three high-velocity air resupply missions.
8. During this time frame the Commander and four enlisted men were attached to the 3d Infantry Division for participation in Reforger 75. Their primary purpose was to furnish the expertise required for external slinging of supplies and equipment using the CH-47 (Chinook) helicopter. The missions were considered a complete success with many laudatory remarks received from high-ranking officers within the 3d Infantry Division and United States Air Force personnel that were on the drop zones for the air-resupply missions. The Commander and the enlisted men also took part in the recovery of three separate high-velocity type air-resupply parachute drops on two different drop zones and in-turn rigged the supplies for external transport by the CH-47 helicopter. The 353d QM Detachment parachute rigger team worked directly with the 180th Aviation Company.
9. In December five enlisted personnel participated with the 17th Aviation Company, located at Stork Barracks, Illesheim, Germany, in "Adventure Training" with emphasis on mountain climbing and skiing at Berchtesgaden, Germany.